

# VG NEWS

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Our Vision: At VGHS we support and respect one another in a safe and happy environment. Our broad spectrum of activities and facilities enriches all, as we strive for excellence.

## RECOGNITION THROUGH SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES

### SCHOOL CAPTAIN, AND HER DEPUTY

We are very proud of **Luvuyo Hlatshaneni** and **Nolene Dixon** who have been elected by the Gr 10s, 11s and 12s, and the staff to lead the learners. Together with the Portfolio Heads, **Faith du Plessis, Hannah Godlonton** and **Sinesipho Kwatsha**, and their grade, they are making a formidable team.

We thank our present Gr 12s under **Kuhle Mxakaza** and **Ashleigh Allner** for their leadership and for setting an example to our Gr 11s and the rest of the school.

### COLOURS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following learners on their well-deserved awards:

Colours Awards for Academics:

**Bealette Blom** and **Nicole Upfold**

Re-award for Academic Honours:

**Alisa Lochner**

Re-awards for Academic Colours:

**Kuhle Mxakaza** and **Keri Werth**

Half Colours for Karate:

**Casey Frazer**

### THE INTERACT COMMITTEE FOR 2010/2011

*Mr Stoloff*

Congratulations to the following girls on being elected to the new Interact Committee. Let us hope that they serve our community in the VGHS Spirit as well as the previous committee did.

COMMITTEE CO-ORDINATOR: **Onyeka Osode**

SERVICE CO-ORDINATORS: **Hlumela Ngwendu** and

**Akhona Fungile**

FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATORS: **Mbale Kalipa** and

**Nelisa Mamani**

ADVERTISING AND COMMUNICATIONS: **Siyathemba**

**Yeko** and **Busiswa Ngqameni**

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Congratulations to **Nombali Siwa** who has received her bronze award for President's Award.

### CLASS CAPTAINS

**Captain**

8/D **Tameron-Dee Finni**

8/G **Anelisa Sandi**

8/R **Vanashree Moodley**

8/T **Sipheshile Tonie**

**Vice Captain**

**Zizoph Ludidi**

**Phumza Calana**

**Michaela Fester**

**Liyabona Latsha**

9/D **Zelda Matika**

9/G **Thina Mangcu**

9/R **Olwethu Tom**

9/T **Gemma-Maé Hartley**

**Sinovuyo Hala**

**Mbali Hlangani**

**Siphokazi Gongqa**

**Sibabalwe Mzonkwaba**

10/D **Anesipho Sam**

10/G **Lungisa Makinana**

10/R **Shanice Hilpert**

10/T **Andrea Rudolecky**

**Chumani Mbulawa**

**Abenathi Gqomo**

**Shanique Hilpert**

**Nando Stuurman**

11/D **Luthando Nkayi**  
11/G **Busiswa Ngqameni**  
11/R **Meredith Assumption**  
11/T **Xola Khewu**

**Nozuko Dick**  
**Asisipho Moyake**  
**Sibongile Koliti**  
**Akhona Fungile**

12/1 **Andiswa Shwempe**  
12/2 **Nobathenba Koliti**  
12/3 **Lithemba Twalo**

**Zinathi Mahonga**  
**Xoliswa Yose**  
**Rethabile Nohashe**

## OUTREACH

### CHILLI DAY

The Representative Council of Learners held Chilli Day to raise funds for Child Welfare and our Benevolent Fund. Girls were encouraged to wear red to school. Nando's also did their bit by donating 10% of sales on that day to charity. A total of around R1300 was made throughout the day.

### GRAHAMSTOWN HOSPICE

*There isn't enough darkness in the universe to extinguish the light of one small candle.*

Hospice cares for over 300 patients and their families a month in the Makana and Ndlambe areas. In the past year their care for children has doubled and they now care for over 100 children a month.

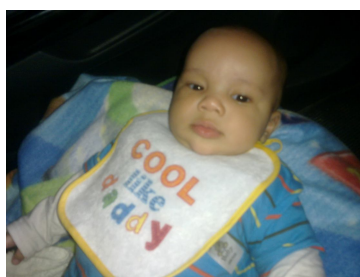
If there are any girls who would like to be taken on a tour on Hospice please give your name to **Miss Haywood** at the office.

### SCRATCH CARD ALLOCATIONS

Scratch Cards gross income:	R50210.10
Less allocations to other funds:	R13253.00
Benevolent Fund	R4383.00
Hockey:	R3150.00
Orchestra:	R1623.00
Netball:	R1283.00
Squash:	R970.00
Debating:	R306.00
Swimming:	R410.00
Athletics:	R400.00
Other:	R728.00
Choir Fund:	R30057.10

## OUR STAFF

Future Graemians and VG girls, from our staff



*Gino Jaden Haywood*

## COMING UP...

23/10	14:30-18:00 Prayers for the exams, Nolutando Community Hall
25/10	Matric Final Exams Begin Inventory Day
26/10	4:30 Phase Head Meeting
27/10	10:00 Oct/Nov/Dec Birthday Tea 16:00 JCAC SGB President's Award Fun Run, compulsory for all registered President's Award participants
28/10	Gr 11 Final Exams Begin
29/10	07:15 Finances Meeting 15:00 Tennis (Stayers Mixed) vs DSG/SAC at DSG

## THINKING OF...

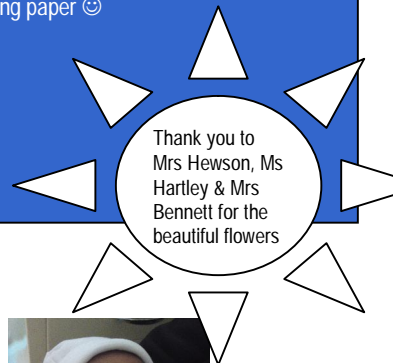
- Busi Sandi whose mother passed away.
- Siphosethu Roxo whose uncle passed away
- Mrs Retief and her family on the passing of her father in law.

## MATRICES

*Remember the tea kettle.... Though up to its neck with boiling water... it still continues to sing! Never forget that we have lots of faith in you. We wish you all of the best.*

## MISSING THE PHOTOGRAPHS?

We promise lots and lots, and much more news in the final 2010 VG News! This time we are saving paper ☺



*Kungozuko Qhama Antoni*



*Ligugulethu Avethandwa Busakwe*

...and another staff member is on her way to becoming a first time granny!

## ACADEMIC ACTION

### JOHAN CARINUS ART CENTRE

Congratulations to the following girls who received awards for their art work at the JCAC exhibition:

<b>Carla Pote:</b>	Gold Award for Ceramics
<b>Qawekazi Hermans:</b>	Silver Award for Ceramics
<b>Carla Fuller:</b>	Bronze Award for Ceramics
<b>Thulisile Siguc:</b>	Silver Award for Sculpture
<b>Pumeza Msizi:</b>	Bronze Award for Sculpture
<b>Alisa Lochner:</b>	Gold Award for Painting
<b>Hannah Stevens:</b>	Silver Award for Textiles
<b>Nicole Upfold:</b>	Gold Award for Textiles
<b>Sarah O'Donogue:</b>	Bronze Award for Graphics
<b>Jacinta Jack:</b>	Bronze Award for Graphics

### ESKOM SCIENCE EXPO NATIONAL FINALS

*Jessica Wentworth*

During the holidays **Vivienne Dames, Danielle de Vos, Katherine James, Thandiswa Ngowana** and **Jessica Wentworth** travelled to Pretoria to take part in the Eskom Expo Finals with their projects. During the two days judging, presentations and prize giving took place. Our girls achieved the following:

- ✓ **Katherine and Thandiswa:** Participation Certificates.
- ✓ **Jessica:** Bronze medal and a special Chemistry Prize from the Royal Society of Chemistry.
- ✓ **Vivienne and Danielle:** Silver Medals and a special soil prize in the Agriculture section. They were also invite

Well done to all who went and thank you to our teachers for encouraging us to enter the Eskom Expo.

### THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE QUIZ

Our science team consisting of **Marryam Tariq, Nolene Dixon, Faith du Plessis** and **Jessica Wentworth**, came second in the annual Schools Environmental Science Quiz held at Rhodes University last term. Six Grahamstown schools participated in the quiz and the team lost by a mere 3 points to Kingswood College in the final round. The girls were awarded a cheque worth R2000 which will go towards purchasing new equipment for the Science Department.



**Nolene Dixon, Faith du Plessis, Marryam Tariq and Jessica Wentworth** proudly show off their cheque worth R2000.

### NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

**Unathi Klaas** received a certificate for participating in the 46<sup>th</sup> National Science Olympiad for Life Science.

### SPRING SCHOOL 2010

*Sibabalwe Quma*

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> September to the 3<sup>rd</sup> October **Sibabalwe Quma** was selected by the Albany Museum along with three other learners from various schools in the Eastern Cape, to represent them at the annual Spring School held at Robben Island.

The Spring School selected four learners between the ages of 16 and 18 from each province and some African countries, Congo, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Burundi and Rwanda. The theme of the Spring School was: *Africa unite and fight Xenophobia*. The participants were privileged enough to have lunch with ex-political prisoners and communicate with them on numerous occasions. They slept in the prisons which have been renovated and are now called the multi-purpose learning center; they also explored the Island.

In the evenings they had UMRHABULO sessions, this is from the Xhosa word URHABULA which means to sip. This is symbolic because the participants sipped from the cup of knowledge by listening to ex-political prisoners educate them and then asking questions or

adding their views.

We also had what we called electives. There were five different electives to choose from: radio, story telling, recycling, print making or music.

I chose radio. This elective required a lot of hard work and minimum sleep. It was facilitated by Mr Sydney Phiri from Channel Africa and SAFM. This elective was very rewarding because in the Spring school was awesome!

### NMMU MATHS OLYMPIAD

Congratulations to the following girls who has received certificates for the Maths Olympiad:

**Ongeziwe Nxokwana** received a Silver Certificate  
**Andisiwe Eddie** received a Blue Certificate  
**Awongwa Tinta** received a Blue Certificate  
**Nolene Dixon** received a Platinum certificate  
**Amy Jackson-Moss** received a Gold Certificate  
**Tayla Soloman** received a Gold Certificate

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

### STEVE BIKO COMPETITION

*Delia Makabeni*

Towards the end of September the Rhodes African Languages Department hosted the Steve Biko Commemorative isiXhosa Speech Competition. The main aim of this competition is to ensure that the Xhosa language is kept alive, especially because of all the Eurocentric influences that exist in today's world. The topic for discussion was the importance of education and learning and their role in general on the African continent. Our girls did well in this competition with **Liyabona Luthuli** coming second and **Ayanda Twani** third.

## SPORTS

### TENNIS

*Zandile Hoyi*

It has been a busy time for our Tennis Girls. On Sunday the girls played the Quadrangular against DSG, KC and Union High. This resulted in defeat but our ladies put up a stunning performance regardless.

We also had our annual Interhouse Tennis and Graeme did it again, coming 1<sup>st</sup> with 42 points Ruthville was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 35 points, Dorset came 3<sup>rd</sup> with 33 points and Thursford came 4<sup>th</sup> with 16 points.

Well done to all the girls

### ATHLETICS

*Mr Stoloff*

Unfortunately, after much hard training, we were unable to participate in the Triangular this year. The weather as well as the different term times of Kingwood and VG made our participation impossible. Nevertheless, some day girls still participated despite the event being held during our holidays. Special mention must go to our Under 16 relay team who won their event without any prior baton practice. Kudos too for **Cassie Lister** for winning a number of events. Thanks for all the participants for showing such great VG spirit.

On Saturday, 10 October, **Kirby Daniels** participated in an ABSA sponsored athletics meeting at NMMU where she achieved 4<sup>th</sup> position in the Girls U17 100m. Well done!

## WIDER EDUCATION PROGRAMME

### RHODES MUSIC RADIO

**Nathi Xipula** is doing an internship at Rhodes Music Radio as the co-host of the YUNG Amplified show which is on the air, Saturdays from 10am – 12pm.

## JUST GO FOR IT!

### SCHOLARSHIPS

**Boarder Scholarships:** Boarders wishing to apply must submit an application containing the following:

- ✓ A letter of motivation, detailing your contribution to life at our hostels and at school.
- ✓ Certified evidence of need, e.g. bank statements of parents/guardians.

Closing date: 10 November, to **Mrs Schoeman**.

**VGHS Scholarships:** our top achievers leading well-balanced lives and serving our community must start

preparing their applications as their Phase and Grade Heads will soon call for applications.

### INTERNSHIP IN TEACHER TRAINING

VGHS invites applicants from Gr 12s interested in following the same career path as **Ms Van Der Linde, Ms Hartley and Mr Busakwe**.

An Intern must

- ✓ Be passionate about teaching secondary school learners;
- ✓ Meet university entrance requirements;
- ✓ Be financially able to pay towards an appropriate teaching degree through correspondence;
- ✓ Be part of the school and its functions, such as teacher assistance, co-curriculars, administration and teacher development;
- ✓ Have a supportive parent/guardian/sponsor who, with the intern, would enter into a contractual agreement with the school;
- ✓ Be willing to be accommodated at VGHS.

In return, the Intern will become part of this dynamic school and its development programmes, and receive free board & lodging, and some pocket money.

A detailed letter of motivation to **Mrs Schoeman** by 5 November 2010.

### GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS

The cost of the Group Photographs will be R25.00 each.

## THE FINAL SAY

### A WORD FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAIN

*Kuhle Mxakaza*

Thank you for making 2010 a memorable year. I will always cherish the great times I have had with the VG Family. "Climb your Kilimanjaro as if the summit is right here" I hope everyone has a prosperous 2011, continue being great.

### ...AND A WORD FROM ME...

This Leave Out is a welcome breather – use it wisely to re-charge for the time ahead.

Our **Grade 12s**, more than anyone else, have entered a very demanding and challenging time. In Afrikaans we have an expression, 'om rekenskap te gee'. This means to account for what you have and what you received, somewhat like your day/time of reckoning. The parents, staff, friends and loved ones have done what they could. Now it is up to each individual to give 'rekenskap'. We know you can do it. We know the time ahead will be difficult and long, but we wish every one of you success.

Our **Grade 11s** have entered the final stage of their school careers. These exams are vitally important for tertiary studies. Remain focused on achieving the best possible results so that many doors will be open for you.

Our **Grade 10s:** you have reached the end of your first year in senior secondary. You now realize how heavily your exams are weighted. Work hard and remember that the marks you receive at the end of Gr 10 are most likely going to be the marks you receive in Gr 12. Do not settle for mediocrity – work for the very best results you can get.

And now our **juniors:** we know you understand the importance of the exams for all the seniors. Thank you for respecting their need to be focused and to concentrate. Without your cooperation our seniors cannot achieve to their potential. You play a vital role in their successful futures.

**To all our girls:** enjoy the weekend with your loved ones, give them neck massages, take them coffee in bed – just pamper the people who care so much for you and who make it possible for you to be at VG.

**To the staff:** we hit the term running and some of us are certainly fitter than others. I count myself amongst the 'others'. May you be pampered and treated this weekend. Come back safely – and re-charged!

Regards

*Madeline Schoeman*