

# 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.

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

### EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to the following girls who received certificates at the Eisteddfod for Photography.

**Katherine Gillam:** Silver Award

**Alisa Lochner:** 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze

## SPORT MATTERS

### KARATE

Congratulations to the following girls who achieved medals at the Karate Championship in Johannesburg.

**Nombali Siwa:** Silver in Kata (pattern)

Bronze in Kumite  
(Fighting/sparing)

**Olwethu Bunu:** Gold in Kumite

Bronze in Kata

### HOCKEY

The hockey times for Saturday 25 July against Kingswood College.

Time	KC Astro	Time	Gane A
8:00	16a vs KC	8:00	16B vs KC
8:50	1 <sup>st</sup> vs KC		
9:50			
10:20	14A vs KC		
11:00	U16A vs GHS AT RHODES ASTRO		
11:10	2 <sup>nd</sup> vs KC		

Derby Day times against Port Alfred on Friday 31 July.

	14:10 – 15:00	15:05 – 15:55	16:00 – 17:00
<b>Hockey</b>	PA 3 vs VG U16B	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	1 <sup>st</sup> Team
<b>Netball</b>	U14A & U16A	U19A	
<b>Squash</b>	Start at 14:10		
<b>Debating</b>	Start at 14:10		
<b>Chess</b>	Start at 14:10		

## OUR WIDER EDUCATION PROGRAMME

### ARTS IN GRAHAMSTOWN

*Ms McCrindle*

While the festival enchants crowds

VGHS was acknowledged for its work in the Arts. At the National Microsoft Innovative Teachers Awards held in Jo'burg on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of June, **Ms Hayes** of Victoria Girls' High School was runner up in the "Innovation in Community" section. The project that earned this placing was a Grade 10 Drama Community Video Project.

The Victoria Girls' High School Grade 10 Drama class made videos for service-based organisations as their second term project. The videos ranged in content from encouraging fellow learners to become more involved in offering help to local organisations such as the Makanaskop Old Aged Home and the SPCA, to disseminating information on topics like cervical cancer and abortions. The project included finding a "client", conducting the necessary research including video interviews, shooting and editing the videos. Not only were they producing a potentially worthwhile product, but the girls were learning both social and technical skills in the process. According to **Ms Hayes**, "the most rewarding aspect of this project was the unexpected learning that inevitably arises from working in real life situations." **Luthando Nkayi** who worked with her partner at a local orphanage mentioned in feedback that what she had learned from this project was that there are "many children out there who need to be loved". Other girls reported struggling with the "old Xhosa" in the rural areas that they were working in. The Grade 10s themselves saw the potential value in their projects.

**Sisanda Makunga** said she felt their video based on the SAPS Crisis Centre was valuable because "its important for abused women to know that they don't have to suffer alone."

**Thami Mtshemla** said of their hospice video, "the film can give hope to people dealing with sickness." The videos will be screened at the school early next term, and delivered to the "clients" shortly after that.

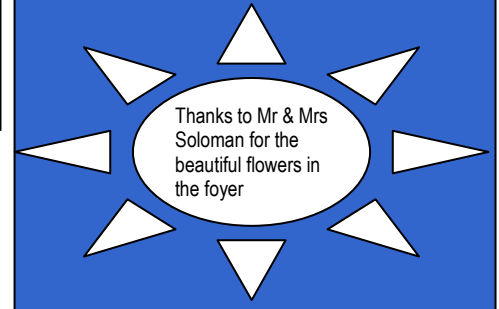
There were two other finalists from the Eastern Cape, **Yolande Peter** of Byletts High, and Clair Dean from Stirling Primary whose grade 5 and 6 project "Can I be a good tour Guide" earned her the runner up prize in the "Innovation in Collaboration" category.

### WHICH WAY

Naledi Boltina, Noluvo Kulati and Amy Jackson-Moss will be appearing on a television programme call *Which Way*. The episode will air on SABC 3 at 2pm on Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup> and there will be a repeat on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7am.

## COMING UP

24/07 NMMU Maths Olympiad  
24/07 SMT Bosberaad  
24/07 PJ Matric Dance  
25/07 Hockey vs Kingswood  
25/07 SMT Bosberaad  
28/07 Finances Committee Meeting 17:00  
29/07 Netball vs Nombulelo 14:00  
29/07 Parents and Teachers Report Discussion. Please bring report with! 16:00 – 18:00  
30/07 Port Alfred Derby Day 14:00 – 17:00



## ADMINISTRATION

### GIRLS LEAVING 2009

The girls who are leaving VG at the end of this year please write a letter confirming this or see **Mrs Schoeman** on Monday.

## DAILY NOTICES

### BIRTHDAYS:

Anelisa Katiya, Khanyisile Mahlati, Amahle Mtshabe, Siphosethu Roxo, Siyamthanda Titi, Siyavuya Williams, Sikelelwa Yanta.

### MEETINGS:

All birthday girls must come and collect their invitations from Allison in the Hall Foyer at first break.

All team tennis players MUST meet Mrs Smuts in SR @ 1<sup>st</sup> break today.

### ADMIN:

Zikhona Gqaman, Zintle Hoho, Yonel Magaba, Jade Jasson and Babalwa Qaba to see Miss Stauss.

The following girls to collect letters from the office: Hannah Hodge, Vitima Jere, Katherine James, Danica Coetzee, Amber Higgitt, Hannah Stevens, Simoné Coetzee, Nolene Dixon, Jennifer Upfold, Tracy Probert, Cloe Bennett, Katherine Gillam, Alisa Lochner, Amy Jackson Moss

### ACADEMIC:

The Academic Support Timetable will be up on the library notice board on Monday and lessons will start on Monday. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### LOST:

If anyone has found a bunch of keys in or around the school, please hand in at the office.

*Micheal Jackson Social this weekend.*

*Song list is going to be taken down today.*

*Cost R10.00. Doors open at 6:30pm and close at 7pm.*

*Raising funds for Mentoring committee!  
Tuckshop available!*