

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.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

SCIENCE EXPO

VG at the Science Expo – Oatlands: VP, VG – a winning combination.

The VG girls continued their tradition of excellence at the Science Expo last Friday (24th July), taking both second and third place overall in the Regional Science Expo. **Nicole Upfold** and **Simoné Coetzee**, whose project on Prickly Pear and Peppadew Seed Biodiesel won them second place overall, also received the Eskom prize for Best Energy Project and the Eskom prize for best project by a female learner. They received a gold award and a bursary for a year of study at Rhodes University.

Third place went to, **Vivienne Dames** and **Jenny Upfold** with their project, entitled “In the Zone” which tested a range of essential oils to determine which was the most effective killer of *E. Coli* bacteria. They were the youngest VG group to enter (both girls are in grade 8). **Mrs Czeredrecki-Schmidt**, head of Life Sciences at VG said that she was particularly pleased by the increase in the number of entries and quality of the junior entries. “Hopefully they will set the tone for junior groups in future years”, she said. She also noted that Vivienne had won a gold award last year when she was in grade 7 at VP. Interestingly, all four girls in the second and third places started their schooling at Oatlands.

Other VG girls that received acknowledgement in the Expo were:

Nolene Dixon (bronze for her project on electromagnetics), **Amber Higget** (bronze for her self made herbal shampoo) **Anitha Babu** (merit) and **Mariam Tariq** (merit)

SPORT MATTERS

HOCKEY, NETBALL & SQUASH

Last week held an extremely mixed bag of sports results for VG. A first team hockey win against Oakhill on Sunday, and a successful netball afternoon against Kingswood on Friday were balanced by hockey losses against Kingswood on Saturday, and squash losses against SAC earlier in the week.

Hockey 1st vs Oakhill 1 – 0

Hockey vs KC
1st lost 7 – 0
2nds lost 11 – 0
U16A lost 3 – 0
U16B lost 5 – 0
U14A lost 5 – 0

Netball vs KC
U19A won 18 – 17
U19B lost 5 – 17
U16A won 12 – 9
U16B won 11 – 6
Open C won 8 – 7
Open D won 8 – 7

Squash vs SAC
1st vs 3rds lost 5 – 0

NETBALL

On Wednesday the Netball girls played against Nombulelo. The results are as follows:

U14A lost 11 – 17
U15A lost 14 – 16
U16A lost 7 – 9
U19A won 36 – 27

DON'T FORGET ABOUT DERBY DAY TODAY!

There will be a tuck shop at Vicky's.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

DEBATING

Congratulations to the debating girls who won the District Debating Competition on 29 July 2009, they will be representing Grahamstown in the Regionals on Saturday 1 August 2009.

COMING UP

31/07 14:00 Port Alfred Derby Day
It is compulsory for all girls!
01/08 Hockey VG vs Collegiate has been postponed.
01/08 New Girls interviews
01/08 19:00 – 22:30 Boarders Formal Social
03/08 18:00 Squash VG1 vs KCJ 1
05/08 14:30 Netball VG vs Ntaba Maria U14A & U16A
05/08 17:00 IsiXhosa Best Speakers
05/08 18:00 Squash VG1 vs KC3
06/08 Gr 10 Outing
07/08 Leave out starts at 12:00
08/08 Leave out
09/08 Leave out Women's Day
10/08 Public Holiday



DAILY NOTICES

BIRTHDAYS:

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MEETINGS:

The following Grade 10s must please fetch something from Mrs Retief: **A Eddie** and **L Luthuli**.

All Librarians to meet Aluta outside the Library at Second Break.

Will all the girls who signed up to help on Saturday morning with the interviews meet in Ms Hayes' classroom at 2nd break.

Mr Mkhize's helpers must meet him at the Gym at 2pm. Don't be late!

ACADEMIC:

Grade 10 – 11 Remember that Monday 14:00 is the Life Orientation Deadline for Shadow week papers. Please do not miss this generous deadline.

Grade 12s interested in Alan Gray Orbis Bursary, speak to **Mrs Retief** today.

LOST:

If anyone has found a cell phone (Samsung E250) on the hockey field on Wednesday afternoon, please return to the office.

Vuyoethu Kepe has lost her blazer it was last seen on the netball courts. Her name is written on it. Please return to the office if found.

Samantha Meaton lost her roxy pink wallet. It has her bank card and a picture of a skull in it. Please return to office if found

GREAT NEWS!

School will close at 12:00 on Friday, 7 August.