

# 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

### ESKOM ETA AWARDS

Mr Stoloff

Congratulations and good luck to **Simoné Coetzee** and **Nicole Upfold** who have made it through to the semi-finals of the Eskom Eta awards in the category for young designers. They both achieved a Gold award at the regional Eskom Science Expo held earlier in the year for their project entitled Prickly Peppa Biofuel, and will be flown to Johannesburg for the next round of the competition. There they will present a 20 minute PowerPoint presentation to the judges. Eta is the Greek symbol for efficiency, hence the name of the Awards. The purpose of the awards is to reward exceptional effort in the more efficient use of energy by individuals, students, companies or other institutions.

### MERIT STARS

Congratulations to the following girls who received their Merit Badges:

V. Qupe	280
S. Hilpert	280
T. Solomon	290
S.C. Hilpert	280
A. Atomba	280
B. Nondwayi	310
Z. Nombona	285

## NEW ON THE LIBRARY SHELVES

### A LITTLE LOOK AT ISLAM

New on the shelves this week are small selections of fiction and non-fiction books focusing on Islam. These include:

Khaled Hosseini's bestsellers "The Kite Runner" and "A thousand Splendid Suns", both set in Afghanistan, these novels explore family relationships and values through an era of political turmoil. In addition there is another bestseller, the autobiography "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. As well as "Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind" by Suzanne Fisher Staples; "Run" By Farrukh Dhondy; "Sweetness in the Belly" by Camilla Gibb and "Islam" By Azra Kidwai.

Also on the shelves this week is IsiXhosa stories selected by **Ms Siga**, **Ms Ntombela** in the isiXhosa Department.

## OUR WIDER EDUCATION PROGRAMME

MORGAN BAY HIKING TRIP

Hannah Godlonton

On 14 August a group of intrepid hikers, under the guidance of **Mr Stoloff**, **Ms Hastie** and **Mrs Hanton** set off to Hike the Morgans Bay Coast line. This trip was not for the faint hearted, we had to put up our tents in the dark, wake up early the following day and conquer the 6km coastal hike to Kei Mouth and back! We had a wonderful time and appreciated our beautiful coastline, good food and good company. We would all like to say a big thank you to **Mr Stoloff**, **Ms Hastie** and **Mrs Hanton** for spending the weekend with us, as well as the Schoemans who gave us refreshments at their seaside home.

## OLD GIRLS UNION

### OGU INDUCTION

Can the following Grade 12s please collect their badges from the OGU Induction, at the office:

**Jaydene Skeleton**, **Rebecca Manning**, **Siyabulela Mashiyi**, **Tarryn Potts**, **Olwethu Lungile**, **Amahle Mtshabe**, **Nina Solomon**, **Xanadu Loesch**, **Hannah Smith** & **Ashleigh Danckwerts**

## DAILY NOTICES

### ADMIN:

- The following girls must please return their overdue Art Library Books: **L. Williams** (12.08.09) & **A. Dankwerts** (27.08.09)

### MEETINGS:

- Mentoring Committee in the Boardroom @ 2<sup>nd</sup> break. Please bring your time table & diaries.
- All Upstart girls please see **Naledi Boltina** at 1<sup>st</sup> break in the hall foyer.

### CO-CURRICULAR:

- Girls who challenged for athletics places on Wednesday must put their full names and the times/distances on the list outside **Mr Stoloff's** Classroom. This must be done by the end of school, today.

### ACADEMIC:

- Pamper ladies, please remember to bring your Make-up etc & a free.

## COMING UP

07/09 8:30 – 10:30 Matric Exam – Maths/Lit Paper 2  
 08/09 8:30 – 11:30 Matric Exam - History Paper 2  
 08/09 17:00 FinCom Budget 2010  
 09/09 8:30 – 11:00 Matric Exam – Afrikaans Paper 2  
 09/09 14:30 Staff Meeting  
 09/09 18:00 Squash : VG1 vs SAC4 (Away)  
 10/09 8:30 – 11:00 Matric Exam – English Paper 2  
 10/09 VG News Articles Submitted  
 10/09 17:00 Film Soc  
 11/09 8:30 – 11:30 Matric Exam – Phy.Sci paper 1  
 11/09 12:30 – 14:30 Matric Exam – Music Comprehension

## THINKING OF

Mrs Schoeman and her family, with the death of her sister-in-law.  
 Ms Hloyi and her family, with the death of her brother.  
 Zizipho Magula who's grandfather passed



standing mirror. We will use **Ms McConnachie's** classroom.

- All Rhodes intern ladies, who were interns at any time this year, please write your full name and ID number or passport number on the list outside **Mr Stoloff's** classroom by 2<sup>nd</sup> Break on Monday, 7 September.

### GENERAL:

- It is completely unacceptable that someone removed the Gr12s 40 countdown numbers in Upper Middle. It is not your property. Things that are not yours must be left alone. Many of their numbers have now been torn. I find this very upsetting. (**Mrs Retief**)

### LOST:

- The following lost property is at the office please come and claim it if you have lost anything: VG Jersey, Red Shirt (velvet), Hat (Robert Shimwell), VG Short, Blue bag with scarf, gloves, VG Scarf, Pullover (**Siya Manyakayaka**) Black Poloneck, 3 Pencil cases, Wallet (Black) & Keys.
- Khanya Lande** has lost her blazer it has her name in it. If found please return to her or the office.

