

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 HALF COLOURS

Congratulations to the following girls who were awarded their Cultural Half Colours: **Luvuyo Hlatshaneni, Hannah Smith, Alisa Lochner, Khanyisa Mabindla, and Naledi Boltina.**

MERITS

Congratulations to these ladies who are working hard towards achieving a Merit badge in Term 3:
Grade 9: **Lihle Skeyi** 280
Grade 8: **Silubonile Ndungane** 290
Kungela Mzuku 290.

ENGLISH POETRY RESULTS

Ms K McCrindle

Congratulations to the following girls on winning their grade categories:

Grade 8: **Katherine Gillam**
Grade 9: **Tayla Solomon**
Grade 10: Joint winners: **Jessica Wentworth & Amy von Witt**

Grade 11: **Beaulette Blom**
Grade 12: **Hannah Kirkaldy**

They each had to hand in three poems in a variety of styles. Keep an eye out for some of their poems in the end of term newsletter and for more in the 2009 School Magazine.

COMPUTER OLYMPIAD

Congratulations to the following girls who completed the First round of the Senior divisions of the Computer Olympiad:

1st Place: **Khanyisa Mabindla**
2nd Place: **Meredith Assumption**
3rd Place: **Zandile Hoyi**

THE BATHURST SHOW

More congratulations to the following girls who won certificates in the junior art section at the Bathurst Show:

J. Shaw for Mixed Media, **Nicole Upfold, Xanadu Loesch** for Pencil Drawings, **Shanette Waldick, Sisipho Matinise** for Ceramics, **Hannah Smith, Thulisile Siguca** and **Nolene Dixon** for Sculpture and Printing.

NETBALL

Ms L Farquhar

Congratulations to the following girls and teacher on obtaining their Pre-Level Coaching Certificates for netball:

Luvuyo Hlatshaneni, Andisiwe Eddie, Andulela Suka and **Mrs L'Ange**. And to the following girls who obtained their level one umpiring certificates: **Nqabakazi Matikinka** with 91%, **Nwabisa Namba, Zikhona Dukashe, Cachendra Vlotman** and **Andulela Suka**.

KARATE

Nombali Siwa and **Olwethu Bunu** have been

selected to represent Border JKA at the JKA South Africa National Karate Championships at the Standard Bank Arena, on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 May 2009. Congratulations!

THE LIBRARY

If there are any parents who are willing to help out in the library in the morning, to update the system and re- shelf the books, please contact the office.

EXHIBITION AT RHODES

Ms K McCrindle

Last week the Grade 10s and some of the Grade 11s had the opportunity to go to a photographic exhibition put on by "The Womyn of Rhodes" as part of their two week campaign to protest against sexual violence against women.

The word used most frequently by our girls to describe the exhibition was 'powerful'. They also said that it made the issue of rape much more real for them. The fact that the exhibition represented a variety of races and body shapes stressed the fact that all "womyn" are potential victims. It also made the point that rape is not about a particular type of body. A favourite quote was, "I pray for those that prey on me."

EAST CAPE SCHOOLS' FESTIVAL FOR GRADE 11s

Ms K McCrindle

Recently seventeen of our Grade 11s attended the Eastern Cape Schools' Festival at the Monument. The festival was a two day event that included several shows, lectures and workshops that both inspired and developed the talents of participants. Congratulations to our girls who put so much energy into their workshops and focus into the lectures and productions.

RHODES UNIVERSITY

Mrs A Retief

On 19 May 27 grade 12s went on a residential visit to Rhodes University. The tour took place at St Mary's Hall. The guide was Ms Brenda Meyer, the hall secretary.

We would like to thank Michael from Student Bureau, Eden Grove for his assistance and Brenda for her warm welcome. Her message to the girls was: "Rhodes: where leaders learn."

SCIENCE CAFÉ

You're invited to Grahamstown's first Science Café hosted by SciFest Africa and chaired by Prof Fred Hendricks, Rhodes University. Theme: Art, Science and the Public. Date: Friday 22 May. Time: 16:30 – 18:00. Where: The Sports Bar at Sports Admin, Rhodes University (*girls, only with your parents!*).

COMING UP

22/05 Gr 11 Geo field trip 07:00
22/05 Hockey EP Round 2 Trials
22/05 CIA Term Evening 18:00
23/05 Interact Talent 17:00 – 19:00
25/05 Squash vs SAC3 at SAC 14:30
25/05 Hostel Reps & Matrons Meeting 18:00
26/05 Afrikaans Olimpiade 14:00
27/05 Netball vs Archie Mboelwa U14A/B at VG
29/05 Mozart's 'The Requiem' 19:30
29/05 Hockey EP Trials

THINKING OF...

Micheala Walters and her family as her mother has to undergo an operation.
Iviwe Mona who's grandmother passed away.



BURSARY

The Cuthie Penny / John Austin Memorial

Educational Fund was initiated to help learners whose parents or grandparents were/are involved in the military. Learners may collect forms at the school office.

LOTTO FUNDING PROPOSAL

Mrs M Schoeman

The school is considering submitting a funding proposal to the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund, Sport and Recreation Category, but we need help! The focus has to be on new, basic facilities and upgrading of existing facilities; equipment and playing kit. VGHS has submitted numerous proposals previously for the swimming pool, our tennis courts, etc. I believe we now should focus on our fields. I therefore request the help of parents as we need a **Business Plan and Budget** for the following:

- the treatment of both hockey fields and the Vicky's field (this must include eco-friendly pesticides, natural fertilizers and good quality top soil). Products and costing must be specified.
- equipment needed for the maintenance of the fields (with quotations).
- human resources needed for the treatments and maintenance, with cost to company figures.
- the name of the project manager, and his/her expertise in the field (You may nominate yourself!).
- Access to the fields (e.g. for disabled people).
- Use of the fields: number of people (remember to include VP) and for what activities. (Of course, I will assist with this).

Unfortunately time frames are horrendous. I spotted the advertisement in the Weekend Post of 16 May, and the deadline for submissions is 19 June 2009. It would take at least 5 days for the office to tweak submissions and compile the proposal plus another 3 days for the courier, therefore the deadline for our wonderful, enterprising parent would be 10 June 2009! What better challenge to kickstart you into the second half of 2009? (Kindly contact me with your YES).

VGHS DAILY NOTICES

Friday, 22nd May 2009

MEETINGS:

- Jika Tainment must see Kelsey about their must in the foyer at 1st break.
- All Mrs Baart's pupils who are playing in the Eisteddfod to meet in her room today at 2nd break for a rehearsal.
- Netball: All team players to meet in UB5 at 1st break

ACADEMIC:

- Grade 11 Geography girls must meet at the bubble straight after register class for their field trip.
- Afrikaans Olimpiade Grade 10-12: All who have entered, please remember you will be writing on 26 May 14:00-17:00 in UH 2. You may eat during the exam. Bring a pencil, ruler, eraser. Problems? Speak to Mrs Retief.
- Detention: Girls that do not attend detention today will lose stay-at-home priviledges during exam times or will be kept in the afternoons during exams.
- U65s lists are available.

CO-CURRICULAR:

- Talent Show: Please note that the Interact talent show will be on the 23rd this Saturday! There will be a tuck shop. Doors open at 5:30 and close at 6pm. Performers need to be there between 5:20 & 5:30 on Saturday.
- Interact Talent show performers must fetch their performing list on the Interact notice board.
- Girls re-auditioning for the Spunk today, Friday, at 4pm who are boarders must write their names on the lists on the Interact notice board. You must be at the SAC centenary hall at 4pm.
- Thursford house girls who were absent or did not pay for the house function must see Mr Stoloff's notice board. Sort this out with Noluvuyo, or be punished on Monday.
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LOST:

- Nozuko Dick has misplaced her Art book if found please return it to her or to the office.