

Maris Stella YEARBOOK 2019



FAITH ★ FAMILY ★ FUTURE



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2019 has been another outstanding year for the Maris Stella family, and I would like to take a moment of quiet reflection, marvelling at all we have achieved, all we are currently achieving and what is yet to come.

My annual reflection is made even more poignant this year as the school celebrates its incredible 120th Anniversary. No matter who you are or what criteria you use to assess success, 120 years is a noteworthy accomplishment – one which is made even more impressive by the calibre of women matriculating from Maris Stella year-on-year.

And when we look back at the history of Maris Stella, we are so captivated by the amazing courage and resilience that the Holy Family Sisters must have shown. They managed to set up a school in a foreign land, during a time when the country was about to embark on a large-scale war, with limited resources and battling a host of environmental challenges – including the notorious Durban humidity! But they persevered, and because of the tenacity of that group of women, we are standing here today, able to appreciate their hard work and anticipate a future filled with hope.

The school started in 1899, on the cusp of a new century which was poised to bring us a number of discoveries and achievements that would alter the course of history forever. Splitting the atom. The invention of the telephone, the television and internet. Amelia Earhart becoming the first woman to accomplish a solo, nonstop transatlantic flight. The list is truly endless.

And, just like our courageous Holy Family Sisters, I feel like we are about to embark on a new era. But with change, there is always disruption. And change is most definitely happening. In the past few years, there has been a massive shift in the global consciousness of women. What might have been considered entirely acceptable five years ago, is – rightly – deemed unequal, misogynistic and just wrong.

Where an employer might have felt justified in cutting costs by paying a female employee less than her male counterpart, such actions would end up costing the company a lot more in lawsuits. Where a gentlemen's club could exist at the exclusion of female members, denying women those vital networking opportunities. This is no more. With change there is inevitable disruption. While gender-based

Principal's Report

by Joan Schmidt



violence has always been a hugely destructive facet of our society, it is now coming under the spotlight. And women have had enough.

With good reason.

In 2018, the Crime Against Women in South Africa Report by Statistics SA noted that, between the years 2000 and 2015, femicide was five times higher in South Africa than the global average. Our women and children are under attack.

In a case that was brought to the Supreme Court of Appeal in 1997, the judgement read:

“Women in this country ... have a legitimate claim to walk peacefully on the streets, to enjoy their shopping and their entertainment, to go and come from work, and to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of their homes without the fear, the apprehension and the insecurity which constantly diminishes the quality and enjoyment of their lives. Yet women in this country are still far from having that peace of mind.”

22 years on, and this still rings true.

Anene Booysen. Karabo Mokoena. Leighandre Jegels. Uyinene Mrwetyana. These names signify a tiny drop in the ocean of the daily abuse and horrors South African women face. Young women whose lives were taken away for no other reason than because they were women.

As I said, with change there is some element of disruption. And I believe that the changes we are seeing – women taking their rightful place alongside men in society – is upsetting a certain section of society. They are finally beginning to see what we are capable of when we are empowered.

But we are also seeing the immense positive disruption in the form of protests and demonstrations. Thousands of women – and men – marched on the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) where President Cyril Ramaphosa was hosting the World Economic Forum on Africa, calling for action.

Our Maris Stella girls held a very powerful silent protest on Stephen

Dlamini Road – making it known that enough is enough.

I believe there is a wave of positive change, and we, women, are leading it. We can see it in Swedish climate activist, Greta Thunberg, a 16 year-old who started a school strike movement protesting climate change inaction which has evolved into a global movement. She has received an unwarranted amount of attacks, from grown men and women in the highest offices, and I believe the reason for this was summed up so well by Jennifer O’Connell of the Irish Times. She wrote:

“And that, of course, is the real reason why Greta Thunberg is so triggering. They can’t admit it even to themselves, so they ridicule her instead. But the truth is that they’re afraid of her. The poor dears are terrified of her as an individual, and of what she stands for – youth, determination, change.”

Thunberg recently addressed world leaders at the United Nations, reiterating this point. She said: *“Right here, right now is where we draw the line. The world is waking up. And change is coming, whether you like it or not.”*

And she’s not alone. The youth are taking control of their futures. And the interesting thing is that many of these incredible activists are women. We as a school are so proud of them.

In America, 18 year-old Emma González became an inadvertent activist for gun control. As a survivor of the Stoneman High School shooting, she gave an impassioned speech about the lack of political action in tackling the rampant mass shootings in the States. What followed was an upsurge in support from the youth looking to rectify the failures of the previous generations.

And in Pakistan, the diary of 11 year-old Malala Yousafzai and her subsequent activism in support of access to education for girls, saw her attacked by the Taliban. Surviving the attempted homicide, she has continued to fight for the rights of women, earning herself a Nobel Prize at the age of 17.

On accepting the award, she said that it wasn’t for her, but rather the ‘forgotten children’. *“It is for those frightened children who want peace,” she said. “It is for those voiceless children who want change.”*

The decisions being made now have to be carefully considered. It is no longer a case of the immediate impacts, but rather the long-term repercussions. In the areas of education and politics, for example, we are now forced to think more carefully about the future and the resultant impact of policies being implemented.

In Wales, they have introduced an incredible new ministerial position – the Future Generations’ Commissioner. It is the job of this elected official to ensure all Welsh public bodies make sound decisions that will not compromise, but rather benefit the future generations. From councils and national parks to the health service – all public leaders are legally obliged to consider the long-term social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing impact of their decisions.

At school level, we are having to prepare our youth for jobs that are yet to exist.

This means that rather than drilling dates and facts, we are encouraging a more holistic learning environment. We

want our girls to ask questions, to find their own solutions, to come up with innovative techniques and ideas through a structured yet progressive process. We want to raise girls who are solution-driven, entrepreneurial, but more importantly, community-conscious. They must want the world to be a better place for everyone through their actions.

We are undoubtedly standing here, on the cusp of very real change, but we are hopeful. The young women who are taking a stand against gender-based violence make us hopeful. The young women who are taking a stand against a lack of policy protecting our children and our futures make us hopeful. And the young women of Maris Stella make us hopeful.

Remember that positive change is always happening - and if you cannot see it, then be it. Because in the words of Mother Teresa:

“Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.”

Joan Schmidt
Principal

Religion Report

by Karen Bodley

The aim of Religious Education is to nurture in its students, their personal gifts of faith so as to bring awareness, growth, true freedom and healing into their daily lives.

- Fostering Hope 2018 -

I feel that we, in the Religious Department at Maris Stella, are sincere in trying to implement this sentiment put forward by the Catholic Institute of Education. We are challenged as educators, to look for new opportunities and new ways of living out the Gospel values in our school communities so that today's pupils are excited and willing to be the Christian example that we are called to be in this world, and to embody the ethos of our school.

"Maris Stella, a Holy Family Catholic School, is centered on the person of Jesus Christ. As a nurturing family community, we strive to live out our faith according to the Gospel values, respecting diversity, by recognizing the uniqueness of each human being, and educating the whole person."

Our ethos is the characteristic spirit of the school community which is manifest in our attitudes and our aspirations. It gives our school its unique character and atmosphere that many who enter, often comment on the "warm feeling" or wonderful "energy" that is tangible. This energy is none other than the Holy Spirit, a manifestation of God, who is LOVE ... and so by logical explanation, what we feel in our school is the atmosphere of LOVE.

To keep this LOVE alive within our school, we centre the life of the school upon Jesus Christ. His teachings are the foundation of our school and in this way, His presence is felt in numerous ways throughout the school.

Religion lessons are vital, and the life and teachings of Christ are a means of spiritual nourishment for our pupils. Our aim is to teach them in a meaningful manner so that the pupils have a deeper understanding of WHY they need to base their lives on the Gospel values. Through discovering answers to this question, they eventually develop a desire to mix their minds with the infinite Love of God and hopefully transform their own lives and influence those with whom they come across in a positive manner.

Assemblies, Quiet Time, Prayers, Chapel Services and Masses serve to instill the message of Christ and to bring pupils back to what is meaningful and important within their daily lives.

Our weekly chapel services give the school body an opportunity to commune on a deeper level with our Lord and thereby receive nourishment through prayer and worship.

The termly Masses are wonderful celebrations and give us the opportunity to come together as a whole community, where everyone is welcome to celebrate the Eucharist and the Love that God has for each one of us. There is a feeling of communal celebration and this is important as it reinforces the purpose and ethos of the school. The Holy Spirit becomes a tangible presence in this setting and many a pupil is touched by the love that they feel during these

beautiful services. It is wonderful to see that more and more parents feel free to join in these 'life-giving' and joyful celebrations.

Each person at Maris Stella has the opportunity to engage in a retreat, and this has immense value as it enables us to grow holistically. The pupils from 00 to Matric, the staff and support staff all have the chance to 'retreat' from their everyday lives, albeit for a short while, and to take the time for spiritual development and nurturing. This is a priceless gift that everyone needs in their lives ... an opportunity to be quiet and reflective and grow the Love that is God within.

This year as we celebrated our momentous 120th Birthday, we adopted the motto, "*Quid Retribuam*" which was for some time, one of our earlier school mottos, and which translates to "what shall I render?" As a community and as individuals, we looked at what we should give back to God, our school, our family and others, as well as our planet and then how should we serve our own destiny ... how are we ensuring that we will enjoy the heavenly kingdom that we are promised?

The virtues that we engaged in to help us with this question, were ZEAL, a deep love for God that burns within our hearts; SERVICE, a desire to reach out and help others which is born from the Love within; HUMILITY, the act of placing

“Relying on God has to start all over every day, as if nothing has yet been done.”

- C. S. Lewis -

others and their needs and wishes before my own, which then results in JOY; a deep connection to God through answering His call to follow in His ways. This JOY then becomes the end result, as well as the fuel for our spiritual life and development.

“Journal writing is a voyage to the interior.”
- Christina Baldwin -

Keeping a spiritual journal; allows each girl the ability to examine her life in the light of her own particular faith and to encourage a deepening of this faith. During Quiet Time, the pupils each have this opportunity for Spiritual journaling. The Virtues of the term are used as inspiration to take them to a deeper understanding of the positive ideas that will hopefully increase their awareness and help to transform their thinking and habits. This activity is a tool that is taught to help our young girls to develop the ability to reflect and to contemplate matters that are spiritual and which have a positive outcome upon themselves as individuals and upon the world as a whole.

“God speaks in the silence of the heart, listening is the beginning of prayer”
- Mother Theresa -

At Maris Stella, each pupil has the opportunity to learn to Meditate. This can be the start of spiritual healing and growth. When we are able to be quiet, it is then that we are able to discern the will of God in our lives. This is a wonderful tool to help develop concentration which in turn helps with studying ... but when conjoined with a Spiritual life, this allows the pupil to go “inwards” to the ‘Source of all Goodness’ that is deep within each one of us. When we are able to mix our hearts and minds with the Truth that is God, then we transform ourselves into that which God has destined us to become.

“So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” - **Romans 12:5**

Maris Stella does not only educate the child in the LOVE of Christ, but included in this “family community” is all staff and the parent body as well. Our school has its roots in the Holy Family ... the Blessed Mary, Joseph and Jesus and recognize the importance of this role in each person’s life.

All are welcome to receive spiritual nourishment through invitation and participation at all the termly Masses, the many Chapel services and ‘food for thought’ that is given to the greater Maris Stella family.

“I have come down from heaven not to do my will, but to do the will of Him who sent me.” - **John 6:38**

120 years on...

It is through *SERVICE* that we become the person God wants us to be and thus become co-creators with God, in building His Kingdom of Love, Justice, Peace, Truth and Freedom, here on this Earth.

We look back and rejoice in the Holy Family Sisters who founded the school in service to God and to the people of Durban, as well as in the many teachers, parents and pupils who have continued to nurture this dream over the years.

Our intrepid founders, emulated Jesus in their love and service and now, we are called to give OUR hands to serve, and OUR hearts to love.

We are reminded of the wisdom of Pope John Paul, who said that we should remember the **past with gratitude**; live in the **present with enthusiasm**; and embrace the **future with confidence**, trusting that God is in control.

“Suspice Confide...Look up and Trust.”

My heartfelt thanks goes to the dedicated Religious Education teachers, Mrs Crick, Miss Conway and Miss Tjasink as well as Mrs Jones-Bate and Mrs Ivins who all gave of themselves to heed the Lord’s call to spread His Good News; to Mrs Schmidt and Mrs Plumbley for their constant support and to Fr Peter Lafferty, our Chaplain, who is himself such a gift from God and for whom we are so grateful.

“To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us ... and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.”
- Thomas Merton -

Karen Bodley
Religion Co-ordinator



Chaplain's Report

by Father Peter Lafferty



The year of 2019 marked an important milestone in the history of the school as we marked 120 years of teaching excellence. When I was preparing myself to celebrate the Mass with Cardinal Napier, I remembered the quote attributed to Einstein who said, "If I have achieved greatness it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants". The truth of this comment struck me as apropos for the event we were celebrating. The school we have, the ethos which permeates every aspect of life in the school is a gift we have been given from the sacrifices of the sisters in generations passed.

The Mass we celebrated gave expression to the gratitude we have for the pioneers who came to this country to respond to the call of God to share their charisms with the poor of South Africa. If you want to be inspired about the gift we have been given, I would recommend that you look at the YouTube video on the history of the congregation in South Africa. (The YouTube source is entitled, Sisters of the Holy Family of Bordeaux in South Africa. You will see some very familiar faces.) The sacrifice, the courage and the creativity of the sisters and the humility in which they carry that history is inspirational.

The origin of the word "tradition" is to "hand on something of value". Looking to the past is a reminder and an inspiration to taking the truths of the past and

make them relevant and effective for the generation of today. We are conscious in the Religion Department of the school of the responsibility we have to carry on the spirituality of family in the ethos of the school. We try to instil in the girls the concern for the poor, for justice, for the increasing threat that climate change is making on all of us, but with a particular recognition of the effect it is having on the poor of this world.

However, any change that we try to bring about in the world begins with working on the interior world. Change takes root in change of self. We try to encourage the girls to use not only their brains and their bodies, but to develop the resources of the heart, to contemplate, to see the hand of God in the here and now and not just in books. This we have done through retreats and through services such as Taize.

The Touchstone event strives to show, through a lived experience the importance of sacrifice and of service.

We live in difficult times with the increase in violence, of suicides, of drug abuse, of family breakdown. We hope and strive to create a family atmosphere in the school redolent of the history and tradition of the Holy Family Sisters. The country needs this gift perhaps more than ever in the 120 years of the school.

Father Peter Lafferty
School Chaplain

Holy Family Sisters' Report

by Sister Breda Grehan



Maris Stella is making a significant contribution to education in South Africa, of this we are well aware. So, first and foremost the Holy Family Sisters in South Africa wish to express our gratitude to every member of the Maris Stella family. Many of you have made a significant contribution over the past 120 years, as board members, educators, students and families. The wider community are depending on you, as together we face the enormous challenges of this time.

The calls to act on climate change and care of the earth grow more challenging, when the awareness that the majority of our people in this country have neither energy nor the resources to even think about anything other than survival. Could we find a further educational opportunity in promoting a new approach to economy – a fresh approach that inspires self-realisation, local empowerment and global inter-being?

The Greek roots of the word “economy” reminds us that economy is about taking care of the home, both our individual homes and the larger home of earth. Basically, economy is really about how we human beings relate with nature and other people, to meet our common needs for food, clothing and adequate safe housing.

On the personal level, economics is about how to give our gifts and meet our needs. It's about who we are in

relation to the world. Globally it must have more to say in the promotion of care for the earth. As Christians Pope Francis' words in the introduction to his letter to all people, *Laudato Si* 2017, has much to say to this: “Convinced as I am that change is impossible without motivation and a process of education, I offer some inspired guidelines for human development to be found in the treasure of Christian spiritual experience”. He goes on to mention: “the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet, the conviction that everything in the world is connected, the critique of new paradigms and forms of power derived from technology, the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress, the value proper to each creature, the human meaning of ecology, the need for forthright and honest debate, the serious responsibility of international and local policy, the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle.”

We, as Holy Family Sisters striving to live in Communion, suggest some research beyond the usual into the often all absorbing activity that is economy.

Catholic Education opens minds and hearts in ways that encourage new generations to live fully within one inter-related whole, in an evolving universe – in Holy Family language we would say ‘In Communion’ as is so powerfully expressed in Trinitarian giving and receiving, as universal Love.

Charles Eisenstein, author of *Sacred Economics* states: *“Transition to ‘Sacred Economy’ is part of a larger shift in our ways of thinking, relating and being. As we heal the spirit-matter rupture, we discover that economics and spirituality are inseparable. By changing our everyday economic thinking and practices we prepare ourselves for the great changes ahead.”*

Looking back on the 2019 academic year and looking forward to all that 2020 will hold – the Bicentenary of the Foundation of the Holy Family Association also – we say THANK YOU and in the words of our Founder, Pierre Bienvenu Noailles: “Go Forward” in hope and love.”

Sister Breda Grehan

It has been quite a journey this year, from the highly anticipated Matric Dance, to our great 120th birthday celebrations, and many more. It truly has been an amazing year.

However, as we stand here on the precipice of the future, not really certain of it, it can be quite daunting that it is no longer a distant reality, but right on our doorstep. And while the fear of the unknown brings a sense of hesitation and doubt to the fore, I am confident that we can and will survive. The key is to remain rooted in the core value systems that we have been taught at home and at school that have built and shaped us into the people that we are today.

Here at Maris Stella, we are taught humility, selflessness and love, whilst being encouraged to be resilient young women of dignity and integrity no matter what the world throws at us. This brings me to the two important words I mentioned, 'young' and 'women'. There's a saying that everyone is virtually familiar with: *"The youth are the leaders of tomorrow"* but the 'tomorrow' is now. The time to lead is now and that is why I regard the youth and youth empowerment as so important.

There have been a number of incidents where the youth have been incredibly active and held mass movements that have had a lasting impact; a few notable mentions being the Soweto uprising of June 16th 1976, the #FeesMustFall movement that began in 2015 and the recent marches and movements against gender-based violence. All of these demonstrate the power the youth possess to effect change in society.

Many feel that the youth of today are impetuous and a careless generation of millennials who are lazy and more concerned with social media. This is contrary to my belief. Young people are fearless, brave and dynamic. Young people have the ideas, the creativity and great energy to shape a better world, they are full of hope and through innovation and imagination, have great potential to generate a positive social change. There are many young people already who have demonstrated this, one being Ann Makosinski, a Canadian high school student, who at the age of 16 developed a flashlight that converts body heat into light without any batteries or kinetic energy. She aims to provide her gadget for free to people in developing countries after hearing that her friend in the Philippines failed her examinations because she

Head Girl's Report

by Ukhona Ngcongco





had no electricity. This goes to prove that the youth are people of action and there are many endless opportunities available in which we can use and effect change for the greater good. However not only are we young, but we are women.

A quote by Emily Taft Douglas says: *"If women understood and exercised their power, they could remake the world."* Wathint'umfazi wathint'imbokodo – "You strike a woman, you strike a rock". All my life I have been surrounded by women who inspire me to continually work hard, push the boundaries and not be held back

by anything no matter what your circumstances are. I urge you girls to take your femininity and use it as your superpower to crush stereotypes and surpass the mediocre expectations.

As we go out into the world, with no idea of what's to come, I encourage you to be young, phenomenal women of impact wherever you go.

I'd like to close with a poem by Rupi Kaur: *"I want to apologise to all the women I have called beautiful, before I've called them intelligent or brave. I am sorry I made it sound*

as though something as simple as what you're born with is the most you have to be proud of when your spirit has crushed mountains. From now on I will say things like, you are resilient or you are extraordinary not because I don't think you're beautiful but because I need you to know you are more than that."

You were designed for accomplishment, engineered for success and endowed with seeds of greatness. I encourage you girls to continue working hard and chasing your dreams.

Ukhona Ngcongco
Head Girl 2019



It has been an exciting year of growth for the Parents' Association, with 33 members going into 2020. It is always refreshing to welcome new members, with new ideas.

The role of the Parents' Association is:

- Fundraising (for "luxury" items)
- Hosting functions (promoting the family)
- Providing a platform for parents to table suggestions / improvements

Most of the preparation work is done remotely and the Committee usually meets once a term at 07h15. We are delighted to have representation of parents from every grade. We also work closely with the Class Moms to communicate events or network for resources.

The fundraising activities in 2019 included:

- The Movie Night
- Raffle
- Matric and Grade 11 Dance
- Fashion Show
- I Heart Maris Stella Market
- 120 Year Commemorative Teddies
- The Barnyard Event
- The Business Directory
- Golf Day
- Pancakes at the Carol Service

A record amount of R246 900 was raised in 2019 and we are very grateful to all our Maris Stella families who supported the various initiatives. The money raised has been allocated as follows:

- Towards the renovation of the Tuck Shop
- Towards the renovation of the Small Hall (ongoing this year)
- Upgrading of the Reception Office
- Establishing the Business Directory (which will continue to grow, giving our Maris Stella families an opportunity to promote and support each other's businesses)

I must extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Parents' Association Committee (and their families) for their tireless work, giving of their time with much enthusiasm and joy! Special note must be made of Uma Naidoo (Vice-chair) whose dedication and support is exceptional. The staff and teachers must also be acknowledged for their support during the year. Special thanks to the Finance Team who work closely with us by counting money, selling tickets and being regularly called upon for updates on how much money the PA has made! Thanks to the parents for supporting the events arranged by the PA and especially to those who respond to our appeals for donations and who generously sponsor events, either personally or through their businesses.

We are very grateful for the many blessings in 2019!

Parents' Association Report

by Carol Hollinshead



Board of Governors' Report

by Bridget Aves

I take pleasure in presenting the 2019 Board of Governors' Report as we close yet another successful year. A year made particularly special by the fact that we celebrated the 120th Birthday of our school. Through good teamwork we are once again privileged to be able to celebrate the many successes and achievements of our Maris Stella Family.

The Board of Governors

I would like to take this opportunity to record my appreciation and thank all the dedicated individuals that give of their time and skills to serve on the Board of Governors. Their selfless support of Joan and her Management team is enormously appreciated. It has been my absolute pleasure to work with them this past year.

Strategic Action Plan

To better target prospective girls and parents and increase enrolment in a very challenging financial and competitive environment, the Board initiated a "step change" in its strategic planning. The focus in 2019 shifted to developing Maris Stella as a destination school; increasing brand awareness by building on the school's differentiators and kickstarting the process of realigning all stakeholder communication, messaging and marketing to champion this.

The school faces constant competition from the many private school offerings in both the Durban and surrounding suburbs. Despite this, Maris Stella is attracting girls from the northern, western and southern suburbs, even though good girls' schools exist in these areas.

Marketing and Branding will continue to be a key strategic focus in order to ensure the sustainability of our school.

Communication

We continue to highlight the successes of our Maris Stella Family in the traditional ways, such as through local newspapers and annually through our school magazine. A greater focus has shifted to social media through our Facebook page and Instagram account. We encourage you to "Like" our Maris Stella Facebook page, ***I heart Maris Stella*** and follow us on Instagram, ***@Marisstellaschool***, if you have not already done so. The Weekly Bulletin and a termly newsletter, The Anchor continue to reflect photos of the many exciting activities of the term past.





Focus Areas to Improve

Several priority areas were identified by the Board for improvement, with work starting on select projects in the last quarter of 2019. These work-in-progress projects included refined messaging to inform all internal and external communications, rejuvenation and streamlining of social media content to better reflect the school's unique offerings, ethos and activities. The Open Day format was revised and opportunities were sought to introduce value added enhancements. This included being one of the first all-girls' school in Durban to offer the High School subject of EGD (Engineering, Graphics and Design).

Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) was revised in late 2019 to increase the visibility of the school's website in Google searches and drive more traffic to our site. The idea was to better enable the school to track and convert new pupil enquiries. Results have been immediate and impactful, with improvements achieved in Google rankings each month. Work on all these areas is ongoing and will continue into the next year.

Matric 2019

Our matric class of 2019 excelled in their results with a 100% pass rate, with 97% of our pupils achieving a Bachelor's degree entry pass. Furthermore, 13 pupils were placed in the top 1% in the country over 9 subjects.

The Board recognises and commends the academic staff for their tireless efforts in motivating and encouraging our girls to reach their full potential.

Pupil Matters

Maris Stella has certainly felt the effect in our pupil numbers of families emigrating or relocating within South Africa. The percentage due to pupil withdrawals due to emigration was 15% and 27% from relocation within South Africa.

Tribute

It was with sadness that we learnt of the passing of one of our Holy Family Sisters in January 2020. Sister Denise Boardman taught at Maris Stella for many years and was Principal here from 1971 - 1979. Maris Stella is privileged and grateful for the keen interest that Sister Denise always took in our school. May her soul rest in peace.

Staff Matters

During the 2019 year we bid farewell to Mrs Beth Prothero who retired after 38 years, Beth started out as a Grade 2 teacher and taught in all phases of our school. We also bid farewell to Janine Serrurier who retired after 33 year of teaching French.

The negative effects of emigration were also experienced within our staff, as 6 academic staff members and 1 admin staff member resigned due to emigration.

Bus Service

A morning bus service from the Highway area was started in 2015 and the proposed Durban North morning bus service will start in 2020, departing from Fairway across the road from Virginia Airport. The Highway bus service has proved quite popular and even has a waiting list for pupils wanting to join.

Finance, Sustainability, Buildings and Grounds

The finances and cash position of Maris Stella remain well controlled by our Bursar Carol Coubrough and the Finance Committee, chaired by Rod Paulus.

We are pleased that as a result of good financial governance, the annual fee escalations have yet again been able to be kept to single digit percentages.

I am pleased to report that the following upgrades and improvements were achieved during the 2019 financial year.

- The pool was heated in Term 1, a long-awaited project that will allow our girls to swim and train throughout the year
- After a short tender process, Phase 1 of our 3 Phase project to air-condition the school was completed. Phase 1 involved air conditioning the Matric exam venues, being the Centenary Room and two other rooms. The balance of the Phases will be executed from 2021 onwards

- The Tuck Shop was extended and modernized
- A face lift was undertaken in the Pre-school
- The men's bathroom was given a total upgrade with new fixtures and fittings
- The school reception area was fully revamped, and a total new modernized look was achieved

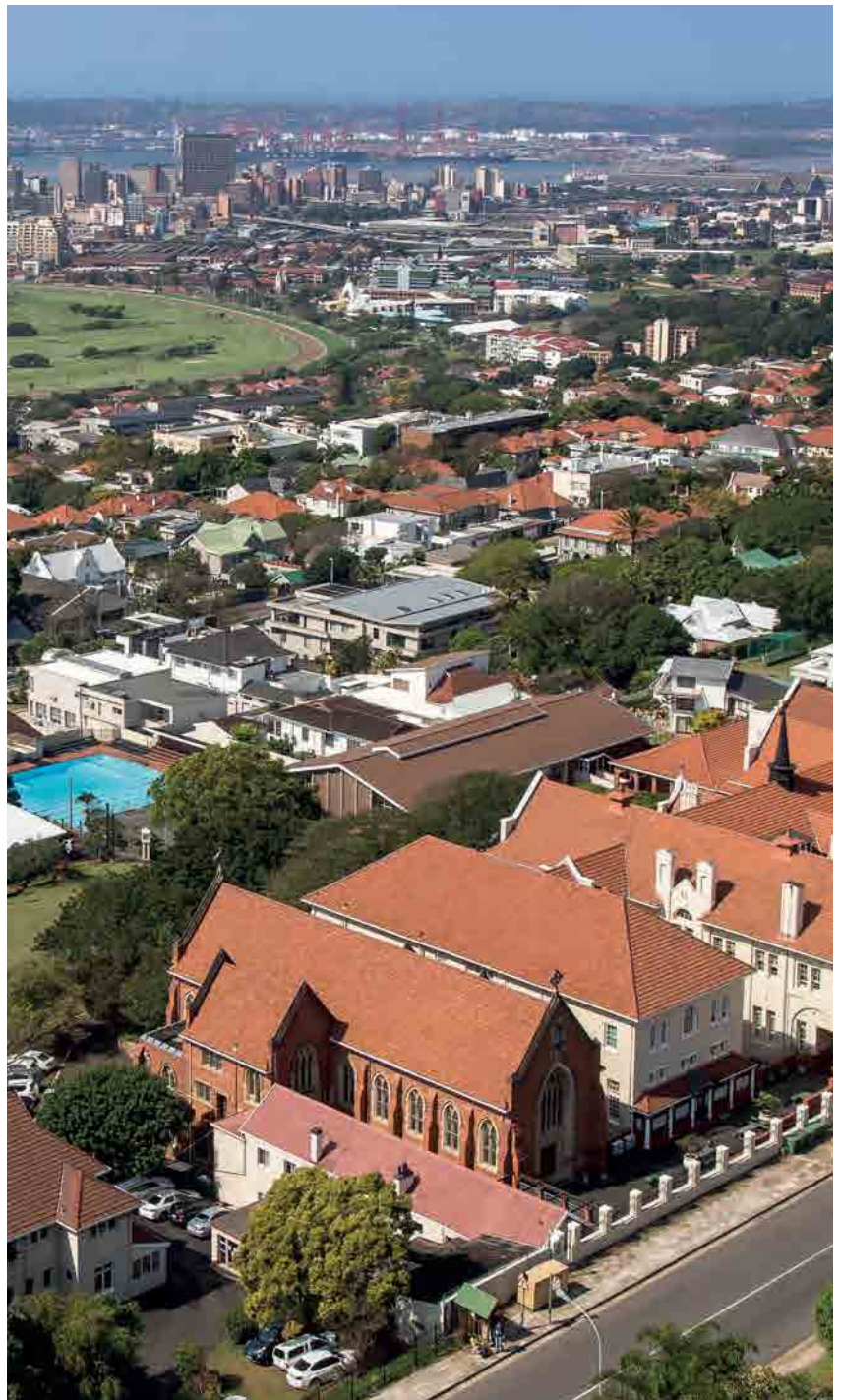
Ethos, Vision and Religious Education

Mrs Schmidt and Mrs Plumbly have steadfastly pursued the promotion, developing and maintenance of the Maris Stella Ethos with a faith and values-based holistic education for all our pupils. Maris Stella's Vision and Mission aims to fully reflect the distinctive nature of Catholic Education. Mrs Bodley, together with the Religious education staff, organized the Penitential Service, Paschal Meal, Taize Evenings, Carol Service and added Sunday Family Masses to our various other Masses throughout the year. These important events continue to give the religious life of the school proper prominence. The pupils continue to help those less fortunate than themselves, a charity is adopted by each class and is supported by the pupils from that class during the year which culminates in handing over cash, gifts or buying much needed appliances for the chosen class charity at the end of the year.

Conclusion

Lastly, thank you to my Vice-chair, Sharalene Randelhoff, for your wise counsel and continued commitment and service to Maris Stella and the Board.

We look forward to a successful 2020.



Preparatory Prize Giving

GRADE 4

Diligence: Awarded to the girls in the Prep Phase who are conscientious, hardworking and display a positive attitude towards their schoolwork. They have shown care and effort throughout the year, in 3 or more subjects:

*Anya Sachdeva
Madison Bell
Nikita Busby
Damita Dreyer
Gabriella Larsen
Ovayo Mlongwa
Ria Naidoo
Ava Peria
Kimberly Ramduth
Anvi Sachdeva*

Progress: Awarded to girls in the Prep Phase who have shown the largest improvement in aggregate from Term 2 to 4. Progress must have been made in three or more subjects. The following girls receive Progress Awards:

*Srida Ramdutt
Mia Van Rooyen*

Academic Achievement: Awarded to girls with a year aggregate of between 80 and 84%.

*Leia Braithwaite
Sophia Canciani
Layla Dinsdale
Kate Fobo
Lareina Kiliswa
Meher Maharaj
Riddhi Maharaj
Shreya Singh
Ruhi Sooklal*

Academic Excellence: Awarded to girls who have received a year aggregate of 85% and above. The following girls have been awarded Academic Excellence:

*Amy Aaron
Faye Bullen
Cameron Fraser
Anouk Maingard
Azara Mark
Yuvanka Pillay
Stacy Williams*

In Third Place and also receiving an Academic Award for Excellence is *Stacy Williams* with an overall average of 87.8%.

In Second Place and also receiving an Academic Award for Excellence is *Amy Aaron* with an overall average of 89%.

In First Place and also receiving an Academic Award for Excellence is *Azara Mark* with an overall average of 90.4%.

GRADE 5

Diligence: The following girls have been awarded Diligence in Grade 5:

*Leah Laurénz
Sahara Felix
Mishka Kassie
Georgia King
Tlotlo Motsosi
Ndalo Nkabinde
Olivia Poezyn
Anjali Ramkissoon
Shakira Rampiari
Monica Slinger
Reese Weideman*

Progress: Awarded to the following Grade 5 girls:

*Jordana Sewnath
Erin Joseph*

Academic Achievement: Awarded to girls with a year aggregate of between 80 and 84%.

*Paige Davies
Sofie Francke
Alitash Kalonji
Anni Luo
Lana Samuel
Neha Saroop
Erin Vermeulen*

Academic Excellence: Awarded to girls who have received a year aggregate of 85% and above. The following girls have been awarded Academic Excellence:

*Raegan Brouard
Mia Erasmus
Emma Hudson
Naledi Moshoeshoe
Julia Randelhoff
Hannah Savage
Kayla Thackwray*

In Third Place and receiving an award of Academic Excellence is *Raegan Brouard* with an overall aggregate of 86.9%.

In Second Place and receiving an award of Academic Excellence is *Emma Hudson* with an aggregate of 87.6%.

In First Place and receiving an award for Academic Excellence is *Kayla Thackwray* with an aggregate of 88.6%.

GRADE 6

Diligence: The following girls have been awarded Diligence in Grade 6:

*Kaylah George
Nyska Jagasur
Megan King
Rebecca Munro
Scarlett Solomon*

Progress: Awarded to the following Grade 6 girls:

*Caitlin Louw
Kate-Lynn Munsamy*

Commendable Work: In Grade 6 and 7, Commendable Work Awards are given to girls who have received a year aggregate of between 75% and 79%.

*Hemara Govender
Hayley Govindsamy
Siphokazi Gumede
Zara Khan
Brooke Martin
Mzuzu Mhlongo
Clara Millard
Shavishka Naidoo
Madison Schoonberg
Madison Stewart*

Academic Achievement: Awarded to girls with a year aggregate of between 80 and 84%.

*Sophie Dixon
Ella-Rose Gass
Eden Jordan
Juwharah Khan
Lenci Kiliswa
Lunathi Mdletshe
LA-Dhiya Moodley
Sophia Singh*

Academic Excellence: Awarded to girls who have received a year aggregate of 85% and above. The following girls have been awarded Academic Excellence:

*Mira Doorgapershad
Shreeya Naidoo
Samiksha Nunan
Caitlin Wylie*

In Third Place and receiving awards for Academic Excellence is *Mira Doorgapershad* with an aggregate of 85.1%.

In Second Place and receiving an award of Academic Excellence is *Caitlin Wylie* with an aggregate of 85.4%.

In First Place and receiving an award of Academic Excellence *Shreeya Naidoo* with an aggregate 86.3%.

GRADE 7

Diligence: The following girls have been awarded Diligence in Grade 7:

Simran Chetty
Lufuno Chili
Mia Francke
Thasmeera Govender
Gabriella Langlois
Meg McCormack
Hope Nightingale
Zahra Pather
Lindelwa Tembe

Progress: The following girls have been awarded Progress in Grade 7:

Abundant Adegunloye
Ntsako Mngoma

Academic Achievement: Awarded to girls with a year aggregate of between 80 and 84%:

Julia McAlister
Zandile Mkhize
Geetali Moodley
Yanga Ndlovu
Rachel Rabie
Kaitlyn Ramduth
Tanith Tiltman

Academic Excellence: Awarded to girls who have received a year aggregate of 85% and above:

Irene An
Amara Motala
Amy Thackwray
Mia Vlotman
Nicole Williams

GRADE 7 SPECIAL AWARDS

The Snoekie du Plessis Prep Choir Trophy goes to a choir member who exudes enthusiasm, displays a positive

attitude and a real passion for Choir. She also understands the ethics of Choir work. This year, the award goes to *Nicole Williams*.

The Courtois Trophy for General Knowledge is awarded to the girl who achieved the highest mark in the General Knowledge Quiz. This year it goes to *Ndalo Nkabinde*.

Subject prizes are awarded to the girls who achieved the highest mark in a subject, based on the year's mark.

First in English, with a year mark of 89%, the recipient of the Sister Jacque Dormehl Memorial Trophy is *Irene An*.

First in Afrikaans, with a year mark of 92%, the recipient of the Afrikaans Trophy is *Irene An*.

First in IsiZulu, with a year mark of 92%, the recipient of the Joel Peterson Trophy is *Naledi Ramokoena*.

First in Mathematics, with a year mark of 97%, the recipient of the D.J Drake Trophy is *Irene An*.

First in Social Sciences, with a year mark of 90%, the recipients of the Social Science Trophy are *Irene An* and *Nicole Williams*.

First in Natural Science, with a year mark of 90%, the recipients of the Bartholomew Trophy are *Nicole Williams* and *Amy Thackwray*.

First in EMS, with a year mark of 97%, the recipient of the EMS Trophy is *Nicole Williams*.

First in Art and Culture, with a year mark of 89%, the recipient of the Art and Culture Trophy is *Amy Thackwray*.

The Rama Asary Trophy for Excellence in Languages is awarded to a young lady who achieved the highest combined average in Languages. First

in Languages, with a combined mark of 91%, the recipient of the Rama Asary Trophy for Excellence in Languages is *Irene An*.

The Holy Family Trophy for Christian Leadership is awarded to a pupil who has shown Christian Leadership in the Prep School. This pupil is committed to her faith and to developing a closer relationship with God through her activities. She lives the faith that she professes by always being kind and considerate towards others and by setting an example of humility and love for one another. The recipient of this award is *Yanga Ndlovu*.

Drake Best All-Rounder Trophy was donated by Bruce Powers in memory of his grandmother, Francis Drake, who attended Maris Stella in 1904. She was a multi-talented young lady who involved herself fully in school life. For her talents both in and out of the classroom, the Drake Best All-Rounder Trophy for 2019 is awarded to *Hope Nightingale*.

Third Place in Grade 7, receiving a certificate of Academic Excellence is *Amy Thackwray* with an overall aggregate of 88.3%.

This year the **Runner up to Dux (Proxime Accessit)** is *Nicole Williams* with an overall aggregate of 89.8%.

Junior Dux for 2019 is *Irene An* with an aggregate of 91%.

The final award for this morning is the **Mike Beetar Memorial Trophy for Good Fellowship**:

When the Great Scorer comes to write against your name, he writes not whether you have won or lost but how you played the game. This award is determined purely from a vote by all the Grade 7 girls. The recipient of this most prestigious award received a majority of her peers' votes. Our good fellow for 2019 is *Hope Nightingale*.



GRADE 8

Diligence:

*Georgia Caro
Shreya Chetty
Mia King
Kaela-Shane Manikam
Onke Msomi*

Academic Achievement for a year aggregate of between 80% and 84%.

*Megan Cholwich
Kwethu Dlamini
Saskya Ramdas
Tori Stirling
Noziphlo Zikhali*

High School Prize Giving

Academic Excellence for a year aggregate of 85% and above.

*Robyn Aaron
Ella Briant
Tatum Brouard
Shaowen Chen
Cassidy Harris
Théa Naidoo
Anathi Nene
Rachael Shorey*

Academic Excellence and Third in Grade 8:

Raeven Phillips

Academic Excellence and Second in Grade 8:

Jamie Le Roux

Academic Excellence and First in Grade 8:

Alice Charlton

GRADE 9

Progress Awards:

*Kwanda Buthelezi
Isabella Wood*

Diligence:

*Micaela Clayton
Paige Cox
Nkazimulo Khumalo
Chloe Morrow
Maneo Mthethwa
Zenani Shabalala*

Academic Achievement for a year aggregate of between 80% and 84%.

*Alyssa Gass
Jemimah Gass
Sophie Herman
Rachel Hudson
Cara Message
Bethany Moore
Yashna Padayachee
Wanga Ramenu
Tyla Reen
Pia Sooklal
Tatum Stewardson
Olivia Tostée
Jannah Winter*

Academic Excellence for a year aggregate of 85% and above.

*Arya Harribarran
Nizole Mzileni
Bhavika Parmar
Sian Trent*

Academic Excellence and Third in Grade 9:

Sasthi Naidoo

Academic Excellence and Second in Grade 9:

Shasthi Naidoo

Academic Excellence and First in Grade 9:

Jasmine Wylie

GRADE 10

Certificate of Merit: For achieving between 455-487 marks, for an aggregate of between 70%-74% based on the year's work.

*Hannah Bullen
Tayla Good
Sofia Maingard
Tsidi Motta
Siphokazi Mpungose
Sharvani Naicker
Diya Pather
Chloé Pillay
Limakatso Ramokoena*

Academic Half-Colours: For achieving between 488-519 marks, an aggregate of between 75%-79%.

*Madison Briant
Sophia Brink
Lauren Dobeyn
Joanne Gersbach
Isabella Hislop
Yuvika Lutchman
Emma Osborne
Sarah Proctor
Sarah Randelhoff*

Academic Full Colours: For achieving between 520-552 marks, an aggregate of between 80%-84%.

*Pooja Magan
Talia Persadh
Sonali Reathlall*

Academic Honours: For achieving more than 553 marks, an aggregate of 85% and above.

*Kamishka Pather
Kaitlynn Sitharam
Julia Tostee*

Academic Honours and Third in Grade 10:

Shristi Sooklal

Academic Honours and Second in Grade 10:

Isla Wilson

Academic Honours and First in Grade 10:

Isabella Rowley

GRADE 11

Diligence:

*Jade Pottinger
Andria van der Linde*

Certificate of Merit:

*Holly Davey
Erica Hair
Ashley Le Roux
Arya Maharaj
Dayna Miller
Ufezile Mtolo
LéKayler Murugan
Oluhle Ndlovu
Thandolwenkosi Nomvungu
Chloë Van den Berg
Hayley Wasserman*

Academic Half-Colours:

*Kristen Folpini
Yeshni Gounden
Andiswa Gumbi
Bayanda Gumede
Yoliswa Mhlongo
Kyra Murray
Alayna Naidu
Jemma Ross
Zinhle Sithole
Kyla Stirling
Noxolo Xolo*

Academic Full Colours:

*Demi Coskey
Clio Gallo
Sinelihle Mncibi
Jody Ribbink*

Academic Full Colours and Third in Grade 11:

Hanna Khan

Academic Honours and Second in Grade 11:

Jessica Cholwich

Academic Honours and First in Grade 11:

Shriyaa Sooklal



GRADE 12

In Grade 12 for the purposes of these awards, the individual subject marks consist of a year mark comprising 75% Trials Examination mark and 25% Portfolio mark. The awards in Grade 12, as in the rest of the Senior Phase, are calculated based on the seven subjects studied. All subjects with the exception of Life Orientation carry a maximum total of 100 marks each. The Maths Literacy mark is weighted to bring it in line with Core Mathematics and Life Orientation is reduced to a maximum mark of 50. This means that the total number of marks which can be obtained is 650 marks.

Certificate of Merit: For those who achieved between 455-487 marks – This equates to an aggregate of between 70 – 74%

*Jorja Ashford
Julia Blythe
Maxine Butler
Hannah Dingley
Tyler Gabriel
Yadhasia Govender
Paige Harwood
Kayla Hinchliffe
Gina Hogg
Bianca Hooper
Megan Lombard
Siyamthanda Mngoma
Tayla Morrow
Ukhona Ngcongco
Jessica Petzer*

Academic Half - Colours: For between 488-519 marks, which equates to an aggregate of between 75 – 79%

*Hannah Constantine
Chloé Garrioch
Survivor Gwala
Bronwyn Harris
Arielle Jack
Lulu Mbanga
Kaiya Naidu
Tiana Singh*

Academic Full Colours: For between 520 and 552 marks, in other words, for an aggregate of between 80 – 84%

*Kwazikwakhe Ndlovu
Lucy Paynter
Rebecca Standage*

Academic Honours: For more than 553 marks, for an aggregate mark of 85 and above %

Amy Randelhoff

INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT PRIZES IN GRADE 12

The Holy Family South African Centenary Trophy and Book Prize for the top overall pupil in English

Amy Randelhoff

The English Oral Trophy

*Lulu Mbanga
Amy Randelhoff*

The Book Prize for the top student in Advanced Programme English

Lulu Mbanga

The Verhoef Trophy for the Most Improved Student in Afrikaans.

Kaiya Naidu

Afrikaans Trophy and Book Prize for the top pupil in Afrikaans and the Afrikaans Oral Trophy

Amy Randelhoff

The Mkabayi Trophy for the most improved non-mother tongue speaker in isiZulu.

*Julia Blythe
Maxine Butler*

The Nokubonga Mhlongo Memorial Trophy and Book Prize for top pupil in isiZulu

Survivor Gwala

The isiZulu Oral Trophy

Noxolo Mcunu and Ukhona Ngcongco

French Trophy and Book Prize for top pupil in French and the Elaine de Rauville Memorial Trophy for French Oral

Lucy Paynter

The Trophy for the most improved in Mathematics

Alisha Chutarpal

The Sister Gertrude Trophy and Book Prize for Mathematics and the top Student in AP Mathematics

Amy Randelhoff

The Marina de Rauville Trophy and Book Prize for the top pupil in Mathematical Literacy

Lucy Paynter

The Michelle Mc Bean Memorial Trophy for Accounting and Book Prize

Amy Randelhoff

The Business Studies Trophy and Book Prize for the top student in Business Studies

Kaiya Naidu

The Archbishop Hurly Trophy and Book Prize for the top Life Sciences student

Amy Randelhoff

History Trophy and Book Prize for the top pupil in History

Lucy Paynter

Physical Sciences Trophy and Book Prize for the top pupil in Physical Science

Amy Randelhoff

Geography Trophy and Book Prize for the top pupil in Geography and the Carol Eichstadt Trophy for Mapwork

Hannah Constantine

Consumer Studies Trophy and Book Prize for the top pupil in Consumer Studies

Tyler Gabriel

Consumer Studies Practical Prize

Brenna Tooley

The Book Prize for the top student in Music and the Music Trophy for the

top student in Practical Music

Rebecca Standage

The Kenlyn Sutherland Drama Trophy (for enthusiasm and participation in Drama)

*Lulu Mbangwa
Tayla Morrow*

The Ashby-Sutherland Trophy for Excellence in Drama performance and the Torrie Van Jaarsveldt Memorial Trophy for the Top pupil in Drama

Lucy Paynter

The Gaylard Trophy for Art for the top student in theory as well as the Brigitta Gaylard Trophy for Art Practical

Jessica Petzer

Life Orientation Book Prize and Trophy

Amy Randelhoff

The Principal's award to the Head Girl & Deputy Head Girls to thank them for their service and contribution to the life of the school, and for everything that they have done to lead the school in 2019

*Ukhona Ngcongco
Lucy Paynter
Arielle Jack*

Snoekie du Plessis Trophy for Contribution to the High School Choir

Maxine Butler

The Eleanor Hough Trophy for Community Service

Senamile Dlamini

Quid Retribuam Trophy

Survivor Gwala

The Maris Stella Old Girls' Achievement Award

Maxine Butler

The Christine Scribante Memorial Trophy for exceptional diligence

Kwazikwakhe Ndlovu

The Esprit De Corps Trophy

Ukhona Ngcongco

The Emile Scott Macnab Trophy for Graciousness

Kwazikwakhe Ndlovu

Rebecca Benn Award for Fortitude

Hannah Watt

The Holy Family Trophy for Christian Leadership

*Arielle Jack
Lucy Paynter
Ukhona Ngcongco*

The Good Fellowship Award: Voted by the Grade 12 girls:

Kwazikwakhe Ndlovu

Proxime Accessit (Runner-Up To Dux) is

Rebecca Standage

The Top Academic Award – The 2019 Dux is

Amy Randelhoff

The Susan Keane Memorial Trophy for The Complete Maris Stella Girl

Ukhona Ngcongco





ATHLETICS

Most Promising Athlete
Ella-Rose Gass

Athlete of the Year
Caitlyn Gooding

CROSS COUNTRY

Most Promising Athlete
Ella-Rose Gass

Sports Awards

Athlete of the Year
Alyssa Gass and Jemimah Gass

BADMINTON

Player of the Year
Survivor Gwala

INDOOR HOCKEY

U14 Anchor Award
Louise Lee

U14 Player of the Year
Jamie Le Roux

U16 Anchor Award
*Kayla Christie
Sophie Herman*

U16 Player of the Year
Rebecca Fouquereaux

OPEN Anchor Award
*Brooklyn Chislett
Amy Randelhoff*

OPEN Player of the Year
Kelsey Wassink

OUTDOOR HOCKEY

U10 Anchor Award
Amy Aaron

U10 Most Promising
*Leia Braithwaite
Lareina Kiliswa*

U11 Anchor Award
Hannah Savage

U11 Most Promising
Kayla Thackwray

U13 Anchor Award
Lunathi Mdletshe

U13 Most Promising
*Eyethu Shabangu
Amy Thackwray*

U14 Anchor Award
Robyn Aaron

U14 Player of the Year
Khanyisa Vena

U16 Anchor Award
Tyla Loots

U16 Player of the Year
*Sarah Proctor
Zinhle Sithole*

OPEN Anchor Award
*Lauren Proctor
Jaime Proudfoot*

OPEN Player of the Year
Megan Lombard

NETBALL

U11 Anchor Award
Paige Davies

U11 Most Promising
Kayla Thackwray

U13 Anchor Award
Rachel Rabie

U13 Most Promising
Mia Vlotman

U14 Anchor Award
Nyiko Mathe

U14 Player of the Year
Nasipha Dlamini

U15 Anchor Award
Megan Schroeder

U15 Player of the Year
Olivia Tostee

U16 Anchor Award
Isla Wilson

U16 Player of the Year
Julia Tostee

OPEN Anchor Award
Luyanda Ndlovu

OPEN Player of the Year
Survivor Gwala

SOCCER

Anchor Award
Kgothatso Phahla

U14 Player of the Year
Khanyisa Vena

U16 Player of the Year
Asanda Mngomezulu

1st Team Player of the Year
Yoliswa Mhlongo

SOFTBALL

Anchor Award
Teagan Wilkinson

Player of the Year
Jenna O'Brien

SPRINGBOARD DIVING

Most Promising Diver
Mackenzie van Niekerk

Diver of the Year
Jannah Winter

SWIMMING - PREP

Anchor Award
Julia McAlister

Anchor Award
Lenci Kiliswa

Swimmer of the Year
*Hannah Savage and
Madison Stewart*

SWIMMING - HIGH SCHOOL

Anchor Award
Ilse Southey

Swimmer of the Year
Robyn Aaron

TENNIS

Anchor Award
Kyra Murray

Player of the Year
*Kaitlyn Ramduth and
Sophia Singh*

WATERPOLO

Anchor Award
Megan Lombard

Player of the Year
Isabella Hislop

ALL-ROUNDER AWARDS PREPARATORY

*Shay-Lea Geustyn - Diving, Hockey,
Netball, Swimming, Water Polo*

*Hannah Savage - Cross Country,
Diving, Hockey, Netball, Swimming,
Water Polo*

Kayla Thackwray - Cross Country, Hockey, Netball, Swimming, Water Polo

ALL-ROUNDER AWARDS HIGH SCHOOL

*Aimee Dunn - Diving, Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Swimming
Madison Enslin - Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Swimming*

Survivor Gwala - Badminton, Hockey, Netball, Soccer, Tennis

Chloe Morrow - Hockey, Netball, Soccer, Softball

Kgothatso Phahla - Hockey, Netball, Soccer, Softball

Saskya Ramdas - Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Swimming

Megan Schroeder - Netball, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Water Polo

PROVINCIAL/NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

South African Karate Team

*Aimee Dunn
Nyska Jagasur
Chloe Pillay*

South African Life Saving Team

Tatum Botha (U19)

**South African Swimming
Championships**

Robyn Aaron

South African Tennis Team

Kaitlyn Ramduth (U14)

South African Water Polo Team

Isabella Hislop

KZN Action Netball Team

*Nasipha Dlamini (U14)
Nyiko Mathe (U14)
Mia Vlotman (U13)*

KZN Athletics Team

Ella-Rose Gass

KZN Diving Team

*Aimee Dunn
Emma Meyer
Addison Miskey
Mackenzie van Niekerk
Jannah Winter*

KZN Drum Majorettes

Mawande Mtongana

KZN Duathlon Team

*Alyssa Gass
Ella-Rose Gass
Jemimah Gass*

KZN Hockey Team

*Megan Lombard (U18 Non-
Travelling Reserve)
Zinhle Sithole (U16B)
Khanyisa Vena (U14A)*

KZN Netball Team

*Olivia Tostee (U15 Non-
Travelling Reserve)*

KZN Soccer Team

Yolisua Mhlongo (U19)

KZN Softball Team

*Caitlyn Gooding (U17)
Jenna O'Brien (U17)*

KZN Swimming Team

Kaylyn Asgeir-Nielsen

KZN Tennis Team

Sophia Singh

KZN Triathlon Team

*Alyssa Gass
Ella-Rose Gass
Jemimah Gass*

KZN Water Polo Team

*Kaylyn Asgeir-Nielsen (U16A)
Georgia Erskine (U19A Non-
Travelling Reserve)
Isabella Halstead (U14A)
Megan Lombard (U19A)
Lea-Shane Manikam (U13B)
Ilse Southey (U14A)*

BEST IN AGE GROUP TROPHIES

Grade 4 - Lareina Kiliswa

Grade 5 - Hannah Savage

Grade 6 - Ella-Rose Gass

Grade 7 - Mia Vlotman

Grade 8 - Aimee Dunn

**Grade 9 - Alyssa Gass and
Jemimah Gass**

Grade 10 - Isabella Hislop

Grade 11 - Caitlyn Gooding

Grade 12 - Megan Lombard

SPORTS HONOURS

**For outstanding and continued
commitment to sport at Maris Stella
Megan Lombard**

**SPORTS WOMAN OF THE YEAR
FOR 2019 AND OVERALL VICTRIX
LUDORUM**

Caitlyn Gooding



Cultural Awards

PREP (GRADES 4 - 7)

ART

Most Promising Artist:

*Amy Aaron
Paige Davies
Caitlin Louw*

Anchor Award:

*Lufuno Chili
Allegra Jones*

Artist of the Year:

Naledi Ramokoena

DANCE

Certificate of Recognition:

*Farin Gild
Lareina Kiliswa
Kate Simpson*

DRAMA

Most Promising Performer:

*Camryn Linderboom
Shreeya Naidoo
Yanga Ndlovu
Madison Stewart
Tanishtha Vaid*

Anchor Award:

*Paige de Bruin
Hope Nightingale
Nicole Williams*

Performer of the Year:

*Zandile Mkhize
Naledi Ramokoena
Amy Thackuray*

MUSIC

Most Promising Choir Member:

Alitash Kalonji

Anchor Award:

*Tehillah Adonis
Lenci Kiliswa
Gabriella Langlois
Zandile Mkhize
Yanga Ndlovu
Anjali Ramkissoo
Naledi Ramokoena
Hannah Savage
Erin Vermeulen
Nicole Williams*

Performer of the Year:

Irene An

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Most Promising Debator:

Azile Ngubane

Anchor Award:

Tanith Tiltman

Speaker of the Year:

Yanga Ndlovu

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 8 - 12)

ART

Most Promising Artist:

*Holly Nightingale
Chloé Pillay
Sarah Saunders
Rachael Shorey*

Anchor Award:

*Maxine Butler
Bianca Hooper
Hannah Watt*

Scroll for Art:

Hannah Watt

Junior Artists of the Year:

*Bethany Moore
Sasthi Naidoo*

Senior Artist of the Year:

Jessica Petzer

DANCE

Certificate of Recognition:

*Jasmine Wylie
Bethany Moore
Kaylee Walker
Allegra Brouckaert
Ashleigh Prinsloo
Mia King
Théa Naidoo
Holly Nightingale*

Anchor Award:

*Dayna Miller
Brenna Tooley
Jenna O'Brien
Mpho Sigcau*

Scroll for Dance:

Dayna Miller

Honours:

Jody Ribbink

Senior Dancer of the Year:

Hannah Constantine





DRAMA

Certificate of Recognition:
Yolande Ndulelisa

Anchor Award:
*Julia Blythe
Alisha Chutarpal
Hannah Constantine
Thandolwethu Dlamini
Survivor Gwala
Sinempilo Khathi
Lulu Mbanga
Aimee-Sera McLeod
Akhona Mkhize
Nokuphila Mthembu
Nizole Mzileni
Ukhona Ngongo
Limakatso Ramokoena
Sian Trent*

Most Promising Junior Performer:
*Grace Harwood
Shasthi Naidoo*

Most Promising Senior Performer:
*Bayanda Gumede
Lucy Paynter*

Junior Performer of the Year:
Rachel Hudson

Senior Performer of the Year:
*Maxine Butler
Tayla Morrow*

MUSIC

Most Promising Performer:
Zinhle Sithole

Anchor Award:
*Sophia Brink
Jamie Coetzee
Thandolwethu Dlamini*

*Bayanda Gumede
Tshiamo Gumede
Arielle Jack
Sinempilo Khathi
Londeka Manyoni
Aimee-Sera McLeod
Akhona Mkhize
Sinelihle Tendai Mncibi
Tiana Moorogasen
Nokuphila Mthembu
Kaiya Naidu
Oluhle Ndlovu
Jemma Ross
Rebecca Standage
Isla Wilson*

Half Colours:
Jamie Livingstone

Full Colours:
Ukhona Ngongo

Performer of the Year:
Ukhona Ngongo

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Most Improved Public Speaker:
Arya Maharaj

Most Promising Public Speaker:
Kamishka Pather

Anchor Award:
*Rachel Hudson
Lulu Mbanga
Sinelihle Tendai Mncibi
Shriyaa Sooklal*

Junior Speaker of the Year:
Raeven Phillips

Senior Speaker of the Year:
Shristi Sooklal



Why do we love Maris Stella?

- Written on our 120th Birthday, 22 May 2019 -

Maris Stella has been my place to call home and my sanctuary for 13 years. I came into this school not knowing what to expect, now I can't imagine not walking through those gates into this beautiful environment.

- *Tamryn Palani, 12M* -

What I love about Maris Stella is its family values. To make a group of diverse people feel loved and appreciated is extremely commendable. Because of Maris Stella I have finally built a sisterhood with each and every sister in my grade. I hope that these family values will sustain and create more sisterhood.

- *Yoliswa Mhlongo, 11C* -

My favourite memory of Maris Stella happened on a rainy day back in Grade 2. It was the day of the Inter-house Gala and I was walking down the hill with a plate of treats. At the time, I was wearing my brand new slops and in my haste I slipped in the rain, and my plate of biscuits went flying. Luckily our Principal, Mrs Schmidt, was there and she helped me to pick up my treats and feel better considering I was embarrassed. This was one of my many tastes of my Maris Stella family. I've been here for 11 years and Maris Stella has become my second family.

- *Shristi Sooklal, 10N* -

I love that me and my friends have our own special spot to talk in the mornings and during break. And I also love art with Mr J.

- *Tatum Stewardson, 9D* -

I don't think I have a favourite memory here at Maris Stella because each day only gets better and better. This year is my first year at Maris Stella and I'm so happy that I applied here.

I look forward to coming to school every day. Every day here at Maris Stella is a great memory.

- *Sharndré Nicholson, 8M* -

I have so many amazing memories at Maris Stella. One of my favourite memories is athletics day. Everyone cheers for their house and you support each other no matter what. We are a family.

- *Julia McAlister, 7H* -

My favourite memory of Maris Stella is every day. I come to school and make the best memories with my friends and family and teachers. Together we laugh, play and learn new things. Together we can do anything.

- *Scarlett Solomon, 6C* -

I love Maris Stella because you can be who you are without anyone judging you. Keep calm and be a Maris Stella girl!

- *Neha Saroop, 5N* -

I love Maris Stella because I get to spend time with my friends that I have known since Pre-school. I love it also because of the lovely buildings and how old their designs are.

- *Ava Peria, 4T* -

Maris Stella, a home away from home. A place where your teachers become your second moms and your class mates become your sisters. I don't think I would ever be the person I am today without this school.

I have loved every moment here and Maris Stella will always hold a special place in my heart.

- *Samishka Chetty, 12V* -

I love Maris Stella because it is a home that has shaped me and given me a firm platform to be rooted in and grow from. My community is Maris Stella and I will be eternally grateful. I am so privileged to have been a part of this family.

- *Jody Ribbink 11I* -

My favourite memory is realising I had made a huge mistake leaving the school and coming back a term later.

- *Lauren Dobeyn, 10N* -

My best memory was my Touchstone 2019 experience. I love that Maris Stella is my second home. It is welcoming and has such a special place in my heart. Its ethos is also very encouraging.

- *Paige Cox, 9L* -

My favourite part of Maris Stella is that I have made so many special friends here, which I never made at my last school. My friends are so caring towards me. They are so encouraging and kind, and I could not ask for any better friends in my life. Happy Birthday Maris Stella, the best school ever!

- *Tori Stirling, 8H* -

I love Maris Stella because of my fun and creative friends who love and support me. It's an amazing school and I wake up with a smile on my face knowing I'll be here. I love the pool and the library and the amazing view.

- *Lenci Kiliswa, 6K* -

I love Maris Stella because on the first day of Pre-school in the Blue Group, lots of people were so kind to me and I made lots of friends and they're still my friends to this day.
- Amy Aaron, 4T -

Maris Stella, I can't explain how much you have forever changed my life. I have experienced so much love and support – in fact the most I have ever experienced. Thanks so much for all the wonderful memories and life-long friends. Happy Birthday Maris Stella.
- Jessica Petzer, 12V -

A home away from home, Maris Stella echoes the epitomy of family and sister-like values. I've never been prouder to be part of such an establishment.
- Shriyaa Sooklal, 11I -

This is my 11th year at Maris Stella and I cannot be happier. My favourite memory is at Aftercare in Prep when we watched movies every Friday. I have met people who will remain in my life forever. I love the holistic values that are instilled in us and how we all feel loved. I will truly stay a believer in Maris Stella forever!
- Kamishka Pather, 10N -

My favourite memory of Maris Stella was when we had the Grade 7 sleepover in 2017 and we ran around the school in the middle of the night! My other favourite memory is Touchstone and being with my friends for 10 days.
- Tejal Soodyall, 9T -

I might be new to Maris Stella but I already have many unforgettable memories. Maris Stella is the best choice I have made when choosing a high school. This school might be old but countless new memories are

made. Every single girl treats me as a sister, which makes me feel happy. Happy Birthday Maris Stella.
- Shreya Sewsanker, 8W -

My favourite memory of Maris Stella is all the birthdays, and my first day in Grade 1 because everyone was so kind to me. I will always be a Maris Stella girl in my heart.
- Tanishtha Vaid, 7H -

Maris Stella is special to me because wherever we are, we are always laughing and having fun. I have made the best friends ever and am lucky to have kind teachers who are always helping me to do my best.
- Raegan Brouard, 5N -

My favourite things about Maris Stella are the I Heart Maris Stella Market and the beautiful and perfect chapel, but most of all the kind staff and the Principal.
- Enhle Ndlovu, 4S -

I cannot think of just one amazing memory I have made at Maris Stella because there have been so many that I will cherish forever. All my teachers and friends make Maris Stella feel like my second home and an environment that I can really thrive in.
- Chloe Garrioch, 12J -

Maris Stella has allowed me to express myself in so many ways which has allowed me to grow as a person. The teachers are my second mothers and I am proud to call myself a Stella Girl.
- Kyla Stirling, 11I -

My favourite memories of being at Maris Stella are the grade retreats, masses and assemblies, where I get to be with the people in my class and just enjoy the feeling of being a part of one big family. My favourite part

of the school is the library, and the mood in our school is one of love, faith and togetherness.
- Talila Persadh, 10N -

The best memory that I have of Maris Stella was the first time when I stepped foot into this school. I could see my future self-belonging to Maris Stella and I knew that this was where I was going to spend my High School years!
- Leah Naidoo, 9T -

I love Maris Stella because the teachers are the BEST people EVER. I also love the Matrics to bits as they always love and care for me. My favourite memory about Maris Stella was the Grade 8 Retreat and the Top 10 Gala. My favourite place to go to is the swimming pool. My favourite teachers are Miss Tjasink and Mrs Henderson.
- Madison Enslin, 8H -

My favourite thing about Maris Stella is all the history. I love walking through the hallways and looking at the old pictures, benches and ornaments. I also love the stories people tell us.
- Saheli Reathlall, 7H -

What I love most about Maris Stella is our motto, Suspice Confide. It has a very special meaning for me. I have been at this school all my life and that motto has always helped me through my troubles. Happy Birthday Maris Stella!
- Eden Jordan, 6C -

My favourite memory is the movies in pyjamas in my classroom. Miss Schwegmann's classroom is my happy place.
- Tlotlo Motsosi, 5S -

My favourite memory of Maris Stella was when it was the camp out, and when I started here with an awesome teacher.
- Gabriella Larsen, 4S -

Happy 120th birthday
Maris Stella!

Pre-school

OUTREACH REPORT

What a joy it is to support the Mary Asher and St Gabriel's Homes in Sydenham! The residents there are always so appreciative of our gifts and they especially enjoy the handmade cards from our girls. Each term when one of our classes goes to visit them, the residents respond so well to the girls and enjoy getting involved in the actions of the songs. Our girls interact so well with them and really brighten up their day! They have also valued being included at school in our Grandparents' Day Show and Christmas Concert, when they are made to feel a part of our Maris Stella Family. The money collected from our 'Fun Food Fridays' goes towards purchasing a big item. Last year we managed to give them a washing machine which has been well used this year. It is so rewarding being involved in a community project where we really make a difference.



Playtime!





000 - Blue Group

Fourth Row | Ava Grace Vainikainen, Anna Fabian
Third Row | Mrs Moonsamy, Zenande Mafuna, Lily Broom, Gabriella Monti, Aimee Edeh, Mila Richards, Mrs Edwards
Second Row | Ella Axon, Ava Love Oakley, Angelee Adams, Dahlia Dawood, Anele Gumede, Simdumise Mthembu
Front Row | Kristen Thurtell, Atarah Dwarika, Ava Blom, Harper Johnsen, Sinalo Makaula
Absent | Avani and Aarya Sabapathy, Melo Ncube, Aralyn Rodrigues, Sloane Slack



00 - Red Group

Fourth Row | Okufanele Dlamini, Azariya Singh, Gabriella Klynsmith, Saskia Moodley, Olivia Steytler, Katelyn Gokul, Lubanzi Luthuli, Mackenzie Schoonberg, Isabella Napier
Third Row | Amara Chukwu, Kaylee Ferreira, Taeya Ragaven, Mrs Kopke
Second Row | Jenna Noordman, Denali Naidu, Hannah Draai, Lâle Algir, Hannah Lathleiff, Swazi Masinga
Front Row | Jacqueline Joseph, Eliyanah Naidoo, Liyana Seedat, Caitlyn Lowe, Samara Chathuri
Absent | Sophia Joubert



R - Green Group

Third Row | Thingo Mhlongo, Ava Chetty
Second Row | Mahi Ramkissoon, Ayamaah Mazibuko, Layla Thurtell, Isla Elliott, Kenzie Morgan, Nur'aan Rasool, Lisa Msomi, Mrs Crick, Tuduetso Masilo
Front Row | Yamihle Mdlalose, Ava Harpur, Sienna Naidoo, Abigail Surtees, Abbey Gradidge
Absent | Grace Rohan



R - Yellow Group

Third Row | Iminathi Mtshali, Zanemvula Khanyile, Arrabella Purnell, Mamira Ojo
Second Row | Eliorah Kalonji, Jesse Visagie, Mrs van Rensburg, Amanda Mfeka, Ava Bezuidenhout, Meghna Doorasamy, Linesihe Ngubane, Eyama Dyariwe
Front Row | Kirsha Naidu, Saira Naidoo, Rachel Scott, Adila Akoo, Mahi Ramdutt



Grandparents' Day



Go Bokke!



Gardening Fun





Mother's Day
Teddy Bears
Picnic



Dad's &
Daughter's





Sunflower
Fund Day





Sports Day





Christmas Concert



Grade 1



CHARITY REPORT

The Grade 1 classes decided to support the S.A Guide Dogs Association again this year. Our girls managed to raise the incredible amount of R9 838 for this very worthy cause. This amount was raised by the girls weekly donation for Baker-Baker. We are truly grateful to our parents for making this possible.

In November we had a visit from the Guide Dog Society, who brought 2 guide dogs with them. The girls were so excited and couldn't wait to meet the dogs. When Daisy, a Golden Retriever and Cola, a black Labrador came into the room the little girls' faces lit up and many "oohs and ahs" could be heard!

Ane Roux from the Guide Dog Society told the girls about the difference between a guide dog and a service dog. A guide dog helps a blind person and a service dog assists a person in a wheel chair. She also told the girls that it costs R300 000 to train a guide dog. The training period is 2 years.

The highlight of the talk for the girls was when they were allowed to pat or hug Daisy. Unfortunately, they were not allowed to touch Cola as he is still a "learner" guide dog.

Mrs Pearce and Miss Soper would like to thank the Grade 1 parents for their willing and generous support of our class charity.



AP - Mrs Pearce

Third Row

Raelynne Gwala, Alexis Boyers, Emma Chetty, Lethabo Maringa, Tori Morgan, Zoë Napier, Nandi Madlala, Leah LeCourt de Billot

Second Row

Zenande Nxumalo, Sabelwe Gumede, Oriah Joffe, Anele Ndlovu, Alexa Engelbrecht, Mackenzie Payne, Savannah Werner, Mulo Mthembu

Front Row

Brooklyn Chite, Unam Mukendi, Sianna Govinden, Mrs Pearce, Taylor Peters, Kahra Sheoprosad, Ava Morrow

Absent

Zekhethelo Mtshali

First Day of Grade 1



Artists of Grade 1



19- Miss Soper

Third Row | Azande Mavuso, Emma Conde, Kyra Chetty, Katriellah Kalonji, Zikora Nwude, Ifeoma Edeh, Drew Gild, Kristen Persadh, Humaira Seedat
Second Row | Madison Cole, Uminathi Ngidi, Ella Luo, Olwethu Mazula, Thandolwenkosi Mseleku, Slowen Hulley, Ayakha Hlabisa, Mikayla Naidoo
Front Row | Jumeirah Chandermun, Jordan Francis, Cara Paulus, Miss Soper, Aurya Rodrigues, Azraa Asmal, Isabella Van Staden

The Busy Lives of 7P

On Friday my friends fetched me from school. On Saturday I watched half of the rugby. I also had a sleep over. On Sunday I went to the beach, we wet our feet.
- **Siddhi Maharaj** -

I went to fix my dad's car at Frank's Tyres. Me and my dad walked home and on the walk we took a photo. It was fun.
- **Oriah Joffe** -

On Saturday my sister got admitted into hospital because she had a heavy chest. Then on Sunday she was discharged.
- **Kahra Sheoprosad** -

On the weekend I went to the Museum and I was scared at first but it was fantastic. There was a statue of a leopard in the tree and it was biting a deer. It looked cool.
- **Emma Chetty** -

The school bus went to the Animal Farm. It was in Ballito. I saw two horses their names were Livana and Princess Fiona.
- **Tori Morgan** -

On Saturday I had golf lessons and I had lots of fun. I learnt when you hit a ball near someone you shout four.
- **Alexis Boyers** -

On Sunday I went to the beach with my family.
- **Zekhethelo Mtshali** -

On Saturday my friends came for a visit. Then we went to the pool and then they went home. On Sunday my grandmother came for a visit.
- **Mackenzie Payne** -

On Sunday I went to Auriya's party and it was at the Gateway Bowling Alley. I had a strike and I had lots of fun.
- **Alexa Engelbrecht** -

On Saturday I went to my granny's home and I ate ice cream. On Sunday I stayed with my aunty.
- **Lethabo Maringa** -

On Saturday I went to a party. We had cake and ice cream. It was amazing. We played fun games. It was a lovely day.
- **Unam Mukendi** -

On Saturday me and my cousin went to the fair. We went on the rollercoaster and it was so amazing. My aunty bought us ice creams.
- **Sianna Govinden** -

After break up day I went to Nelspruit to visit my grandfather and my uncle.
- **Anele Ndlovu** -

I went to the cinema to watch a movie with my family. We ate popcorn.
- **Zoë Napier** -

I went to my granny's house with my brother.
- **Brooklyn Chite** -

On my long holiday I went to Cape Town. I went to Table Mountain and I had fun.
- **Nandi Madlala** -

On Saturday me and my sister jumped on the trampoline. On Sunday my sister had her Confirmation. After that we had a celebration.
- **Ava Morrow** -

On Monday I went to the Flag Animal Farm. I saw a snake and I rode a horse. I fed a rabbit. I had a great time.
- **Raelynne Gwala** -

On Tuesday I went to my grandmother's house. I drank some tea. My brother and I were playing games.
- **Leah LeCourt De Billot** -

My sisters came to have a sleep over. It was great with my sisters. We had lots of snacks.
- **Zenande Nxumalo** -

On Friday I had Sports Day. I was in Ambrose. We won the Spirit Cup.
- **Savannah Werner** -

I went home and we had a braai. Me and my brother played outside.
- **Taylor Peters** -

On Saturday I watched the Rugby World Cup. I had popcorn and I was happy.
- **Mulo Mthembu** -



THE WEEKEND NEWS

- FROM 1S -

Azraa Asmal reports...

"On the weekend I went to Krispy Kremes and I went home and my cousins were there."

Jumeirah Chandermun reports...

"On Sunday I saw Taylor and then I went with my dad for milkshakes."

Kyra Chetty reports...

"On the weekend I went to the museum and saw lots of animals and I saw a T-Rex. It was so much fun. I had the best time ever."

Madison Cole reports...

"On the weekend I went to Wimpy and after we went to Wimpy we went to Bounce and to Mac Donalds."

Emma Conde reports...

"My aunty and uncle got married. Me and Sarah were the flower girls it was fun. After we threw leaves at them."

Ifeoma Edeh reports...

"On the weekend my mom and dad took me and my sister to dance school for a free try out."

Jordan Francis reports...

"On the weekend I went to Wild Coast for my mom's birthday and they left chocolate coins and there were games and pancakes. I went to wild waves."

Drew Gild reports...

"In the morning my dad did a race. In the afternoon I went to my cousin's house and I watched the bokke."

Ayakha Hlabisa reports...

"I went to church then I played with my cousin and we played with the ball."

Slowen Hulley reports...

"In the holidays I went for a sleep over with my cousins and played outside with the puppies."

Katriellah Kalonji reports...

"On Saturday I went to French class and on Sunday I got ice cream at Musgrave."

Ella Luo reports...

"On Saturday I played with my sister. On Sunday I went to Chinese school and I went to People's Park."

Azande Mavuso reports...

"In the morning I hurt my finger at the car. In assembly Zikora looked after me."

Olwethu Mazula reports...

"It was my mom's birthday and we went to buy my mom a cake."

Thandolwethu Mseleku reports...

"On Saturday I watched rugby with my family and cousin and we all took a big nap."

Mikayla Naidoo reports...

"I got a pup and his name is Ricky and I played with him."

Uminathi Ngidi reports...

"My tooth came out and I put it under my pillow and I forgot to check under my pillow."

Zikora Nwude reports...

"On Sunday I was wearing my beautiful dress to church and I wore my shoes."

Cara Paulus reports...

"On Saturday it was Callie's first confession. And a pink faced monkey stole a banana."

Kristen Persadh reports...

"In the holidays my sister got her car. It was silver and we took it to Panarottis."

Aurya Rodrigues reports...

"I went to Joburg and I went to go ice skating but I did fall a lot."

Humaira Seedat reports...

"On Friday we had our Sports Day and I did the baton race and Marian came first."

Isabella Van Staden reports...

"On Monday we went to the Flag Farm and we milked a cow and we saw a turkey and we saw a rabbit."

Proudly South African



Saving Our Rhinos

Grade 2



CHARITY REPORT

This year Grade 2 girls once again supported TREE: Training and Resources in Early Education, in Springfield.

"TREE is a non-profit organisation that specialises in Early Childhood Development, resource and training. Tree's mission is to promote quality holistic Early Childhood Development and care for children ages 0-4 years. The TREE training programme seeks to develop and empower fledging, under-resourced, marginalised ECD sites develop into sustainable, quality early childhood education." - *TREE website.*

Mrs Dalton, Mrs Orchard and Mrs Sylvester kept in close contact with the charity throughout the year and did their best to ensure that the products collected were both needed and necessary.

In the first term we concentrated on collecting our Baker-Baker money so that we could use this to buy the charity some big items for Christmas. Both classes did very well and overall the Grade 2 girls collected R6 978! We then put this money towards buying puzzles, indoor play equipment, stationery, serving bowls, cups and learning resources for a school.

Over Terms 2, 3 and 4 we collected various items, such as non-perishable foods, recyclable goods to be used at the centre to make toys, toiletries, books and child friendly gifts which we added to the gift bags at the end of the year. We delivered these items in stages throughout the year to TREE.

The Grade 2 girls were lucky enough to visit the charity twice. In the first term they had the opportunity to see how toys and resources were made from recyclable goods and how their collections were being put to good use. In the fourth term, the girls visited the charity again and met some of the children they support. Towards the end of the fourth term the items bought were handed over and 55 children were given a Christmas gift.

Each Maris Stella girl was handed a certificate of recognition for their support over the year. TREE has been so grateful for the donations, and we thank our Grade 2 families for their generous support.



Grade 2 Art



20 - Mrs Dalton



Third Row | Aliyah Pillay, Addison Wilson, Jiya Govender, Kanimambo Mathe, Mnotho Nzimande, Mila Harris, Hlelolwenkosi Mthembu, Jessica Savage, Emihle Mavuso

Second Row | Hayshalia Moodley, Baylie Hayes, Athlegang Mafoko, Whitney Goldstone, Ntsepile Lekena, Tanvi Komal, Abigail Ewing, Joelle Masumbuko

Front Row | Jyotsna Sahadeo, Kayden Coffin-Grey, Rhea Mark, Mrs Dalton, Milla Arbizu, Emily Nevette, Ava Dreyer

Absent | Jecholiah Chetty

My favourite part of Grade 2 was...

... that we have had very nice teachers this year. **Milla**

... my lovely teacher, the friends I have made and all the new things I have learnt. **Jecholiah**

... making lots of new friends. **Kayden**

... doing art on a Friday. **Ava**

... doing our fun art activities on a Friday. **Abigail**

... all the friends I have made and that they are always there for me. **Whitney**

... making lots of new friends and having the best teacher. **Jiya**

... having the best and kindest teacher. **Mila**

... having a great teacher to teach us new things everyday. **Baylie**

... the fun art activities we have done every Friday. **Tanvi**

... doing word searches and fun art on a Friday. **Ntsepile**

... having the best friends I can count on and having a caring teacher. **Athlegang**

... that I have made lovely friends and doing baking. **Rhea**

... that we had a lot of kind and caring friends in our class and they always offered to help me when I needed it. **Joelle**

... the fun art activities we have done every Friday. **Kanimambo**

... having the best teacher and meeting new friends. **Emihle**

... doing baking. **Hayshalia**

... our Friday baker-baker treats and my teacher, Mrs Dalton. **Hlelolwenkosi**

... all the interesting things we have learnt and made. **Emily**

... our Friday art, friends, teacher and being at the best school. **Mnotho**

... all the interesting work we have done this year. **Aliyah**

... going to Art Club. **Jyotsna**

... helping my friends and teacher when needed. **Jessica**

... our Friday creative days. **Addison**



20 - Mrs Sylvester

- Third Row** | Sophia Patinios, Keona Naicker, Ella Vermeulen, Deborah Adegunloye, Vrishti Badree, Tariro Chipungu, Ayabonga Dlamini
- Second Row** | Rayya Akoo, Neo Mokoena, Georgia de Gee, Sarah Conde, Alana Jewan, Daniella van Wyk, Grace Campbell Barnard, Jessica Buckley, Hlelolwenkosi Gumede
- Front Row** | Uminathi Makhathini, Kuvira Lutchman, Kamisha Naicker, Mrs Sylvester, Anele Dlamini, Taliyah Chetty, Inés Canciani
- Absent** | Sophia King, Zahra Patel

My favourite thing about Maris Stella

My teacher and my friends
Deborah

I like the music
Rayya

The reading
Vrishti

All the friends
Jessica

The work that we do
Grace

My teacher is nice and I have fun
Inés

I have a good teacher and I love homework
Taliyah

I like my friends and I like art and I like my teacher
Tariro

My teacher and the work
Sarah

My friends and my teachers
Georgia

I love my teacher and my friends
Anele

I like the fun activities
Ayabonga

My loving teacher and my friends
Hlelolwenkosi

I like my teacher and I like my friends
Alana

I like to see my best friends every day
Sophia K

I like that everyone is friendly and that they have love in them
Kuvira

I like all the art that we do on Fridays
Uminathi

I love all the fun times that we have and all the things we learn about
Neo

I like my teacher and my friends
Kamisha

I like my teacher because she does fun stuff with us and I like my friends
Keona

I love Maris Stella because I have the best teacher in the world
Zahra

I like art and tennis
Sophia P

I like doing art and playing with my friends
Daniella

Doing fun things with my teacher
Ella



Bird of Prey Sanctuary



Book Character Dress-Up Day

Be your own Superhero!



Reptile Talk



Baking Fun

Grade 3

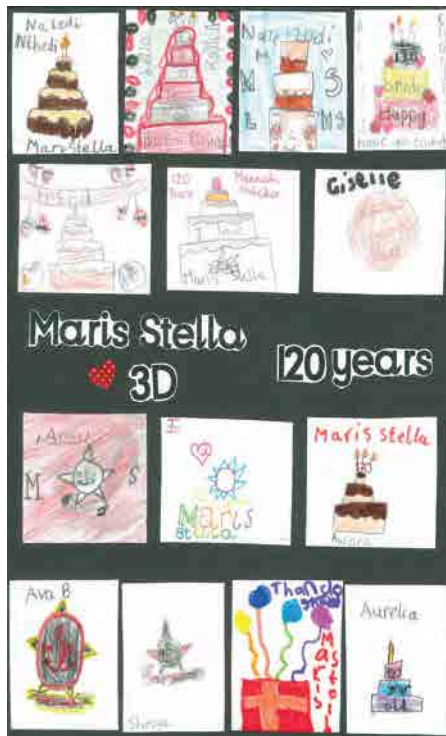
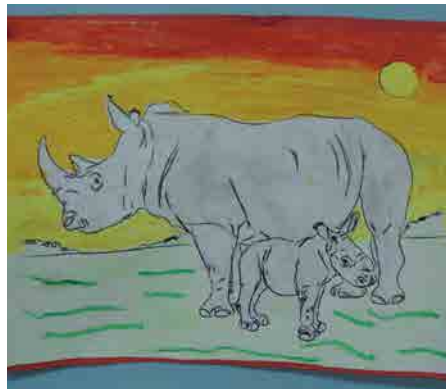


CHARITY REPORT

On 5 March, Grade 3D visited the Domino Foundation and on 7 March Grade 3H made their visit. The girls took along their charity donations, and we listened to a talk by the Head of Marketing, Shaun, who told the girls about the 7 different branches of Domino and the work that they do in the community. The girls found out that the Domino Feeding Scheme prepares and serves 1.2 million meals a year, and gives support in the way of counselling, meals, schooling, baby care in the home and charity items, helping some 1 264 people per day. The girls got to see the kitchen where the food is prepared and distributed and went to prepare sandwiches for these schools that are supported by the Domino Feeding Scheme. From there, the girls spent time playing with the babies and children in the Domino Home and saw where the children live. It was a wonderful experience and very enriching for the girls to see first-hand where their charity collections were going and who they were supporting.



Grade 3 Artists





3D - Mrs de Robillard

Third Row
Second Row

Lily-Bean Mc Mahon, Emma Lane, Ami Phiri, Leila Kalidin, Hannah Naicker, Mila Stirton, Naledi Madende Shiloh Joubert, Thando Shabalala, Giselle Ramsamy, Vaeda Fae Harverson, Shriya Harridaw, O'Hara de Jager, Emihle Zondi, Ava Breytenbach

Front Row

Aurelia Appanna, Naledi Nthedi, Taali'ah Ebrahim, Mrs de Robillard, Ariya Chandermun, Madison Pearce, Aurora Rose

Absent

Anita Moonsamy

Where will I be in 2039?

In 20 years time I will be an artist that sketches and I will be living in South Africa.

Ava

I will be a designer living in South Africa.

Ariya

I want to be a sky diver, even though my mum doesn't really like that idea!

O'Hara

I will be a fashion designer.

Shriya

I will be an abstract artist living in New York.

Vaeda Fae

I will be in Bali, Canada, Greece, Mauritius and London, and I will be a neurosurgeon, and own 7 restaurants.

Shiloh

I will be a singer and actress, and will travel around the world and go to concerts and earn lots of money.

Leila

I will be in England and will become an accountant.

Emma

I will be in Africa being a doctor helping people and saving their lives.

Naledi M

When I'm 29 I will be an actress in America.

Lily-Bean

I will be a doctor who lives in London, and be very famous. I will also save animals and give money to the poor.

Anita

In 20 years I will be a doctor who checks little children when they are sick.

Hannah

I will be in Hollywood with my friend Thando.

Naledi N

I will be a Marine Biologist, studying animals under the sea.

Taali'ah

I will be in New York with my family

Madison

I will be going on adventures with my pet frogs

Ami

I will be 29, in college studying to be a doctor

Giselle

I will win the lotto, and buy a mansion in Hawaii, build a studio for gymnastics and be the best gymnast in the world

Aurora

I will be in Hollywood

Thando

I will be studying in England to be a Neurologist

Mila

I will be in Florida with my brother

Emihle



3H - Mrs Handley

- Third Row** | Fanelwe Myeni, Zanda Gumede, Ravanika Reddy, Saiane Naicker, Aulesia Appanna, Leah Murugasen, Keira Emmanuel
- Second Row** | Farah Seedat, Teagan Pugen, Naluthando Mbelu, Riley Weideman, Natalie Joseph, Hope Stirton, Callie Paulus, Hannah-May Hillman
- Front Row** | Lesya Pather, Kriya Ragaven, Zinathi Sabelo, Mrs Handley, Lily-Grace Schwartz, Nolinda Mqadi, Anele Mkhize
- Absent** | Zara Larsson, Kara Gibson, Olivia Candy

MY THOUGHTS ON...

Seula

The thing I liked about Seula was the food, it was so delicious. And it was very tasty!

Naluthando Mbelu

I liked the zip-line at Seula, but I did not like crawling through the mud pit. Ahh!

Zara Larson

I liked Seula because they have a pool. They had lots of activities and a zip-line.

They have so many fun things to do and yummy food. - **Natalie Joseph**

My favourite thing about Seula was lunch. There was meat, salad and chips.

Riley Weideman

At Seula my best was I slept with my best friend, Kriya. We had a small dance party Shhhh do not tell anyone! I did not enjoy the mud. - **Lesya Pather**

My favourite thing about Seula was the zip-line. I did not really enjoy being in the mud. - **Aulesia Appanna**

I loved the climbing wall, the camp-fire and the zip-line. - **Farah Seedat**

The Selfish Giant

I like the play "The Selfish Giant" because it was so much fun practicing. My part is the Cornish Ogre and I was also one of the children.

Ravanika Reddy

I am one of the children in the play and the main person in the play is the giant, Zara. My friend is the giant. I like my part because I get to scream and because I get to sing lots of songs.

Kriya Ragaven

I am a flower in the play and it is fun being a flower. My favourite song is "Playing in the garden, staying in the garden."

Kara Gibson

I loved being in our play. I am an owl. I am so excited for the real night.

Keira Emmanuel

My favourite thing about the Selfish Giant was singing all the songs, my costume and I finally got a leading part in the play. - **Zanda Gumede**

Maris Stella's Birthday

Maris Stella's birthday was on the 22nd May 2019. It was great. We had cake, no work and it was also fun. - **Callie Paulus**

I like Maris Stella because I have lovely friends, like Kriya, Farah, Keira and much more. I have a nice teacher. I hope Maris Stella has a wonderful birthday. Thank you Maris Stella for always being there for us.

Leah Murugasen

On the 22nd of May it was the school's birthday. Ravanika brought us the cake and it was very nice. We saw Andrew from a band and we also played on the jungle gym.

Anele Mkhize

I loved the school's birthday because we had a band and we played on the Jungle Gym. We also had Mass and that was so much fun.

Lily-Grace Schwartz

The school's birthday was so much fun. We had balloons, cake and even Mass, but it was still fun. - **Teagan Pugen**

Supporting the Boks



Sunflower Fund Day



Valentine's Day





Swimming Gala



Junior Primary Sports



Hockey

Netball





Sports Day





Crafts with Mom



Junior Primary Culture



Fathers Day Fun

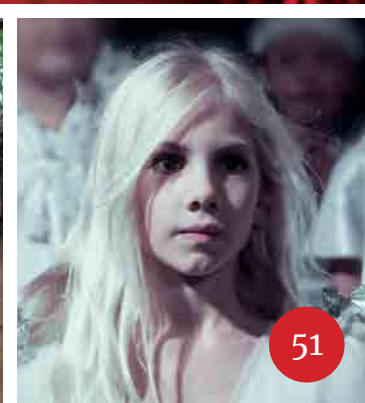
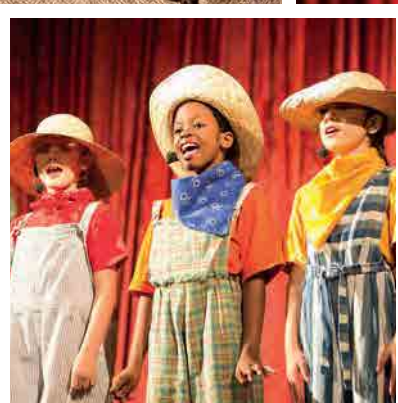




Nativity Concert



The Selfish Giant



Grade 4



CHARITY REPORT

The Grade 4 classes have continued to support The LEARN Project this year as it is an initiative that is very close to our hearts.

The LEARN Project (Let's Educate a Rainbow Nation) is a non-profit trust that sets up libraries and reading corners for disadvantaged schools around KZN. They supply the schools with a newly renovated space for learning and reading, as well as implementing a fully functional library system with lightly used and new books.

Our girls have raised money through our weekly charity collections throughout the year, as well as donating 10% of their sales profit from their Market Day in the Third Term. We were visited by an ex Maris Stella teacher who is now a passionate member of the LEARN Project staff. Ms Leanne Dyer told us more about the work that they do and what the girls' weekly class charity money is used for. We were also shown videos of some of the schools that have benefitted from this project. The girls thoroughly enjoyed seeing how their donations help children in schools who are not as privileged as they are. As a grade, we also collected lightly used books which the girls cleaned and donated, to be distributed to the schools in need.

We would like to thank the parents and girls for their willing and generous support of our class charity. We have so enjoyed supporting this worthy cause as the girls have been able to see what a difference education and reading can make in someone's life.



Roald Dahl Day





4S - Miss Smithers

Third Row | Caitlin Hayes, Mpilwenhle Ndlovu, Srida Ramdutt, Renata Elahi, Simtholile Gumede, Faye Bullen, Gabriella Larsen, Ruhi Sooklal, Cameron Fraser
Second Row | Akhona Dlamini, Asa Shabangu, Nikita Busby, Elizabeth Laurenz, Anouk Maingard, Damita Dreyer, Claudia Peters, Anya Sachdeva
Front Row | Ria Naidoo, Morgan Bolt, Yuvanka Pillay, Miss Smithers, Camryn Crick, Shreya Singh, Sophia Canciani
Absent | Tara Rampono, Azara Mark



4T - Mrs Thurtell

Fourth Row | Madison Bell, Amy Aaron, Gabriella Blöse, Sonal Harribarran, Farin Gild, Layla Dinsdale, Tumi Motta
Third Row | Emma Houston McMillan, Basetsana Ramokoena, Ava Peria, Mia Van Rooyen, Stacy Williams, Kimberly Ramduth, Leia Braithwaite, Anvi Sachdeva
Second Row | Meher Maharaj, Ovayo Mdlongwa, Rachael Dean, Kate Fobo, Kairah Chetty
Front Row | Okuhle Shabalala, Samantha Coleman, Sanah Manilall, Mrs Thurtell, Lareina Kiliswa, S'bahle Mkhwanazi, Amahle Dlamini

WHAT HAS GRADE

Miss Smithers' class

Morgan Bolt - To never give up and to work harder to do my best.

Faye Bullen - That friends are the ones who always stick with you no matter what! I love my friends!

Nikita Busby - How to work harder and to help other people if they are stuck on something.

Sophia Canciani - To be strong, face my fears and never give up!

Camryn Crick - Everything! To write neatly and most importantly, Grade 4 taught me to never ever give up!

Akhona Dlamini - To be kind, loving and friendly to everyone and to like people for who they are and not what they look like.

Damita Dreyer - To never give up on what you do in life and to always stick up for yourself and do your best in class.

Renata Elahi - To try hard, be responsible and take care of myself.

Cameron Fraser - All of the Prep Phase traditions and special events like the Carol Service, I Heart Market and Prize Giving.

Simtholile Gumede - To be more successful. It has been hard sometimes but I have learnt a lot of stuff!

Caitlin Hayes - So much! The one thing I will remember forever is no matter what, always be positive!

Gabriella Larsen - To always be myself and not to worry what people think about you.

Elizabeth Laurenz - How to tell time so I don't have to ask anyone what the time is!

Riddhi Maharaj - How to make good friends and how to boost my confidence levels.

Anouk Maingard - To always be myself no matter what! Now I have more knowledge than before because of how well our teachers teach.

Azara Mark - That I mustn't only read, I must do other things that I enjoy like tennis and playing the piano.

Ria Naidoo - About space, planets, energy and about our country. It was very interesting and exciting to learn new things.

Mpilwenhle Ndlovu - That even if you make a mistake, it's not a train smash!

Claudia Peters - To be myself and not to worry what others think. It taught me to conquer my fears!

Yuvanka Pillay - To be myself and that you need to work harder every year. We also started to have more lessons such as LO, SS, NS and Art.

Srida Ramdutt - To be myself and to never give up!

Tara Rampono - How to be kind, helpful and to work hard. I learnt how to do Maths, English and all sorts of things.

Anya Sachdeva - To be strong and kind and tough. Also how to be a good friend.

Asa Shabangu - A lot of things like shot-put, long jump and all about my body in NS. Also how to play the recorder, which was fun!


Shreya Singh - That you must never give up on yourself and if you try and practice on what you can't do, you will get better at it soon. Of course I also learnt all the different types of interesting subjects.

Ruhi Sooklal - That life is not only about playing, when there is work to be done we need to do it.



FOUR TAUGHT ME?

Mrs Thurtell's class



Amy Aaron - That it's okay to get things wrong. It taught me to be organised so that it's easier for me to find things and do things. It also taught me how to do amazing art.

Madison Bell - Market Day taught me how to handle money.

Gabriella Blose - To be more mature, to be myself and to go out and learn new things.

Leia Braithwaite - To be more confident when doing orals. It also taught me that when an oral doesn't go perfectly, you just have to recover and carry on.

Samantha Coleman - How to be responsible and kind, not to bully, to not be afraid of monkeys. I also learnt History, Science and other things.

Rachael Dean - To be cool and interesting.

Layla Dinsdale - That I can always be myself no matter what.

Kate Fobo - That even if you don't want to do something, you should still do it because it can really benefit you sometime in the future.

Farin Gild - To be ME and that we must always be ourselves. I also learnt fractions.

Sonal Harribarran - To be myself and not to care about what other people think about me. It taught me to be brave, kind and loving.

Emma Houston McMilan - That everything could be okay.

Lareina Kiliswa - Mr Waffles from Roselands taught me not to be afraid.

Meher Maharaj - That no matter what happens, your friends will always be there for you. We

learnt about homographs and homophones. Dude Waffles from Roselands taught us a very important lesson to always be yourself.

Sanah Manilall - NS, History and Debating. I also made new friends.

Ovayo Mdlongwa - That fear must not be the boss of me.

Tumi Motta - That you mustn't leave a test to the last minute.

Ava Peria - To help the earth and how to be myself. It also taught me about new subjects I have not even heard about (NS and SS).

Kimberly Ramduth - To never be afraid, no matter what comes to you - face your fears and just to be strong.

Basetsana Ramokoena - To be brave. Market Day taught me to work in the business life. Grade 4 has taught me a lot.

Anvi Sachdeva - To do many things like be strong when someone hurts my feelings - my teacher would say that I am really strong and I got to show it!

Okuhle Shabalala - That if you listen in class, you have done most of the learning already - but it doesn't mean you must not learn for the test.

Mia van Rooyen - To be strong and diligent and to always work the best I can. It also taught me that I should always be kind.

Stacy Williams - That you mustn't be scared to answer a question because you think you are going to get the answer wrong.



Roselands



Grade 4



Mandela Day





Market Day



Events

Trip to Woolworths



Grade 5



Giving Childhood
Back to Children

CHARITY REPORT

This year the Grade 5 classes were once again privileged to interact with the William Clark Gardens Children's Home, in Sherwood. Our Maris Stella girls thoroughly enjoyed getting the chance to meet and spend time with the children during our visits and they made new friends and special memories, teaching one another rhymes and even learning amazing soccer skills! The highlight of our year was the Christmas party we hosted for the boys and girls, where each child was presented with a gift and a festive bag full of delicious goodies to eat and drink. We were also afforded the opportunity to hand over many items from the Children's Home wish list through the weekly charity collections we received. We hope to continue our wonderful friendships with the incredible people at the Children's Home in 2020.



Springbok Day





5N - Mrs Neal

Third Row | Paige Davies, Leah Laurénz, Sahara Felix, Divina Naicker, Erin Joseph, Alitash Kalonji, Sejal Sewsanker, Olivia Poezyn
Second Row | Jordyn Munsamy, Khwezi Mcinga, Sofie Francke, Anni Luo, Hannah Wilkie, Ndalo Nkabinde, Priya Pramjee, Kayla Thackwray
Front Row | Reese Weideman, Neha Saroop, Olivia Coppola, Mrs Neal, Erin Vermeulen, Demia Pather, Raegan Brouard
Absent | Chloe Simpson, Georgia King, Nompilo Mwandla



5S - Miss Schwegmann

Fourth Row | Emma Hudson, Mia Erasmus, Ioanna Mattheos, Naledi Moshoeshoe, Eden Joseph, Lana Samuel
Third Row | Grace Laurenz, Sadie McCormack, Mishka Kassie, Isabella Coyle-Dowling, Julia Randelhoff, Hannah Savage, Jordana Sewnath
Second Row | Maxine Steen, Tlotlo Motsosi, Anjali Ramkissoon, Monica Slinger, Amelia Manuel, Tiasha Govender
Front Row | Madison Pelsler, Tehillah Adonis, Miss Jameson, Shakira Rampiari, Miss Schwegmann, Catarina Da Silva, Tsakani Mathe
Absent | Alaiza Theophilus

GRADE 5 CLASSWORK

Cinquains

Oceans
powerful, beautiful
unpredictable, swirling, strong
Waves as high as mountains
Its seas are calm and gentle quietly roaring through the night.
Its currents will draw you in.
holding life in its waves.

- *Julia Randelhoff* -

Jellyfish

Majestic, opaque
Swimming, wiggling away
Diaphanous bundles of joy
Inspiration

- *Raegan Brouard* -



Haikus

How much can I fit
into a haiku format?
Oh no, I'm out of...

- *Jordana Sewnath* -

Pirates Paragraphs

Once upon a time in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean on the ship called Rusty Baracuda lived the most bewitchingly beautiful buccaneer. Oh but she was not just a gorgeous face – she was cunning, cruel, devious, smart and sly. Her name was Captain Ledibug Black. She had one scar on her cheek from when she had war with the famous pirate ever to be seen, Blackbeard... but she won. Her face was always soft and moisturized and her secret was sea water and fish spit. She always wore a white long sleeved shirt, with a red belt around her waist. Around her neck she wore a black and red necklace that she stole from Queen Victoria. Captain Ledibug Black would always have her hair neatly tucked in her hat with the Jolly Rodger label in front of her hat. She would never have financial speedbumps because she was always rich. Ledibug Black is as cunning as a fox that is why she was the person who planned the plundering. She was as vicious as a raccoon that was why you would never double cross her because she would make you walk the plank and send you to Davey Jones's locker.

- *Naledi Moshoeshe* -

Never Poem

I would never eat terrible
tasteless tarts,

I would never wear teeny,
tasseled terrycloth trousers,

I would never buy Tom's
treacherous turtles,

I would never walk alongside
troubled, trembling tigers,

I would never travel to
Thailand today,

I will always think of twinkling
twilight tintinnabulation of
stars behind treetops

And I promise I will never
threaten timid, trustworthy
people.

- *Kayla Thackwray* -



Thoughts on The Rugby World Cup Final

I thought the game was very challenging and intense. We were awarded lots of penalties and I wasn't sure who would win, but I had faith and prayed ... and we won!
- *Jordyn Munsamy* -

After the match, Prince Harry walked into the changeroom and saw Faf de Klerk in his underwear with the trophy in his hands!
- *Sahara Felix* -

I think we won because we played with our hearts and Siya Kholisi was so humble. I have never been prouder to be a South African in my whole life!
- *Olivia Poezyn* -

The most important thing I have learnt in Grade 5 is ...

...that humour is the key to life!
- *Demia Pather* -

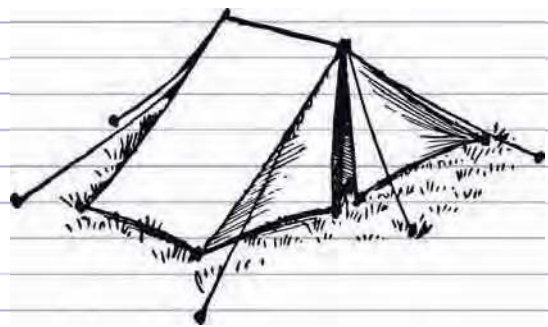
...that you can always make a plan, and we all have an important role to play.
- *Chloe Simpson* -

Most memorable moment from Grade 5:

...Was when I worked together with my friends to do a giant puzzle at Sweetdale.
- *Eden Joseph* -

...Was going to visit our charity and playing with the children.
- *Isabella Coyle-Dowling* -

...Was when we had the camp out and we stayed up all night.
- *Amelia Manuel* -



Sunflower Fund Day



Grade 5



China Day





Sweetdale



Events



Market Day



Grade 6



CHARITY REPORT

The Grade 6s continued to support iThemba Lethu as our charity. This home and adoption facility provides a safe and comfortable surrounding for the children that live there to grow up in. iThemba Lethu means, "I have a destiny" and the home seeks to impact the lives of children whose future is at risk of being negatively impacted by the effects of HIV/AIDS. The home caters primarily for children with HIV/AIDS. However, not all the children that live at iThemba Lethu suffer from HIV/AIDS, some have ended up in the home as a result of abandonment by or death of parents who have suffered from the disease. This facility is a safe haven of hope for the little children that arrive there.

iThemba Lethu is located in the upper Glenwood area and can cater for up to twelve children at a time. There are two houses on the premises and each house has its own live-in house mother and domestic helper to look after the children. The children at the home are well cared for and the facility is very clean and well maintained. iThemba Lethu also facilitates adoptions for these children.

We have had a great time raising funds for this home. The Grade 6 girls were, once again, selfless in their giving towards the class charity on a weekly basis. In addition to this, each girl willingly donated 10% or more of their Market Day profits towards this charity endeavour. Well done girls!





6C - Mrs Coffin-Grey

Fourth Row | Kaylah George, Sophia Singh, Katie Karshagen, Emily Killian, Babalwa Mkhize
Third Row | Kate-Lynn Munsamy, Arya Dasrath, Rebecca Munro, Kayla Martin, Mira Doorgapershad, Nkambule Nkambule
Second Row | Eden Jordan, Shavishka Naidoo, Shreya Ramouthar, S'phesihle Mbuyazi, Scarlett Solomon, Zara Khan, Kate Simpson
Front Row | Wandisa Msomi, Caitlin Louw, Sophie Dixon, Mrs Coffin-Grey, Megan King, Holly Rivalland, Shriya Nandlall
Absent | Taschké Naidoo



6K - Mrs Kidd

Fourth Row | Samiksha Nunan, Brooke Martin, Isabella Vainikainen, Shreya Naidoo, Juwharah Khan, Madison Stewart, LA-Dhiya Moodley
Third Row | Venice Omote, Sarah Harker, Lunathi Mdletshe, Mzuzu Mhlongo, Shay-Lea Geustyn, Clara Millard
Second Row | Kendall Watson, Arabella King, Krittika Varyani, Lenci Kiliswa, Caitlin Wylie, Madison Schoonberg, Nyska Jagasur
Front Row | Siphokazi Gumede, Hayley Govindsamy, Camryn Linderboom, Mrs Kidd, Addison Miskey, Ruslyn July, Ella-Rose Gass
Absent | Hemara Govender

Grade 6 CLASSWORK

In 20 years' time, I will ...

Ella-Rose Gass - be a billionaire living in a mansion with a swimming pool, counting my money.

Shreeya Naidoo - be a successful woman who acts day-to-day and earns a lot of money.

Juwharah Khan - be travelling the world in my private jet.

LA-Dhiya Moodley - be a doctor in China or Canada.

Nyska Jagasur - be in the Karate World Cup earning billions of dollars.

Shay-Lea Geustyn - be a vet, helping animals in need.

Siphokazi Gumede - be a world renowned actress, walking the red carpet in LA.

Camryn Linderboom - be a gospel singer preaching to others through song.

Madison Schoonberg - be a ballerina dancing with the New York City Ballet.

Shavishka Naidoo - have a family, job and will be travelling.

Sophia Singh - be a famous tennis player.

Mira Doorgapershad - be an interior designer, travelling the world.

Katie Karshagen - be working and providing for a beautiful family.

Arya Dasrath - be a vet overseas helping animals.

Kaylah George - be a famous rapper giving charity to the less fortunate.

Addison Miskey - be married with 2 kids, living in Ireland and earning a fortune as an Interior Designer.

Krittika Varyani - be married to my dream husband with 1 adopted kid and 1 biological kid and life will be great.

Taschké Naidoo - be a lawyer who fights for children's rights.

The most important thing I have learned this year is ...

Caitlin Louw - if you talk too much, it gets you in trouble

Megan King - to be kind, no matter what

Babalwa Mkhize - to treasure our friends and memories

Emily Killian - to always be kind, you don't know what someone is going through

Zara Khan - that hard work pays off

Wandisa Msomi - that even if you don't like a subject, you still have to try your best

Hayley Govindsamy - to take the risks or lose the chance, and to always have fun

Ruslyn July - never stop believing and to be very humble

Arabella King - there is always someone there for me

Brooke Martin - always look on the bright side of life

Samiksha Nunan - don't let your fears control your actions

Madison Stewart - if you put in the hard yards and effort, you can reap what you sow

Words of wisdom to my future self

Eden Jordan - Put others first, be kind, listen and remember I am loved.

Scarlett Solomon - How far I have come and that I love Lego.

Rebecca Munro - Always be kind, know who you are and do what is right.

Sophie Dixon - I am important.

Sarah Harker - There's many fish in the sea.

Hemara Govender - Be the change you want to see in the world.

Caitlin Wylie - Follow your dreams and try my best in everything you do.

Clara Millard - Ice-cream helps when you are upset.

Kendall Watson - Think of others and put yourself in other people's shoes and follow your dreams.

If I had to put a message in a time machine to be read in 120 years' time, mine would say ...

Holly Rivalland - Love the people in your life and not your electronics.

Kate Simpson - Love everyone in your life.

Nkambule Nkambule - Don't let an unhappy person ruin your happiness.

Shreya Ramouthar - Stay true to who you are.

Kayla Martin - Remember cars didn't fly.

S'phesihle Mbuyazi - Don't let electronics take up special time that's meant to be given to your family.

Lenci Kiliswa - Life has its bumps and the only way to get past them is to roll with it.

Mzuzu Mhlongo - You are probably wondering what a Samsung is?

Lunathi Mdletshe - I'm not sure if the world is still alive, try to take care of it better than we did.



- Madison Stewart -



- Caitlin Wylie -



- Camryn Linderboom -



- Holly Rivalland -



- Clara Millard -



- Lana Samuel -



Grade 6





Madiba Day

Events



Spirit of Adventure



Grade 7



CHARITY REPORT

Kenosis is an orphanage in Pietermaritzburg that was in financial trouble and was going to shut down at the end of 2018 with no real plans for the 18 children that were being taken care of on the premises. Set in the beautiful hills and surroundings of Bishopstowe, this little community was in dire straits. Although it has current financial difficulties, the Trust was prepared to keep it open for a year and try to turn things around for the community and restore faith and hope for the neglected community church.

The Grade 7s of Maris Stella decided to rise up to the challenge and see if they could make a difference, to not only help with financial aid, but help in assisting the Early Development Centre, which takes care of around 50 Grade 00 children from the surrounding informal communities with educational products.

The first task was to secure a paint sponsorship so that the entire centre, along with some of the houses, could have a "face lift" and brighten the establishment. We succeeded and were able to move onto task two, collecting plastic bikes. The children in Kenosis did not choose their destiny and we wanted them to experience the enjoyment and fun of learning to ride.

Task three was focused on the educational needs for the Grade Rs. We collected hula-hoops, balls, toys and books. We really wanted the children to have an opportunity not only to play and have fun, but to develop their hand and eye co-ordination.

Our last task was to raise funds so that the Kenosis team can equip the orphanage with all the necessary tools it needs to grow and just make life for these children a little more enjoyable and exciting. We collected money every Tuesday and donated a share of our profits from our Economic Management Sciences Market Day Project. In total the girls managed to raise an amount of R5 067.



Mini Matric Day Fun





FB - Mrs Bezuidenhout

Fourth Row | Kiara Narotam, Thasmeera Govender, Mia Vlotman, Paige De Bruin, Nicole Williams, Yanga Ndlovu
Third Row | Onke Nzimande, Sithandile Dlamini, Hannah Houston McMillan, Ntsako Mngoma, Kelly Moore, Azile Ngubane, Zahra Pather
Second Row | Amara Motala, Kajal Shah, Rebecca Naudé, Amayya Ranchod, Geetali Moodley, Lindelwa Tembe
Front Row | Emily Robertson, Tasmé Komal, Tanith Tiltman, Mrs Bezuidenhout, Hope Nightingale, Samaira Maharajh, Mackenzie van Niekerk



FH - Mrs Holmes

Third Row | Eyethu Shabangu, Saheli Reathlall, Julianna Harbilas, Abundant Adegunloye, Sanaa Khan, Julia McAlister, Gabriella Langlois
Second Row | Meg McCormack, Amy Thackwray, Rachel Rabie, Naledi Ramokoena, Irene An, Allegra Jones, Mia Francke, Kaitlyn Ramduth
Front Row | Ella McVean, Tanishtha Vaid, Simran Chetty, Mrs Holmes, Lufuno Chili, Zandile Mkhize, Kayla Beckx
Absent | Sienna Swan, Gabriella Freddy, Jade Young

GRADE 7 CLASSWORK

WHY WE LOVE MARIS STELLA & WHY GRADE 7 ROCKED

I love Maris Stella; it is such a friendly environment and filled with love and laughter. I loved Grade 7 because I had my best friend Gaby by my side and we had the most amazing teacher who helped me when I struggled with work.

- *Ella McVean* -

I have made amazing memories with all the loving girls in my grade. I will miss this beautiful school that taught me almost everything I need to know in life and how to become a polite, respectful young lady. I will especially miss the amazing, fun teachers that have been so friendly and welcoming.

- *Jade Young* -

I love Maris Stella because everyone here is so friendly and I feel like I'm part of a big family.

- *Irene An* -

I love Maris Stella because we care for each other like a family. Grade 7 rocked because of the amazing memories made with my friends and teachers.

- *Simran Chetty* -

I love Maris Stella because of all the wonderful teachers and my awesome classmates. Grade 7 rocked because I got to lead an incredible hockey team!

- *Amy Thackuray* -

I love Maris Stella because of all the traditions and the beautiful chapel. Maris Stella is a school that has the best ethos.

- *Abundant Adegunloye* -

I love Maris Stella because we are all one big family and we have amazing teachers. Grade 7 rocked because we had lots of new privileges and our grade was so friendly and we all got on.

- *Naledi Ramokoena* -

I love Maris Stella because everyone is so kind and caring and it is very easy to fit in. Grade 7 rocked because I have made so many great memories and have learned so much.

- *Sienna Swan* -

I love Maris Stella because of the friendship and love. Grade 7 has been an amazing journey.

- *Gabriella Freddy* -

I love Maris Stella because we have so much fun, and Grade 7 rocked because we had so many special events that were just for us.

- *Lufuno Chili* -

I love Maris Stella because it has great faith and religion. Grade 7 rocked because of the teachers.

- *Kayla Beckx* -

I love Maris Stella because we are all sisters and we love each other. Grade 7 rocked because we got closer to our teachers and had awesome sport tours.

- *Eyethu Shabangu* -

I love Maris Stella because everyone is like a family. We all work together as a team. Grade 7 rocked because I had so many fun and joyful memories, and there were so many new experiences I faced.

- *Julia McAlister* -

I love Maris Stella not only because it is my school, but because it is my second home with my school family. Grade 7 rocked because of the amazing teachers and the bonds that I have built with the girls and teachers.

- *Emily Robertson* -

I love Maris Stella because everybody is accepted for who they are and are not expected to be perfect.

- *Hope Nightingale* -

I love Maris Stella because we are given so many opportunities and no matter what happens, people are always there to support us; it is like a family. Grade 7 rocked because I achieved my goals, made new friends, started a new sport and learned a whole lot more than just facts.

- *Nicole Williams* -

I love Maris Stella because of the wonderful teachers and friends who always helped and supported me.

- *Amayya Ranchod* -

I love Maris Stella because of the sisterly love we all share. Grade 7 rocked because of all the fun we had and activities we did with our teachers and friends.

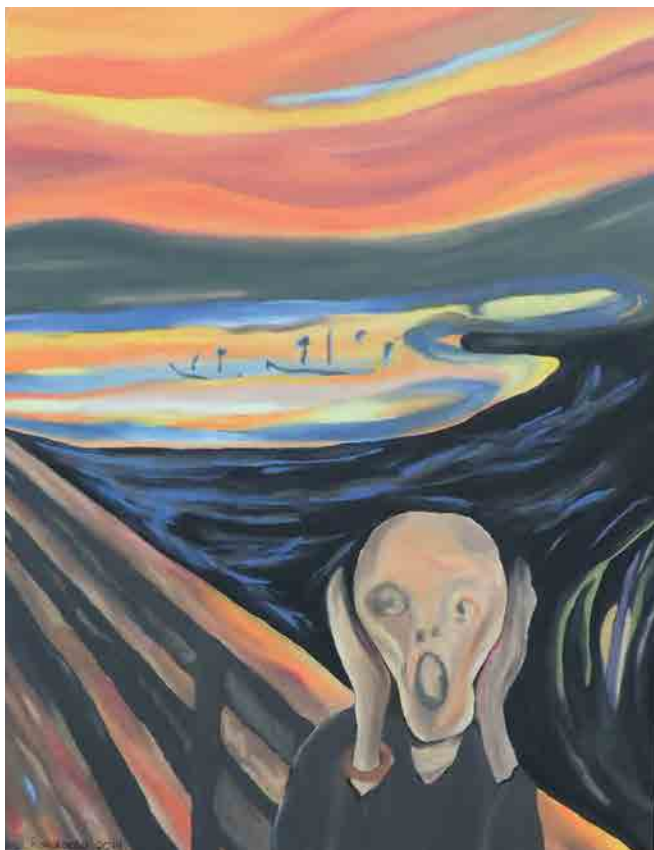
- *Tasmé Komal* -

I love Maris Stella because I am at home there. Grade 7 rocked because I get to experience it with all my soul sisters.

- *Onke Nzimande* -

I love Maris Stella because there are so many different activities to get involved in. Grade 7 rocked because I was in the debating team and it was the best.

- *Paige De Bruin* -



- Naledi Ramokoena -



- Hope Nightingale -

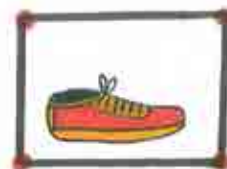


- Kiara Narotam -

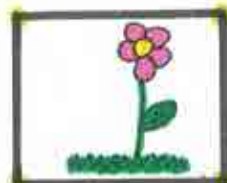


- Allegra Jones -

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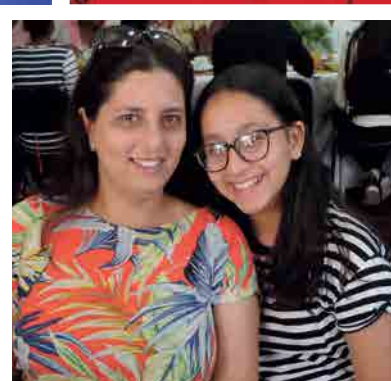
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Grade 7



Moms & Daughters' High Tea





Leadership Bootcamp



Events



Market Day





D&D Galas



Prep Sport



Hockey



Waterpolo



Diving





Netball



Inter house Gala



Maris Stella
 proudly presents
ALICE
a Prep Phase Production
 29 & 30 August 2019 @ 18H00
 In the Centenary Hall.
 R55-00 ♦ Main Hall.
 R45-00 ♦ Gallery



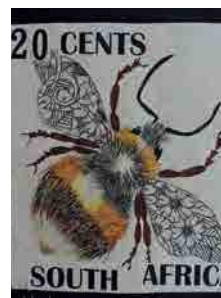
Prep Culture

Eco-Kids



Marimbas

Prep Artists



Camp Out



& Events



Mothers' Day Picnic





Inter House



The chilly wind did nothing to dampen the excitement of our 2019 Sports Day! Our three Houses embraced the "Holidays" theme with their usual creativity and enthusiasm, with Ambrose choosing New Year, Marian choosing Halloween and Patrician, St Patrick's Day of course! Congratulations to Marian, the victors of the day and to Ambrose for winning the Spirit Cup. Well done to our Junior and Senior Victrix Ludorum winners, *Julia McAlister and Caitlyn Gooding* and our grateful thanks to special guests Mr and Mrs Lombard and Mr and Mrs McAlister and all the parents who came along to support our girls.





Sports Day





Top 10 Gala



It was a privilege to witness the determination and commitment shown by our swimmers at our Top 10 Gala, as was demonstrated, not only in the spirit of the evening, but also in the excellent results that were achieved. Special congratulations to our Victrix Ludorum winners, *Mila Stirton (Junior Victrix)*, *Madison Stewart (Prep Victrix)* and *Robyn Aaron (Senior Victrix)*.

Thank you to our Guests of Honour, Mr and Mrs McAlister and Mr and Mrs Dingley and to Mrs Scott and our coaches for all their efforts. Further congratulations to the swimmers who set new records: *Amy Aaron*, *Leia Braithwaite*, *Robyn Aaron*, *Tatum Botha* and *Cara Message*.





Grade 8

First Day of High School



CHARITY REPORT

Sizokhula is an aftercare facility and feeding scheme in a rural area on the outskirts of Durban. This facility caters for children that have nowhere to go in the afternoons; a place where they can do their homework, get a meal, play and be safe. All four Grade 8 classes worked together to collect money and donations to support this charity and the children, whose lives are so very different from their own, but who still deserve to have a safe place to go and to enjoy their childhoods. Two charity visits were planned, however, due to unforeseen circumstances, the girls were unable to visit the charity themselves. The monies collected over the course of the year were used to purchase toys and stationery, as well as staple and non-perishable foods to aid in the feeding scheme initiative. We feel blessed to have been able to make a positive impact on this important project and the good work they are doing in the community.





8G - Miss Gerber

Third Row | Kaela-Shane Manikam, Apeksha Singh, Sophie Bellengère, Grace Harwood, Mia King, Hayley Crowsen, Olwethu Mkize

Second Row | Mawande Mtongana, Paige Haarhoff, Nyiko Mathe, Phoebe Naiker, Nqobile Vumase, Nandile Dingani

Front Row | Tia Laudenberg, Onke Msomi, Holly Caro, Ms Gerber, Alwande Khanyile, Christina Zvinterikos, Amukelwa Nxumalo



8H - Mrs Henderson

Third Row | Saskya Ramdas, Cassidy Harris, Ella Briant, Tori Stirling, Jamie Le Roux, Robyn Aaron, Njabulo Hlongwa, Alessia Maingard

Second Row | Madison Enslin, Alice Charlton, Shaowen Chen, Nozipho Zikhali, Nontokozo Mkhwanazi, Kwethu Dlamini, Rachel Erasmus, Anathi Nene

Front Row | Tatum Brouard, Raeven Phillips, Rachael Shorey, Mrs Henderson, Jessica Loubser, Zahra Suleman, Théa Naidoo



8M - Mrs Miskey

Third Row | Amy Lourens, Kgothatso Phahla, Nasipha Dlamini, Anelisa Manyoni, Ryleigh Joubert, Katelyn Kitchin, Utaara Pillay
Second Row | Shreya Chetty, Georgia Caro, Mia Permall, Kayla Christie, Zenala Mbonambi, Chloe Loumeau
Front Row | Sharndré Nicholson, Phoebe Rivalland, Lea Cerfontyne, Mrs Miskey, Lea-Shane Manikam, Ocean Mthembu, Maya Moggee
Absent | Khanyisa Vena



8W - Miss Webb

Third Row | Yamkelani Nhlumayo, Azara Mdhluli, Isabella Strydom, Dhiya Panday, Ariana Naidoo, Shreya Sewsanker, Kaylee Walker
Second Row | Emily Charlton, Ella Neville, Tara Lingard, Mikaela Davies, Aphile Xaba, Louise Lee
Front Row | Siyathaba Hadebe, Erin Munsamy, Elisha Singh, Miss Webb, Megan Cholwich, Samafuze Ngcobo, Aimee Dunn
Absent | Brooklyn Maggott

THE GRADE 8 RETREAT 2019

The Grade 8 retreat was one I will never forget and I think all the other girls would agree that we made great memories there. Mrs Bodley and Mrs Ivins were inspiring and helped us break away from our usual daily routine and focus instead on the things that really matter; our relationship with God and one another. Life gets too busy and this change to our ordinary school week made us all slow down. I think we did a lot more listening than we normally do! The retreat gave us a space where we could look inside of ourselves and connect with each other. There were many laughs and smiles, especially during the activities before supper. Many new friendships were made there and many were strengthened. The Midlands scenery, with its green hills and valleys, was beautiful and calming, making our time away together very peaceful. We are blessed to have had the opportunity to be part of this amazing experience.

- By Rachael Shorey -



Cultural Evening





Spirit of Adventure





Springbok Day



Trip to the Harbour



Grade 9



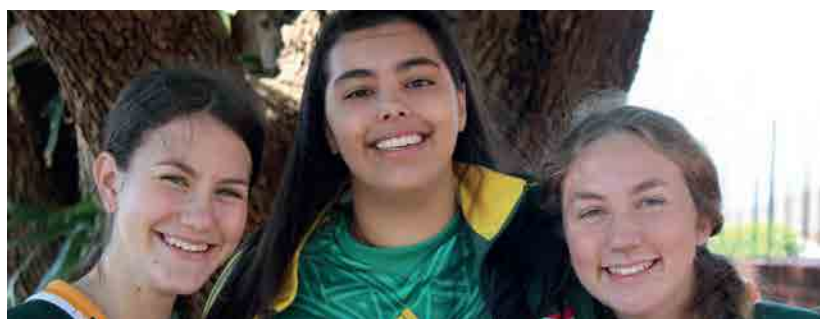
CHARITY REPORT

The Grade 9s chose the SPCA as their charity for 2019 and throughout the year made financial donations or brought in pet food to contribute to the cause. The girls made us very proud by raising a total of R4 660 which was used to purchase pet food. The SPCA do not allow volunteers under the age of 18, however, at the end of the fourth term on 31 October, a group of the Grade 9s, together with Mrs Erasmus, went to the SPCA in Amanzimtoti to deliver the food as well as some treats they had collected and bought. The girls thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon there, spending some quality time with the animals.





Bok Supporters!



Sunflower Day





9D - Miss Dewar

- Third Row** | Holly Nightingale, Pia Sooklal, Olivia Tostée, Jasmine Wylie, Rachel Hudson, Tyla Reen, Cara Message, Shasthi Naidoo
- Second Row** | Wanga Ramenu, Sophie Herman, Arya Harribarran, Bethany Moore, Jannah Winter, Tatum Stewardson, Tyla Loots, Bhavika Parmar
- Front Row** | Jemimah Gass, Lisakhanya Maqubela, Sian Trent, Ms Dewar, Sasthi Naidoo, Yashna Padayachee, Alyssa Gass
- Absent** | Nizole Mzileni, Chelsea Huang



9L - Dr Langlois

- Third Row** | Fabiana Meloni, Rebecca Fouquereaux, Paige Cox, Jenna Martin, Laila Brand, Sina Agbakwuru, Isabella Wood
- Second Row** | Chloe Morrow, Quinn Massey-Hicks, Shreya Dhawrajh, Kwanda Buthelezi, Amahle Mhlanga, Micaéla Clayton, Daniela Dufourq, Megan Schroeder
- Front Row** | Amahle Phiri, Emma Meyer, Zenani Shabalala, Dr Langlois, Kayla Dunn, Sandiswa Nkanzela, Casey-Anne Kesaris
- Absent** | Alayna Theophilus



Grade 9 Fun



97 - Mrs Erasmus

Third Row

Tatum Botha, Isabella Halstead, Ilse Southey, Paula Singh, Chloë Coyle-Dowling, Chelsea Naiker, Luthando Ncube, Hayley Howitt, Emily Rabie

Second Row

Leah Naidoo, Lazi Nkosi, Isabella Conti, Nkazimulo Khumalo, Emma Patinios, Hannah Lombard, Tejal Soodiyall, Ashleigh Prinsloo

Front Row

Jivana Pillay, Maneo Mthethwa, Allegra Brouckaert, Mrs Erasmus, Andiswa Dladla, Katelyn Sissing, Asanda Mngomezulu

Touchstone

REFLECTIONS

The Hike

Touchstone - a ten-day hiking and community service experience that encouraged Grade 9 girls to step out of their comfort zone and challenge themselves mentally, physically and emotionally. It taught us who our real friends are and helped us make new ones. We learnt the power of teamwork and are now prepared to face whatever the rest of High-School has to throw at us.

As the days to Touchstone drew closer and the last-minute buys and workouts became more frantic, the reality of ten days away from our modern lives became clearer and a little more daunting. Most girls, however, realized that this challenge was going to have to be conquered whether they were ready or not, and that being ready for the hike not only included physical strength but mental stability too. The daily doses of mental preparation were really encouraging. This mental preparation also served as a helpful nudge to cut the metaphorical umbilical cord with our very anxious parents.

Before we knew it, the luxury of the bus's seats was swapped for the multi-coloured, plastic chairs of Glenhaven and it was the night before the hike. Our hiking bags were checked and we cringed in defeat every time a teacher told us that we wouldn't need that much food or such a large toothpaste. This became the first separation anxiety we experienced from the comforts of our everyday life, the agonising loss of our first world beauty products. This challenging yet much needed experience served as group bonding as we split the duties of who would bring the toothpaste and who would bring the shampoo and conditioner. Our Pre-school lesson of sharing is caring was really put to the test.

Eventually, after a rushed morning and a long bus ride to the first part of The Giant's Cup Trail we were ready to start our hike. Fortunately, on the first day my group, led by Mrs Aaron, Mrs Tucker, Miss Frankson and Mr Scott was relatively comfortable as we hiked with our Touchstone draw string bags whilst our hiking bags enjoyed the

hospitality of our accommodation for the first night.

Every time we raised our heads the lush and panoramic scenery provided a breath-taking relief for our beady eyes which were usually focusing on the rugged terrain. It was a sight to behold. With rolling hills all around you, long grass tickling our legs, the sun beating against our backs and the sound of a variety of animals buzzing and walking around us, you learn to appreciate the beautiful country that we so often take for granted. Reaching and sitting at the top of the first mountain was such an unforgettable and gratifying experience. We sat down and simply took in the majestic beauty of the mountains. The only technology intruding on this wonder of nature was the cameras of our teachers which seemed oddly out of place, but our anxious parents needed their daily updates as to how their daughters were faring.

Over the next three days of hiking we managed to meet some of the local folk. We also encountered a few baboons and eland, as well as a variety of interesting looking insects. They did not appear to be as interested in us though. We crossed wobbly bridges and slippery rivers but eventually made the trek to our huts for the night. Each morning we were awoken by a beautiful sunrise which seemed to want to compete against the freezing temperatures. This conflict seemed to energise us to embrace the new day of breath-taking views, rock climbing and the occasional release of weight from our shoulders every time we took a snack break and put our back packs down with a sigh of relief.

Braving the outdoors was not a walk in the park. We were faced with many challenges from mother nature and the realities of the simple life. We had to push through freezing cold nights, huts with no electricity and hikes that didn't seem to end. Hiking with heavy packs took its toll on us and the physical discomfort rudely pushed my positivity and confidence straight out of my mind. Supported, however, by the power of the group we were able to surpass these temporary feelings of frustration. These moments taught us many lessons and things

about ourselves that we never knew. We learnt that as a team we have an abundance of determination and perseverance. Some of us, including me, may have gone rolling once or twice but we were not going to let these temporary obstacles get the better of us. Instead, we got up, dusted our knees, strengthened our determination and carried on walking as if the fall had been the spark to recharge our batteries.

Lastly and most importantly we learnt that teamwork really does make the dream work. If it weren't for the constant words of encouragement or singing a million songs while hiking or even getting help while crossing a river, my Touchstone journey would've been much more difficult. The simple acts of asking if someone needed help or filling their water bottle up, was a reminder that friends looked out for each other. It was almost like High School Musical; we had this crazy, sudden realisation that we really were all in this together. If we wanted to finish that hike we had to support and care for each other. We realised that this was because there was no greater feeling than knowing that when you're tired and think you can't do it, there would still be 23 other girls there to cheer you on.

It took long difficult walks, uncomfortable beds, primitive toilet facilities, two-minute noodles and many card games to exchange artificial smiles of courtesy for the creation of life long, authentic relationships. Touchstone. An experience where I managed to conquer physical activities of many kilometres over four days, an experience where I surpassed emotional limitations that I placed on myself and an experience where I made many authentic relationships and where the positive energy of the sisterhood fuelled my accomplishment. I will never forget the beautiful memories of the South African landscape and the beautiful friendships. I will never forget how strong I am. I will never forget how supportive my friends and teachers were. Most importantly I will never forget to never put back any toiletries Mrs Aaron takes out of my hiking bag.

- Shasthi Naidoo -

Community Service

I was really nervous about teaching at Touchstone because I worried that I wouldn't be able to connect with the children and if I would be able to teach them correctly. I quickly learnt that my fears were unfounded. The children were honestly so loving, accepting and kind. I immediately fell in love with a little girl called Aphiwe. She had a smile that could make the rain disappear. You really could just see how appreciative the children were after we gave them their little gifts. I was taken aback at how blessed we actually are. I'm so grateful for the opportunity I was given.



- Chloe Morrow -

Pevensey Place is one of the things I am going to remember forever about our Touchstone experience. It was a bit overwhelming at first, but once we got to know the residents' stories and chatted to them, we realised that they are people with a few quirks, just like us. There was one very memorable moment when we were playing volley ball together. One of the ladies had a physical disability and after the game I told her how well she played. She embraced me with this huge hug. I will remember that just a few encouraging words can mean so much to others.



- Jenna Martin -

This was a very humbling experience which has changed my perception of various things. I learnt to see things from a teacher's perspective and realised that being a teacher isn't as easy as it seems. I also learnt to appreciate the smallest things in life and take good care of what I have, just like the Reichenau students did. Watching how each of them put so much effort into their worksheets and into taking care of their classroom and resources was really heart-warming. I also realised that the simplest things like running tap water, which we don't really notice as a privilege can be a luxury to someone else. I have come across only a few people who were as welcoming and appreciative as the Reichenau students. On our last day I was given letters from a few of the students which are very special and meaningful to me and I will treasure them forever. I feel overjoyed to have experienced the bonds I made with the students at Reichenau.



- Nizole Mzileni -

Grade 10



CHARITY REPORT

The Grade 10 girls have been very busy this year with regards to charity collections and outreach drives within the school.

For many of us, buying sanitary pads is as easy as buying bread and milk. But this is not the case for millions of girls and women in South Africa. They are at a permanent disadvantage as they are forced to stay at home as they are unable to afford this basic necessity. With this in mind, the girls in Grade 10 decided to take part in a pad drive headed by Senamile Dlamini in Grade 12. Each girl brought a packet of pads, and some even more than a packet. We are very proud of the effort that was made and at the end of the drive, it was evident how much they really empathised with this problem.

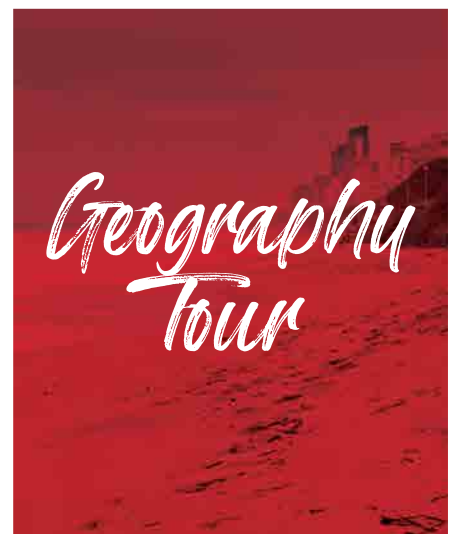
The Grade 10s also took part in the "Project Rhino" Drive headed by Ms Lee Gerber. The aim was to bring R10 per person, but we decided that we were not satisfied with only contributing R10 and so we either doubled or made an even larger donation. Our contribution as a grade was noteworthy.

Throughout the year, the Grade 10s have participated in various charity collections, Baker - Baker days and Cake Sales. All this money was used to buy some Christmas treats for the elderly at Tuinsig Old Age Home. Many of these dear people are left alone over the festive season and so our girls visited them after their exams were over, taking tea and cake and some small goodie bags. The girls loved reading to them, doing a crossword puzzle or simply having a chat. Our girls and the Tuinsig residents so enjoyed the visit.





Maris Stella





10N - Miss Nell

Third Row | Lauren Dobejn, Sarah Proctor, Sarah Randelhoff, Isla Wilson, Madison Briant, Sophia Brink, Hannah Bullen
Second Row | Pooja Magan, Kamishka Pather, Isabella Hislop, Julia Tostee, Shristi Sooklal, Isabella Rowley, Kaitlynn Sitharam, Limakatso Ramokoena
Front Row | Sofia Maingard, Chloé Pillay, Sonali Reathlall, Miss Nel, Leah Saib, Talia Persadh, Joanne Gersbach
Absent | Teagan Pearce, Yuvika Lutchman



10S - Mrs Savage

Back Row | Kerry-Ann Uys, Isabella Pearsall, Grace Symington, Savanah Kerdachi, Sharvani Naicker, Diallo Mdhuli, Lesedi Matemane
Front Row | Shae Kavanagh, Holly Chelin, Dakshina Chetty, Mrs Savage, Cassandra Esterhuizen, Asmaá Rajab, Sibaya Nicholson
Absent | Luthando Mtshali, Charnei Suryapal, Brooke Jordaan, Melissa Theunissen



10U - Mrs van Blerk

Third Row
Second Row
Front Row
Absent

Jessica Hollinshead, Tshiamo Gumede, Tayla Good, Chloé Robertson, Kaycie Nunes, Emma Osborne
 Hanna Coppola, Londeka Manyoni, Tsidi Motta, Nokuphila Mthembu
 Scarlet Goodrich, Diya Pather, Erin Jaftha, Mrs van Blerk, Thandolwethu Dlamini, Kiara Kassie, Jaime Theron
 Akhona Mkhize, Khwezi Buthelezi, Jemma Perrins, Siphokazi Mpungose



Grade 10 Retreat

The Grade 10s spent two nights at Camp El Olam, which provided the perfect setting for their annual retreat. The girls explored the theme 'Created for Love'; looking at our creation and relationships with God, others and ourselves. This is always a special time away where the girls are able to reflect, refocus and spend time bonding with their friends. The girls also had great fun doing an obstacle course, kayaking on the dam and enjoying El Olam's famous hot chocolate around the bonfire!





Grade 11



CHARITY REPORT

This year the Grade 11's supported the Westville Baby House, a safe house for abandoned babies. The Baby House provides a safe environment for the babies to grow and learn, with the care of the House Mothers and volunteers, before they are adopted.

This year the Grade 11's donated food to the Baby House and hosted a birthday party for them. The girls attended this party, bought presents for them and donated money so that their cupboards could be repaired. We enjoyed spending time cuddling, bathing, feeding and playing with the babies and forming special bonds, which led to many girls becoming regular visitors.

We are so grateful that we are able to play a small role in taking care of these special babies, who most definitely stole our hearts and we are excited for our future involvement!

- Jess Cholwich, 11I -



Leaders of Grade 11



GRADE 11 RETREAT REPORT

“There’s a fire on the mountain! Fire! Fire!”- such was the anthem that we would learn to repeat over the course of our stay at Teen Ranch, Port Edward. And such was definitely appropriate as it captured the essence of not only our sparks of excitement as we grew closer to our peers, but also represented one of the many things that initiated this excitement, i.e. the campfire, around which we would often sing and laugh, well into the night.

From taking care of ‘egg babies’ and zip lining into the dam, to building and racing rafts, I can say, without a doubt, that this retreat has been a most memorable one. Through the various activities, we had the opportunity to discover how we best contribute to our school and the broader community, as well as how to capitalize on these skills in order to create the true leaders we were destined to be.

This retreat holds a special place in each of our hearts and will always be regarded as a stepping stone to the leaders that we eventually will become. Every single activity has contributed a spark to the fire of leadership that will forever burn in our hearts.

- Shriyaa Sooklal, 11I -





MC - Miss Cholwich

Third Row | Kiara Naidoo, Erica Hair, Sarah Saunders, Oluhle Ndlovu, Jesse Smith, Tayler Davie, Hayley Wasserman
Second Row | Yoliswa Mhlongo, Jade Pottinger, Kyra Murray, Georgina Mercer, Langelihle Zama, Robyn Dunwoody, Natasha Metcalfe
Front Row | Danielle Chetty, Fezeka Ngidi, Yadhya Mohamed, Mrs Cholwich, Ufezile Mtolo, Georgia du Plessis, Malaika Ahiwe
Absent | Lwandile Shezi



MD - Dr du Plessis

Third Row | Noxolo Xolo, Caitlyn Gooding, Ashley Le Roux, Caitlyn Woods, Jenna O'Brien, Dayna Miller, Kundanika Somasundram
Second Row | Leah Kerr, Riya Shah, Keara Graham, Layla Pulvirenti, Andria van der Linde, Jade Abbott, Zilungile de Wet
Front Row | Carmel Moyo, Adrianné Sigamoney, Yeshni Gounden, Dr du Plessis, Tiana Moorogasen, Mpho Sigcau, Brooklyn Chislett



NT - Mrs Ireland

Third Row | Holly Davey, Kaylyn Asgeir-Nielsen, Thandolwenkosi Nomvungu, Kyla Stirling, Clio Gallo, Jody Ribbink, Demi Coskey, Alayna Naidu

Second Row | Zinhle Sithole, Shriyaa Sooklal, Chloë Van den Berg, Kristen Folpini, Jessica Cholwich, LéKayler Murugan, Hanna Khan, Arya Maharaj

Front Row | Sinelihle Mncibi, Tia Munsamy, Bayanda Gumede, Mrs Ireland, Jemma Ross, Andiswa Gumbi, Keisha Moonasar





Ring Ceremony



History Excursion

Business Studies





Life Science Trip to Tala



Grade 12

CHARITY REPORT

Street-Wise South Africa is an independent, non-racial, non-profit, inter-denominational, non-governmental organisation. It aims to take care of abandoned and neglected children on the streets of South Africa. Street-Wise also helps child headed homes by providing basic needs. This organisation depends on donations and sponsorships as government funding is minimal.

Despite the busy, tight schedule the Grade 12 girls face every year, they managed to collect money to buy goods needed at Street-Wise. During the Easter season the girls brought Easter eggs and hot cross buns for the children of Street-Wise, and this brought so much joy to the children and the Street-Wise community at large.

During the most important season of Christmas where there is so much festivity, we did not forget the Street-Wise community. With the money contributed by each girl we managed to buy groceries that we delivered to Sister Helena, who then delivered the goods to children and families of Street-Wise.

Charity this year was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who supported us as we helped those in need.



**"A life not lived for others
is not a life."
Mother Teresa**



Valentine's Day



Matric Tea





12J - Mr Janse van Rensburg

- Third Row** | Chloé Garrioch, Megan Lombard, Lucy Paynter, Alexandra Erskine, Amy Randelhoff, Rebecca Standage, Hannah Constantine, Bronwyn Harris, Lulu Mbanga
- Second Row** | Ukhona Ngongo, Adaeze Enebechi, Kayla Hinchliffe, Arielle Jack, Melissa Mpako, Jorja Ashford, Kwazikwakhe Ndlovu, Tiana Singh
- Front Row** | Survivor Gwala, Alisha Chutarpal, Yathasia Govender, Mr Janse van Rensburg, Julia Blythe, Maxine Butler, Asheta Nandlall
- Absent** | Tyler Gabriel



12M - Mrs Mkhize

- Third Row** | Gabriella Alessandri, Georgia Erskine, Jamie Coetzee, Luyanda Ndlovu, Sinempilo Khathi, Hannah Watt, Kelly Cheall
- Second Row** | Tarryn Jackson, Adrienne Dickason, Bianca Hooper, Andiswa Ndwane, Senamile Dlamini, Parthenopi Ioannou, Kiara Driver
- Front Row** | Siyamthanda Mngoma, Simphiwe Gcaba, Nthabiseng Cele, Mrs Mkhize, Nomfundo Kubheka, Tamryn Palani, Noxolo Mccunu
- Absent** | Melela Blose



12U- Mrs Vrey

Third Row | Caomh Jankey, Gina Hogg, Kaiya Naidu, Hannah Dingley, Samishka Chetty, Kirstin Winter, Teagan Wilkinson, Kerry Mottram

Second Row | Jamie Livingstone, Heshanya Doorsamy, Jessica Petzer, Lauren Proctor, Kelsey Wassink, Aimee-Sera McLeod, Brenna Tooley, Jaime Proudfoot

Front Row | Tayla Dietrich, Yolande Ndulelisa, Sria Kusial, Mrs Vrey, Julianna Crook, Suvania Naidoo, Tayla Morrow

Absent | Savannah Wilson, Scarlet-Lee Singh



Bok Supporters!





Matric Retreat

The Matrics of 2019 spent their final school retreat on the South Coast at Camp Anerley. "Transformed in God" allowed the girls to reflect how, over the years as Maris Stella girls, they have been transformed and are now ready to spread their wings and fly into this new phase of their lives.

They enjoyed quiet reflection, group work, fun bonding time and spiritual reflection along with delicious food. It was a retreat that made many beautiful memories for all.



Geography Tour





Last Day of School!

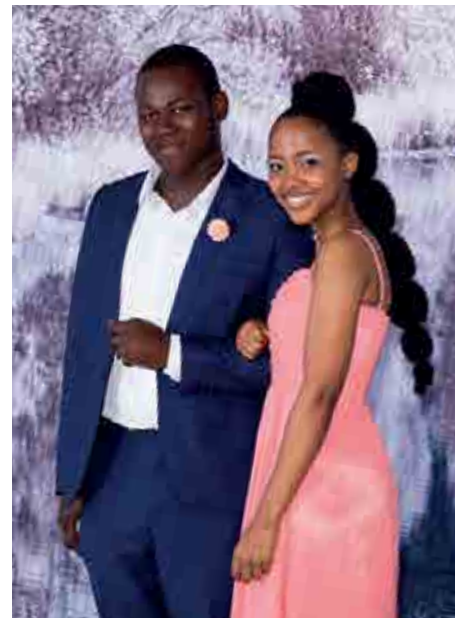
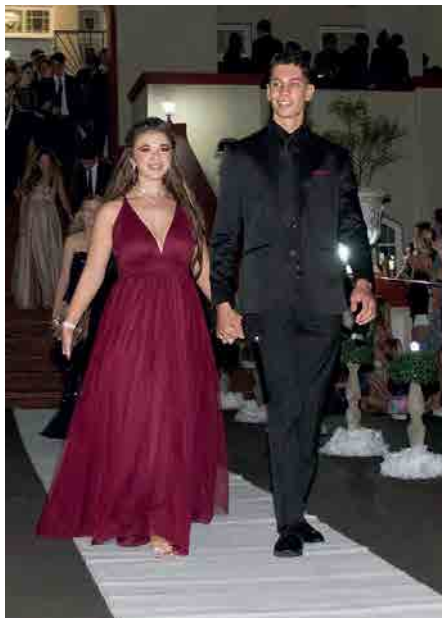




Matric Dance









Matric Photos



Adaeze Enebechi



Adrienne Dickason



Aimee-Sera McLeod



Alexandra Erskine



Alisha Chutarpal



Amani Mpanza



Amy Randelhoff



Andiswa Ndwalane



Ariëlle Jack



Asheta Nandalf



Bianca Hooper



Brenna Fooley



Bronwyn Harris



Caomh Jankey



Chloe Garrioch



Gabriëlla Alfesandri



Georgia Erskine



Gina Hogg



Hannah Constantine



Hannah Dingley



Hannah Watt



Heshanya Doorsamy



Jaime Proudfoot



Jamie Coetzee



Jamie Livingstone



Jessica Petzer



Jorja Ashford



Julia Blythe



Julianna Crook



Kaiya Naidu



Kayla Hinchliffe



Kellly Chealf



Kelsey Wassink



Kerry Mottram



Kiara Driver



Kirstin Winter



Kwazikwakhe Ndlovu



Lauren Proctor



Lucy Paynter



Lulu Mbanga



Luyanda Ndlovu



Maxine Butler



Megan Lombard



Melela Blose



Melissa Mpako



Nomfundo Kubheka



Noxolo Mgunu



Nthabiseng Cele



Parthenopi Ioannou



Rebecca Standage



Samishka Chetty



Savannah Wilson



Scarlet-Lee Singh



Senamile Dlamini



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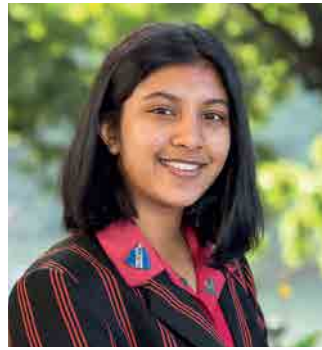
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Jayla Morrow



Jeagan Wilkinson



Fiana Singh



Tyler Gabriel



Ukhona Ngongo



Yadhasia Govender



Yolande Ndulelisa



Farewell Class of 2019



Hockey



High School

Softball



Waterpolo



KZN Softball Representatives



Soccer



Sport



Netball





Inter House Gala





French Exchange



Choir



High School

French Day



Dance @ Kearsney

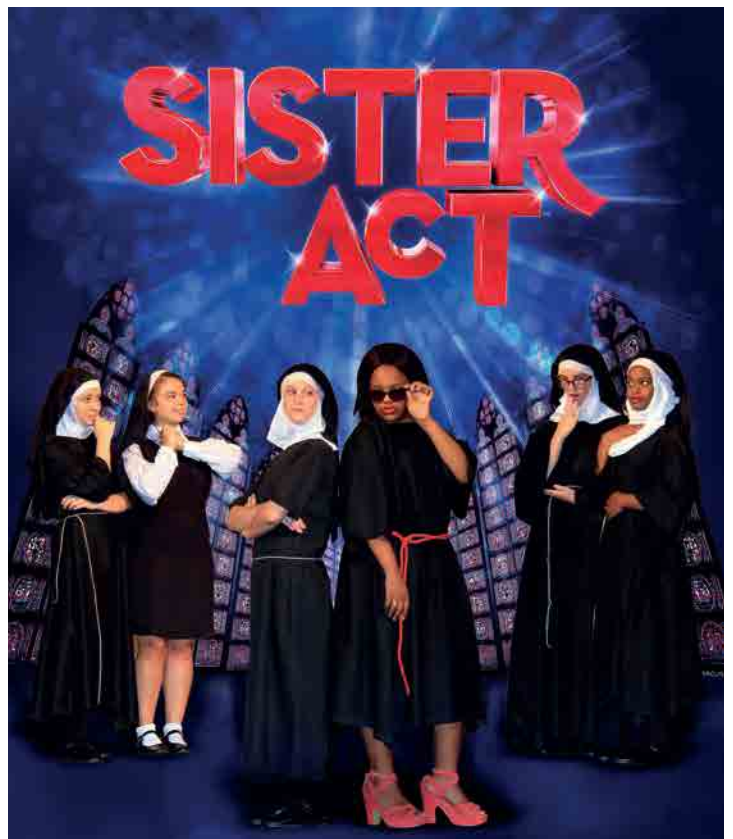




Sister Act



Culture



USA Tour

“Great things never came from comfort zones.”

- Anonymous -

13 days, 1 country on the other side of the Earth, 4 magical cities and loads of Science and Culture.

Mrs Miskey, Mrs Cholwich and I, together with 30 excited, travel-eager young Maris Stella ladies embarked on a thrilling journey to some of the most interesting cities and some of the most famous destinations in the world. What memories were made and what an adventure it was!

Our tour began in New York. After a long couple of days of travel, we finally landed in the USA, eager to begin our thrilling adventure. After a quick refresher at our hotel, we were off into Manhattan to see the sights of the big city. It was both a bit under- and overwhelming. The scale of the buildings is just something incredible – I don't think New Yorkers ever look up, as they would get cramped necks for sure. The city itself was a bit smelly, a bit rough in places, but certainly everything I expected New York to be so far – bright, busy and culturally explosive. Over the next few days, we would be absolutely blown away by the culture and sights that we would be immersed into. Among so many other incredible things, we would visit the 9/11 Memorial Pools, the Statue of Liberty, SoHo, Chinatown, Little Italy, Grand Central Terminal, Mets vs Yankees baseball game, Central Park, The Metropolitan Museum, Macy's 4th July fireworks display, the High Line, Museum of Natural History, Brooklyn Bridge, Brooklyn Heights, DUMBO,

Waitress on Broadway, Times Square, shopping, and a trip on the Roosevelt Island Tramway. Not to mention the amazing food – pizza, burgers, street food, pastries. Absolutely breathless.

As action-packed and hectic as our New York leg was, we felt like we had toured for 2 weeks already, not just 5 days. Our next destination was the capital city, Washington DC. It was swelteringly hot. We began our visit on Capitol Hill for a tour at The Capitol, the seat of the congress – the House of Representatives and the Senate. After being in the USA for just on a week, it was really fitting to learn some of the country's history and how it is governed. Most of the next day was spent visiting churches, statues, monuments, memorials, the White House, the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, and eating ice cream in the sun. Wonderful! Washington DC was brief but so enjoyable, and we could easily have spent a few more days there. It was so different to New York and many of the girls found it to be better ...crazy, I know.

We were quickly on our way to our next city – the resort town of Orlando, Florida. Our flight was late and we actually arrived early the next morning, tired from the heat and travel, but eager for the next leg of our adventure. The girls had been so amazing that we decided to treat them to breakfast at iHOP for some great American pancakes. The iRide took us down International Drive to the activities we had planned

for the day – Wonderworks, some shopping, the Outta Control Magic Comedy Dinner Show, and then more shopping! Our second day in Orlando was time well spent at Universal's Island of Adventure, and the third day was the highlight for most of us ... NASA! NASA's Kennedy Space Centre was everything I had ever imagined, expected and hoped for. We immersed ourselves in space travel with the Shuttle experience, the emotion of the Moon landings in the Apollo exhibit, lunch with Astronaut John-David Bartoe and a tour around the launchpads and facilities. What an absolutely fantastic, unbelievable, incredible day!

Bienvenidos a Miami!

No trip to the East Coast of America would be complete without at least a quick trip to Miami! With only a day in this sunny city, we stuck to South Beach as this is where most of the fun happens and boy did we have fun! Highlights included a Duck Tour of South Beach, Biscayne Bay and Ocean Drive, bicycling along the promenade, lunch at a real American diner, a quick swim in the Atlantic Ocean, cocktails, music, and dancing at iLov365 (Pitbull's restaurant!).

The tour ended just in time to make us all feel like we could stay for longer, but happy that we were going home. It lasted forever and ended too soon ...

Written by Mr Rodrigues

“Like all great travellers, I have seen more than I remember and remember more than I have seen.”

- Benjamin Disraeli -



Staff News



Births

Congratulations to the following special teachers on the arrival of their beautiful children:

Sarah Orchard and her husband Matthew on the birth of Jack, on 15 May.

Melanie Voight and her husband Willem on their adoption of Zoe Grace, born on 9 March.



Welcome to the Maris Stella Family

<i>Sonja Erasmus</i>	High School Afrikaans Teacher
<i>Melanie Voight</i>	High School English
<i>Michelle Edwards</i>	Pre-school teaching assistant
<i>Caroline Futter</i>	Prep Sport Teacher
<i>Caylor Conway</i>	JP and Prep Religion Teacher
<i>Kelly Erasmus</i>	HS Consumer Studies Teacher
<i>Tracy Webb</i>	High School English Teacher
<i>Donatella du Plessis</i>	High School English Teacher
<i>Sarah Orchard</i>	Grade 2 Teacher
<i>Nikita Clarke</i>	Grade R Teacher
<i>Channell Moonsamy</i>	Grade 000 Teacher

Weddings

We congratulate:

Jenna and Zachariah Dermick
30 March

Nikita and Justin van Rensburg
30 March

Aimee and Dave Wheal
2 November



Farewells



Beth Prothero
January 1981 to March 2019
(38 years)

Beth dedicated most of her teaching career to teaching the girls at Maris Stella. Starting out as a Grade 2 teacher, Beth taught in all the phases of our school. Not only was she a valuable Afrikaans teacher in the Prep and High School for many

years, Beth enjoyed enriching the girls culturally by being involved with the Steel Drum Band and in the teaching of Chess among other things. Beth took a real interest in each of the girls in her care and always gave out sound motherly advice. Many Maris Stella Old Girls have fond memories of their time spent with Beth. We will miss Beth and wish her every happiness in her retirement.

visit her Art room. The girls were always totally involved and enjoyed what they were doing. Her experience and expertise will be missed.” Charles Janse van Rensburg

“Eileen was a perfectionist in everything she did. She encouraged the Prep girls to go beyond what they thought they were capable of doing and produced the most amazing art work for our annual Art Exhibition.” - Caron Nesbit



Janine Serrurier
July 1986 to December 2019
(33 years)

“Janine has a special gift with people. She has a way of making you feel like the most important person in the world when she is talking to you. A wonderful teacher who took a personal interest in all of her pupils and instils a true love for French in her students and many of them have gone on to study it further and even move to France.” - Tess Tjasink

“Janine has always brought light, laughter and fun to our staffroom. She always told us the best stories that had us equally captivated and laughing at the same time. As much as she entertains us with stories, she also loved to hear about our lives and our children and her listening ear is one of the things I will miss most in our staffroom. Janine epitomizes ‘joie de vivre’ and her enjoyment of all things is an inspiration to all of us at Maris Stella.” - Bridget Aaron

“I loved the times we spent doing the Matric Cheese and Wine and how much we laughed after the first one. You were never short of creativity and I loved your knack for innovative ideas. It would be fair to say that your energy and fun-loving attitude transformed our little corner in the staffroom. I remember you with warm thoughts and memories and a lady with the best calf muscles in Durban!” - Gail Dowsley

“Eileen was my teacher when I was in Senior Primary at Maris Stella, and I always remember her for her patience and gentleness. Eileen is so talented and always had us in awe over the work she seemed to create so effortlessly, she has a wonderful ability to bring out the creativity and the artist in every student. It has been a blessing to have our teaching years overlap, and Eileen’s gentle smile and caring nature will be missed!” - Tess Tjasink



Carol Collins
January 2002 to December 2019
(18 years)

Carol has been a part of our Maris Stella Family for 18 years. She first started at Maris Stella as a Religion teacher for a short while but has been an important part of the Junior Primary Aftercare for many, many years. Carol was also

responsible for the retreats for our younger girls. Our girls always looked forward to the retreats and returned happy having learnt more about their faith and the true meaning of Christmas in a fun way. Carol has also been actively involved with the Holy Family Sisters for many years.



Eileen Andrew
January 2001 to December 2019
(19 years)

“Eileen is a very methodical, organized, hardworking art teacher who never left things to chance. She was brilliant at teaching the basics of design, colour and texture. Eileen always went above and beyond in everything that she undertook. The control and

mastering of mediums was evident in the highly finished, well presented works done by the girls. From butterflies both two and three dimensional to sea horses, teddy bears, bees, flowers you name it the girls painted it. Her exhibitions were always a treat and well worth visiting. If you ever wanted to see busy and creative you just had to



(Right)

Michelle Thackwray
January 2007 to March 2019
(12 years)

During her time at Maris Stella, Michelle was known to be a sincere, genuine, generous and kind teacher. She was child-centred in her approach to teaching and was always willing to go above and beyond to ensure that her students understood the work. The many girls going into her classroom at break and after

lessons was a testament to who she was. The girls were not only there to talk about their schoolwork, they trusted her and knew that she took a keen interest in them as individuals. Michelle passed on her strong values to the students that she taught. Values such as family, loyalty, faith, commitment and dedication.



Megan Kidd
January 2011 to December 2019
(9 years)

I have really enjoyed the 9 years that I spent at Maris Stella. It has left me with wonderful memories and a full heart. I have thoroughly enjoyed all the girls who I have taught, and who have actually taught me a lot too! I will miss watching them flourish as they move out of my class and into the High School. I have made many special friends along

the way and I treasure these friendships.



Liezl Scott
January 2012 to December 2019
(8 years)

Maris Stella is such a special school and I often think that we forget that while we are here. But once I knew that I was leaving, I started to be more grateful for everything that's uniquely Maris Stella. I so loved the holistic approach to education here, how no one is just a number and how invested everyone is in the well-being of our girls. I'm going to miss my home away from home, all the friendly faces

greeting me, my Life Science girls, Fred my unarmed skeleton and my gummy bear model. Most importantly, I'm going to miss the colleagues who have become my dearest friends. *"I will never be completely at home again, because part of my heart will always be elsewhere. That is the price you pay for the richness of knowing and loving people in more than one place."*

(Right)



Sarah Henderson
January 2016 to December 2019
(4 years)

One of my highlights has definitely been Touchstone, having done both the community service and the hike. The best part was on the hike on the last day when you see a sense of achievement on the faces of those girls who thought they'd never make it. I will miss the beautiful services where we get to celebrate Mass, sing and appreciate the blessing of being in a Catholic school. Maris Stella

girls are a dream to teach, they are attentive and interested and I will treasure these memories and girls in my heart. I love what I do, and I hope, in some small way, that enthusiasm has rubbed off on the girls I have taught.

(Left)



Alana Holmes
January 2017 to December 2019
(3 years)

During her time at Maris Stella as a Grade 7 teacher, Alana taught English, Natural Sciences and Mathematics. She was a warm creative, hardworking, trustworthy and highly organized colleague. Alana's ability to connect with her students is noteworthy, assisting them with easy and difficult concepts and showing a deep care and concern for her students. Each year she

directed and managed over 200 girls in the Annual School Production. Alana accomplished all these tasks with great initiative and a positive attitude.



Lisa Pillay
January 2017 to December 2019
(2 years)

Lisa worked at both the Junior Primary and Prep Aftercare before moving over to the Junior Primary only. She gave her loving care tirelessly to all the girls, especially Grade 1s by helping them with their homework. We came to love and appreciate this special lady who demonstrated her Christian faith in her daily actions.



Elané Nel
January 2018 to December 2019
(2 years)

Although Elané's time with Maris Stella's Afrikaans Department was limited, her contribution to the development of the language resulted in her starting an Afrikaans movie club to enrich and extend her learners. This effort was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by the girls, in particular those struggling with the language.

(Middle)



Kristi Dewar
July 2018 to December 2019
(1,5 years)

When I arrived at Maris Stella it really evoked strong emotions within me as I had gone to a Catholic school and loved it – from the old buildings to the beautiful Chapel – it really felt like a piece of home. I will most miss Julia van Blerk, and the department we built, our strong working relationship and just having a department that is full

of passion, strong work ethic and camaraderie. I have also made some beautiful friendships along the way and lastly, I will miss the beautiful girls that I have had the privilege of teaching. They really grew into my heart and I will never forget them.



Shanna Hughes
April 2018 to December 2019
(1,5 years)

I have thoroughly enjoyed the traditions of this special school, and the enthusiasm of the girls. I have especially loved teaching the Junior Primary and Prep girls, whose constant thirst for knowledge was so refreshing.



Caylor Conway
January 2019 to December 2019
(1 year)

Caylor came into the RE Department with her beautiful smile, contagious laugh and willingness to offer her help, as well as a deep and sincere love of her Catholic faith. These are the perfect ingredients for an RE teacher. Her compassionate nature shone out towards those pupils whom she taught and she always found time to enquire after the well-being of her colleagues. Caylor's decision to re-locate to New Zealand shows

that she has a courageous heart and adventurous nature; and together with her other attributes, we are sure that she will find happiness wherever she goes and will share some of our Maris Stella light and love in her travels.

We honour the following members of our Maris Stella Family for their long service to our school:

<i>Lianne Pearce</i>	20 years
<i>Jane Hadebe</i>	20 years
<i>Lynn Courtois</i>	10 years
<i>Charles Janse van Rensburg</i>	10 years
<i>Tracey Savage</i>	10 years
<i>Nishi Sooklal</i>	10 years



Management & Teaching Staff



Fifth Row

Lianne Pearce, Tyler Rodrigues, Karen Ireland, Lucy Ivins, Anke Bezuidenhout, Lee Gerber, Denise Lee, Filip Kormuth, Charles Janse van Rensburg, Gillian Meier Mattern, Eileen Andrew, Sonja Erasmus, Megan Kidd, Caroline Futter, Elané Nel, Alana Holmes

Fourth Row

Lara Schwegmann, Terri Thurtell, Gail Dowsley, Monique Frankson, Kim Davenport, Samantha Soper, Aimee Smithers, Sarah Dalton, Sarah Henderson, Tracey Savage, Donatella du Plessis, Soné Vrey, Nishi Sooklal, Clair Cholwich

Third Row

Belinda Handley, Zandile Hlongwa, Debbie Vermeulen, Tracy Webb, Tess Tjasink, Delphine Ward, Nikita van Rensburg, Sue Sylvester, Julie de Robillard, Snoekie du Plessis, Jenna Dermick, Hazel Mkhize, Shanna Hughes, Kati Neal

Second Row

Lerushca Smit, Nicky Williams, Tammy Styles, Kelly Erasmus, Caylor Conway, Noxolo Ngcobo, Channell Moonsamy, Julia van Blerk, Karen Bodley, Geraldine Crick, Kristi Dewar, Angela Langlois, Helen Ziegler

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Administrative Staff



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After Care Staff



Second Row | Zola Tshicila, Carol Collins, Dorota Kawecka, Lisa Pillay

First Row | Selina Naidoo, Sibongile Makhaye, Hazel Naidoo

Maintenance Staff



Third Row

Musa Dumakude, Moses Mchunu, Wandile Mzizi, Clarence Mdaka, Mandla Mabaso, Richard Mjoka, Stanley Jili

Second Row

Precious Sibiyi, Jane Hadebe, Sibongile Makhaye, Fezile Batyi, Calvin Qabela, Goodness Nyandeni

First Row

Thembhelihle Mntambho, Tom Sibiyi, Dudu Manyathela, Vusi Mchunu, Nelie Magubane, William Luthuli, Sindy Jili



Autographs



School Song

*On the hilltop shining bright
Ave Maris Stella
Thou dost give us joy and light
Mater et puella.*

*In thy bosom without care
Nihil triste unquam
We in learning and in prayer
Transagimus vitam.*

*When the wily tempter sings
Regredere diffide.
Then our motto loudly rings
Suspice Confide.
Days will come and we shall hear
Vale O puella,
But our hearts abideth here
Ave Maris Stella.*



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