



SCHOOL MATTERS

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE

The cold and unusually wet Cape weather over the last few days has caught us somewhat unawares. After lovely warm weather the past weekend, we immediately had to make winter school uniform an option. There is also further relief against the cold closer to the exams when learners will have the opportunity to come to school wearing either winter uniform or full school tracksuits. For the interim, summer or winter wear is permissible. (More detail follows later in this circular.)

Our winter sport is fully underway and our first rugby and netball teams deserve mention with their stunning performances so far. Thank you for your support on the extra-curricular front. I hope to see even more of you next to the various sport fields in the coming weeks.

A reminder to parents that the Oval, opposite Cozinha restaurant, belongs to the school. Whilst families are more than welcome to use the fields for play, no groups or organised team sport may use the fields without the College's permission. The field is used by the school for official school sports such as cricket, soccer and softball.

A word of thanks to all the parents who attended our parents' evening last week. I would like to remind you of our open-door policy, so please contact us if there are any academic, sport or cultural enquiries.

No fewer than 44 of our learners participated in the ATKV orators last weekend. We are holding our thumbs that many of you will advance to the next round. The exam is already lurking for the grade eights to elevens. There are just more than three weeks left before the start of the June exams. Carpe Diem – seize every opportunity to prepare for the exams. Good luck also to our grade twelves who need to break the back of the curriculum this term.

Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.

Pelé (Brazilian football legend)

SCHOOL RULES – UNIFORM

Learners currently have the option to transition between summer and winter uniform and are allowed either full summer uniform or full winter uniform. From 29 May, learners will be allowed to wear full school tracksuits for the remainder of term. Please note the following rules regarding the wearing of a tracksuit:

- Only the full tracksuit is allowed. The tracksuit top may not be taken off outside of an academic class.
- The LO shirt or house shirt must be worn underneath.
- Running shoes – NO Tommy tekkies, pumps or school shoes may be worn with the tracksuit.
- White sport socks must accompany the running shoes – no funky socks or coloured socks allowed.
- Other appearance rules (hair, make-up and jewellery) still apply.

The rules for learner appearance are available on the school's website.

ACADEMICS

ACADEMIC TOP 3

Based on the first term's marks the Top 3 learners per grade are as follows:

Grade 8

1.	Lisa Rautenbach	95.85%
2.	Angelique van Rensburg	94.69%
3.	Lisa Strauss	94.62%

Grade 9

1.	Lin-Mari Rudolph	95.69%
2.	Lené Liebenberg	94.15%
3.	Emma Steyn	93.00%

Grade 10

1.	Renate Maré	98.57%
2.	Jenhara Rooplall	95.14%
3.	Shayur Vather	94.43%

Grade 11

1.	Cara-Renette Ponting	97.00%
2.	Danielle Rossouw	96.57%
3.	Wihan Cilliers	94.29%

Grade 12

1.	Jean Blignaut	94.86%
2.	Christiaan Maré	93.57%
3.	Marco van der Westhuizen	93.00%

SUBJECT CHANGES

There are just more than three weeks left before the June examination, therefore no more subject changes can be considered for this term.

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you for attending our parents' evening on 4 May. These contact sessions were rather short, so please feel free to contact your child's subject teacher if there is anything you would still like to discuss.

EXAM BREAKDOWN

The exam breakdown per subject will be available on both the website and your child's tablet on Monday, 15 May.

GRADE 10 SUBJECT CHOICES FOR 2024

Kindly note that this year's grade 9 June examination marks will be used to determine your child's subject choices for grade 10. The Mathematics mark is applicable to IT, ACC, PSC, and Mathematics, of course.

CULTURE

ATKV ORATORS

Congratulations to the 44 learners who participated in the first round of the ATKV orators competition at Menlopark last Saturday. More than 1 300 learners from schools across Gauteng North participated in this prestigious competition.

MELODIA

Congratulations to our Melodia learners who participated in the Pretoria Eisteddfod in the less experienced choirs (co-ed high schools division) on Tuesday evening. They received an A and an A+ from the judges, the highest awards in this division. On Wednesday night, they took part in the semi-finals of the National Eisteddfod Young Performers Awards at the Roodepoort City Theatre.

We are also looking forward to their performance in the ATKV Applous Competition next week – another first for the College.

SPORT

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Ms Simoné Botha, our cross-country organiser, who won silver medals in the 5 000 m and the 1 500 m and a bronze medal in the 800 m in her age group at the recent SA Masters Championships. Under her guidance, we look forward to the cross-country training camp and season kicking off soon!

SWIMMING

Swimmer	Junior SAs	Senior SAs
Lance Cromhout	400 m Freestyle – 6 th 100 m Backstroke – Silver 200 m Backstroke – Gold 50 m Backstroke – Gold	50 m Backstroke 100 m Backstroke 200 m Backstroke (A final) – 18 th
Adrian van Wyk	100 m Freestyle – 4 th 50 m Backstroke – Gold 100 m Backstroke – Gold 200 m Backstroke – Silver Relays: 1 x Silver, 2 x Gold	200 m Backstroke (A final) – 8 th 100 m Backstroke (B final) – 10 th 50 m Backstroke (B final) – 13 th

Swimmer	SA Schools Championships
Lyla van der Spuy	100 m Butterfly – 4 th 50 m Butterfly – 4 th 4 x 100 m Medley relay – Gold
Abigail Roberts	100 m Freestyle – 5 th 50 m Backstroke – 4 th 50 m Freestyle – Bronze 50 m Butterfly – Bronze 4 x 50 m Medley relay – Bronze

GOLF

The first golf team faced Menlopark in the Chairman's Trophy and lost by 1½ to 2½. The four boys, Ruben-hein Churr, Joshua Rouncivell, Ryan Strauss and Nathan Roux showed fighting spirit, shooting good rounds of 70, 73, 74 and 78 respectively. This is after they finished fourth overall at the Gauteng North Schools Championships.

EQUESTRIAN

Several of our riders have performed well over the past month:

Rider	Discipline	Place
Eventing Show		
Kynan van Zyl	Eventing 85 cm show jumping	2 nd
Kyalami Park Club Easter Festival		
Daniella de Vries	Eventing 90 cm show jumping	1 st
SANESA Qualifier 3		
Abbi Howarth	Dressage Preliminary Test 3 & 4	3 rd
Michelle du Preez	Working riding	2 nd
	Performance riding	1 st
Kiara Kok	Show jumping A2 competition 70 cm	3 rd
	Show jumping normal competition 70 cm	4 th
Daniella de Vries	Eventing 65 cm	1 st
	Show jumping normal competition 90 cm	1 st
	Show jumping A2 competition 90 cm	4 th

Rider	Discipline	Place
Kynan van Zyl	Vaulting	1 st
	Eventing 85 cm	2 nd
	Dressage Novice Test 3 & 4	2 nd & 4 th
	Working hunter 70 cm & 90 cm	1 st
	Show jumping A2 competition 80 cm	3 rd
	Show jumping normal competition 80 cm	1 st
	Show jumping normal competition 100cm	2 nd
	Show jumping A2 competition 100cm	3 rd
Louis Verhoef	Dressage Elementary Medium Test 3 & 4	1 st
Jodi Slade	Dressage Novice Test 3 and 4	1 st
	Working hunter 70 cm	2 nd
	Eventing	5 th
	Show jumping competition 80 cm	3 rd
	Show jumping A2 competition 80 cm	3 rd
	Equitation 70 cm	1 st
Daniela Bedford	Show jumping 60 cm	1 st
SA Grand Champion Saddle Seat Competition		
Carmia van den Berg	u14 Pleasure horse	6 th
	u14 Equitation	7 th
	u18 Equitation	8 th

CHES

Results of the Tshwane D4 Individual Chess Championships:

Name	Age Group	Result
Arun Gounder	u15	3 th
Jean Blignaut	u18	6 th
Wihan Cilliers	u18	4 th
Shayur Vather	u18	1 st

Recent team results:

Team	Opponents	Result	Opponents	Result
u15A	Sutherland	Won 6 – 0	Eldoraigue	Won 3½ – 2½
u15B			Centurion	Tied 3 – 3
u17A	Curro Academy	Won 3½ – 2½	Eldoraigue	Lost 2½ – 3½
u19B	Centurion Secondary	Tied 3 – 3	Centurion	Lost 2 – 4
u19A	Sutherland	Tied 3 – 3	Eldoraigue	Won 4½ – 1½

TENNIS

Recent team results:

Team	Opponents	Result	Opponents	Result
Girls u15A	Waterkloof u15B	Won 39 – 27		
Boys u15A	Waterkloof u15A	Lost 1 – 6		
Girls u15B	Loreto u15A	Won 38 – 29		
Boys u15B	Menlopark u15C	Lost 20 – 47	AHS u15D	Lost 17 – 50
Girls u19A	Zwartkop u19B	Won 53 – 14		
Boys u19A	PBHS u19B	Won 49 – 18	AHS u19C	Won 38 – 29
Boys u19B	Oos-Moot u19B	Won 44 – 22		
Girls u19C	FH Odendaal u19A	Won 48 – 19		

WINTER SPORT

The season is in full swing and our learners are training hard, performing well and enjoying the competition. The girls played netball league matches against Overkruin, and the results are a huge improvement on last year. Similarly, our girls' hockey scores against AHMP show positive signs of growth. We are excited about the upbeat curve our winter sport is showing.

GIRLS HOCKEY		BOYS HOCKEY		NETBALL		RUGBY	
vs AHMP		vs Eldoraigne		vs Overkruin		vs Wagpos	
Team	Result	Team	Result	Team	Result	Team	Result
u14C	0 – 2	u14B	5 – 0	u14A	24 – 10	u14A	19 – 17
u14B	1 – 0	u14A	3 – 0	u14B	20 – 10	u14B	7 – 17
u14A	0 – 2	u16B	3 – 1	u14C	30 – 1	u15A	3 – 0
u15C	0 – 2	u16A	2 – 1	u14D	15 – 2	u15B	24 – 29
u15B	0 – 0	2 nd	3 – 2	u15A	18 – 21	u16A	19 – 28
u15A	0 – 5	1 st	2 – 2	u15B	14 – 14	3 rd	5 – 24
u16B	0 – 3			u15C	2 – 13	2 nd	12 – 12
u16A	0 – 3			u16A	23 – 10	1 st	57 – 3
3 rd	0 – 7			u16B	14 – 14		
2 nd	0 – 6			u16C	11 – 3		
1 st	0 – 1			u17A	18 – 10		
				2 nd	19 – 15		
				1 st	28 – 20		

Boys hockey – The first team ended 5th in the Gauteng North Cup after beating Sutherland in the play-offs.

NETBALL

We are very proud of Iva Mukadi (u14) who has been included in the Gauteng team that will participate in the national tournament in June.

RECOGNITION OF NON-SCHOOL SPORT

GOLF

Ruben-hein Churr (grade 9) has been selected for the u15 Gauteng North team that will participate in the 2023 Boland Invitational tournament in Paarl. Congratulations!

ANGLING

Gareth Prinsloo (grade 9) represented Gauteng North in the open division at the SA Angling Championships held at Bloemhof Dam and came 7th.

WRESTLING

Rohan du Plessis (grade 11) will represent South Africa at the African Continental Championship in Tunisia in May. Good luck!

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