



SCHOOL MATTERS

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE

*Happiness cannot be travelled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed.
Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace,
and gratitude.*

Denis Waitley

I hope all of you experienced enough love, grace, and gratitude during this busy term. It is with great happiness that I can attest that Mr Rickus Viljoen is currently recuperating at home after a motorcycle accident more than two weeks ago in which he, among other injuries sustained, broke his hip, sternum, as well as 11 ribs. Mr Johan van Wyk, one of our directors, is also back home after back surgery that resulted in blood clots in his lung. We can only praise the Lord for His grace and may He hold us all in the palm of His hand.

I believe everyone is aware that Ms Hester Hill has resigned as principal of Midstream College Primary School. After ten years in the post, she is spreading her wings at the end of the third term. I am pleased to announce that Mr Wouter Rothmann, current principal of Skuilkrans Primary School, has been appointed as new principal from 1 October.

A word of thanks to every parent, learner and teacher who completed the OISESA questionnaire. We are currently studying the outcomes and would like to give feedback to you after the process is completed in August. Thank you also to the parents who attended my Coffee-with-Carel session at the beginning of the exam. I appreciate the positive feedback on both these forums.

Thank you also for pointing out some challenges. We are happy to listen and can only address problems that we are aware of. One of the consequences of the feedback from these platforms is that due to the cold, we will allow learners to wear tracksuits for the first few weeks of next term. Furthermore, from the third term, we will also be much stricter regarding cell phones during class time and a learner's academic device will be permissible in class. By the way, headphones are not part of school uniform. 😊

Congratulations to our netball teams that won their entire league for the first time. Good luck to our rugby teams with their Blue Bulls semi-finals today. The first team plays at home at 17:15. You are all welcome to attend. Good luck also to our boys' and girls' hockey teams preparing for their Noordvaal playoff matches early in August.

Bon Voyage to our Fish River Canyon hikers, Mozambique divers, mountain bikers, softball, golf and cricket players, as well as cross-country athletes traversing southern Africa this holiday. Good luck to all the learners participating in different provincial tournaments throughout the holidays. A final word of thanks to every parent, teacher and learner for your contribution during this busy term. I hope you all survived the exam. Have a good rest and come back with charged batteries to face the opportunities that the third term will bring.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER PROJECT

It is with heartfelt thanks that we have received donations to the value of R355 000. A special word of gratitude to MiX Telematics and MultiLoads for their huge contributions. This enabled the grade 10s to pack 109 000 meals for less privileged people as part of their community outreach project.

UNIFORM SHOP

The business hours during the holidays are as follows:

- 23 June (07:00 – 15:00)
- 24 June – 12 July (Closed)
- 13 & 14 July (08:00 – 16:00)
- 17 July (08:00 – 17:00)
- From 18 July (07:00 – 17:00)

ACADEMICS

GRADE 12 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Attached please find the timetable for this examination. It is also available on the website and the learners' tablets.

GRADE 9 SUBJECT CHOICE

Kindly note that the grade 9 subject choice information evening takes place in the hall on 17 August at 18:30. Subject choices for 2024 must be submitted electronically by Monday, 21 August. Click on the following link from **Friday, 23 June**, for the subject information and the subject choice form: <https://www.midstreamcollege.co.za/academics/subjects/>

CULTURE

MIDSTREAM COLLEGE COLLABORATION CONCERT

Midstream College High School, Midstream College Primary School and Midstream Ridge Primary School will present a collaboration concert at the Pretoria State Theatre on 9 August at 18:30. During this prestigious event, approximately 800 learners from the three schools will participate in a variety of cultural activities.

Tickets for the concert can be booked online at Webtickets using the following link: <https://www.webtickets.co.za/v2/Event.aspx?itemid=1529460568>

SPORT

GENERAL

Thank you to every learner and parent who helped us to pull the proverbial sports wagon through the drift amidst the exam challenges! We are exceptionally blessed and grateful that our learners are talented and hardworking. The skill to plan around academic and sporting pressures and manage it successfully equips them well for the future.

We are also pleased to announce the addition of two knowledgeable sport coaches who are joining us at the beginning of the third term:

1. Athletics – Eben Vermaas (Level 3 shotput and discus specialist)
2. Netball – Simoné Rabie, former Protea player (private individual coaching)

We look forward to the expert input and positive contribution that Eben will make during the throws training sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (14:15 – 16:15) and Simoné with individual sessions on the netball courts. (Contact our netball organiser, Ms Chantelle Pretorius for more information.)

CROSS-COUNTRY

We are proud of the athletes who were selected for the AGN team and competed at the ASA 5 km Championships in Johannesburg.

Age Group	Athlete	Place
Girls u14 – u19	Jané Male	28 th
Girls u14 – u19	Zabine von Westernhagen	7 th
Boys u14 – u19	Xavier van der Leek	22 nd
Boys u14 – u19	Juan Breytenbach	Withdrew

Ms Simoné Botha, our organiser and coach, was 1st in the 40 – 49 category. Congratulations, we are very proud you.

The following athletes have been selected to represent AGN at an inter-provincial meeting in Groblersdal:

Age Group	Athlete
Girls u14	Carmia van den Berg, Caitlin Arendse & Elle Gouws
Girls u16	Jané Male
Junior Ladies	Zabine von Westernhagen
Boys u14	Rupert Groenewald
Boys u17	Xavier van der Leek & Juan Breytenbach
Junior Men	Eben de Wit

SQUASH

The College participated in the Northerns Regional Top Schools tournament this past weekend and we are proud of our first girls' and boys' teams.

GIRLS			BOYS		
	Opponents	Score		Opponents	Score
1	Zwartkop	20 – 0	1	Eldoraigue	18 – 3
2	Menlopark	20 – 0	2	Zwartkop	3 – 17
			3	PBHS	20 – 3
			4	Menlopark	8 – 17

Our boys achieved a 3rd place and the girls were the winners, thus advancing to the South African Top Schools tournament in Pietermaritzburg in August. We have faith in them to improve upon last year's second place. Good luck, girls!

Congratulations to Awande Malinga (u19), CA Froneman (u17), Elzandri Janse van Rensburg (u15) and Anushka Janse van Rensburg (u14) who qualified for the South African National Tournament in Cape Town in August.

EQUESTRIAN

Gauteng Ekurhuleni SANESA Qualifier 4		
Rider	Discipline	Place
Abbi Howarth	Preliminary Dressage Test 3 & 4	2 nd
Michelle du Preez	Performance Riding	3 rd
	Working Riding	4 th
	Dressage Novice Test 3 & 4	7 th
Daniela Bedford	Dressage Beginner Test 4	2 nd
	Dressage Beginner Test 5	3 rd
	Show jumping 60 cm A2 Competition	2 nd
	Show jumping 60 cm 2-Phase	3 rd
Jodi Slade	Dressage Novice Test 5	1 st
	Working Hunter 70 cm	1 st
	Equitation 70 cm	1 st
	Show jumping 80 cm	3 rd
Kiara Kok	Preliminary Dressage Test 3	5 th
	Preliminary Dressage Test 4	7 th
	Show jumping 70 cm Competition	7 th
	Show jumping 70 cm 2-Phase	2 nd
Kynan van Zyl	Vaulting horse	2 nd
	Vaulting barrel	1 st

MOUNTAIN BIKING

The first league race took place at Steyn City. Our riders did exceptionally well on a day where 660 participants competed and we are happy to share the top results.

Section	Rider	Place
Sub-junior Boys	Wiehan Visser	5 th
	Rupert Groenewald	7 th
	Ivan Kymdell	14 th
Sub-junior Girls	Nika Nortjé	1 st
Youth Boys	Robért Ford	3 rd
	Sebastian Bruyns	6 th
	Ruben Bruyns	8 th
Youth Girls	Jané Male	5 th
	Sarah Heher	6 th
Junior Girls	Lucy Carroll	5 th

NETBALL

Recent results:

Team	Cornwall Hill	Sutherland	Final position in the Jubilee B-league
u14A	17 – 11	32 – 1	1 st
u14B	23 – 12	26 – 1	1 st
u14C	13 – 1	11 – 1	1 st
u14D		28 – 2	Not calculated
u15A	19 – 23	23 – 15	4 th
u15B	24 – 12	16 – 9	1 st
u15C	15 – 0	9 – 9	4 th
u16A	30 – 8	31 – 9	1 st
u16B	31 – 4	24 – 8	1 st
u16C		18 – 7	Not calculated
u17A	16 – 8	21 – 1	1 st
2 nd	19 – 7	17 – 12	1 st
1 st	26 – 27	52 – 13	2 nd

The girls were crowned as overall B-league winners! This was the College's best season ever – congratulations to all the girls, coaches and parents! The u14A, u16A, u17A and 1st teams advanced to the Tshwane playoffs and we are particularly proud of the three junior teams that were involved until the semi-finals.

Tshwane Playoffs				
Team	Wilgers	Menlopark	Centurion	Garsfontein
u14A	28 – 8	9 – 20	23 – 12	6 – 16 (semi-final)
Team	Uitsig	Garsfontein	Sutherland	Zwartkop
u16A	21 – 8	17 – 25	22 – 10	14 – 23 (semi-final)
Team	Wilgers	Zwartkop	Wonderboom	Eldoraigne
u17A	22 – 8	12 – 24	18 – 11	7 – 29 (semi-final)
Team	Garsfontein	St Mary's	Waterkloof	
1 st	10 – 33	37 – 11	18 – 38	

HOCKEY

The hockey has also finalised their leagues and we look forward to the Noordvaal tournaments next term.

Recent results:

Team	Girls			Boys			
	PHSG	Oos-Moot	Eldoraigne	Menlo A	St Alban's	Menlo B	Waterkloof
u14A	3 – 0	8 – 0	1 – 0	2 – 1		13 – 0	0 – 2
u14B	5 – 0	3 – 0			2 – 3		0 – 1
u14C					0 – 0		0 – 2
u15A	4 – 0	3 – 1	1 – 3				
u15B	3 – 0	7 – 0					
u16A	7 – 0	3 – 0	1 – 0	0 – 1		4 – 0	0 – 1
u16B	4 – 0	1 – 0			0 – 2		0 – 1
u16C					0 – 1		1 – 1
2 nd	2 – 0	6 – 0			1 – 4		1 – 5
1 st	1 – 3	5 – 0	1 – 2	1 – 4		3 – 2	2 – 2

Girls' Hockey

We are very proud of the girls who performed exceptionally well in the A-league. After their playoffs against Eldoraigne, the u15A team qualified for the Noordvaal B tournament in Ermelo, while the u14A (Krugersdorp), u16A (Tzaneen) and 1st teams (Potchefstroom) qualified for the Noordvaal A tournaments. These tournaments take place from 9 to 12 August.

Boys' Hockey

The u14A team qualified for the Noordvaal A tournament in Polokwane, the u16As for the Noordvaal B tournament in Middelburg and the 1st team for the Noordvaal A tournament in Randburg, all from 3 to 5 August.

Congratulations to the following boys who have been included in provincial teams:

U14	U16
Rupert Groenewald, Ethan Jaftha, Gabriel Mendes, Trent Sewpaul, Moyahabo Machaba, MH Sahib	Adrian Vosloo, Nicolas Mendes

RUGBY

Recent results:

Team	Overkruin	Pretoria-Noord	Wonderboom
u14A	57 – 7	34 – 0	62 – 5
u14B			24 – 7
u15A	33 – 0	28 – 7	21 – 21
u15B	10 – 7	17 – 5	13 – 5
u16A	62 – 10	30 – 17	12 – 27
2 nd	7 – 63	13 – 10	40 – 17
1 st	49 – 5	61 – 10	68 – 0

Good luck to our A-teams that all qualified for the Blue Bulls semi-finals that take place this afternoon.

More history was created with the inclusion of Hilton Thomas in the Blue Bulls u18 Craven Week – Midstream’s first Craven Week player! We are equally proud of Jahred Smit (u17A team), Neil de Vleeschauwer (u16B Noordvaal team) and Malusi Mahlangu (u15B Rhino team) who will all represent the Blue Bulls at inter-provincial tournaments.

The following boys were included in the Pretoria Private Schools teams (*Rooikatte*) that will participate in the VKB Week during the holidays.

Age Group	Players
u16	Louis Verhoef (captain), Du-Juan du Toit, Hanno Britz, Nicholas Grobler, Jordan Joubert, Jared Nel, Owen Delport, Yanko Cronjé, Erik Meyburgh, Déan Fourie, Thomas Pretorius, Timothy Hattingh
u19	Jacques Vos, Mika Lubbe, Deon le Roux, Tian Pretorius, Anru Cronjé, Xander Senekal, Justin Hattingh, Jaedon de Leeuw, Thabang Rammabi

RECOGNITION OF NON-SCHOOL SPORT

We would like to acknowledge learners who excel in non-school sporting activities. You are welcome to send any proof, information and certificates to the head of sport, Mr Henry Verster (hverster@midstreamcollege.co.za).

BMX

Congratulations to Deagan McCallum (grade 9) who will represent South Africa at the UCI World Championships in the BMX Challenge Class in Scotland in August.

Ice hockey

Kallen Grant (grade 10) has been included in the Gauteng u18 girls’ team that will compete in an inter-provincial tournament in Cape Town next month. We are proud of you!

Judo

Congratulations to Marco van der Westhuizen (grade 12) who has selected to represent the Tshwane (Gauteng North District) at the SA Championships in Gqeberha in July.

Karate

Maya Robberts (grade 9) has been included in the Gauteng team that will participate in the JKA National Championships in July. Congratulations.

GENERAL

SPRINGFEST



The poster features a vibrant blue background with a sunburst effect on the left. In the center, the word "September" is written in a pink, cursive font, with the year "09" in large white numbers above it. The text is surrounded by tropical elements like palm trees, a beach, and a pair of sunglasses. A central graphic shows a stack of speakers and a play button icon. The overall theme is a tropical music festival.

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