



SCHOOL MATTERS

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE

Sometimes the future changes quickly and completely, and we're left with only the choice of what to do next. We can choose to be afraid of it. Just stand there trembling, not moving. Assuming the worst that can happen. Or we step forward into the unknown and assume it will be brilliant.

- Sandra Oh

We celebrated Women's Day yesterday and with all the challenges around us, my wish is that the future will be extremely rosy and brilliant for you and your loved ones. Let's be positive about the future of our country and its people. Midstream College, in particular, has had an exceptional week on various sport fields and in culture arenas. A salute to everyone behind the scenes: parents, learners and teachers who make this possible.

In light of Women's Day, I would like to emphasise our girls' contribution to our success. All four our girls' hockey teams are currently involved in their respective Noordvaal finals in Krugersdorp, Ermelo, Tzaneen and Potchefstroom. Our girls' squash team left for the SA Schools Championships in Pietermaritzburg yesterday and is confident of improving on their silver medal from last year. Our first three-schools concert in the State Theatre last night was a huge success and our girls certainly played a major role in this.

Thank you to everyone who attended our parents' evening on Tuesday. I would like to invite every parent anew to bring any challenge and/or problem to our attention immediately. On several occasions I have stated on record that we can only address issues that we are made aware of. Thank you also to the almost 100% learners who indicated that they will be attending the grade camps and the Odyssey in September.

Best wishes to all our sport teams and culture groups with all the important matches and performances ahead. (More details follow later in this circular.) During this busy term, I would like to encourage all of you to pause for a moment and count your blessings. Soli Deo Gloria.

ACADEMICS

BIOSCIENCE OLYMPIAD

111 Midstream learners wrote this national Olympiad, of which 43 received a bronze certificate. The following learners received silver certificates: Jan-Albert van Niekerk, Willem Verhoef, Lisa Oosthuizen, Di-Ané van den Berg, Cyra Qin, Courtney Williams and Kyran Nair. Jan-Albert was Midstream's top achiever.

ACADEMIC TOP 3

After the mid-year examinations, the top academic achievers per grade are as follows:

Grade 8:

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| 1. | Lisa Strauss | 96.00% |
| 2. | Lisa Rautenbach | 94.15% |
| 3. | Surita van Heerden | 93.31% |

Grade 9

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| 1. | Lin-Mari Rudolph | 96.92% |
| 2. | Elmien van der Walt | 95.31% |
| 3. | Lené Liebenberg | 94.15% |

Grade 10

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| 1. | Renate Maré | 97.43% |
| 2. | Jenhara Rooplall | 96.00% |
| 3. | Lucka Nieuwenhuis | 94.43% |

Grade 11

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|----|----------------------|--------|
| 1. | Cara-Renette Ponting | 95.43% |
| 2. | Danielle Rossouw | 94.43% |
| 3. | Karla Alberts | 92.43% |

Grade 12

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| 1. | Jean Blignaut | 94.57% |
| 2. | Simoné Swart | 92.71% |
| 3. | Marco van der Westhuizen | 92.14% |

SUBJECT CHANGES

Kindly note that no subject changes are allowed in the fourth term. If your child is still considering a subject change, you are requested to urgently contact Ms Madelaine Matthys (mmatthys@midstreamcollege.co.za).

CULTURE

MC³ CONCERT

Last evening, the stage of the Pretoria State Theatre came alive with an enchanting and vibrant display of talent from Midstream College, Midstream Primary, and Midstream Ridge who united for an unforgettable concert. With over 840 participants, the auditorium was abuzz with anticipation as the curtains rose, unveiling a stage adorned with a myriad of musical instruments, colourful costumes, melodious tunes, exceptional dancing and choreography.

The passion and dedication of each performer was truly inspiring, showcasing a bright future for the world of arts and culture. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who contributed to making this extraordinary evening a reality.

REVUE

The revue group participated in the Centurion Arts Festival and was awarded an A++. They were also named category winners.

MELODIA

Melodia took part in the Centurion Arts Festival and was awarded an A++.

FAK ALLEGRETTO TONEELFEES

Name of play: <i>SINNE.LOOS</i>		
Bronze	Silver	Gold
Production & Text Sound – Daniël Reinecke Lighting – Pieter du Plessis Acting – Anika Malan	Decor, Technical & Costumes Sound – Daniël Reinecke Lighting – Pieter du Plessis Stage management – Ryan Smith	
Name of play: <i>VIVA LA RESISTANCE!</i>		
Bronze	Silver	Gold
Acting – Jaco Kriel & Isabel Kriel	Direction, Text, Ensemble, Production & Technical Assistant Director – Brendan Swanepoel Stage Management – Karla Storm & Hanro Pelser Sound – Bianca Joubert Acting – Annerine Bester & Brendan Swanepoel	Decor Sound – Kendra van Wyk Costumes – Alike van der Merwe Acting – Mieke Combrinck
Name of play: <i>VIVA LA RESISTANCE!</i> (During semi-finals)		
Bronze	Silver	Gold
	Acting – Chanie van der Watt	Technical & Stage Management Sound – Bianca Joubert

PRONK PODIUM

Name of play: <i>SINNE.LOOS</i>		
Bronze	Silver	Gold
Ensemble, Direction and Choreography Lighting – Pieter du Plessis Poster – Daniël Reinecke Acting – Anika Malan and Lené Liebenberg	Text, Costumes & Make-up Decor – Lara Wiehahn and Ryan Smith Sound – Daniël Reinecke	

Name of play: <i>VIVA LA RESISTANCE!</i>		
Bronze	Silver	Gold
Acting – Isabel Kriel, Chanie van der Watt, Fransiska Rall, Brittany Boshoff & Henro Fourie	Choreography, Direction, Text & Technical Assistant Director – Brendan Swanepoel Acting – Mieke Combrinck, Jaco Kriel & Brendan Swanepoel Stage Management – Karla Storm & Hanro Pelsler	Props, Decor & Lighting – Kendra van Wyk Sound – Bianca Joubert Acting – Annerine Bester Costumes & Make-up – Alika van der Merwe Make-up – Chanie van der Watt

RECOGNITION OF NON-SCHOOL CULTURE

We would like to acknowledge learners who excel in non-school culture activities. You are welcome to send any proof, information and certificates to the head of culture, Dr Steyn de Bod (sdebod@midstreamcollege.co.za).

SPORT

Sport at Midstream College is growing and excelling and we would like to thank all coaches, players and parents for their contribution to our success.

GIRLS' HOCKEY

For the first time all four our teams have qualified to play in the Noordvaal A tournament. The u14s travel to Krugersdorp, the u15As to Ermelo, the u16As to Tzaneen, and the 1st team to Potchefstroom. As preparation the teams played a friendly match against Pietersburg last weekend. The results were as follows:

Team	Score
u14A	2 – 2
u15A	0 – 2
u16A	0 – 0
1 st	1 – 3

BOYS' HOCKEY

All three our teams played in Noordvaal tournaments last week, and the results were as follows:

Team	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Match 5
u14A	Merensky 2 – 1	HTS Witbank 3 – 1	Louis Trichardt 2 – 1	Potch Gim 1 – 0	Nelspruit 2 – 1
u16A	Transvalia 11 – 1	Krugersdorp 4 – 0	Louis Trichardt 4 – 0	Merensky 2 – 0	HTS Witbank 3 – 2
1 st	Pietersburg 1 – 3	Linden 3 – 2	Sasolburg 2 – 3	Noordheuwel 1 – 2	Pietersburg 1 – 2

Our 1st team ended 8th in the Noordvaal A tournament held in Linden. The u16As were the gold medal winners at the Noordvaal B tournament held in Middelburg, while the u14As won the bronze medal in their Noordvaal A tournament in Pietersburg.

RUGBY

The qualifying round for the SDC Noordvaal Cup was played on 29 July. The results were as follows:

Team	Opponents	Score
u14A	Frikkie Meyer	23 – 13
u15A	Ben Viljoen	0 – 24
u16A	Wagpos	20 – 21
1 st	Frikkie Meyer	28 – 23

Last weekend, the u14As and the 1st team were involved in the quarter finals. The results were:

Team	Opponents	Score
u14A	Randburg	23 – 22
1 st	Ermelo	36 – 20

Good luck to both teams for their semi-final matches this weekend. The u14As travel to Brits to play Wagpos, while the 1st team take on Potchefstroom Gimnasium in Potchefstroom.

EQUESTRIAN

Results of the SANESA Gauteng Regionals held last weekend:

Rider	Discipline	Place
Kiara Kok	Show jumping 70 cm	1 st
Kynan van Zyl	Working hunter 70 cm	1 st
	Working hunter 90 cm	5 th
	Show jumping 70 cm	6 th
	Show jumping 90 cm	7 th
	Vaulting	1 st & 2 nd
Michelle du Preez	Working riding	3 rd
	Performance riding	6 th
Jodi Slade	Equitation	2 nd
Louis Verhoef	Dressage elementary medium	5 th & 7 th

CROSS-COUNTRY

Results of the second league race held at Prestige were as follows:

Section	Girls	Boys
Juniors	5 th	11 th
Seniors	7 th	8 th
Overall	6 th	9 th

Individual results:

Age Group	Athlete	Place
Girls u14	Carmia van den Berg	9 th
	Caitlin Arendse	13 th
	Elle Gouws	16 th
Girls u16	Jané Male	12 th
	Lente Groenewald	16 th
Girls u17	Zabine von Westernhagen	6 th
	Danielle Rossouw	12 th
Boys u14	Rupert Groenewald	3 rd
Boys u16	Déan Fourie	20 th
Boys u17	Xavier van der Leek	7 th
	Juan Breytenbach	9 th
Boys u18	Eben de Wit	12 th

CRICKET

Four teams comprising players from grade 6 to 9 compete in the new and exciting T20 Midstream Smash. They are: Midteam Foxes, Healthcare Wolves, Pallidus Rhinos and Sasol Ridge Huskies. The tournament has successfully kicked off, with the third round of matches taking place at both Midstream College and Midstream Ridge Primary tomorrow.

A senior team played a friendly match against Sutherland last week.

Team	Result	Comments
Sutherland 1	Midstream 247/10 Sutherland 148/10 Won by 99 runs	Jordan le Roux 45 Janco van Heerden 35 Rikus Cilliers 4/37 in 10 overs Jordan le Roux 1/12 in 10 overs

Well done to our u15A team who returned from their tour to Tzaneen unbeaten. They beat the following schools: Zwartkop, Garsfontein XI, Potchefstroom Volksskool and Ben Vorster. Maarten Nortjé was named Batsman of the Week amassing 338 runs, which included two centuries.

SOFTBALL

Recent results:

Team	Willowridge	Rietondale	Sutherland	Amberfield
u14A	17 – 0	11 – 7		
u14B			18 – 8	
u14C			12 – 6	
u14D			17 – 5	
u15A	19 – 0	13 – 1		
u15B			8 – 12	
u16A	13 – 11	10 – 3		
u16B			19 – 8	

Team	Willowridge	Rietondale	Sutherland	Amberfield
u19A	16 – 3	12 – 12		
u19B			10 – 5	14 – 3
u19C				13 – 18

SQUASH

Individual results from the recent CJS tournament were as follows:

Section	Player	Place
Uitsig Group 1	CA Froneman	2 nd
Uitsig Group 2	Elzandri Janse van Rensburg Anushka Janse van Rensburg Namratha Eswari Niranjani	2 nd Plate winner Plate winner
Uitsig Group 3	Kaleigh Reddy Abigail Dean	Plate winner Plate winner
Uitsig Group 4	Martin de Koning Hayden Davy	3 rd Plate winner
Irene Group 1	Rachel de Beer	2 nd
Irene Group 4	Vaughn Rowlands	1 st

Good luck to our 1st girls' team currently playing in the SA Schools Championships in Pietermaritzburg.

TENNIS

An u15 boys' team and two girls' teams played in a tournament at Buffelspoort recently. The Midstream boys' team ended 6th out of 12 teams, while the Midstream 1 girls' team came 5th and the Midstream 2 team 10th.

CHESS

At the D4 District final held last week, the u19A team came 4th, while the u15A team won the gold medal. The u15s will play in the Gauteng final later this month.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NON-SCHOOL SPORT

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

Golf

Ruben-hein Churr won the Golf RSA Sun City SA u15 tournament at the Gary Player Country Club. He also played in the Junior World Championships in Florida in the USA and ended 8th.

Ice Hockey

Kallen Grant has been included in the u18 squad to represent South Africa in Bulgaria.

Judo

At the Commonwealth Championships held in Gqeberha last week, Marco van der Westhuizen won a bronze medal in Group 5 (under 73 kg).

Swimming

A number of club swimmers participated in the NTS Junior (14 years and younger) and Senior (15 years and older) Short Course Championships.

Name	Achievement
Nicholas Cownie	Silver – 1 500 m freestyle 1 new level 3 time for 2024
Juan Pretorius	2 new SANJ times for 2024
Grace Powell	Silver – 100 m freestyle & 100 m butterfly Bronze – 200 m IM
Jemma van Wyk	5 th – 200 m freestyle 1 new SANAT B time for 2024
Rouxné du Plessis	5 th – 100 m backstroke 1 new SANJ time for 2024
Lyla van der Spuy	Gold – 200 m butterfly Bronze – 100 m backstroke & 100 m butterfly
Jana Swiegers	Bronze – 100 m & 200 m backstroke
Demi Jacobs	4 th – 400 m IM & 100 m backstroke 1 new SANAT B time for 2024
Xander du Toit	Bronze – 200 m IM 4 th – 50 m freestyle & 100 m butterfly
Adrian van Wyk	Silver – 50 m, 100 m, 200 m freestyle & 200 m backstroke Bronze – 100 m backstroke 1 new SANAT A time for 2024
Lance Cromhout	Gold – 400 m freestyle (NTS record) Silver – 100 m backstroke 4 th – 200 m freestyle
Michael Kleynhans	Bronze – 400 m freestyle 1 new SANAT B time for 2024

GENERAL

RECOGNITION OF NON-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mr Teen Earth South Africa

Wandele Cibi has been crowned Mr Teen Earth South Africa and will compete in Mr Teen Earth World in Ecuador later this year.

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