



SCHOOL MATTERS FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE

*Nog 'n somerson Kersfees
Want die Koningskind verjaar
Ek skryf vir jou uit die noorde
Ek sal die posduif vra*

*Sal hy gaan draai in die suide
By die berg en die see?
En daar waar my liefde kaalvoet loop
Die nota vir jou gee*

'n Sonneblom uit Betlehem: Lize Beekman

The Ooskerk, across the road from Loftus, had their annual Christmas carol service last Sunday and we were privileged to have Lize Beekman as guest artist. Among other songs, she sang her well known *'n Sonneblom uit Betlehem*. The summer sun was certainly with us during a large part of the exams and may you all experience His warm love this Christmas.

As the summer sun draws water and the proverbial last rays of the school year languish over the western horizon, we can look back on 2023 with gratitude. The College was once again blessed on several fronts. The revue, ensemble, orators, drama and Melodia reached unprecedented notes and heights. On the sport front, we survived the A-league athletics at the beginning of the year and came second in the A-league swimming. We also achieved unparalleled heights on the rugby, hockey, cricket, and softball fields, as well as the mountain bike track and squash and netball courts. The first rugby team that won the Noordvaal Cup again, the u15 cricket team that ended the year undefeated and the girls squash team that was crowned SA champions deserve special mention.

The matrices of 2023 wrote their final paper last Thursday and are equipped and excited to face the world. Carpe Diem – keep seizing every opportunity that comes your way. Thank you for your lion's share in the successes and spirit of the year. To the grade 8s to 11s, good luck with the last exams and have an enjoyable break. 2024 is already lurking with all its wonderful opportunities.

To the directors, thank you for continuing to be a part of the College journey and paving the way for us. Thank you to every parent for your loyal support. A special salute to every teacher who makes Midstream College such a unique school.

*I bring you a sunflower from Bethlehem
And water it in Bloemfontein
From Hanover I bring caper seeds
From the garden of no. 3 Darling Street
And grapes from the Paarl Valley*

*From: 'n Sonneblom uit Betlehem by Lise Beekman
(freely translated)*

My wish for you during this holiday is that you will either traverse our wonderful country or have someone bring you back a sunflower, grape, or shell. May we all calm down somewhere special, spend quality time with our loved ones and charge our batteries to embrace the exciting 2024 that awaits us all.

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ACADEMICS

FINAL REPORTS

These reports will be available on the Parent Portal on Wednesday, 6 December.

2024 TIMETABLES

Learners have to collect their timetables in the quad on Tuesday, 16 January from 12:00 to 13:00.

GRADE 11 SUBJECT CHOICES FOR MATRIC

The final enrolment for next year's matrics has to be done by 15 December this year. That means that no subject changes are possible at the start of grade 12. All changes have to be finalised by 6 December this year when the school closes.

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Thursday, 25 January 2024