

MIDSTREAM COLLEGE



Circular 10/2024
18 July 2024

SCHOOL MATTERS

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE

First and foremost, I would like to extend a hearty welcome to each parent, learner and teacher after the winter holidays. I hope and trust you could visit a warmer place during the break. All of the best to all of you and may you embrace the opportunities and challenges of the third term.



Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.

- Albert Schweitzer

This is our big culture term and I hope to see many of you at our second MC³ concert on Sunday, 18 August. Between the two primary schools and the College, the evening promises to produce many highlights. Good luck to our revue, choir, orchestra and plays participating in various competitions this term. They are really enjoying their activities and are already winners in their own right.

The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.

- Vince Lombardi

After our u14 and u15 girls' hockey teams wins over AHMP and Garsfontein respectively, as well as our first rugby team's third consecutive Blue Bull's victory on Saturday, the familiar words of Vince Lombardi take on new meaning. Congratulations also to our u15 rugby boys who were also crowned Blue Bull champions. Through hard work, dedication and determination, our teams have truly outdone themselves. Best wishes to our rugby teams on their playoffs this coming Saturday. Our boys' hockey teams (end of July) and girls' hockey teams (early August) are also through to their respective Noordvaal finals. Well done!

Retirement is the well-deserved intermission in the grand performance of life, a time to bask in the applause of a career well-lived.

- Unknown

After twenty years of serving the Midstream schools, the time has come for our longest-serving headmaster to hand over the baton. Mr Vernon Harmse, who started MCP and then ten years later MRP, is retiring early next year. His pioneering work has shaped two well-established primary schools in the estate. Fortunately, he will still be in our midst for some time and will not officially retire until 31 March 2025. May he then enjoy the well-deserved intermission knowing that he has had a career well-lived.

GRADE CAMPS

You are reminded of the grade camps which will take place this term.

- Grade 8 (11 – 13 September) Warthog Inn, North West
- Grade 9 (11 – 14 September) Sediba Kwêle, North West
- Grade 10 (5 – 13 September) Haenertsburg, Limpopo
- Grade 11 (11 – 14 September) Hazyview, Mpumalanga

ACADEMICS

REPORTS AND PARENTS' EVENING

The second term reports will be available on the Parent Portal on 22 July. We have scheduled a parents' evening for Thursday, 25 July from 16:00 to 19:00. Please e-mail the relevant subject teachers for an appointment. (The teachers' contact details are available on the school's website.)

MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

Three learners, MH Sahib, Liam Engelbrecht and Dylan Rodi, have qualified for the third and final round of this national Olympiad.

GRADE 12 PRELIM EXAM

The timetable is available on both the school's website and the learners' tablets.

GRADE 12s – 8 OCTOBER

Please note that all grade 12 learners have to be back at school on Tuesday, 8 October, although the school officially reopens the next day. The teachers need three days to discuss the memoranda of the prelim exam papers with them and finalise their portfolios. The final IEB exam timetable is now available, and some of the dates have been brought forward.

GRADE 9 SUBJECT CHOICE EVENING

The grade 9 subject choice information evening takes place in the hall on 15 August at 18:30. Subject choices for 2025 must be submitted electronically by Monday, 19 August. For subject information, click on the following link: <https://www.midstreamcollege.co.za/academics/subjects/>

CULTURE

PBHS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The following teams placed first or second:

Grade	Team Members	Place
8	Kianna Chetty, Tristyn Mara, Niya Ramlagan, Lauren Kriel	2
10	Kashvi Chathury, Lené Liebenberg, Mandisa Molebatsi, Jadyr Murugas	2
10	Renate Barnard, Kaylin Knoetze, Ivan Kotzee, Megan le Roux	1

MC³ CONCERT

We are pleased to announce that, in collaboration with our two primary schools, we will again host a joint gala evening in the Pretoria State Theatre on Sunday, 18 August at 17:00. Various cultural activities of the three schools will share the stage during the evening in what promises to be an unforgettable cultural highlight. Tickets for the show are available at <https://www.webtickets.co.za/v2/event.aspx?itemid=1548362173> from Friday, 26 July.

(p)ARTICIPATE

Mark your calendar! The annual cultural festival is returning this year, and this time, we're tumbling down the rabbit hole into a whimsical Wonderland.

The excitement begins on 22 July when entries open for the various categories. Be sure to submit your application by 31 July using this link: <https://form.jotform.com/232251950611549>.

To explore the full range of categories and learn more about important dates (auditions: 2 September – 11 October, dress rehearsals: 14 – 16 October, and the gala evening: 17 October), please use the link provided on the school's website. We can't wait to celebrate the magic of diverse cultures with you at our Wonderland extravaganza!

RECOGNITION OF NON-SCHOOL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

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

ORATORS

Anika Alberts in grade 8 reached the semi-final in the prepared section for experienced speakers in the Kansvatter orators' competition.

DANCE

Nicola Ridgway passed her Royal Academy of Dance ballet exam – Intermediate Level. She competed in the DASA Dance Awards and was awarded a gold for her lyrical solo and a diamond award for her modern duet.

SPORT

GIRLS' HOCKEY

Opponent	14A
St Mary's Waverly	2 – 0
Noordheuwel	0 – 0
AHMP	1 – 0

Opponent	15A
Linden	4 – 2
Garsfontein	1 – 0
Parktown Girls	7 – 0

RUGBY

Results of the Blue Bulls final:

Opponent and Result	
14A	Lost 9 – 17 against Centurion
15A	Won 15 – 14 against Centurion
16A	Won 29 – 27 against Wonderboom (3 rd place playoff)
1 st	Won 39 – 19 against HTS John Vorster

SOFTBALL

	Montana A	Eldoraigne A	Overkruin A	Montana B	Overkruin B	Overkruin C
14A	5 – 11	9 – 10	11 – 1			
14B				12 – 12		
14C				5 – 8		
14D				4 – 7		
15A	0 – 16		9 – 3			
15B					10 – 12	12 – 12
16A	0 – 12	1 – 8	3 – 0			
19A	4 – 13	8 – 9	6 – 5			
19B				2 – 12		

GOLF

The first team (Ruben-hein Churr, Nathan Roux, Ryan Strauss and Stefan Verster) participated in the first round of their league. Their total of 46 points placed them in a tie for first place with AHS and Menlopark.

The second round of their league was IPS format off a scratch handicap with the three best scores counting. Their total of 38 points placed them fourth.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Results of the first league race held at Waterkloof:

Section	Girls	Boys
Juniors	9 th	14 th
Seniors	10 th	7 th
Overall	9 th	11 th

The following athletes were placed in the Top 15:

Age Group	Athlete	Place
Girls 15	Carmia van den Berg	5
Girls 17	Lente Groenewald	7
	Jané Male	14
Girls 18	Zabine von Westernhagen	10
Boys 14	Riaan Labuschagne	15
Boys 16	Waldo Breytenbach	13
Boys 17	Déan Fourie	12
Boys 18	Xavier van der Leek	7
	Juan Breytenbach	8

SQUASH

The final league results are as follows:

League	Team	Position	Players
Boys A	Boys A	3	CA Froneman, Wian de Bruin, Aurick Sheosunker, Gerhard van der Westhuizen.
Girls A	Girls A	1	Elzandri Janse van Rensburg, Anushka Janse van Rensburg, Namratha Eswari Niranjana, Cassey Kemp.
Boys B	Boys B1	2	Martin de Koning, Hayden Davy, Euan Groenewald, Nathaniel van Deventer.
	Boys B2	3	Menelisi Mbatha, Reabetswe Banda, Andrew Conley, Vaughn Rowlands
Girls B	Girls B	1	Sarah de Villiers, Amelia Lubbe, Kathleen de Kock, Kaleigh Reddy.
Boys C	Boys C	1	Mangaliso Mbatha, Evan Janse van Rensburg, Johan Swiegers, Lukas Combrinck.
Girls C	Girls C	4	Nickezel Grobler, Gabrielle Groenewald, Abigail Dean, Rachel de Beer, Alika van der Merwe.
Boys D	Boys D1	3	John Conley, Jordan Sathyanandam, Joaquim Nelson, Sinjon Rowlands.
	Boys D2	2	Edrique Laubscher, Stefan Verster, Henry du Preez, Innes Meyer.
Boys E	Boys E	2	Xander Erlank, Michael Basson, Eluanco Grobler, Franco van der Walt, Jesse Hurrie.

EQUESTRIAN

SANESA Gauteng Tshwane Qualifier 4		
Rider	Discipline	Place
Cyllene van der Merwe	Working Riding level 1	1
	Show jumping 70 cm A2 Competition	13
	Show jumping 70 cm Normal Competition	7

SANESA Gauteng Ekurhuleni Qualifier 4		
Rider	Discipline	Place
Michelle du Preez	Performance Riding	3
	Working Riding	4
	Dressage	15
Kynan van Zyl	Dressage Level: Medium Test 1 & 2	1 & 3
	Working Hunter	6
Kiara Kok	Show jumping 80 cm A2-2Phase	9
	Show jumping 80 cm Normal Competition	12
Daniella de Vries	Show jumping 100 cm A2-2Phase	5
	Show jumping 100 cm Normal Competition	4
Jodi Slade	In-hand utility	2
Jean Lowe	Show jumping 50 cm	1
	Show jumping 60 cm	1
Bailey Polomé	Show jumping 80 cm Normal Competition	6

The following riders have been selected for the Gauteng Ekurhuleni team to compete in the SANESA regional final at Kyalami Equestrian Park: Michelle du Preez, Kiara Kok, Louis Verhoef, Jodi Slade, Daniella de Vries, Kynan van Zyl and Cyllene van der Merwe.

Jodi Slade has been selected for the Gauteng Pony Open 85 cm and Junior 65 cm event team.

Carmia van den Berg has qualified for the SANESA Gauteng saddle seat team that will compete in the national competition in Parys.

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).

TENNIS

Jayden Summers has been selected to represent South Africa at the Africa Junior Championships in Egypt.

FRESH WATER ANGLING

Gareth Prinsloo has been selected for the Gauteng North U19B team to participate in the SAVOF Junior SA Championships in December.

GENERAL

SPRINGFEST






FIONA PROJECT

This is the last chance to donate for Fiona. A donation of as little as R20 will be highly appreciated. If we reach our goal, there will be a Bok Friday!

<https://mscpp.co.za/product/outreach-rhino-project/>



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Thursday, 1 August 2024