

THE PLUMSTEAD QUARTER

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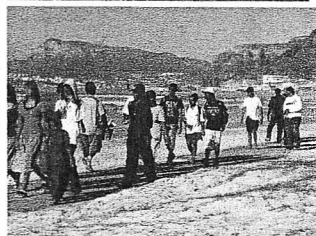
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A Walk on the Mild Side...



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On a mildly crisp Saturday morning children, parents, teachers and a few dogs set off on the first, soon-to-become-tradition Plumstead High school Surf Walk.

The walkers set off promptly at 8:00 from Sunrise Beach armed with generously donated fruit. Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George, the excited bunch made their way to the halfway point where they were given bottles of refreshing juice, donated by Prosper Phar-

macy.

Back at the starting point, tables holding food and drinks for sale were set up by eager teachers.

As the day became warmer and the cool drinks sold faster, walkers checked in at the finish where they were rewarded with chocolate from yet another sponsor.

As families relaxed on the beach enjoying the morning, the food stall did brisk business. It was a wonderful day for all, just what the

therapist ordered for the traditional end of term stress for both teachers and learners.

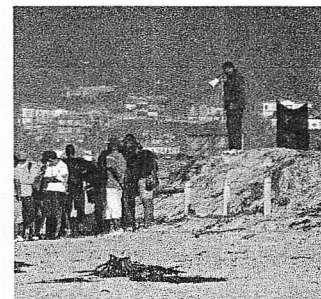
The first 5 home were:

Meekael Schroeder 8D

Aiden Steer 8D

Dart Tyrone 11B

Robin Peterson 8B



From the Principal's Desk



As I sit down to gather my thoughts I find it pretty difficult to believe that it is already the end of the term!

The term has whizzed by, children have learnt and grown, made mistakes, chosen correctly, got their feelings hurt, swelled with pride and educators too have grown (more grey hair?) while changes have swept through the system.

The newest member to join the staff is Mr. Shaun Grobler, our Estate Manager. He comes highly recommended and we trust that our school will be restored to its former glory.

Our learners have been busy both in and outside the classroom as you will see from this newsletter and our website. Adventurous teachers have

taken learners along on many field trips and have spent many arduous hours in the classroom and in extra classes after school and over weekends delivering the curriculum.

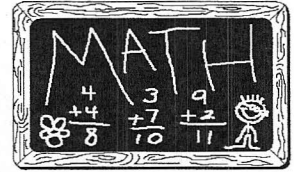
Next term is going to be busier, with just about 29 days to go before mid term examinations. We advise learners to take their vitamins, keep fit and eat healthy meals so that they can face the new term and examinations hale and hearty!

I would like to publicly congratulate the following departments for being awarded certificates by the Western Cape Education Department for improvement in the matric results for 2008 to 2010: Afrikaans, English, History and Mathematical Literacy.

I challenge the matrics of 2011 to better that! I wish to thank my staff for their hard work this term despite the setbacks. Have a safe and relaxing break.

Mr. C. George

THE TERM : *In Review*



Mathematics Camp Report - 28 to 30 March 2011 -

On Monday 28 March, a group of aspiring learners from Grades 10 to 12 embarked on a Mathematics camp at the Eagle's Nest camping resort in the beautiful and picturesque landscape of Franschoek. The three day camp was aimed at exposing this select group of learners to topics in Mathematics only covered in Paper 3 and the Additional Mathematics programme.

Accompanied by Mrs. Stevens, Messrs. Philander, Howa and Eckard, the enthusiastic group of learners showed great spirit and determination to engage with the new brand of Mathematics.

The intense sessions in Advanced Algebra, Geometry, Statistics and Probability were covered throughout the three days. Our learners showed great enthusiasm to learn and master the different topics. Many of them stayed up till late at night (some until 2.a.m in the morning!!) bombarding the exhausted, but ever willing teachers, with all manner of questions.

The camp facilitators, too, were impressed not only with our learners' conduct, but also their diligence right up to the very last day, when everyone had to write a full scale test in the dining hall.

A few of our Grade 11 learners, who had to leave for Stellenbosch University on the morning of our departure, Wednesday 30 March 2011, woke up at 5 a.m. to write the test!

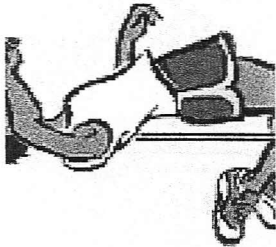
The experience of teaching and learning Mathematics outside the classroom domain, definitely rubbed off on everyone (learners and teachers alike). We have all been enriched in different ways and are thankful for opportunities such as these offered at Plumstead High School.

Non Nobis Domine!

Mr. C. Philander (on behalf of the Mathematics department)



Anyone for Mathematics *Al Fresco*?



ATHLETICS



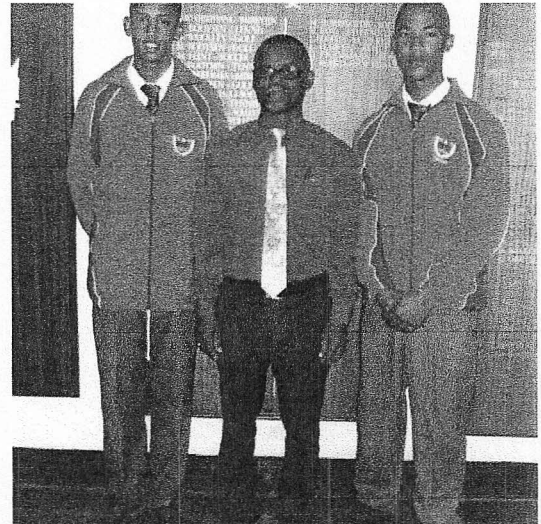
Our team which was nurtured and trained by Mr September, Mr Stevens, Mr R. Smith, Mr February, Mr C. Smith and Mrs Wilson started off the season with well-rounded training sessions. We participated in the zonal and Western Province track and field Championships.

Brandon Appollis and Julian Charles qualified in their individual events, Long jump and High jump, to participate in the Western Cape Championships which followed. The competition was very tough but our athletes made us proud.

We plan on making our training more intense in order to reach higher standards for the rest of 2011 and 2012. We thank the athletics team for their hard work and hope that the team grows in numbers.



J. Charles ; Mr September ; B.Appolis



J.Charles; Mr Stevens; B.Appolis



S.H.O.E.S

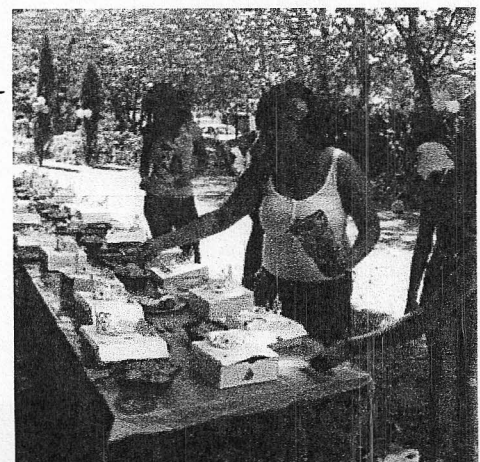


Sisters Helping Others Enrich and Succeed

The aim of S.H.O.E.S is to raise funds for women's organizations and disadvantaged communities. S.H.O.E.S also aims to provide life skills training and empowerment workshops to young girls.

On the 12th of March we held our annual S.H.O.E.S Princess Party, where we invited Klipfontein Primary for a day filled with fun, games, and lots of excitement, something which they do not often experience.

At the end of the day we saw the joy and appreciation from the girls. We as S.H.O.E.S girls felt very privileged to share this wonderful experience with them. We were blessed with a sharing of some of their life experiences. They taught us about their culture and this has moved us to play a bigger role in their lives.



PHS: WHAT'S NEW ?

The Department of Education has introduced a new policy on Learner Attendance. As the policy came into effect on the 1 January 2011, it is important that parents, learners and teachers become familiar with the policy and its implications. A very brief summary follows but it is recommended that the policy be read in its entirety. A copy will be posted on the school's website:

POLICY ON LEARNER ATTENDANCE



WESTERN CAPE
Education Department
Provincial Government of the Western Cape

The policy was introduced to promote punctual and regular attendance at public schools.

Any of the following is a valid reason for absence of a learner from school:

- (a) study leave taken by a Grade 12 learner in terms of paragraph 15 of this policy;
- (b) physical or psychological illness, for which a principal may require communication from the parent that the learner is unable to attend school, or written confirmation by a registered medical practitioner or traditional healer if the illness lasts longer than three days;
- (c) giving birth, subject to written confirmation by a registered medical practitioner or registered midwife;
- (d) religious or cultural observances approved by the SGB in terms of the National School Calendar Policy;
- (e) death of a family member;
- (f) appointment at court or other official agency, for which a principal may require documentary proof;
- (g) suspension by the SGB;
- (h) acts of nature (that is, events that are outside of human control);
- (i) exceptional circumstances for which, in the view of the principal, a temporary absence from school
 - (i) is in the best interest of the learner; or
 - (ii) was unavoidable.

Parent's responsibilities

17. A parent is expected to -

- (a) ensure that the learner attends school daily, on time and for the whole school day unless there is a valid reason for absence;
- (b) ensure that the learner is not taken out of school without valid reason (family holidays are not a valid reason);
- (c) inform the principal or class teacher if the learner is absent or expected to be absent or to be late for school with valid reason;
- (d) cooperate with the school in resolving the problem if the learner is absent from school without valid reason; and
- (e) encourage and if possible assist the learner to make up for time lost for absence from school.

Important Clauses:

If despite the intervention of the principal, a learner persists in being absent without valid reason -

- (a) the learner must be charged with breach of the school's code of conduct for learners; or
- (b) the learner's record in the class register must be cancelled if the learner is absent for 10 consecutive school days.

PLEASE NOTE:

The school policy on absenteeism on scheduled test days is that learners produce a medical certificate or a letter of explanation. The letter should be formally written with the learner's full name and surname, grade and class and reasons for absence. It is not sufficient to say, 'for personal reasons' or 'illness' without further details. Letters should also be signed and dated as they become official documents which will be inserted into the Learner's portfolio in the place of the test script. It is not always possible to give children additional opportunities to write tests they have missed as it involves setting new tests. If the child's illness is not very serious, it is advisable to send him/her in to write the test.

Absence during examinations: On medical grounds, only a doctor's certificate will suffice. All other excuses will be reviewed by the Principal, who will determine the validity of the excuse.

SURF WALK

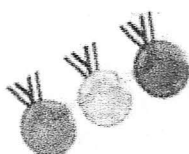
The school is elated to announce that it has raised a whopping R 62 000 in the Surf Walk fund raiser. Details of how the money is to be used will be provided at the Annual Budget Meeting.

Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude go to all the learners and parents for their cash contributions in terms of the collection sheets given to learners. A special thanks to the listed donors for their generous contribution towards the successful Surf Walk. Thank you also to the educators for their administration of incoming funds and donations; and their support and participation on the day.

We look forward to your continued support.

Fund Raising Committee: Mrs. Dass, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Dolley, Ms. Noland

Prospur Pharmacy
 Ster Kinekor - KC
 Ratanga Junction
 Kenilworth Go-
 Karting
 Bryan Arendse
 Mrs Chafekar
 Felicity Lodewyk
 Adams Ashleigh -
 10E



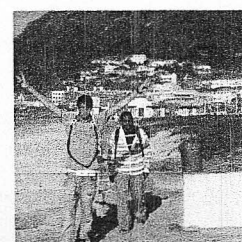
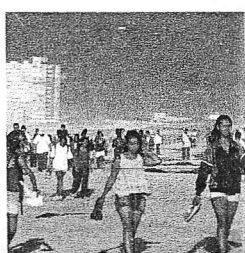
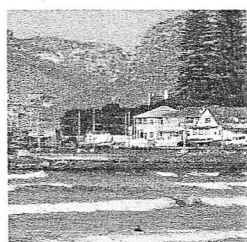
Brenner Faieza - 8G
 Claasen Charna - 8B
 Davids Tohier- 8F
 Downes Mihaad - 9F
 Du Plooy Terry Lynn - 11C
 Fabian Fisher—10A
 Fredericks Megan- 12B
 Hardien Nabeelah-8E
 Hashim Slamang- 8A
 Hattis Safiya - 8A
 Hiebner Shannon - 10D
 Himunchul Alexander - 11A
 Ingham Shane—9A
 Jansen Matthew- 8G
 Katekesha Benjamin- 8B
 Koeries Fabian - 11D

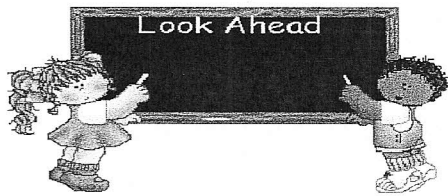


Malan Tania- 8D
 Matrics of 2011
 May Stuart - 10D
 Mbolela Baptise -9E
 Meyer Jami-10A
 Naidoo Matthew-10A
 Mr Nicholas
 Newton Lee - 11A
 Nordien Nabeelah-10A
 Oerson Chante- 8F
 Parker Rasheeda- 9A
 Pillay Kareen- 10A
 Rinqest Shaheen- 10A
 Rodgers Liam- 9D
 Salie Sherezaan-10A
 Snyders Darren-10A
 Snyders Rory-10A
 Van Boom Keegan- 8G
 Van Reenen Brittney - 11C
 Wannenberg Lauren-10A
 Weaver Carly- 8B
 Williams Courtney- 8G
 Williams Maliqah- 8B
 Van Boom Keegan- 8G
 Van Reenen Brittney - 11C
 Wannenberg Lauren-10A



Please accept our apologies if we have neglected to express our gratitude to any of our sponsors and well wishers.





Circular on examinations:
Time Table, rules and procedures will be sent early next term.

TERM 2 : IMPORTANT DATES	
TUES: 12 April	PTL meeting: Surnames—A-M
WED: 13 April	PTL meeting; Surnames—N-Z
SAT: 16 April	Senior Prom
FRI: 22 April	Good Friday
MON: 25 April	Family Day
TUES: 26 April	School Holiday
WED: 27 April	Freedom Day
THURS: 28 April	Change to Winter Uniform
MON: 2 May	Public Holiday
TUES: 3 May	SGB By-election
WED: 18 May	Public Holiday— Elections
FRI: 27 May	EXAMINATIONS BEGIN
TUES: 31 May	Closing date for Grade 8 Applications
THURS: 2 June	Ascension Day—PHS day off
WED: 15 June	EXAMINATIONS END
THURS: 16 June	Youth Day
FRI: 24 June	End of Term 2

UNIFORM MATTERS

Parents please note that when your children return to school on 11 April they must be in full school uniform.

- Boys' hair must be short and regulation style.
- Girls: Long hair must be tied back.
- No unnatural hair colours will be allowed.
- Nails must be short and free of varnish or henna.
- Jewellery is limited to an ordinary watch and / or stud or sleeper type earrings in the lower lobe of the ear.



SUPPORT CLASSES:

AFRIKAANS

THURSDAYS: Grades 8,9,10 & 12

WEDNESDAYS: Grade 11

From 3:00 to 4:00

MATHEMATICS:

GRADE 10 : Sat 9 :11

GRADE 11 : Sat 11:30 -13:30

GRADE 12: Sat 9:00—12:00

GRADE 8 : Sat 9:00 -11:00

GRADE 9: Thurs 15:00 -16:00

AP Maths (To be finalised next term)

PIII : Thurs 15:00—16:00

Enquiries : Mr Eckard

"That Shakespeare Show"

The Show Works Company will be presenting 'That Shakespeare Show' to the school on 12 April 2011, during the course of the school day. It is an exciting opportunity for learners to experience Shakespeare on stage. The cost involved is R5 . 00 per learner.

The money must be sent in by **Monday 11 April**.

Enquiries: Mrs L Charles

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

GRADE 11: Sat 9:00—11:00

GRADE 12: Sat 11:30 -13:00

NOTE: Classes are also offered in other subjects. Times are decided on an individual basis. **All extra classes offered by the educators of the school are at no extra cost.**