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THIS IS PINEHURST



From the Principal's desk



The year of 2023 has been full of exciting events (the Green Run, Camp Out, class camps, various music concerts and other social events), as well as new additions and alterations to the Pinehurst campus. These have included; painting various parts of the school, renovating the boys' toilets, enlarging the clothing shop, relining the swimming pool, and most notably the building of the Astroturf.

I chose this year's theme to be: "WE ARE WHAT WE DO". It has been a year of guiding and reminding our children to live from a set of beliefs and values and the fruit of our actions will reflect who we are as people and a community. This was beautifully illustrated and celebrated at our senior awards evening which was a dignified but also relaxed and enjoyable occasion. Congratulations to all the senior children who were recognised for their achievements in academics, sport and culture. A special mention and congratulations to the recipients of the Headmaster's Award for 2023: Jennifer Gibb and Asher Miller.

As I turn the pages of this magazine I am encouraged to see how many opportunities Pinehurst was able to offer our children this past year. This is largely due to a diverse, dedicated and professional staff team. I wish to thank them for the part that they played in Pinehurst's successes during 2023.

I thank our school governing body (under the leadership of Mr Steve Finegan) for the way in which they have served the school these past three years. 2024 is a year of elections for the next governing body and we look forward to working with another group of motivated and talented parents over the next three years.

Thank you to Mr Leslie Holland and his PTA committee for their hours of service this year. A big thank you to our receptionist, Mrs Shaelene Barna for the many hours she has spent putting this beautiful and colourful magazine together - well done.

Our best wishes accompany the Grade 7 pupils as they head off to their prospective high schools.

Believe in yourselves and pursue your goals with energy and integrity. Remember to live every day filled with gratitude. We look forward to welcoming you back when you visit in the years to come.

We once again had a Grade 7 reunion which involved the class of 2018 (current matrics) at the start of the fourth term. It was a great pleasure to see how these children have grown up into wonderful young men and women on the cusp of venturing into the big wide world to pursue their many and varied dreams.

Pinehurst is a special place made up of special people and families. I give thanks to God for His love, protection, mercy and provision during the year of 2023. We look forward with anticipation to all that 2024 holds and to welcome our new grade one children and their families.



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WE'RE SAD TO SEE YOU GO!

EILEEN STEFFEN

IT

Mrs Steffen welcomed a healthy baby girl who came earlier than expected. She's left teaching to focus more on her business and we wish her well.



LAUREN HAUPT

GRADE 4

Miss Haupt has decided to take a break from teaching and concentrate on her further studies. We wish her all the best for her future plans and thank her for her contribution to our school over the past few years.



TRACEY STEFFEN

ACCOUNTS

Tracey has emigrated with her family to Ireland. After serving in many different roles, her absence is felt!



TAMRYN ABRAHAMS

GRADE 1

Miss Tamryn de Abreu tied the knot in January 2023. We welcomed her back as Mrs Abrahams. She then emigrated with her husband to Australia in September 2023. Thank you to Mrs Abrahams for all that she has done for Pinehurst. We wish them all the best as they start a new life in a new country.





KIM MANSON-KULLIN

GRADE 1

Kim Manson-Kullin has been a Foundation Phase teacher for 17 years in various schools in Cape Town. She loves her teaching and always enjoys working with her learners. She loves the fact that every school day is different. There is never a dull moment in the classroom! Kim is a mom of two children and loves spending time with her family. She enjoys going for walks outdoors. One of her favourite places is Kirstenbosch gardens. Kim's favourite colour is duck egg blue and she loves a bunch of sunflowers!

LEIZEL BENJAFIELD

IT

Miss Benjafield started teaching IT in the 3rd term but has been a class teacher at other schools teaching Grade 4 - 7 for over 25 years. She is a forward-thinking and an out of the box educator. She has a passion for animals (she owns 2 horses, a dog, 7 cats at home, feeds the ferals at Vincent Pallotti and any creature that arrives at the farm) and will always rescue and nurture animals in distress. Her favourite meal is sushi. She rides, has tea dates with her friends and watches TV on the weekends.



SAVANNAH SNOW

GRADE 4

Savannah has been a teacher for 4 years and is experienced in teaching from Grade 4 - 7. Before Pinehurst, she worked at a school called Grassroots Preparatory School where she taught Grade 4. She loves being a teacher and sparking curiosity in young minds. Beyond the classroom walls, you will find her spending time with friends, reading a good crime investigation novel or soaking up the sun in nature.



NATALIE REYNDERS
FOUNDATION PHASE TEACHER'S ASSISTANT

Natalie has been married to Michael for nearly 28 years and is a mom of 3 children (2 of which are adults). She has worked as a child facilitator since 2014. During the last few years she has been working at Pinelands North Primary School. She thoroughly enjoys working with children and helping them grow. In her spare time she enjoys reading, walking and spending time with family and friends.

ABIGIRL MATSHEZA
ACCOUNTS OFFICER

Born and bred in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, she moved to Cape Town, South Africa in December 2007. Abigail have been working in finance for the past 15 years. She is a family woman who adores her husband, son and daughter. She loves spending her spare time exploring the outdoors, cooking and baking. She also enjoys travelling with family and friends.





OUTSIDE THE STAFF ROOM



SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

To classify, 2023 was a great year for Pinehurst, would be an understatement. So much has happened in our environment that it's been hard to keep up! A new Multi-purpose surface for hockey, netball and tennis; upgrades to the existing tennis courts; revamp of the swimming pool; upgrades to the school Clothing Shop; boys bathroom and the Multi Purpose hall, just to name a few...

On the educational side, we made further large infrastructure investments in IT, as well as employing a full time IT staff member, with the continued ambition of Pinehurst becoming a center of excellence. Further investments are being made in the 2024 school year, with

our Foundation Phase children being issued their own bank of Chromebooks to work on, and we look forward to the results that it brings.

As a Pinehurst family we were so glad that we were able to host traditional events like the Green Run and the Camp Out, both of which had great turnouts and showed just how much they are enjoyed. A big thank you to the PTA for your efforts.

2023 saw the launch of the Capital Development Fund. This was with the specific purpose of assisting in the funding of large scale projects in the school that are not able to be funded from school fees alone, and allows Pinehurst to take further strides

ahead of other schools. We thank all families for your contributions that were made, we are truly appreciative of you. We will be sure to keep you updated on the exciting new developments.

My sincerest thanks go to the teachers and administrators of Pinehurst as well as the PTA - Your commitment and dedication are appreciated!

To the parent body, your ongoing support of the school has been amazing, and we look forward to an exciting 2024 and all that it brings with it.

Mr Steve Finegan
SGB Chairperson



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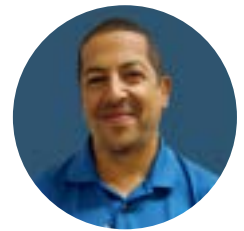
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PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

As we reflect on the activities for 2023, I am reminded of the simple, yet profound idea by the ancient Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, that change is the only constant (in life). The PTA experienced several changes that required flexibility and rethinking the way we did things. Despite these changes and challenges, it remained a joy to serve the school. All planned activities were delivered successfully – not because we say so, but because our stakeholders (parents, teachers and our children) say so.

Guided by the direction set by the school's management team, the PTA supported many events including the sports days, parent-teacher meetings, Founders' Day, Open Day, senior awards and other prize-giving ceremonies, staff Valentine's Day and Teacher's Appreciation Day. Our vital catering portfolio ensured that all these events were well-catered and supported.

Fundraising activities achieved the following notable outcome, with net funds raised after expenses of nearly R74k (2022: R68k), which included a R6k contribution towards the new astroturf.

The Camp out organised by the social events portfolio was well attended, despite the impact on available campsite space, due to astroturf construction, and the 2023 Cape Town Cycle Tour. We generated a surplus of approximately R46k (2022: R49k)

Due to inclement weather conditions, the Green Run with

Colour happened later than planned, but hardly dampened the enthusiasm. We generated a surplus of R27k (2022: R18k) due to higher food sales, despite the lower number of participants.

Nelson Mandela once said: "It is in your hands to make a better world for all who live in it". In this regard, the social concerns portfolio in collaboration with POP facilitated much-needed fundraising for several beneficiaries like CHOC, Angel Network, Christine Revell Children's Home and Lerato's Hope. Thank you for the generous support.

The class representative portfolio once again coordinated the establishment of 'class rep' groups, as part of a multi-channel communication process within the school. This was foundational to effective communication between the teachers and parents, as well as among parents.

The greening portfolio assisted with gardening on the school premises and raised much-needed funds to purchase plants to beautify the school grounds.

The PTA continued to enjoy support from several sponsors in and around Pinelands, as well as school parents, whom we recognised through our online platforms. Sponsorships and donations amounted to over R37k (2022: R43k). We gratefully acknowledge their generosity and thank them for their continued support to the PTA's mission and initiatives.

The PTA offers a great opportunity for all parents to become involved to ensure the well-being of the school, while connecting with other parents. We encourage all parents to get involved, as we are capable of achieving much together.

The PTA wants to thank the governing body, the school administration and the Pinehurst families for their continued support. The diligence and dedication of the PTA members are also recognised, which contributed greatly to the success of our initiatives.

Mr Leslie Holland
PTA Chairperson

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PINEHURST OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Pinehurst's Outreach Programme (POP) aims to give back to the community by actively getting our children involved in fundraising, collection of items and acts of service.

Every term we aim to have a fundraiser, a collection and an activity.

In the first term, we collected 65 boxes of Easter eggs for Metro Kids. We had a civvies day for Valentine's Day and raised just over R6 000 for TEARS. We celebrated World Book Day by coming dressed as our favourite book characters and we donated books to Durbanville Schools Foundation which looks after farm schools. Our grade 6 and 7 children went to Koeberg Primary to read to the younger children.

Our second term civvies day raised over R3 800 for CHOC.

We collected jerseys and warm clothing for Angel Network. We celebrated Mother's Day by decorating 430 cupcakes for government-run old age homes around Cape Town.

Lastly, we embraced Earth Day, by making posters and thinking of ideas to celebrate our planet within our classes and as a whole school.

In the third term we had a Bok Friday in support of our rugby boys. We raised R5 298 for Santa Shoe Box. We collected stationery for Lerato's Hope. We also had some grade 6 and 7 children go to Christine Revell orphanage to spend some quality time with the boys and girls there. Christine Revell Children's Home provides full-time care for up to 49 babies and children from birth to five years of age. Many of the children who arrive at the home

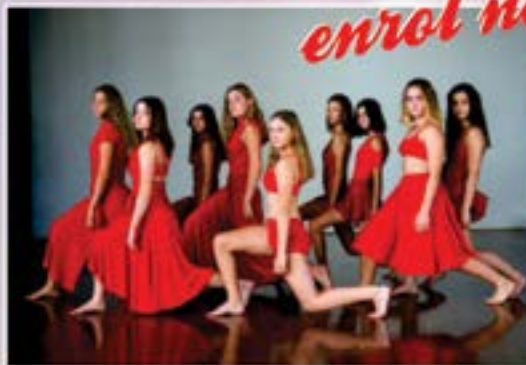
have not had the chance to grow and develop normally. This makes it a very special day for both our children and the children in the orphanage.

In the fourth term we had a "Wear it wild" civvies day and the money raised went to the Santa Shoe Box drive. The grade 6 and 7 children visited Christine Revell again to take some special treats for the children and staff there. Last, but not least, we had a collection for our Pinehurst maintenance staff members to show our appreciation for all the hard work that they do behind the scenes.

Thank you to all the children and families who helped to make this a year of giving back so successful. I know that all these groups and foundations are truly grateful.

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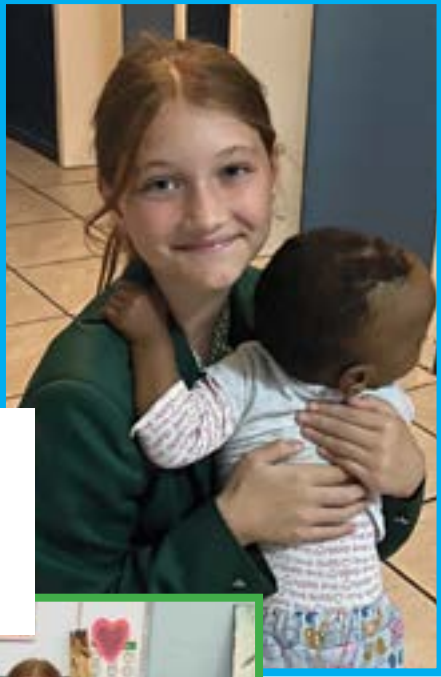


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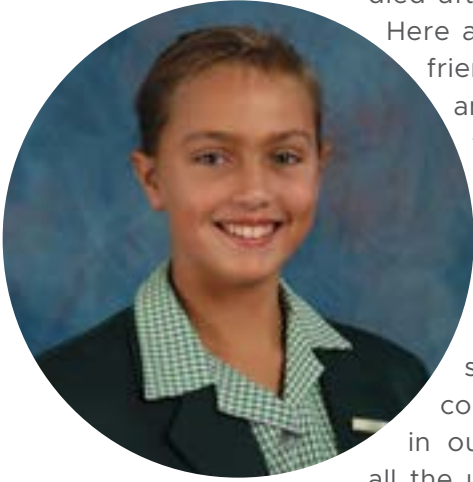
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A TRIBUTE TO Mia Farrar

Mia Farrar was a Grade 6 learner who died after a short and sudden illness.

Here are some tributes by her class friends: Mia was a kind, thoughtful and smart pupil who always saw the best in people. She always put a smile on our faces. Mia was an incredible addition to the choir and orchestra. She was an amazing swimmer and netball player. She was such a bright light and her light continues to shine every day in our school. As we go through all the ups and downs of losing such an amazing person, we are also so grateful for the time that we did get to spend with her and all the memories

that we have created throughout the years. She is greatly missed by everyone here at Pinehurst. Mia was the kindest and most polite person I have ever met and she taught me so much. The lesson I will cherish forever is that a few words of kindness can make someone's day. Mia's smile, her laugh and her sense of humour were all so cheerful. When I think of Mia I just think of how proud I am of her and all the things she accomplished in such a short life. She had such a big heart overflowing with love. Mia was such an incredible part of our school and we will always honour and cherish our memories of this beautiful angel.



MONITORS AND PEER MEDIATORS

Peer mediation has been a really wonderful initiative that works well in allowing Grade 7s to develop leadership skills. The majority of Grade 7s signed up to be peer mediators. Audrey Berkovitz, school counsellor, took the learners through an extensive training session where they worked on conflict mediation skills to prepare them as mediators.

The mediators have taken their duties seriously and have been extremely beneficial in mediating disputes at break, especially in Grade 1 and Grade 2. There are 10 Grade 7 peer mediators each break - 4 for Grade 1 and 2 and the rest for Grade 3 to 6. The peer mediators wear turquoise sashes in order to identify them easily. The Grade 7s worked beautifully with the Grade 1s and 2s and mediated the soccer games.

This has been an ongoing success, allowing more eyes/ears on the playground, which in turn facilitates positive interactions.



James Marwick



Siphamandla Ntsimango-Tshabalala

MONITORS OF 2023



PEER MEDIATORS OF 2023



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Something magical took place in the third term as our Grade 1 and 2 pupils embarked on an exciting journey into the world of IT. With wide eyes filled with curiosity, these young minds eagerly delved into the realm of technology. Guided by their enthusiastic teachers, the pupils were introduced to the wonders of IT through various engaging activities.

One of the highlights for this year was the integration of technology into the curriculum during the Rugby World Cup season. It was the perfect opportunity to introduce the learners to the power of digital tools, creating presentations using Google Slides. The Digital Hub became a hive of creativity, where the pupils expressed their newfound knowledge and passion for rugby through visually appealing presentations.

Coding also became a fascinating puzzle for learners to solve. With guidance, these innovators commenced on a coding journey that sparked their critical thinking skills. Through interactive games and playful challenges, the students learned the fundamentals of coding, exploring concepts that would lay the foundation for their future endeavours in the digital landscape.

Pinehurst's Digital Hub hope to continue to be a nurturing environment where not just skills are taught, but will lead to a gateway of innovation by igniting their passion for technology and inspiring them to dream big.





AFTERCARE



Aftercare has been a wonderful/crazy year. With having new people join aftercare was exciting. Making fun, colourful cards for Miss V. With the pizza party coming up, made lots of excitement! Miss V is funny, crazy, kind and loving.

- Emma Cornelissen



Aftercare this year has been such a great time to bond with your classmates and some children from other grades. It was fun and exciting. We had a pizza party, games and a lot of fun activities for all of us to enjoy, thanks to Ms C. Ms C is a kind, caring and trustworthy aftercare teacher. Aftercare has been so memorable this year. I'll definitely miss this aftercare, the people in it and of course Ms C.

- Unathi May



NASIONALE MELKERT DAG: 27 FEBRUARIE 2023





Asma Mowlana



Kieran Prowse



Jennifer Gibb



Fredrick Rootman



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FOUNDERS' DAY

At Pinehurst, we celebrate our Founders' Day annually in August. This ceremony is one of my favourites as it is full of traditions including musical performances. We are encouraged to appreciate and be grateful for the people who have gone before us and we are challenged to continue to build the school into the community which we would want others to celebrate in years to come. Some of the traditions associated with our Founders' Day include:

- The date is the Friday closest to the founding principal's birthday.
- Junior and Senior Choir performances as well as the orchestra performing.
- The Time Vault is opened once a year on Founders' Day. Items are added from the previous year such as the school magazine, programmes from concerts and awards evenings and any other unique items from that year. The current grade 7

children write letters and the grade 1 children make hand-prints which are also added. The letters from the current matrics and the hand-prints from the current grade 7 children are then taken out, displayed and returned. This creates a sense of continuity and belonging, linking the past with the present by placing objects inside for the future.



- A birthday cake is baked. Candles are lit and blown out by the grade 1 boy and girl

whose birthdays are closest to Founders' Day. It is then cut up and the grade 1 children get the privilege of eating it.

- The children get doughnuts and school ends early.

These are all traditions which promote belonging and a sense of joy and responsibility. Over the years we have strived to do similarly in our family life. We have attached 'rituals' and traditions to occasions such as: birthdays, wedding anniversaries, 'coming of age' moments, starting and finishing school, graduating varsity and other significant annual events. There are of course far too many things to list from these family traditions. We live in an age where everything seems to be going cyber, virtual and AI is a hot topic. I firmly believe that this should be balanced by keeping things real and rooted in our humanity and community. Healthy traditions are one way of doing this.





Our Founding Principal, Mr DP Botha was the first principal when Pinehurst opened its doors in 1967. Founders' Day is an important day in our school calendar. It is a day when we as a school participate in traditions and how Pinehurst has developed over the years.

CAMP OUT

11 March 2023

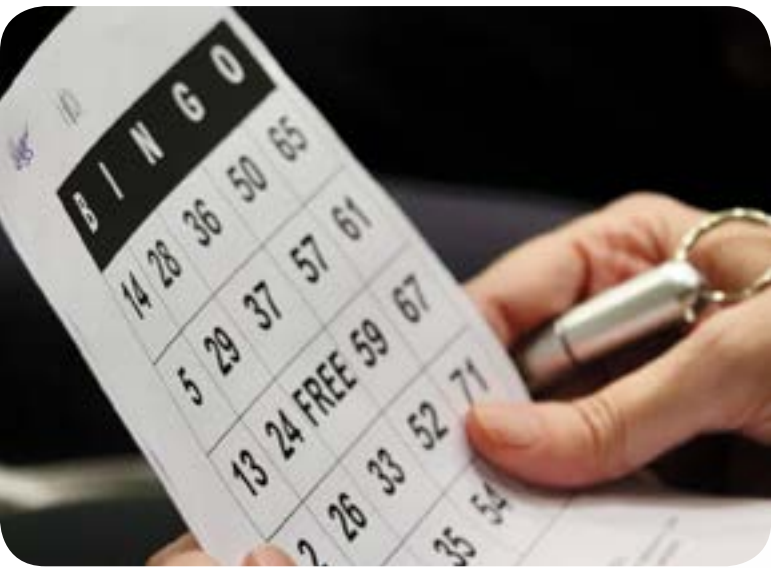
Camp out attendance exceeded expectations given the impact of the astroturf construction on available space. This highlighted some important points: firstly, camp out is a firm tradition; secondly, having fun and games and building a sense of community are intrinsically part of school life; and thirdly, our families are committed to supporting fundraising initiatives.



Having a relaxing time, enjoying great food, competing for great bingo prizes and letting one's hair down at the glow-in-the-dark disco, was just part of the fun.

Thanks to the generous support of our families, friends and sponsors, we managed to raise just over R46 000! Our children will reap the benefits of the funds raised, as we develop the school facilities. Without this support, the camp out would have been far less than the all-round amazing experience that many talked about. Thank you to all that made it happen.





ASTROTURF LAUNCH: 5 AUGUST 2023

Saturday 5 August was a joyous day for Pinehurst with the official opening of our new multi-sports surface. It was a fabulous morning of sport with an inter-house festival of netball and hockey. Mr Carroll opened the event with Sports Director, Mr Buck, and SGB Chairperson, Mr Finegan, cutting the ribbon. The Grade 7 fundraising efforts meant delicious food and treats and a past pupil's music playlist provided the vibe. Even the parents had a turn on the turf playing a women's netball match and a mixed team played fast-paced hockey across a full field - with no injuries!

Proceedings closed with Spartan house announced as the winners. The Astro Fundraising Committee Chair, Mr Miller, drew the lucky prize winners from the m² sales and lucky draw on the day. The new surface and surrounds handled the crowds well, promising many more such festivals.



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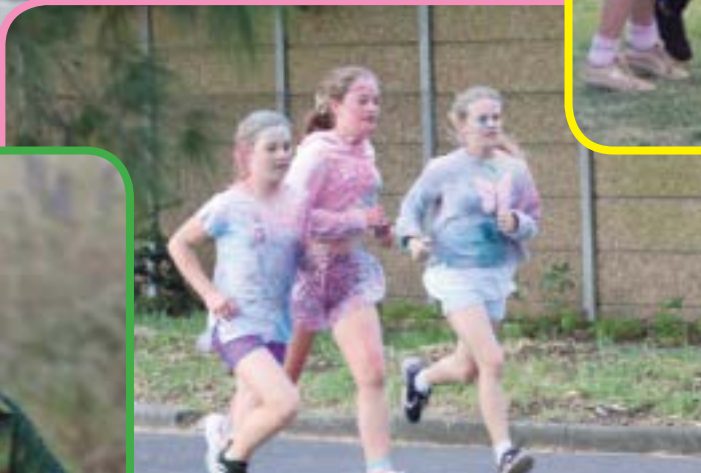
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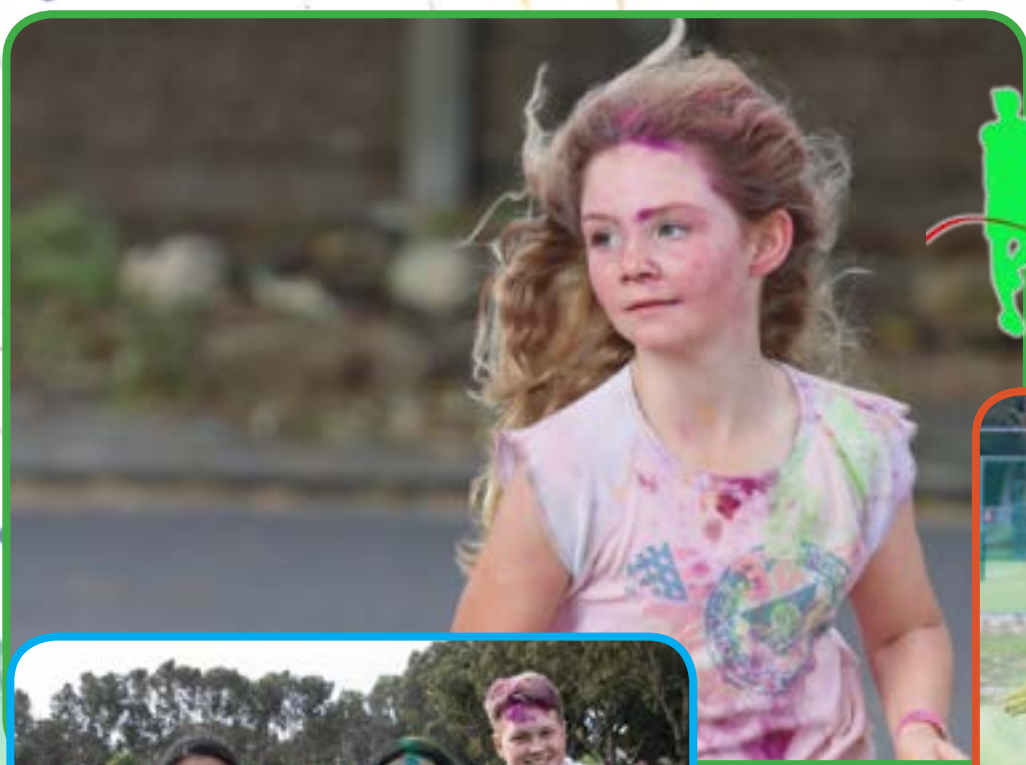
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SENIOR AWARDS



We held our Senior Awards Ceremony on the 14th of November. Even the loadshedding didn't darken the mood and the hall was full to the brim with proud parents. The senior choir gave a wonderful rendition of "Somewhere in my memory", and the orchestra performed a song from the "Avengers" movie.

Some of the Grade 7 award winners were:

The Swan Fellowship Award, as voted by fellow Grade 7 pupils for displaying qualities of friendship, kindness and compassion, was shared by Rafea Moos and Asher Miller. They also shared



the Sportsmanship award. In addition, Rafea won the Kruger Award for her keen commitment to a variety of sports.



The Hooley Music Award was given to Mikenna Erasmus.

The Gleeson-Baird Art Trophy was won by Unathi May.

The Kruger Award for a boy was won by Caden Chandler who also won the Cross Country Runner of

the year.



The Pinehurst Drama Cup was won by Hanaan Majiet, who also walked away with the Girls Hockey player of the year and the Vlok Trophy for Proficiency in Afrikaans.

Jane van Blerk won the Courtesy Award and also the James Trophy for Proficiency in English.



The senior Sportswoman of the Year was Ashley Thomas. In addition, Ashley shared the Girl



Athlete of the Year award with Hlompho Pule, who also won the Soccer Player of the Year award. The boy Soccer Player was won by Sean Cupido, who was also awarded the Cricketer of the Year.

The senior Sportsman of the Year was Asher Miller, who also won the boys Tennis and boys Hockey Player of the Year awards.

Hawa Parker received the Service to the School award, handed to her by special guest, Mrs Doney. Hawa also received the award for Proficiency in Languages.

Mrs Doney, who is a past parent,



is retiring early 2024, after many years as the librarian and administrator of the school textbooks. Her keen eye for detail and great photography will be missed!

The Headmaster's Award went to Asher Miller and Jennifer Gibb. Jennifer was awarded the Brash



Academic Award for coming 2nd in Grade 7 and also the Founders' Pupil Award, for displaying a life built on a good foundation. She shares the Founders' award with Asher.

Asher received the Anderson Academic Award for coming 1st in Grade 7 and also the Berndt Mathematics Awards.

We celebrate the hard work and commitment that the learners displayed and wish them all the very best for the future.

GRADE 7 CLASS OF 2023



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MUSIC

The 2023 music journey for the Pinehurst learners started with Pinelands High School's annual Sunset Concert on Friday 3 March 2023. The Senior Choir summed up the event with the title of their first song Best Day Of My Life, followed by two beautiful Namibian songs, Okantje and Tuli, Tuli. The orchestra gave a strong performance of the Avengers and the programme was aptly concluded with What Makes You Beautiful.

On Thursday 16 March 2023 the Senior Choir had a long afternoon into the evening when they performed at the Pinelands Choir Festival 2023 hosted by Pinelands North Primary School. The programme ended with a goosebumps rendition of a massed item Seasons Of Love.

All the Grade 2 and 3 music learners took part in the Mini Maestros Concert on Tuesday 9 May 2023. So many different instruments featured, the piano, recorder, J-sax, electronic keyboard, violin, percussion, drumkit, ukulele and classical guitar!

The Prestige Music Concert on Tuesday 12 September 2023 was a varied evening programme of soloists, ensembles, choir and orchestra items across a wide spectrum of genres. A mass item Circle Of Life from 'The Lion King', featuring music teachers too, was a spectacular finale. The classical guitar teacher Mr Gasant Adams gave a sensitive rendition of A Lauro's third Venezuelan Waltz and the Schindler's List theme. Mr Bleeker, our Art teacher and his team created atmospheric decor.

A third term of any Music Department always seems to be hectically busy. Well, quite rightly so, since external music exams are often taken or being prepared for. Pinehurst musicians had more than fifty Eisteddfod entries in total and the Senior Choir and Orchestra also participated. After many hours of thoughtful practice, the young musicians earned themselves magnificent results, including eleven distinctions and six diplomas. Special mention goes to Kai Pietersen and James Scheppening who were awarded

a category winner's medal for the Woodwind Instrument Duet section. The Orchestra achieved a Distinction, being awarded the Gold Medal for the overall winner of the Primary School Orchestra category.

We congratulate a young guitarist, Adrian Hardy (Grade 4) for his 96% Distinction in the Trinity Grade 2 exam.

Nine candidates took their Trinity Music Exams late in October in piano, acoustic and electric guitar, and drum kit. Their results were three passes, two merits and four distinctions and we're proud of their hard work.

The Midi Maestros Music Concert for all Intermediate Phase learners was staged the day after the Trinity exams, and the Grade 7 Farewell Music Concert on Friday 1 December. This was a spectacular concert for our young musicians, smartly dressed up playing us out with their final good-byes.

As young musicians, we give back



to our community. In December we visited the Manor retirement complex for a concert and shared in song, music and laughter. We also enjoyed performing at the Howard Centre, delighting all shopkeepers and their clientele.

OUR MUSICIANS EXCEL BEYOND PINEHURST

Mikenna Erasmus in Grade 7 was super excited to go to the UK with the Tygerberg Children's Choir where they took part in the Hull International Choir Competition late April. They were First Prize Winners in the Children's Choir category and secured 2nd place in the Sacred Music category. In September, Grade 7 learner

Mia van Zyl was inducted as a new Tygerberg Children's Choir member. We wish her well for this very special music journey.

Two learners, Helen Gray and Philasanda Bala, are members of the Cape Town Children's Choir (CTCC), who joined forces with the Philharmonia Choir for the production of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana at the Cape Town City Hall early June.

After two successful auditions, Oliver Alie in Grade 4, was chosen to participate in the Opera Tosca at the Artscape Theatre in September. What an amazing experience sharing the stage with world class professional soloists,

choristers and a live orchestra.

"If you play music with passion and love and honesty, then it will nourish your soul, heal your wounds and make your life worth living. Music is its own reward."

- Sting

With this in mind, we celebrate and salute all our young musicians. Their dedication, hard work and love for music are undisputedly evident in their public performances.

Ina O'Reilly
Head of Music

"On Thursday 8 June 2023, a few music learners had the privilege to go on a music outing to the Cape Town City Hall to watch The Cape Philharmonic Orchestra (CPO) rehearse. We listened to a variety of works that evoked in us all kinds of emotions as each work developed.

The main event for me was the maestro Emanuil Ivanov, a world-class pianist, being the first prize winner of the 2019 Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competition. He seemingly played everything from thin air. He memorized all the notes of the Rhapsody On a Theme of Paganini by Rachmaninov which he played with the CPO. It lasted approximately half an hour.

It was a very intense and engaging experience that encouraged me to form a sense of appreciation for the focus and dedication of these musicians."

- Dylan Alie



Learners with pianist, Emanuil Ivanov



Learners with the conductor, Arjan Tien



Junior Choir



Senior Choir



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Recorder Ensemble





SPORT

Each of our children at Pinehurst is encouraged to engage in as many sporting activities as they can throughout the year. This “multi-sport” approach to movement and sporting development continues to be one of the greatest influences for the ongoing growth and success of our sports programme. It also helps ensure that our children develop competence, confidence and self-esteem across a range of sporting and motor skill activities.

Making sure that a balanced approach where effort, performance and life lessons are all highly valued is an important priority within our sports programme. Through this approach our children learn that the effort they invest, the respect they show, the honesty they demonstrate, the team work they display and the excellence they cultivate are all very important aspects of their movement and sporting development. In this way

we grow a community of children who love physical activity and learn to respect, value and serve those around them.

A massive thanks to all our parents, staff and coaches for their hard work, enthusiasm and support this year. We are incredibly proud of all our Pinehurst children for getting involved, giving of their very best and achieving all that they did in 2023.





SPORT: ATHLETICS

Our annual inter-house athletics events were once again met with much enthusiasm and some great performances. Spartans took an early lead in the field events (long jump and shot put). Three new school records were set:

- Mordecai Chirwa
- u10 shot put (7.58m)
- Raeesa Kassiem
- u11 long jump (3.82m)
- Ashley Thomas
- u13 long jump (4.23m)

Throughout the track events, some great performances, team work and team spirit were shown. The 800m junior winners were Kate Hawkey and Nicholas Redfern. The 800m senior winners were Holly Webb and Ewere Pascal. The Victrix Ludorum was shared by Ashley Thomas and Hlompho Pule and the Victor Ludorum was won by Che Jansen. The Trojans emerged as the team spirit cup winners and the overall winning house for the day was once again Spartans.

Our Pinehurst Inter schools athletics squad competed for

places in the Pinelands athletics team to attend the Central Zone Champs. We had a record number of athletes from Pinehurst in the team, and some excellent performances at the Central Zone Champs. The following children were selected to the Central Zone Team to compete at the Western Province Champs:

- Nicholas Redfern
- u10 long jump
- Mordecai Chirwa
- u10 shot put

- Hlompho Pule
- u12 shot put
- Rafaa Moos
- u13 shot put

- Ashley Thomas
- u13 long jump

The 4th term was once again an opportunity for our athletes to improve their skills and performances. We participated in two Inter schools events: Fairmont Top 15 and Du Plessis Prestige Athletics Day against very strong opposition. There were some fantastic performances from our children.

Well done to all our children for giving their very best throughout the 2023 athletics season.



Athletics team





SPORT: CRICKET

Cricket has continued with steady growth with a big change happening this term. We have centralised the league fixtures whereby we compete in derby weeks in all age groups u10 – u13 with the schools in our surrounding area, but more importantly with schools equal in ability and number. This proved

to be a huge success in the 4th term and has led to us deciding to continue with this approach in 2024, as all the schools involved have agreed to this method as the way forward.

Highlights in 2023

- Knysna u13A Cricket Tour
- 3TC Cricket Festival (Placed 1st)
- 3TC Individual Awards
 - Sean Cupido
 - Best All Rounder
 - Zach Parsons
 - Best Batter
- Cricketer of the year: Sean Cupido



u9



u10



u11



u12



u13





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SPORT: CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country was well attended by an enthusiastic group of Grade 3 to 7 children. The Friday Inter schools league saw some fantastic performances throughout the season from our cross country team, with Caden Chandler (u13) once again running exceptionally well and being selected to the South Zone team to compete at the WP Championships.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual inter-house cross country produced some great performances from the boys and girls across the age groups including two new school records:

- Alex Stevens
- u9 girls
- Caden Chandler
- u13 boys

The winners of the various age groups on the day were:

- u7 Boys: Eli Clark

- u7 Girls: Emma van Stormbroek
- u8 Boys: James Parsons
- u8 Girls: Maleta Tsolekile
- u9 Boys: Max Hoets
- u9 Girls: Alex Stevens (new record)
- u11 Boys: Nick Redfern
- u11 Girls: Megan Finegan
- Open Boys: Caden Chandler (new record)
- Open Girls: Holly Webb

The Inter-house competition was once again won by the Olympians and well done to all the boys and girls for getting involved and giving of their very best.



Cross Country





SPORT: HOCKEY

With the innuagural opening of the Pinehurst Primary School Astro, Hockey at Pinehurst has grown from strength to strength. This year saw a few extra teams entered into the hockey league:

- u9A and B
- u10
- u11
- u13A and B

Highlights in 2023 included:

- Some excellent hockey played

by our u10 boys competing at the SACS u10 Hockey Festival.

- Our u10 girls also playing some fantastic hockey in the Rustenburg Junior Hockey Festival and we are looking forward to seeing these u10 boys and girls grow and develop over the next few years.

- Pinehurst hosting an inaugural u13A Girls Festival on our new Astro and managed to place 3rd in the competition. We look

forward to adding an u13 boys festival in 2024.

- Cameron Jeffery playing some great hockey and being rewarded with selection to the u12 South Zone Team.

- Our hockey players of the year being Asher Miller and Hanaan Majiet.



u9 Boys



u9 Girls



u10 Boys



u10 Girls



u11 Boys



u11 Girls



u12 and u13A Boys



u12 and u13A Girls



u12 and u13B Boys



u12 and u13B Girls



SPORT: NETBALL

Netball at Pinehurst has continued to move forward. The 2023 season was marked by us changing netball leagues. The new league was much better organised and allowed all the girls, both our A and B team girls, to play weekly matches.

All our netball girls also had the opportunity of attending tournaments at the start of the 3rd term, allowing all our age groups

and teams to kickstart the second half of the season with a bang.

It took the girls a few games to adjust to the more fast-paced and competitive league, but they managed to acquit themselves well during the course of the season. We look forward to Pinehurst netball growing further in 2024.

The Netball Player of the Year for 2023 was Imaan Mowlana.



u9A



u9B



u10A



u10B



u11A



u11B



u12A



u12B



u13A



u13B



SPORT: RUGBY

Pinehurst rugby had another successful season this year. We added another age group of rugby players, with the school now offering u8, u9 and u10 rugby. In 2024 we will be offering rugby for u8, u9, u10 and u11 boys, as our rugby programme continues to grow.

We had a big group of 25 very eager u8 boys who grew tremendously in their rugby this year. Due to the big group of boys

we were able to field both an u8A and u8B team. They played some very physical and skillful rugby. We look forward to them going from strength to strength as they move up in the age groups.

Our u9 age group also had over 20 boys playing, again allowing us to field an u9A and u9B team. It was a very successful season for the boys, with them recording some amazing results, most notably a win for our u9A team

over Wetpups u9A team, right at the end of the season.

For our u10 boys it was their first season of 15-a-side rugby on a full field. They adapted well and managed to play some well-structured rugby. The results of the season were a mixed bag; however, they grew tremendously as rugby players and we look forward to their continued development in the years to come.



u8A



u8B



u9A



u9B



u10



SPORT: SOCCER

GIRLS SOCCER

Our u12 & 13 girls soccer team had a rather frustrating season, due to many fixtures being cancelled and postponed, and this resulted in them struggling to get into a rhythm for the season. However, the majority of the matches they did play went Pinehurst's way, with the girls ending the season beating Pinelands North Primary School 6-0.

The girls need to be commended for their commitment, showing up every Thursday at 7am for

training, rain or shine. This commitment bore fruit as every girl's basic soccer skills improved drastically.

The majority of the team this year were grade 6 girls, so we look forward to them having a fantastic season next year.

The Girls Soccer Player of the Year for 2023 was Hlompho Pule.

BOYS SOCCER

It has been another good year for Pinehurst soccer, with great

commitment and enthusiasm shown by our players.

There were some great performances with many highlights, including our u9 team being unbeaten and our u13A team only losing one match throughout the season. Sean Cupido was the boys soccer player of the year and was also the top goal scorer for the season.

Our inter-house soccer was well contested amongst the boys and girls competitions with Trojans emerging as the overall winners.



u9



u11A



u11B



u12 and u13 Girls



u12 and u13A Boys



u12 and u13B Boys



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SPORT: SWIMMING

Swimming at Pinehurst has continued to grow from strength to strength in 2023. This was marked by a total of 8 school records being broken at our inter-house gala in the first term.

Our inter-house gala was very successful this year and is always a fantastic way to get the swimming season underway. Our Victrix and Victor Ludorums were as follows:

Junior Victrix Ludorum – Faye Webb

Junior Victor Ludorum – Declan Hills

Senior Victrix Ludorum – Holly Webb

Senior Victor Ludorum – Finley Hodgskiss

We also hosted our interschools gala in the first term for Term 1

in 2023. It was a fantastic event that is an expanded version of the past Triangular Gala that Pinehurst used to host. We were able to field an A and B team for the event, which is a testament to the growth of swimming at Pinehurst.

Besides the above two galas, we attended the Milnerton gala in the 4th term, and our girls again competed in the Southern Suburbs Girls Gala League. This league allowed our girls to swim in galas weekly and they managed to achieve fantastic results swimming against some of the top girls swimming schools in the Cape Town area.

We had to say a very sad goodbye to one of our swimming

coaches, Mrs Debbie Law, at the end of this year. Mrs Law has been involved in the Pinehurst swimming programme for 16 years. Without her expertise and input Pinehurst swimming would not be in the place it is at the moment.

Pinehurst swimming had a fantastic year, with all our swimmers working exceptionally hard, resulting in some brilliant results. We look forward to another successful swimming year in 2024.

The Girls Swimmer of the Year was Holly Webb, and the Boys Swimmer of the Year was Finley Hodgskiss.



u8 and u9 (Squad 1)



u8 and u9 (Squad 2)



u10 and u11 (Squad 1)



u10 and u11 (Squad 2)



u12 and u13 (Squad 1)



u12 and u13 (Squad 2)



SPORT: TENNIS

Tennis this year once again saw a group of very enthusiastic players who love their tennis. Both our junior and senior teams had a season of mixed results with the focus being on growth and development.

Asher Miller captained the team and lead by example playing some great tennis, demonstrating some excellent etiquette on the court throughout the season and

ended up being our tennis player of the year.

In the 4th term, Finley Hodgskiss played some fantastic tennis and earned a well-deserved selection to the u12 South Zone Tennis Team. His team went on to win the u12 inter-zonal tournament.

Well done to all our tennis players for getting involved and giving of their very best this season.



u13A



Senior team

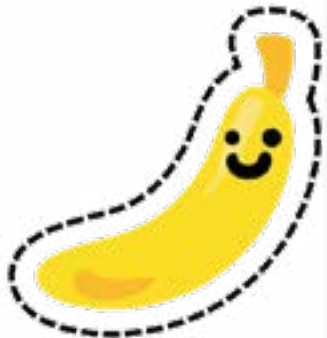




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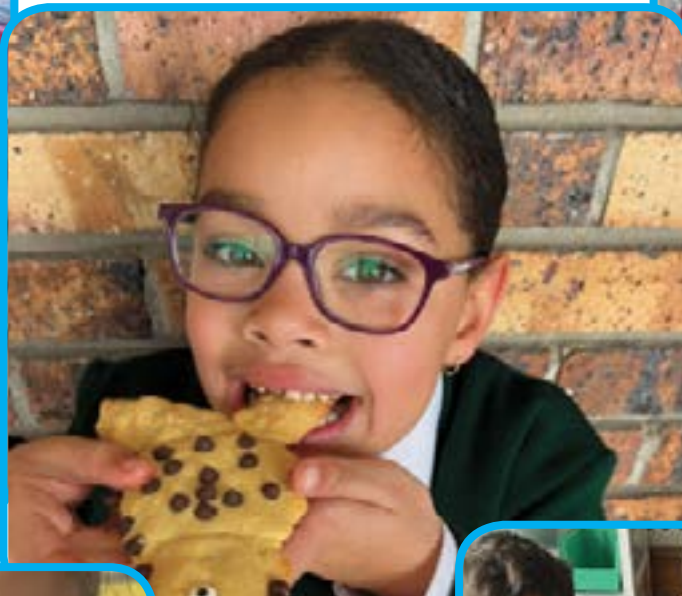
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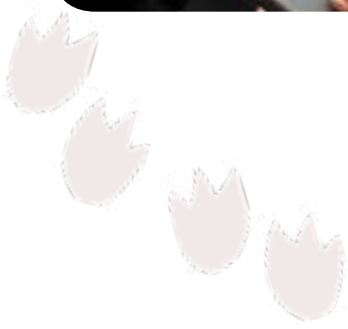


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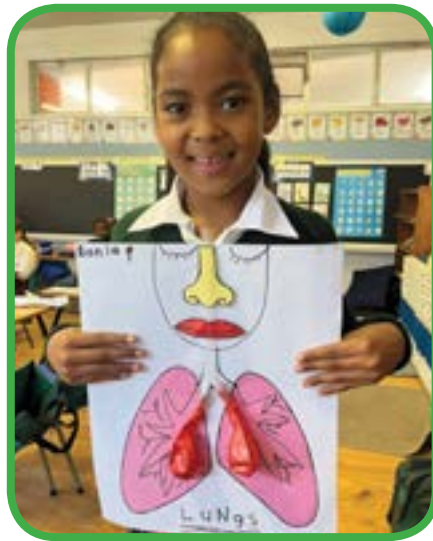
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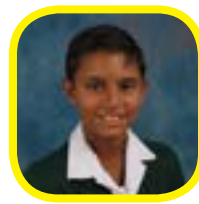
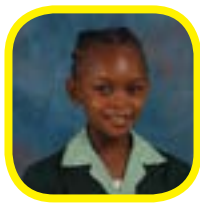
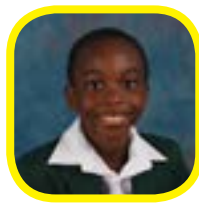


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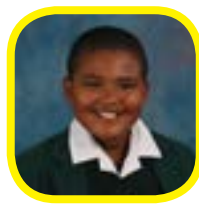


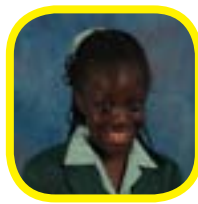
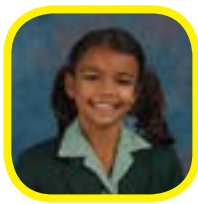
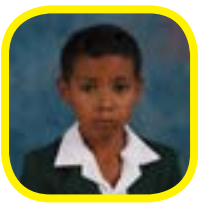
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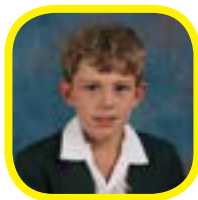


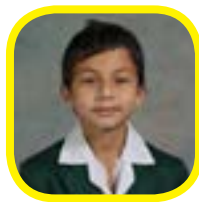
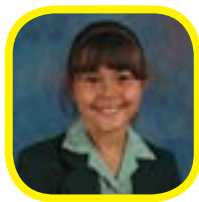
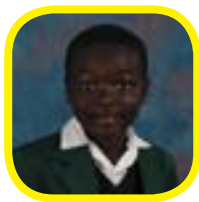
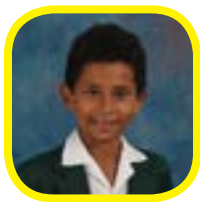
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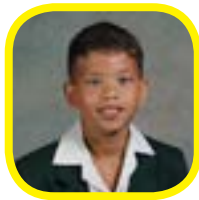
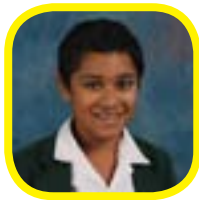
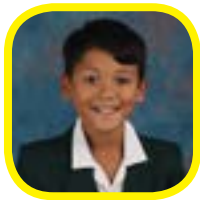
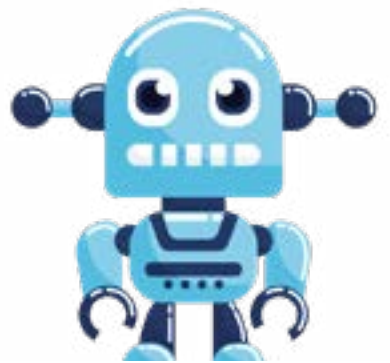


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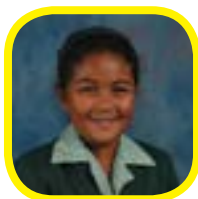


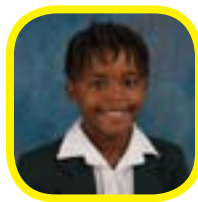
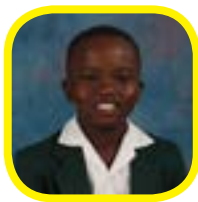
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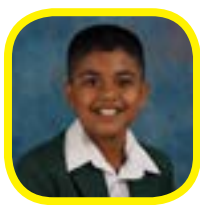


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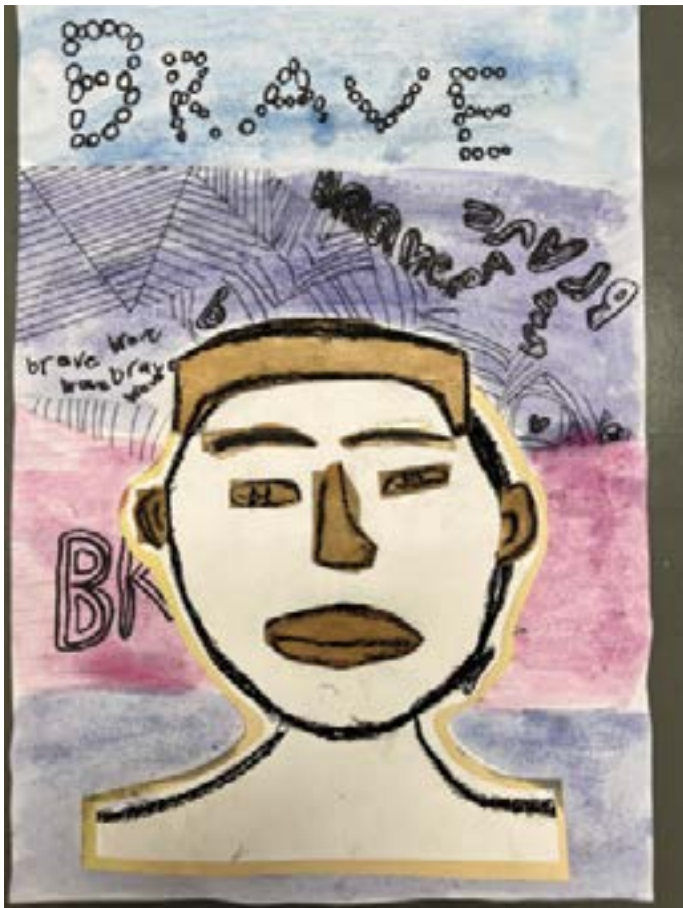
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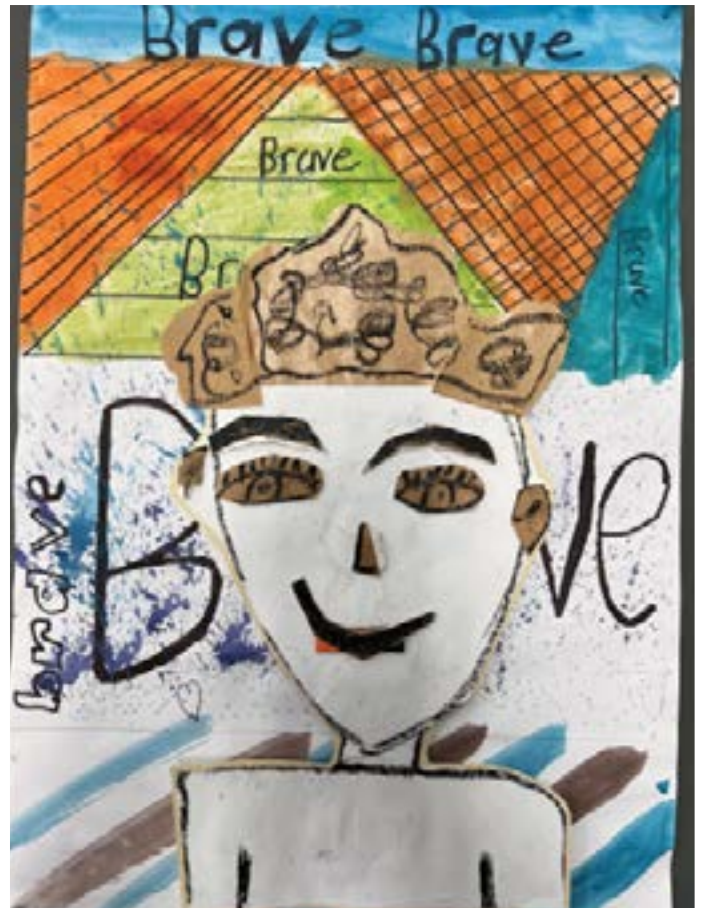


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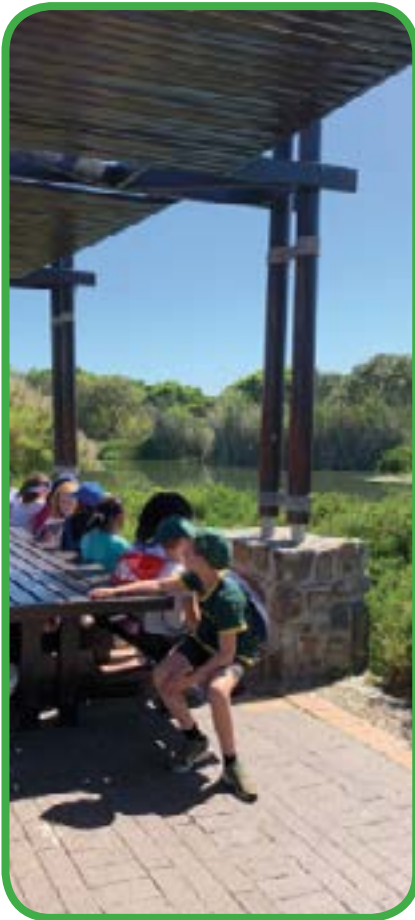
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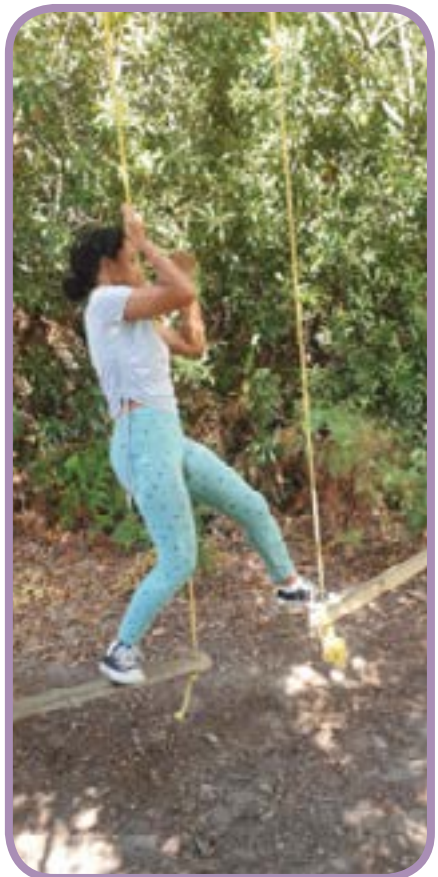
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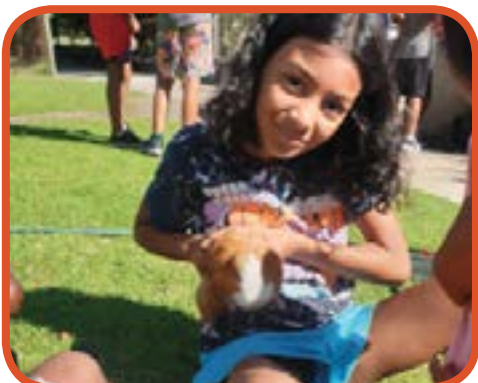






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On the 8th of December, the grade 7s had our farewell dance, the theme chosen was "The Night Of The Stars". When we arrived we took lots of photos and had some drinks. When we entered the hall it was decorated with gold string lights. We first had a lip sync battle on the dance floor, then we danced and sang along to the music till our feet hurt. After some food and a gift bag, we all went home after an amazing and memorable night.

Mihlali Mangena



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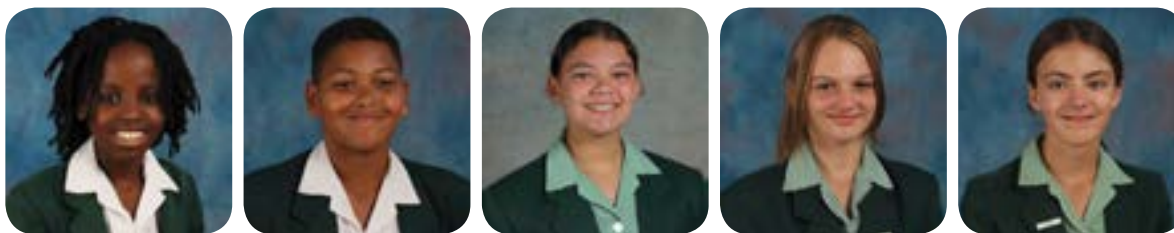
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Love is when your family's there

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Love is when your mom is there,
to give your back a pat,
to hug you tight and hold you close,
and to tell you that,
no matter what, no matter when,
no matter time or place,
she will always, always be there,
to put a smile on your face.

Love is when your dad is there,
to tell right and wrong,
it may seem mean,
but really he's been helping all along

Love is when your brother's there,
and though you may bicker and fight,
you've got their backs,
and they've got yours,
and you know you'll be alright.

Love is when your family's there,
and you may not always get along,
but knowing they're there,
and knowing they care,
is what makes a heart feel strong



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