

SNAP SHOT

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Matters of Principal

We know that World War 1 ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month and that this event is still acknowledged each year by people all over the world who stop to remember all those who lost their lives not only in that war but, in all wars. Some see it too as a time to stop and reflect on so much that is going on in our world; a time to acknowledge the value of peace; a time to consider the importance of mutual respect; a time to ponder what it means to live freely. Whilst remembering those who fell in the World Wars may not feel relevant to all of us, perhaps it gives pause for us to be grateful that we had a peaceful transition of power in our country and that our country has been given a chance to move forward in a constitutional democracy.

The story behind the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior, whose death is commemorated on this day, is a fascinating one and I share it with you for those who are interested in History. This was posted on the St Pauls church group earlier this week:

On November 7th 1920, in strictest secrecy, four unidentified British bodies were exhumed from temporary battlefield cemeteries at Ypres, Arras, the Asine and the Somme. None of the soldiers who did the digging were told why. The bodies were taken by field ambulance to GHQ at St-Pol-Sur-Ter Noise. There the bodies were draped with the union flag. Sentries were posted and Brigadier-

General Wyatt and a Colonel Gell selected one body at random. A French honour guard was selected, and stood by the coffin overnight. On the morning of the 8th a specially designed coffin made of oak from the grounds of Hampton Court, was brought and the unknown warrior placed inside. On top was placed a crusaders sword and a shield on which was inscribed 'a British Warrior who fell in the Great War 1914-1918 for King and country'.

On The 9th of November the unknown warrior was taken by horse drawn carriage through guards of honour and the sound of tolling bells and bugle calls to the quayside. There it was saluted by Marechal Foche and loaded onto HMS Vernon bound for Dover. The coffin stood on the deck covered in wreaths and surrounded by the French honour guard. On arrival at Dover the unknown warrior was greeted with a 19-gun salute, normally only reserved for field marshals. He then travelled by special train to Victoria Station London. He stayed there overnight and on the morning of the 11th of November he was taken to Westminster Abbey. The idea of the unknown warrior was thought of by a Padre called David Railton who had served at the front during the Great War and it was the union flag he used as an altar cloth at the front, that had been draped over the coffin. It was his intention that all relatives of the 517,773 combatants whose bodies had not been identified could believe that the unknown warrior could very well be their lost husband, father, brother or son.... every year on the 11th of November, remember the unknown warrior...

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them...

TOP SPOT FOR ELZINÉ



The Junior Afrikaans Olympiad was written on computer on the 15th of September 2021. Seventeen of our Grade 8 and 9s took part in the Olympiad. Elziné Kotzé obtained first place in Limpopo with an average of 87%. She was also placed 8th nationally. She received cash and book prizes from the ATKV. Well done to Jana Prinsloo (86%), Morné Lindeque (84%), Marthinus Venter (82%), Abigail Fair (79%) and Wihan van Eeden (79%) made the top 100 list nationally.



KNOW THE RULES!



Last Saturday, the Limpopo Blue Bulls Referee Association held their annual prize giving function. Mr Pretorius received the Trophy for the "Reelkenner" of the year - the referee who obtained the highest average for both South African Rugby Union (SARU) rule exams. Well done, Mr Pretorius.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

STAY ALERT
CONTROL THE VIRUS
SAVE LIVES

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TEAM RED ANTS

Well done to Mr Willson and Mr Fullard, who represented Team Red Ants along with their teammates, David Barkhuisen and Nicky Booyens, at the ARWS Africa Regional Championship 120km Adventure Race in the Drakensburg this past weekend.

The race started at Alpine Heath Resort with a 21km hike/run over the mountain to Sterkfontein Dam, followed by a 15km paddle, a short 4km run to the bikes, and finally a 75km mountain bike ride back to Alpine Heath. It was a tough race with strong winds and hail, but Team Red Ants managed to finish in 6th position among the mixed teams of four.



SLC Board Elections - The election process

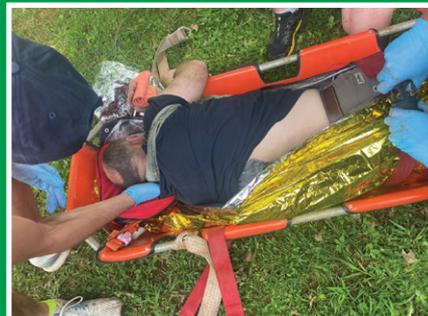
1. The Trust will issue debenture holders with an official e-vote as well as a brief curriculum vitae of each nominee on Monday, 15th November 2021.
2. The candidates for whom the greatest number of votes has been recorded will be declared to be duly elected members by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees on Friday, 19th November 2021. In the event that two or more nominees receive an equal number of votes, the remaining Trustees will hold a secret ballot to decide on the successful candidate.



STAFF READY TO RESCUE



Nine staff members took part in a very intensive 5-day First Aid course this week. The teachers were put back into the classroom with lectures and practicals as well as formative and summative assessments. After part of the theory, their knowledge was put to the test during some simulations or "sims". The instructors made the scenarios as real and relatable as possible, with fake open wounds and fractured limbs, smoke bombs, a simulated car accident and even having to pull Mr Haarhoff out of the water after a "kayaking accident". The realness of each "sim" got hearts racing and adrenaline pumping. Each and every staff member was put to the test. After the 5-day course, we are pleased to announce that all staff passed and will receive certificates for Wilderness First Aid as well as NQF2 First Aid.



REGISTRATION FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION NOW OPEN FOR 12 - 17 YEAR OLDS



Register on EVDS and go get jabbed!



Bring your proof of vaccination to either the Head Boy or Head Girl of 2022 and you will be entered into a prize draw!

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