



Matters of Principal

"The June 16 1976 Uprising that began in Soweto and spread countrywide profoundly changed the socio-political landscape in South Africa. Events that triggered the uprising can be traced back to policies of the Apartheid government that resulted in the introduction of the Bantu Education Act in 1953"

I read these words and I ask myself how much has really changed in our schools? Whilst many of the issues are different and the manner in which people protest has changed, pupils in our schools are rising up once again due to social injustice. In this communication I do not want to focus on the matters that we are dealing with in the school (I think I have clearly communicated where I stand on these) but I would like to focus on the power of our Youth.

Next Tuesday, 16 June, we celebrate Youth Day, a day in South Africa in which we acknowledge our past but more importantly we celebrate our youth. I see myself as privileged to work with our youth. This week I have seen strength, courage, intellectual reflection and a willingness to engage. This power is not limited to our community or even our country. Across the world we see examples of young men and women standing up against injustices, determined to make a difference. We've all heard of Greta Thunberg and her campaign for climate change. Other inspirational young people leading for change include Anoyara, from India, who was born into abject poverty, her mother was forced to sell her for a small amount of money and a portion of any future income that she may generate. Anoyara was trafficked to Delhi where she worked as a domestic labourer. Her traumatic experience has inspired her to devote her life to protecting those who are the most susceptible to being trafficked: young girls.



Sam Nzima's iconic picture of Hector Pieterse, a black schoolchild shot by the police whilst peacefully protesting multiple issues with the Bantu Education Act.

She has helped gather information about trafficked children, traced traffickers, and mobilized the support of adults in order to reunite children with their families. Anoyara's efforts have helped hundreds of trafficked children from her village get back to where they should be: with their families. On top of that, she has helped prevent 35 cases of early marriage.

Mohamedi from Tanzania, speaks out on the challenges and fears of fellow albinos in his country, as well as on the lack of health education in his area. He is also vocal against laws allowing 15-year-old girls and 18-year-old boys to marry; laws that prevent girls from completing school and gaining an education.

There are many more examples of young men and women who are step-by-step, campaign-by-campaign are slowly changing the world. There is so much evidence to suggest that these young people are ready and willing to craft a world that we will all be proud to live in, we should not be surprised or intimidated by the power of our youth but rather harness and celebrate it; maybe, just maybe, they will do what our adult generation and generations before us have failed to do – create a world where all people are genuinely seen as equal.

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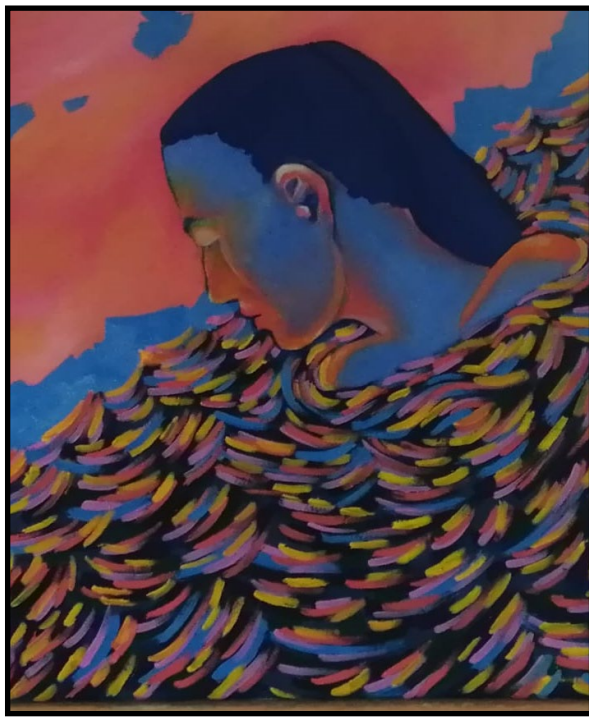
COLOUR WHEELS

The Grade 8-10 pupils were tasked with creating colour wheels from items found in their homes, here are some of their finished pieces:



SNAP SHOT

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The Grade 10s were tasked to complete portraits in art. Some of their work is displayed to the left. The Grade 11 pupils were asked to depict a dream in their work and Callan Schultz's surrealism piece is shown above. It is incredible what our pupils have managed to achieve in their artwork through distance learning and without face-to-face help and guidance from their teacher.



LOOK BACK- THE FRENCH REVOLUTION



Mrs Schoeman's latest digital newspaper is available online and this time, she combined work from her Grade 10 History pupils to create a period newspaper reporting on the French Revolution. Well done to all the pupils who contributed and Mrs Schoeman for putting it together.

[Click HERE to view](#)

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DEMOCRACY AND THE EMERGENCE OF A
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In this newsletter: LOOK BACK brings to you:

- **French Financial Piaseco** from our economic correspondent Tanya Chause
- **Change is Coming**, Tax Estation is too much and the "King doesn't Care" by our Royal Correspondents Alanna Connery and Chelsea Hudson.
- **The First Wave of Terror** - Livelly Rogers exclusive interview with the minister of propaganda, Jean -Paul Marat