



SNAPSHOT

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Matters of Principal

“As important as it is to have a plan for doing work, it is perhaps more important to plan for rest, relaxation, self-care, and sleep.”

- Akiroq Brost

We come to the end of an epic term at last. On the whole, our pupils have done us proud. I have been particularly pleased with the quality of the Examination marks across all grades. The marks suggest that our pupils have generally found a very good balance between academic work and extramural pursuits. When I reflect on the extent of activities that have been undertaken this term, I am both amazed and grateful. I am amazed at the high levels of talent and commitment displayed by our pupils and I am grateful to the staff who tirelessly give of their time and expertise to guide and facilitate our pupils as they go about their daily activities.

hockey, provincial rugby, a mountain biking camp and a scuba outing to northern KZN. I wish them all the best and thank them for this effort.

I take this opportunity to thank all staff, pupils and parents for the continued support of our school. Our 25-year gala dinner celebration was a clear indicator of how important community is to all of us. I wish you all a very happy holiday. Enjoy having your children home as much as I am sure they will love being home.

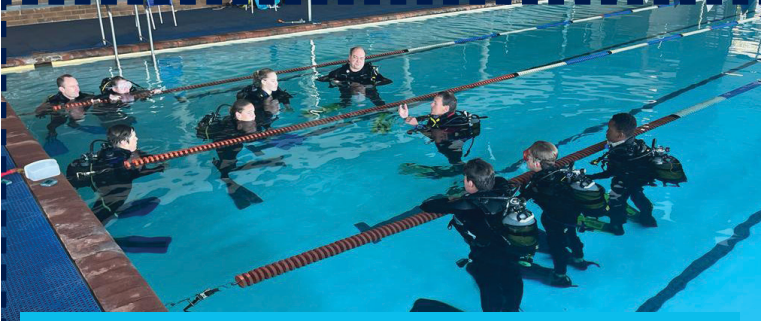
As we start a school holiday today, I hope it is a time to relax, spend time with family and friends and rejuvenate in preparation for what promises to be another busy third term. For some staff and pupils, however, they remain involved in holiday activities including IPT

Have a blessed holiday.

YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

As a school, we celebrated Youth Day last Friday with an assembly led by our Transformation, Equality and Diversity Committee. Thereafter, the whole school went to the lake and enjoyed a couple of hours of games including a tug-of-war competition between the sports houses and a sack race. The day ended with a boerie roll braai for everyone.





The aspiring scuba divers completed their first pool sessions last weekend. The focus was on gear rigging, troubleshooting under water and getting their neutral buoyancy sorted out. The group are off to Sodwana now for one last pool session and then their four qualifying dives in the ocean!



TWO TEAMS OFF TO NOORDVAAL



On Friday, 16th June, five of our hockey teams had made it through to the playoffs of the Limpopo Big Schools league, where all the top teams in the province battled it out for the title of the champions of the Limpopo league in their respective age groups.

Unfortunately, none of our girls' teams made it through to the semi-finals as they got knocked out by Ben Viljoen in the quarter-final stages. The U/14 girls went down 0 - 8, the U/16 girls went down 0 - 2 and the 1st Team also, unfortunately, lost 0 - 3.

All the boys' teams automatically made it through to the semi-finals. The U/14 boys played against a strong Louis Trichardt side who went on to be crowned the champions, the boys fought a good fight but lost 0 - 2. The Stanford boys then went on to face Ben Vorster in the third and fourth playoff match, the Baby Badgers narrowly beat Ben Vorster 1 - 0 to finish off third in their league and qualified for a spot to Noordvaal in the third term.

The 1st Team played against Hoërskool Pietersburg in their semi-final match and lost 0 - 2. They went on to face Louis Trichardt in the third and fourth playoff game. The match ended 1 - 1 and had to be decided through an 8-second shoot-out where the Badgers went on to win 3 - 1. They have also qualified for Noordvaal!

The Grade 9s enjoyed a fun day of activities on Wednesday. They began the morning with Drama. Each class was given one of Roald Dahl's revolting rhymes and had 90 minutes to learn the words, rehearse and perform their tale. This was designed to teach the importance of planning, creativity, collaboration and communication. The second part of the morning began with a crash course in table settings and table manners, followed by a mini Masterchef of sorts. In teams of six, they had 30 minutes to set and decorate a table, make a salad dressing and make six identical salads. Chaos ensued. With lettuce leaves flying, fighting over forks, cucumber cut and a scramble for the last crouton, the tables were finally ready for the judges. While the judging took place, the two classes competed against one another in a food quiz. Overall, Table 8 won the day and 9.1 beat 9.2. The energy and inventiveness of the grade was impressive.



The Grade 8s returned from their 3-day expedition of the Iron Crown yesterday. Despite tired legs and weary bodies, they were in good spirits upon their return. Full report in the first edition of Term 3.