

LIVINGSTONE HIGH SCHOOL

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FIRST TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have had an exciting and eventful first term. The high absentee rate after the Controlled Test period as well as the high incidence of truancy, has raised major concerns amongst teachers. **Parents are reminded that they have an obligation to send their children to school.** The new CAPS system is loaded in terms of curriculum content, and teaching continues after controlled test periods and examinations.

SPORTS RESULTS

ATHLETICS



Livingstone High competed against 12 schools in the **Interschool Athletics Competition** on 12 February 2015 at Vygies Kkraal. Our squad of 129 athletes achieved second place amidst the enthusiastic cheering of the entire school. We would like to congratulate Alexander Sinton for winning the section by a very narrow margin.

44 Athletes qualified to compete in the zonal champs and 24 received zonal colours. Learners who excelled were:

Age group	Name	Event	medals
Boys u/19	Ridhaa Chetty	110m hurdles	bronze
Boys u/17	Kyle Carelse	High Jump	Silver

	Aphiwe Mfundisi	3000m	Silver
Boys u/15	Lulutho Mangxola	Silver 400m	Silver
	Lulutho Mangxola	High jump	Gold
Boys u/14	Masood Kamaldien	High Jump	Bronze
	Jamie September	Relay	Silver
	Al yasa Van Schoor	Relay	Silver
	Wade Jacobs	Relay	Silver
	Reginald Visagie	Relay	Silver
Girls /15	Bilqees Nordien	Relay	Silver
	Nihaadh Jacobs	Relay	Silver
	Kelsey Fourie	Relay	Silver
	Asmaa Abrahams	Relay	Silver
Girls/14	Shanon Rensberg	HighJump	Gold
	Ammarrah Diedriecks	Javelin	Silver
	Oakley Lottering	Discus	Bronze

The girls under 15 relay team received silver at the Western Province Champs of Champs and Shanon Rensberg qualified for the Western Province team. Well done to the girls for their excellent achievement. Once again our athletes proved to everyone that Livingstone not only performs in the classroom but excels on the sports field **ADVANCE LIVINGSTONE ADVANCE!**

CRICKET

Livingstone U/15 vs Newlands Cricket School (lost by 10 wickets)

Livingstone U/15 vs St.Georges (won by 4 wickets)
Livingstone U/15 vs Rhodes (won by 50 runs)
Livingstone U/15 vs Pinelands(lost by 2 wickets)
Livingstone U/17 vs Groote Schuur(lost by 30 runs)
Livingstone U/17 vs Islamia (won by 50 runs)
Livingstone U/17 vs Oude Molen (won by 33 runs)

All winter codes of sport will commence next term.

ENRICHMENT



OPERA

During the month of February our pupils and staff were invited to attend a workshop and a performance by Pretty Yende, an international opera singer, at the Artscape Theatre. Ms Zulu subsequently arranged for the school to attend an evening of vibrant music by the *African Angels*.

POETRY FOR LIFE

Lerato Pudumo represented Livingstone at the regional *Poetry For Life Competition* held at Herschel Girls High School. She was chosen as the school winner by a panel of English teachers after an internal school competition. Her recital of *Say No Black Woman* was a moving affirmation of the role of the woman in upholding the dignity of human beings under the Apartheid regime. Her recital of *Dulce et Decorum Est* was a reminder that in war there are no winners. We thank the students who participated in the school poetry competition and look forward to listening to their future poetry recitals.

We thank the RCL for the **Valentine's Day Programme**, which was an elegant showcasing of our school talent, of song, dance and poetry.

The students delivered an insightful presentation on the history of **Human Rights Day** in South Africa. They acknowledged the courage of our predecessors who fought for our rights. The students also acknowledged the ongoing human rights violations in Africa and our responsibility to continue to oppose these transgressions. The programme closed with a creative slide show produced by the students.

SOUTH AFRICAN MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

The South African Mathematics Olympiad was held on 12 March 2015. 100 students from Livingstone entered with 60 senior students and 40 junior students. 22 senior students qualified for the second round. A special mention goes to the following learners who obtained a mark of 70% and above. Timothy Arendse (12 Z) – 85% , Isma-eel Kamish(11S) – 85% , Stacey Engel (12P) – 80% ,

Nafees Isaacs – 70%. The junior section had 40 entrants and 12 made it to the second round. The top learners for the Junior Section were Umar Abrahams(9J) 70% , Zubair Lakay (8A) and Naseeg Venos (8W) both obtained a mark of 60%

STAFF MATTERS

As part of **Afritwin**, a global connection of classrooms, we welcomed Loice Majongwe from Prince Edward Boys High in Zimbabwe and Guy Gibson from Torquay Boys High in England. They spent a week learning about our school. Mrs Arendse and Ms Masters arranged an itinerary for them so that they could experience the vibrancy of our beautiful city. On 30 March Ms Masters returned from her visit to Torquay Boys High. We look forward to collaboration among the three schools on academic and co-curricular matters.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

In the 2014 Grade 12 final examination Livingstone High achieved a 100 % pass rate. The school was awarded a **certificate for academic excellence by the Western Cape Education Department** for their excellent Grade 12 results of 2014. Tahir Ebrahim, Mas'ood Hassiem, Hideaki Kasai and Zahraa Harnaker were invited to attend the Grade 12 Award Ceremony at Leeuwenhof, where they were acknowledged for having obtained **above 90 %** as an aggregate. Well done to those teachers who prepared the students for these examinations.

HERITAGE

Our Founders' Day was commemorated on Friday, 27 February. The keynote speaker was Mrs R.C. Hendricks, a previous principal of Livingstone High School. She highlighted the legacy of our common humanity and the wonderful spirit of co-operation that existed among the parents, students and teachers in the quest to provide a world class education that reached beyond the borders of South Africa. This quest for excellence in education defied the Apartheid regime's attempt to categorise and confine our indomitable spirit.

Saarah Hendricks in Grade 12 Z reminded the students that the past continued to live through them and that they were its legacy. She pointed to the various ways in which pupils could advance the legacy of Livingstone High School.

Lerato Pudumo, Mihle Manikivana and Hishaam Ryklief all delivered powerful and stirring poetry recitals that highlighted **THE POWER OF THE WORD**.

The Music Department skilfully contributed to the dignity of the commemoration of our Eighty Ninth anniversary.

OUTREACH

WELFARE SOCIETY

There were 248 Valentine Boxes prepared by mainly the Grade Eight pupils. Pensioners at the following places were spoilt: Ekuphumleni in Gugulethu, Rehoboth Age Exchange in Hanover

Park, Bridgetown Old Age Home. We received letters of thanks for our donations.

A successful cake sale was held to raise funds for the purchase of vegetables for Red Cross Hospital and Ekuphumleni in Gugulethu.

There were over 1000 marshmallows collected and pupils at Rosmead Primary were treated. The rest of the marshmallows were given to Red Cross Hospital.

Abdul Beaton will participate in the Two Oceans to raise funds for the Mentally Disabled. Close to R1000.00 has been raised by our school.

A special thanks to our sponsor for the donation of ten loaves of bread and two smoked fish each week which are used to make sandwiches for Rosmead pupils.

We commend the Welfare Society for their commitment to the marginalised and less privileged members of our society. As Mrs Hendricks stated in the Founders' Day programme, we need to recognise our common humanity.

The WP Blood Transfusion Service wishes to thank students and teachers for making a **remarkable** difference in the lives of patients by donating blood on 26 February.
1 unit of blood can save 3 lives.

PREFECT BODY

Thabiet Parker (12P) and Carrie Mackay (12P) were chosen as Head Prefects for 2015. They lead a very competent team of prefects. The prefect body has been structured into three portfolios: The Academic Portfolio led by Khadija Adams and assisted by Ayesha Solomons and Jade Groenemeyer; The Sports and Culture Portfolio led by Jaydee Collins and assisted by Amy Petersen and The Media and Public Relations Portfolio led by Habeeba Omar and assisted by Ashton Barnes.

The Sports and Culture Portfolio group organised an assembly which focussed on a healthy lifestyle. They invited a dietician to address the Grade Eight and Nine pupils on the importance of a healthy diet and exercise.

STUDENT EXCHANGE

We welcome back Calvin Adams (12Z), James Reynolds (12Z) and Keagan van Schalkwyk (12P) from their month long sojourn in Germany and bid farewell to Jazz Overholt from the United States.

RCL ELECTION RESULTS

The following candidates were successful in the election and will constitute the RCL body for 2015.

Grade 12: Simone Jackson, Eeman Majiet (chairperson), Aa'isha Allie

Grade 11: Ishma-eel Kamish (deputy chairperson), Dwayne Sparks, Ashwin Ramages

Grade 10: Thafier Samuels (treasurer), Jahaan Conrad (assistant secretary), Layla Amod (secretary)
Grade 9: Esther Louskitt, Uzair Ally, Zaakir Mustapha
Grade 8: Ryan Adams, Akeefah Jardine, Faaqierah Sedick

The RCL body commits themselves to serve the Livingstone student body to the best of their combined abilities. They urge students to approach them with matters which are important to them so that they can continue the legacy of those who have gone before. They urge Livingstonians to live up to their motto and ADVANCE!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Ashton Barnes, Jamie-lee Abrahams, Tayyiba Meyer, Latiefa Solomons wrote external exams at various levels and are awaiting their results. The Music Department wishes to thank the parents for their contribution towards the concert performance fundraiser and Mrs Ganie for the running of the tuckshop. We look forward to an exciting concert in mid May, where bands from a number of schools will join us in a collaborative performance.

Four of our matriculants were accepted to participate in the Grahamstown Jazz Festival workshop this year.

ECO CLUB

The Eco Club has exciting plans to landscape our garden. Plans for the landscaping will be available on the school website in next term.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The safety of our children and the security at our school are paramount. At certain times, management will get the police to conduct random searches at the school to ensure that no children are bringing illegal substances or weapons onto the premises. The students at the school have been warned that any cellular phones found in their possession **and are switched on**, will be confiscated. We request that parents constantly remind children of the importance of personal safety, and how security is the concern of each and every person at the school.

PARENT ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We appeal to parents to give of their time to assist the school in the invigilation of the June and November examinations. Please contact Ms Ganie at the school if you are willing to assist.

UNIFORM POLICY

We request the co-operation of parents in encouraging our students to wear their Livingstone uniforms with pride, as they are the ambassadors of the school. Sadly though, we have noticed an

increase in the number of learners who are sporting fashionable hairstyles (girls with streaks and boys with shaven sides and thicker hair on top, as well as "lines" being cut into short hair), boys coming to school with facial hair unshaven, and girls with ear piercings at the top of the ear. These are unacceptable and we appeal to you as parents to assist us in this regard.

Any items that do not form part of the official school uniform, will be confiscated. Grade 8, 9 and 10 parents are reminded that the wearing of the school blazer is compulsory.

Girls are reminded to wear their winter school uniform next term.

CELL PHONE POLICY

The cell phone policy of the school clearly states that cell phones are to be switched off from 8:00 am until the end of the school day, and includes the defaulters' class and any extra class taking place after school. There is an increasing tendency for students to walk around during the intervals with ear phones in their ears. This is also unacceptable and the ear phones and cell phone to which it is attached will be confiscated. The school will not be held responsible for cell phones that disappear during the school day.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Special thanks to those parents/ guardians who are fully paid up or who are up to date with the payment of fees.

Please note :

1. Half the school fees should be paid by 30 June 2015 ;
2. The entire account should be settled by 31 October 2015. If not the account will be handed over for debt collection.
3. Applications for school fee exemption are now closed.

We would like to strongly encourage parents to make payments via direct bank deposits, EFT's or the debit order system. This would decrease the amount of cash brought onto the school premises which always poses a security risk.

BANKING DETAILS :

BANK : First National Bank (Claremont)

BRANCH CODE : 200109

ACCOUNT NUMBER : 50151490642

ACCOUNT TYPE : Current Account

PARENT REMINDERS

1. Parents must make **appointments** to see teachers. This must be at a convenient time for both teacher and parent. Teachers are engaged in a teaching programme and are not always available at short notice.
2. Parents / Visitors **MUST** report to reception when coming onto the school's premises

during school time. This is to ensure the safety and security of all students and teachers.

3. **NO STUDENT** may call a parent and request to be collected from school. If this is done, it is to be assumed that the student used his/her cell phone which contravenes the cell phone policy. Any request to leave school must be done via the Office or the Class Teacher.

CONCLUSION

We trust that you will scrutinise your child's March Progress Report very carefully. Look at where he/she is under-performing and implement intervention strategies as soon as possible.

School reopens on Monday, 13 April.

For any further information, please refer to our website: www.livingstonehigh.co.za