

LIVINGSTONE HIGH SCHOOL

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SECOND TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have come to the end of an extremely busy term. We trust that you will scrutinise your child's mid-year progress report very carefully. Please be reminded that the Departmental pass requirement for Grades 8 and 9 is 50% for English and 40% for Mathematics. **Intervention meetings** will take place between 18.00 – 20h00 on the following dates: **Grade 12 on Wednesday 22 July; Grades 9 and 11 on 27 July and Grades 8 and 10 on 29 July.**

STAFF MATTERS

We bid farewell to Mrs Thompson this term. Our heartfelt thanks to her for her uplifting spirit and ready smile to teachers and pupils alike. Our condolences to Ms Damon on the loss of her mother after a long period of suffering.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

On 15 May, the English Department celebrated the **Day of the Book**. It was a spectacular and inspirational vivification of their prescribed literature. Students across all the grades were given the opportunity to showcase their acting skills by delivering a resoundingly successful theatrical experience. The Grade 8 students celebrated the works of modern writers. The works of Shakespeare were brought to life in the tragic chorus of **Romeo and Juliet** by the Grade 9 students, the love triangle in **Twelfth Night** by the Grade 10 students. The Grade 11 pupils highlighted the consequences of overwhelming ambition in the Macbeths and portrayed the haunting and highly entertaining witches from **Macbeth**. Hishaam Ryklief captivated the audience with his dramatic reading from **To Kill a Mocking Bird**. The finale was the powerful rendition by Lerato Pudumo of **Say No black Woman**.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

On Wednesday 1 April 2015, six pupils (Tabassum Logday, Tasmiyah Rawoot, Ammaar Daniels, Montle Pike, Shakira Ismail and Azhar Ebrahim) were invited to UCT. The presentation on particle physics was thought-provoking. They were divided into pairs and each group was involved with data from the ATLAS (A Toroidal LHC Apparatus) experiment. ATLAS is a particle physics experiment at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN. The Large Hadron Collider is the world's largest and most powerful particle collider, which is located near Geneva, Switzerland. The group had the unforgettable experience of skyping with other groups throughout the world. This made an indelible impression on the inquisitive scientific minds.

The Cape Town Science Centre visited the Grade 10 and 11 Physical Science students on 16 and 21 April to perform experiments with the pupils.

Minquiz

Three Grade 12 students participated in the Minquiz Science Competition on 13 May. These students were Saarah Hendricks, Habiba Modack and Thabiet Parker.

GERMAN

Helena Ritterpusch and Ivan Hecker have spent a year at our school. We hope that their time here was enlightening and enjoyable. We wish them a safe and pleasant return trip to Germany.

MUSIC

Five Music students obtained the following results in the Royal Schools ABRSM Examination: Tayyiba Meyer (9B) 98% for Grade 2. Latiefa Solomons (9B) 71% for Grade 3, Cheyenne Beukes (10F) 78% for Grade 3. Jamie-Lee Abrahams 73% and Ashton Barnes 66% for Grade 5.

Thank you to Brimstone for donating 30 tickets to the Cape Philharmonic Youth Orchestra concert on Thursday 30 April.

Thank you to the Groote Schuur and South Peninsula bands for joining our school band at the concert on 23 May. It was a wonderful showcasing of musical talent.

DESIGN AND REVITALISATION OF GARDEN

The Livingstone Environmental Society under the guidance of Mr Green, with input from Kirstenbosch Gardens, has planned the **redesign of our garden**, which will also serve as **an outdoor classroom**. The plan includes a water feature and fragrant herbs as well as indigenous plants. We appeal for sponsorship from parents, the broader school community as well as corporates to make this **dream garden a reality**. Further information is available in a separate letter. A detailed plan of our dream garden can be viewed on the school website.

TALENT SHOW

The Talent Show was held on Saturday 18 April 2015. The Oscars theme was evident in the glitz and glamour of the evening. The show was organized by the Grade 11s. Interviews were conducted for the various managerial and organizational positions. The winners in the different categories were: Nangamso Mavatha (Junior Singer); Nadia Fynn (Senior Singer); Ammaarah Aren and Rubina Latief (Duo Singers); Hishaam Ryklief and Jamie-Le Abrahams (Duo Dancers); 12 T(Class Act); Blind Strings (Band). A highlight of the evening was the Guest Appearance by the teachers.

ARGUS QUIZ

Both teams A and B have proceeded to the next round. The participants are: Kamish, I. Firfrey, G.Hassen, S. Ismail, F.matthews (team A) and M.Hamza, F.Abrahams, A. Castil and A. Ebrahim, S. Parker (team B).

The South African Institute of International Affairs Quiz (SAIA)takes place on 19 August. Quiz participants went to parliament for a discussion on current affairs.

FREEDOM DAY AND WORKERS' DAY COMMEMORATION

was a collaborative presentation by the RCL and a number of other student societies. The programme was informative and highlighted the importance of a raised social consciousness.

OUTREACH

Thank you from the Welfare Society for the weekly donation of soup ingredients which were donated to a variety of different soup kitchens. The Welfare

Society also sold (LOFOB) League of the Friends Of the Blind stickers as a fund raiser for this organisation.

HIGH SCHOOL JAM

Livingstone High School has once again been selected as **one** of the 10 X programmes to compete in the " High School Jam" on the Grand Arena Stage at Grandwest on Saturday, 22 August 2015.. Tickets are R50.00 and can be purchased at school.

The Junior Social Fundraiser for pupils from Grades 8 to 10 was hosted by the prefects on Friday 24 April at the school hall, which had a tribal theme decor. The event was a great social and financial success.

SPORTS

Soccer results

Boys under 14

LHS	VS	ISLAMIA
1		0
LHS	VS	OAKLANDS
4		4
LHS	VS	GARLANDALE
2		0
LHS		MODERDAM
4	VS	0

BOYS UNDER 17

LHS	VS	WESTERFORD
14		0
LHS	VS	ALEX SINTON
0		1
LHS	VS	WYNBERG BOYS
3		0
LHS	VS	FISH HOEK
2		2

BOYS UNDER 15

LHS	VS	AISCT
5		1
LHS	VS	ST. JOSEHPS
3		1
LHS	VS	RONDEBOSCH
5		3
LHS	VS	STAR COLLEGE
2		0
LHS	VS	ALEX SINTON
5		1

BOYS UNDER 16

LHS	VS	VOORTEKKER
3		1
LHS	VS	MODERDAM
2		2
LHS	VS	GROOTE SCHUUR
3		0

GIRLS SOCCER

LHS	VS	RYLANDS
1		3
LHS	VS	AISCT
0		3
LHS	VS	NORMAN HENSIL
1		3
LHS	VS	GROOTE SCHUUR
1		2
LHS	VS	WESTERFORD
1		2

Netball Results

UNDER 14

LHS	VS	VOORTREKKER
15		0

UNDER 16

LHS	VS	VOORTEKKER
11		1
LHS	VS	BETAVIA
21		23

UNDER 19

LHS	VS	VOORTREKKER
6		3

GRADE 9 SUBJECT CHOICE

ON 24 June 2015, Coline Bruinjties an ex- pupil, and head girl of 2007 and now an attorney, addressed the Grade 9 and 10 pupils on her career path. Her speech clarified different methods of identifying the appropriate career path for the individual pupil. Her speech was informative and helped the pupils realise the importance of hard work. The pupils were grateful that an ex-pupil willingly shared her time and experience.

DECISION MAKING PRESENTATIONS

The future can be daunting for matriculants who are preparing for the transition from high school to life beyond school. The overwhelming array of choices can be incredibly confusing and stressful. However, the **LIFE** campaign run by **I made a decision** presented Grade 11 and 12 pupils with important decision making tools. One of the key markers was the notion that the individual forgers his or her own future. The speakers, Mr Allie and Ms Henry emphasised the impact of choices in the journey to a balanced and purposeful driven life. The pupils left the interactive presentation with noticeable motivation.

Michael Lawrence, a former teacher of Livingstone High, and a **Strategy and Change Management Expert** delivered a motivational and uplifting presentation to the Grade 10 to 12 pupils. Drawing parallels with his own life, Mr Lawrence conveyed personal and inspiring words of advice that challenged students to think creatively about the

power of their life path; their careers as well as the importance of living a life of abundance and generosity. The pupils were visibly engaged and enthralled by his words of wisdom and advice.

GENERAL MATTERS

BOOK DRIVE

Thank you to the parents for their generous contribution of books. Our library is 200 books richer.

PARENT INVIGILATION

A huge **THANK YOU** to those parents who assisted with invigilation in the June examinations. The parents are :

Mrs F. Erasmus, Mrs S. Oosthuizen, Ms B. Siljeur and Mr R. Calvert .

We would like to encourage **more parents** to avail themselves for the November examinations.

Please contact Ms Ganie at the school if you are willing to assist.

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.

UNIFORM POLICY

Please be advised that students must adhere to the dress code of the school. Any caps and scarves worn during the winter period must be navy (preferably school design). Any items that do not form part of the official school uniform, will be confiscated.

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. Daily attendance during the post - examination period is vital for scrutiny of examination performance. Teachers also begin new work and absence during this period is detrimental to the education of your children.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Special thanks to those parents/ guardians who are fully paid up or who are up to date with the payment of fees. It remains a concern, however, that some fee accounts are heavily overdue. This places a strain on the school's financial resources and our ability to meet our monthly financial commitments.

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.
4. We would like to urge 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

CONCLUSION

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

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

School reopens on **Monday, 20 July 2015.**