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END OF TERM THREE NEWSLETTER – 30 SEPTEMBER 2022



Dear Collegiate Community

Last weekend, I returned to the city of my youth and my high school for the 40-year reunion of the Class of 1982. I grew up in the Northern Cape, in Kimberley, the city of diamonds, and attended Kimberley Girls' High School. We were very privileged to have much freedom and many opportunities to be care-free. However, the greatest privilege was the education that we received, not the lessons that we were taught in Science or History or similar, but the debate, discussion and ability to think deeply.

When our reunion group chatted about Girls' High and the values of the education that we had received, there were three things that we each had in common that have been vital to our success in life. The first is the ability to think critically about the world and society; the second is encapsulated in the school's motto: *Per labores ad honores*: through hard work comes success or honour; the third is resilience – in other words, just get on with it. When life throws you setbacks, carry on. Don't complain – that won't change anything.

However, there is a fourth, even greater value of the education that we had which is shown in a photograph of our group standing before the front

door of the school. The photograph shows a group of 57 – 58 year-old girls who have been living in all different parts of the world; they have come together 40 years after walking through that front door of the school for the last time as a school girl in 1982. The group is standing together with the school door behind them. Above the door, is the school's motto inscribed into the brick work: *Per labores ad honores*.

What shouts out from the photograph, is **SISTERHOOD**. And that is the privilege that we enjoyed and continue to enjoy 40 years on from leaving school. We are sisters with a shared heritage from Kimberley Girls' High School. The bond is there, and should there ever be a need, we would help each other from wherever we are in the world.

And that is the privilege that **our learners** all share as Collegiate Girls. They are part of a **SISTERHOOD**, with the **shared heritage of Collegiate**. It will never leave our girls and it is the most important gift that the School gives them. May each Collegiate learner value each other, love each other and always be there for one another.

Mrs L Erasmus, Principal

STAFF MATTERS

This term Mrs Kathy Balshaw of Relationships-based Solutions ran the Wellness lessons. Mrs Balshaw focused her lessons on positive education from a strengths-based lens. We look forward to a continuation of this programme and the skills that it will provide our learners with to navigate an often-daunting world.

Mrs Hedwig van Rooyen and Mrs Koleka Jambela have been substituting for Mrs Douglass and will continue to do so until the end of the year. We pray that Mrs Douglass will be fully recovered by next year.

Mrs Sibongisile Majara has slotted into the EMS Department in a part-time capacity and will continue in this position for the rest of the year.

Mrs Joni Jones now heads up Visual Arts Department and is already well-respected in the Art Room.

Sadly, Mrs Heather Shaw will be retiring from her career in education at the end of January 2023. Closer to the time, we will give Mrs Shaw the honour that she deserves after the energy and commitment that she has poured into Collegiate and her teaching career.

READERS ARE LEADERS

Collegiate learners visited St Augustine Primary School and bonded with some of the Grade Five learners by reading with them. It was a meaningful morning of interaction, as Collegiate endeavours to make the initiative, '150 Books for 150 Years' a reality.

We encourage all our learners to read at least one book this holiday!



THE CULTURAL SIDE OF THE SCHOOL

With the return to a full year of Cultural activities at the school, we saw an intense term of events hosted by the various Arts Departments of the school. During the July holiday, the Drama Department, in collaboration with Grey High School, premiered their second film at the National Arts Festival in Makhanda. Following the success of last year's short film, it was decided to make a longer film, shot on location in Willowmore, to give more learners opportunity to be part of the project.

Returning to school, we immediately geared up preparations for the first House Plays since 2019. The excitement of being back on stage was rewarded by a roaring audience that filled the seats in the Stevenson Hall. The winning House, Vicky, garnered many awards for their version of "Wonder Woman" directed by Dana Barclay whose interest in the performing as actress and singer saw her leading the cast to victory.



The Music Department always plan an exciting programme of events in the third term with their "Musical Moments" highlighting the exceptional talent of the Concert Band, Choir, Strings and Vocal Ensembles along with the budding young musicians from Collegiate Junior. With tickets sold out, the support for the work of the esteemed Music staff is testament to the dedication shown by teachers. The Vocal Ensemble, mentored by Mrs Hemingway, hosted an evening of Broadway songs where the audience could enjoy cabaret-style entertainment

to a live orchestra conducted by Mr Snyman. Originally scheduled for 2019, "Sing a Song with Andre Schwartz" saw our choir ignite the audience with their "African Medley" and emotionally charged backing vocals to "Music of the Night". To round off the term, many of our Music learners received high accolades at the Pearson Praeludium Music Festival.



The Literary society presented a mini festival with guest artist, Mike van Graan. A notable playwright and export of the South African stage, Mr Van Graan facilitated workshops, showed a short film based on one of his texts and engaged in a Q&A with the audience of Collegiate learners, invited guests and visitors from other schools. Fogarty's Bookshop sponsored part of the evening with NMU while Rother-Swain Studio kindly contributed to hosting Mr Van Graan. Mr Van Graan, known for pushing the boundaries of how we tell the stories of our country, presented with passion and a kind manner which allowed for gentle engagement with heavy topics.

As we await the results from "Knock on Wood" in which we entered learners across several fields of the Arts – Creative Writing, Art, Dance, Drama and Music, we celebrate the profusion of talent at Collegiate. Following her departure to commit fully to her career, Mrs Walmsley presented a lecture on professions in visual arts to the Art Enrichment learners who visited her new studio in the Baakens Valley. We look forward to the Visual Arts Department's big exhibition next term under the guidance of Mrs Joni Jones, our Visual Arts teacher.

The PE Dance Festival again presented a platform for our dancers who train with a number of studios across the city. Excellent results were achieved with several Collegiate dancers awarded top prizes. Taylor Wilson and Lathi Mgwebi have been selected to represent the Eastern Province Performing Arts Team at the South African Championships of Performing Arts in Rustenburg. These achievements follow the success of three Collegiate learners, Megan Walker, Shanna du Plessis and Emma Wedderburn, who represented South Africa at the Irish Dancing World Championships in Belfast, Ireland. Megan Walker won the Aisling Award for the U/16 Girls competition.

Particular mention was made of Robin Wentzel who participated in the 14th National Makhanda Music Competition hosted by the Rhodes University Music Department from 16-18 June 2022. After progressing to the finals, Robin was placed second overall and announced as the best woodwind performer at the competition.

We are extremely proud of the following musicians who were selected as finalists and medal winners at the 2022 SASMT (South African Society of Music Teachers) Gqeberha Centre Annual Music Competition:

Amy Elliott and Achuma Kelemana (Piano and Clarinet duet) - High School Small Ensemble finalist
Amy Elliott (Piano) - High School Music Grade 7 and Higher finalist

Clarice Pieterse (Clarinet) - High School Music Grade 4-6 third place

Maria Freercks (Piano) - High School Music Grade 7 and higher first place



A group of music learners accompanied by Mrs Agenbag and Mrs Range attended a piano recital in August. The concert was hosted by the PE Music Society. We are extremely proud of our musicians who participated in the Pearson Praeludium festival in the first week of August. Collegiate obtained 11 Silver certificates, 11 Gold certificates and 8 Double Gold (Diploma) certificates.



SPORT

CRICKET: The Inter-House Cricket Competition was held this term over a period of two weeks. Alex ended up winning the event, with Saints in a close second. Saints showed enormous spirit and all girls that were involved had a lot of fun and laughs.

Congratulations to Tsepiso Malahleha Qaku and Sithenkosi Mbangutha who were selected for the EP u16 Girls Cricket team.

CHESS: Inter-House Chess was tightly contested this term with Lizzy House being victorious with 16

points, followed by Vicky with 15 and Alex with 14,5.

CROSS COUNTRY: Inter-House Cross Country was tons of fun in the gale force winds, with Vicky House flying over the finish line first.

HOCKEY: Term three played host to one of the major winter derbies on the calendar. Collegiate travelled down to Bloemfontein and fielded 11 hockey teams. It was a great experience for all our players.

Congratulations to all three of our A sides who qualified for their respective age group Top 12 Tournaments. All three sides finished in 9th position, thus cementing Collegiate as one of the Top hockey schools in the country.

Special mention must be made of the Collegiate 1st side who won the EC Regional SPAR Challenge beating our counterparts from East London, Clarendon Girls High School by 1-0, thus ending off the winter season in a superb manner.

Inter-House Hockey was played in a different form this year as the girls endured through some trying conditions in the form of grass. The players were forced to go back to their roots where it all began and many a laugh was had throughout the afternoon. Mary House proved dominant on the day, followed by Lizzy House and Vicky House. The girls played with such spirit and represented their houses so proudly.

NETBALL: We hosted our 1st Collegiate Netball Festival during the July holidays and had 7 teams participate in a round robin competition over 3 days. With wonderful weather and a festive vibe, the festival is sure to grow next year. All the visiting teams were full of praise for a well-run netball festival.

Inter-House Netball was won by Alex House with a clean sweep, trailed by Vicky House.

SQUASH:

The Inter-House Squash Competition was entertainment to the max with Saints dominating the competition to claim the Squash Title with Lizzy House in second place and Vicky House in 3rd.

SWIMMING: Congratulations to Tiara Finnis who represented South Africa Open Water at the Junior World Championships in Seychelles during the September month.

SYNCHRO (ARTISTIC SWIMMING): We are very proud to announce that Aneesah Lindoor has been selected for the South African Artistic Swimming Youth team to participate at the FINA World Artistic Swimming Championships in Argentina, in November. We wish her well as she prepares for this amazing opportunity.

TENNIS: The Inter-House Tennis was played over a couple of days, creating lots of good vibes and fun around the Tennis hut. Alex house proved just too good, clinching the title with Vicky a close second, followed by Saints.

The annual School Championships were also played this term, which created healthy competition between the learners and the positive atmosphere on the court has encouraged new members to be part of the tennis family.

The 1st Tennis team have been training hard in preparation for the upcoming Sun City Wilson Shield Tennis Tournament from 6 to 10 October. We wish them all the best.

WATER POLO: It is always a quick turnaround between the sporting winter and summer codes and this year was no different. The annual u15 Collegiate Girls Water Polo Tournament took place once again where our u15A side fought bravely and achieved a very respectable 7th position. Special mention must be made of the u14A side who came in to the Tournament at the final hour after a local school withdrew. The girls played some superb polo

and represented the school with such pride and passion – well done to all our Collegiate girls.

The 1st side took part in the prestigious St Anne’s Tournament in Pietermaritzburg and ended in 7th position out of 16. It was a lovely way to say farewell to our matric girls and we thank them for their years of service to the school and the Collegiate water polo program.

2023 SPORTS CAPTAINS

The Sports Captains for 2023 were announced at the Annual Sports Awards in September.

Athletics	Jayde Lubbe
Chess	Evania Reddy
Cross Country	Mia-Cara Hart
Hockey	Elizabeth Porter
Netball	Nicole Lister
Squash	Nicole Heuer
Swimming	Kate Meyburgh
Synchro	Tayla Catterall
Tennis	Maryke du Raan
Water Polo	Nicole Dames



GRADE 10 FUN DAY

On 16 September 2022, the Grade Tens had a Fun Day with many different activities where they had to compete against the other classes. These activities included Dodgeball, Trivia, Crosswords, Relay Egg Race, an Escape Room as well as inter-class Soccer and Volleyball. The learners needed a much-deserved break from the intensity of their academic classes and devices, and get a chance to

bond as a Grade outside of classrooms. They enjoyed the day tremendously and showed good sportsmanship as well as brought out their competitive nature.

The class that won overall was C2. The class was treated with donuts to celebrate their win. We look forward to many more Grade 10 Fun Days in the future.

INTERACT

On 19 August 2022, Sophie Bradshaw was inducted at the 2022/2023 Interact President at a beautiful breakfast. Juliet Grobler and Keira Walker were also thanked for their leadership and service as outgoing Interact Presidents.

During our annual Woman's Month Sanitary Towel Drive, the girls of the College donated 1 256 sanitary towels to be distributed to girls in need. Hand creams and cards were made in celebration of women and donated to Nazareth House and Maranatha.

During September a teddy bear collection was held in aid of Wings and Wishes Organisation.

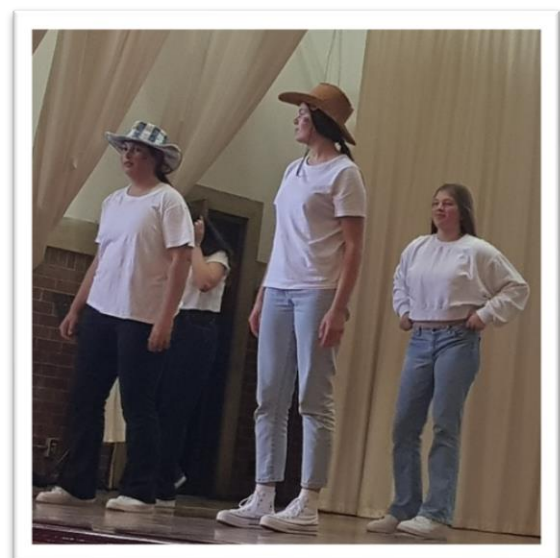
CHARITY BAZAAR

Our *Facta Non Verba* continued with our Charity Bazaar. It was a huge success and we thank each and every learner, parent, visitor and staff member involved in our much-anticipated Bazaar that we missed during 2020 and 2021. The bazaar raised an amount of R66 069.07.



HERITAGE DAY

On 23 September we celebrated our Heritage of our rainbow nation and what a celebration it was. To get a glimpse of the day, please click on the link to see some of the action. <https://fb.watch/fP06qC6rFO/>



AWARDS CEREMONIES

We ended our term with the Sport and Cultural Award Ceremonies. It was heart-warming to sit in a full Stevenson Hall celebrating the hard work and dedication of each and every learner. One could not help but to be grateful of the opportunity to celebrate a full calendar again after the Pandemic and to witness our learners doing what they love and doing it so well.



RETRO THROUGH THE AGES MATRIC FAREWELL DINNER

What a wonderful evening the Matric Farewell Dinner, held last night, was. The Stevenson Hall was resplendent in beautiful colours; LP records lay on the tables; outfits from 70s, 80s and 90s were worn and music from Queen to Abba created the vibe. There was such an appreciative atmosphere experienced; tears and laughter flowed, and the dedication of the Grade Elevens ensured our Matric Class of 2022 was celebrated.



PREFECTS 2023

During the course of Term Two and Three, the Grade Elevens were given the opportunity to apply to serve on various leadership portfolios. This allowed them to develop and demonstrate leadership skills and work with the outgoing prefect

and staff who headed the portfolio the Grade Eleven indicated an interest in.

It is true that Collegiate has a wealth of leadership among our learners, yet not everyone can have their leadership recognised by means of being

elected to prefectship. For this reason, we will continue with the committee system led by elected prefects. Learners who excel on these committees could be considered for prefectship at a later stage.

We view all our 2023 Grade Twelves as leaders of our learners. We strive to cast our leadership development widely with all having an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution. We look forward to 2023 being a year of an active, unified, cohesive grade shining in their respective spheres and contributing to a sense of belonging, loyalty and pride in our school.

SCHOOL PREFECTS 2023

Chloe Critchlow
Githe Fourie
Thandwayo Njezula
Holly Price
Morgan Evans
Evania Reddy
Lathita Mgwebi
Kyla Nienaber
Petra Coltman

Kayla Preston
Favour Melariri
Maryke du Raan
Isabella Pringle
Rhys Pugh
Nicole Lister
Abbygail Kempton-Jones
Rebecca Harcombe
Zipho Debeshe
Sohie Bradshaw
Elizabeth Porter

HOSTEL PREFECTS

Khanyi Madonsela
Isabella Pringle
Nicole Heuer
Kamva Matikinca
Maryke du Raan
Sanina Frank-Meek
Sinelitha Mdludlu
Paige Brown
Dini Tembeni
Mikayla Vermaak



Please join us on 26 October for "The Songs that Rocked our World". All proceeds to fund the upgrades of the girls' bathrooms.



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