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Dear Collegiate Community

In June 1873, a group of ladies met in the old Grey Institute on the Donkin and proposed a school for girls be established in the town. On 12 July 1873, a deputation of gentlemen joined the committee and by 2 September, there were twenty guarantors, and a constitution of "Rules and Regulations for 'The Port Elizabeth Collegiate School for Girls'". Almost nine months later, in February 1874, the school would open with its first 38 pupils.

As we approach the *sesquicentenary* of our school, the 150-year anniversary of the founding of Collegiate, we are excited to reveal the official 150-year logo and the plans for celebrating this significant milestone. The plans have been several years in the making and arise from the **VISION** of **CELEBRATION** and **FUTURE LEGACY**. 2024 is to be a year of **CELEBRATION**

- of all that Collegiate is
- of all who have been through the School
- of all its achievements
- of friendships and connections

and a year of looking to the **FUTURE** through the **legacy we create and leave for the future**.

Every staff member is involved in a project and working group and all are excited for the year ahead. We would like to invite you to put yourself forward to join one of the 150 Jubilee Project and Working Groups and so be part of the celebration and the future of our wonderful school. The project and working groups are:

- Academic, Technology and Environment
- Cultural Arts
- Outreach and Community
- Communication and Marketing
- Hostel
- Sport
- Wellbeing

- Functions: décor, flowers and catering
- Development and Fundraising Projects

Herewith the projects of the various working groups:

150 JUBILEE PROJECTS	
ACADEMIC & TECHNO & ENVIROMENT STEM Week STEM Expo Evening Grade 8 STEAM Day NMU Science lessons Mini Competitions Environment week Literary Festival	OUTREACH COMMUNITY 150 Care Bags Charity Stationery Drive Digital Recipe Book St James and St Augustine Collaboration Charity Bazaar Roll up your sleeves (Animal Welfare)
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COMMUNICATION & MARKETING #CGHSCelebratesACTions150 Success Stories Book Press releases Social Media VDF journalists and photographers' team Throw-back Thursdays	CULTURAL ARTS Musical Vocal Ensemble Revue Art Exhibition Art works around school
HOSTEL Hostel High Tea	WELLBEING Wellbeing Conference
FOUNDERS REUNION WEEK Birthday Assembly Patron's Inaugural Lecture Principal's function/ Gala Dinner Old Girls' Derby OCGG Reunion Dinner Founders Day events Founders Derby Mixer/ Food Trucks Prestige Music Concert	OTHER PROJECTS 150 Flag-raising Coffee Table Book - photographic record Digital Archives Business Directory Memorabilia R150 for 150 years Music Centre Commission of an art work by an Old Girl Campus

At the end of this letter is the 150 Jubilee Celebration Year-Plan. Apart from these events the usual activities of each year continue – sport, clubs and societies, grade events, Studying Sisterhood, teaching and learning, amongst others.

One of our aims has been and continues to be to connect with as many Old Girls across the world as possible and to establish chapters of the OCGG in various cities and countries. The Collegiate sisterhood continues for life and we encourage as many Old Girls to visit our website and update their details by clicking on the following link: <https://www.collegiatehigh.co.za/alumnae/update-your-details>. Should you know of Old Girls, please share this with them. Past staff who served ten years or more at Collegiate may add their details on Devman – you are, after all, honorary “Old Girls” and eligible for membership of the OCGG.

You will also be receiving details of an exciting project “R150 for 150”. We challenge all to sign up for R150 once-off, R150 per month or multiples thereof: R300, R450, R600 or even R150 000!

Should you wish to become involved in a **150 Jubilee Project and Working Groups** or **simply** to find out more or to pledge support, please email Heather Dutton, heatherd@cghs.co.za.

Finally, let us make **2024** a year in which the Collegiate community worldwide unites and ignites the Collegiate of tomorrow.

Warm regards,



Mrs L Erasmus



Request for
Archive Items
to be gifted to the School

*Badges, bashers, girdles, school hats,
hostel church uniform, carol dresses, sportswear
and any other items of interest that you may have.*

Please consider donating them to the 150th Memorabilia Display.
Donor will be listed in school records/on item.

*We are also looking for a copy of the Second World War
song that was composed by a Collegiate girl.*

If you have anything that you would like to donate or have information about the song,
please contact Heather on (041) 3737705 | heatherd@cghs.co.za

CGHS 150 JUBILEE CELEBRATION YEAR-PLAN

JANUARY 2024

Dedication assembly - first day of term
Hoisting of the 150 Flag
Launch of the 150 Care Bags project
#CGHSCelebrates ACTions150
Launch of coffee table book



FEBRUARY 2024

Launch of digital recipe book
Opening of fitness centre
Presentation of memorabilia lapel badge
Ongoing partnering with St James and St Augustines Schools
Parent Teacher function

MARCH 2024

Musical Production
Stem Week
Grade 8 STEAM Day - Robotics and Coding
Mini competitions
Environmental focus
STEM Expo Evening
Launch of Netball lights

APRIL 2024

Literary Festival
150 Books for 150 years
Readathon fundraiser
Throwback Thursdays

MAY 2024

6th Birthday Assembly
7th Inaugural Annual Lecture by Patron open to the community; Principal's Function
8th Old Girls' Sports Derby and function in The Games Club
9th Hostel High Tea; Reunion Dinner
10th FOUNDERS' DAY ASSEMBLY; FLAG-RAISING; UNVEILING OF ART WORK
11th Derby Matches: Hockey, Netball, Tennis, Squash, Chess, Debating, Public Speaking
12th Prestige Music Concert

JUNE 2024

Wellbeing Conference

JULY and AUGUST 2024

First Team Netball Festival
Vocal Ensemble Revue
Roll up your sleeves for Collegiate and Community

SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER 2024

Summer Sports Festival - Water Polo, Tennis, Cricket, Chess

NOVEMBER 2024

Carols' Service with commissioned Collegiate 150 Carol
Gratitude function
Thanksgiving Assembly

DECEMBER 2024

Publication of Special 150 edition of Annual School Magazine