

## Jeppe High School for Girls

### MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING HEADMISTRESS

The crisp July winter air ushered in Term 3. Characteristically this term is one filled with a variety of activities.

Now that assemblies have resumed, we have revelled in gathering as a school and re-establishing the traditions that were interrupted by the pandemic. Drama, music, sport, and Art have been reignited contributing to a holistic education. Underlying our curriculum, is the objective of developing character. To that end we invited guest speakers across the spectrum to address our staff and girls. The importance of choosing friends wisely, Coping with Anxiety and Building Resilience, Mental Wellness and Mindfulness were some of the topics covered at assembly. Coupled with that we showcased at each assembly music items by our girls. The joy of music is discovered in full-throated song as well as by listening to it. Drama becomes a way of exploring relationships and even resolving problems. Herman Charles' Bosman's *Stories Under the Withaak and Moonlight* exposed us to the subterfuge and humour in relationships. The Design your Heritage T-shirt sparked the girls' imagination with the best in art and culture and gave them an appreciation of cultural diversity and an opportunity to express their own thoughts and feelings. This dissipates frustration and anger. Through Mathematics and Science our girls learn the rigour of logic and discover their own place in the world of living things. Winning hands down the Wits Integrated Learning experience was a lesson in setting deadlines, learning responsibility and great teamwork. In success our girls have learnt that hard work is as important as talent and skill, and from setbacks they learn that success is never easy. By playing sport as a team, our girls learn to trust and respect others and their own strengths and weaknesses. This was evident in some resounding soccer, cricket, hockey, netball, athletics and chess victories and nail-biting losses. Jeppe Radio has proven to be a dynamic platform to shine the spotlight on issues facing girls today. From how women are impacting the preservation of the environment, to some interesting discoveries made by women and how youth cope with modern stresses and expectations, Jeppe radio is a welcome, fun, and informative space for our girls to share their experiences and research and thereby grow and learn.

Our Jeppe family welcomed the addition of two bundles of joy. Mrs van Musshenbroek gave birth to another baby boy, Maverick Judah and Mrs Fairbank had a second daughter Hannah Lauren. Both mums and babies are doing well. We say farewell to Miss Oelofse who taught Mathematics and assisted with netball. We thank her for her investment in the girls. We wish her well in the new post she takes up in term 4.

Holistic education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated learners, and enthusiastic parents with high expectations. Jeppe High School for Girls epitomises all three pillars of success. I would like to thank all our Staff-educators, general assistants, Admin and our SGB for their hard work and continued support in all our school activities. We are stronger together.

I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a restorative and relaxing break with your families and loved ones.

Warm wishes, Mrs. Sybil Bhagwan

## CELEBRATING THE LEGACIES OF OUR BELOVED MS GONCALVES AND MR AND MRS WATT

We celebrated Arbor Week with an assembly dedicated to the importance of trees and activities focused on trees. We ended off the week with a ceremony in which 3 Pompom trees were planted in the front garden near the bridge, in honour of Miss Goncalves, Mrs Watt and Mr Watt.

Erin Towert (gr 11) explained the significance of choosing the Pompom trees: "The Pompom tree or *dais cotinifolia*" is indigenous to South Africa and it is the tree of the year for 2022. They usually flower over Christmas and resemble giant candy floss as the tree develops clouds of soft pink balls. They prefer to grow on the margins of forests, wooded hill slopes and stony kloofs. These trees only grow up to 6 meters and are deciduous during the colder seasons, meaning they shed their leaves during Autumn and Winter.

The word "dais" in *Dais cotinifolia* is the Greek word meaning torch. In some way Ms G and Mrs Watt influenced aspects of our lives like turning on our torches: igniting our ambitions, pushing us towards achieving our dreams, encouraging all of us to be brave and successful young women when we struggled with anxiety and stress and feeling overwhelmed.

They helped us to see what could be when we were struggling to see at all. Ms G and Mrs Watt have "lit the way" for many Jeppe girls, PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE.



Mr and Mrs Tait seen here with learners at the tree planting



Mrs Gillespie and Mrs Bhagwan paying their respects with some of our Green Reps



Mrs Bosch and Mrs Newell with Green Reps planting the third tree



## GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIAD



151 schools from across South Africa with 2807 learners participated in the 6th annual online Geography Olympiad on 17 May. Jeppe Girls had 28 entrants and placed first in the public school section and third overall. We also received a certificate for achieving State School first place for the Royal Geographic Society Antarctic module.

### PLATINUM:

Aarifa Loonat placed 11th out of 2807 learners and received a silver for the Antarctic module.

### GOLD and TOP 5%:

Serah Garbutt, Rumaisa Ilyas (who was also awarded silver for the Antarctic module) and Alisia Naidoo

### SILVER:

Lamees Matwadia, Cassidy Cook, Carol Hu, Nikita Naidu

### BRONZE:

Sahitya Naidu

### PARTICIPATION:

Tamryn Boyley, Chelsey de Kock, Nicole de Sousa, Layla Fynn, Isram Ismail, Grace Jones, Thato Kewagile, Jessica Lazarou, Bokamoso Mokete, Halle Moyo, Sinazo Ndibi, Tianna Leigh Pillay, Courtney Postma, Jeanne Onyeda Tiawan

Well done to all the learners who took part and did so well and well done too to their amazing Geography teachers!

Four of our girls were invited to enter the second round of the Geography Olympiad: Aarifah Loonat (Gr 12), Alisia Naidoo (Gr 12), Serah Garbutt (Gr 11) and Rumaisa Ilyas (Gr 11). It took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June and involved essay writing under exam conditions.

Round two was based around shopping malls—South Africa ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in the world in terms of the highest number of shopping malls. Countries with more people and money than us, have fewer shopping malls. South Africa is in a state of saturation in terms of shopping malls and we should not be building any more. South Africa needs fewer malls, smaller malls and ones that support the full range of needs of all urban residents. The task for the learners was to see how as geographers they could use what they know about urban geography to solve South Africa's shopping mall problem. They had to present their ideas with supporting examples, details or information and convince the reader that their solutions were good and would make urban spaces better for all in the short and long term.

Our girls were commended for their wonderful effort and encouraged to pursue careers in Geography.



L to R: Rumaisa Ilyas, Serah Garbutt, Aarifah Loonat and Alisia Naidoo

## WITS INTEGRATED EXPERIENCE IN SCIENCE, COMMERCE AND ENGINEERING

Five grade 11 learners, Caitlin De Beer, Erin Kisten, Botshelo Modise, Thiara Moodley and Margaret Peterson took part in the Wits Integrated Experience this year. The programme is designed to expose learners to skills and knowledge that create awareness of the vast career opportunities within Science, EBE (Engineering and Built) and CLM (Commerce, Law and Management) as well as the integrated nature of various branches within the disciplines (Science, EBE and CLM) and the integrated nature of skills and knowledge between disciplines. The girls spent one day attending lectures across all faculties at Wits. They were given a number of facts around an airplane crash and had to use integrated problem-solving skills to reach a solution to the cause of the crash. They presented their solution on Friday 26 August and were awarded first place! Well done to the Jeppe team and thank you to their coaches Miss Braykova and Mrs McBride. They brought home a cheque of R25 000 for the school.



Ms Braykova, Erin Kisten, Botshelo Modise, Caitlin de Beer, Thiara Moodley, Margaret Peterson and Ms McBride



## TOP 10

Congratulations to the following girls who achieved a place in the Top Ten in term 2.

### Grade 12

Melissa Aitchison  
Bessem Besong  
Megan Briggs  
Madison Dalrymple  
Talia De Mello Koch  
Lucky Geluk  
Shreya Harry  
Maroushka Maghoma  
Jami Meintjes  
Chiamaka Obi

### Grade 11

Caitlin De Beer  
Robyn Kamerman  
Nomagugu Khumalo  
Botshelo Modise  
Katlego Mokgatla  
Thiara Moodley  
Zimasa Ngqawana  
Margaret Peterson  
Aastha Prajapati  
Tyla Lee Templeton  
Kelly Thompson

### Grade 10

Charlotte Chambers  
Gemma Collins  
Chiara Como  
Sagar Faye  
Taskeen Hamid  
Faatima Ismail  
Hope Koho  
Sahitya Naidu  
Favor Onyekwere  
Ukamaka Uzoma

### Grade 9

Nchongatakor Besong  
Jodie Burne  
Tana Burne  
Alicia Dicks  
Ria Gokul  
Aphiwe Gxekwa  
Amy Matthews  
Sierra Mudangwe  
Fulufhelo Nesane  
Sabrina Sheng  
Lia Stevens

### Grade 8

Uzoma Abalu  
Adesola Adeoye  
Belen Dejena  
Shanna Desmet  
Praise Djoko  
Mahdiya Hoosain  
Ammarah Ismail  
Chesta Jain  
Taropafadzwa Mharumani  
Abigail Ndhlovu  
Sasha Phakathi  
Rihannan Sonyelwa

## ENGLISH OLYMPIAD



### Grade 10s and 11s

**Back row: Margaret Peterson, Jade Stevens, Comfort Ihenacho, Zimasa Ngqawana**  
**Middle Row: Mrs Bhagwan, Gloria Tshipata, Lamees Fick, Ayanda Kawamba, Musabbihah Areff, Makayla Ramdas, Jessica Lazarou, Bokamoso Mokete, Taskeen Hamid, Ms King**  
**Front Row: Sahitya Naidu, Nomagugu Khumalo, Mukundi Mashitoo, Thalia Naidoo, Bronwyn Chetty Vanessa Motsi, Olwethu Ngwenya and Tshegofatso Letsoalo**

The National English Olympiad is an English language and literature competition that draws over 8000 entries each year from around South Africa and its neighbouring countries. The competition is organised jointly by the Grahamstown Foundation and the South African Council for English Education.

The examination was written in March of this year. The theme was “**The Future: Utopia or Dystopia**” and the self-study examination was based on a collection of fiction and non-fiction texts entitled A Brave New World. Candidates presented literary analyses that engaged with a variety of social issues, from the selfishness of humanity and whether or not the future inspires hope or anticipates disaster, to the calamitous destruction of free will resulting from human desire and arrogance.

Of the 30 Jeppe Girls who participated in the examination, 11 received a silver award, which is between 70 and 79% and two learners received a gold award, which is between 80-89%.

Thank you to Ms King for her Olympiad Tutelage and organisation.

Special congratulations go to Nomagugu Khumalo and Makayla Ramdas who were awarded Gold certificates.

Additional congratulations go to Melissa Aitchison, Musabbihah Areff, Talia de Mello Koch, Lucky Geluk, Eva Haahjem-Gill, Jessica Lazarou, Bokamoso Mokete, Lucilla Msimang, Thalia Naidoo, Sahitya Naidu and Zimasa Ngqawana who were awarded Silver certificates.

The following learners received Bronze certificates: Precious Dubazana, Lamees Fick, Taskeen Hamid, Tshegofatso Letsoalo, Olwethu Ngwenya, Jade Stevens, Gloria Tshipata and Amanda Vanqa

The following learners received Merit certificates: Bronwyn Chetty, Comfort Ihenacho, Thandeka Khumalo, Inethemba Madonsela, Mukundi Mashitoo and Ntimulo Mukhari

Participation Certificates went to Ayanda Kawamba, Vanessa Motsi and Margaret Peterson



### Matrics

**Back: Melissa Aitchison, Precious Dubazana, Amanda Vanqa**  
**Front: Sinethemba Madonsela, Eva Haahjem-Gill, Lucky Geluk, Talia de Mello Koch, Thandeka Khumalo**  
**Insert (left) Ntimulo Mukhari**  
**Insert (right) Lucilla Msimang**



## STORIES UNDER THE WITHAAK

After over 2 years of no live performances on stage, Jeppe was thrilled to put on the dance/drama play 'Stories under the Withaak and Moonlight' based on Herman Charles Bosman stories. The cast of 12 actors from Grade 11 and Grade 12 began rehearsals in the June/July school holidays. The play incorporated three stories, told by Oom Schalk Lourens and his best friend, Oom Jannie Marais. First is 'The Withaak Shade' where Schalk remembers the time a leopard lay down right beside him! Next is 'Willem Prinsloo's Peach Brandy' where Oom Schalk remembers how Grieta Prinsloo promised him her heart only to discover that she'd promised her heart to Fritz Pretorius as well! Finally, Oom Jannie and Oom Schalk remember the 'Homecoming' and the story of Malie and Hendrik Moolman. Especially how Hendrik loses his way with the Woman of Zeerust and abandons Malie on the farm only to return to find himself completely at her mercy. Oom Jannie and Oom Schalk reflect on the moonlight over the Marico and become nostalgic as they note that the moonlight awakens memories and that memories are magic.

The grade 6 girls from three different primary schools were invited to dress rehearsals on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August, and then the play was opened to the public or a further two performances on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August.

## VKB MUSIC COMPETITION

The Victoria K Bennet Music Competition (formerly known as the Phillip Moore competition) was hosted in the new Carolyn Steyn Performing Arts Centre for the first time in 2022. The competition for classical soloists which caters for musicians from ages 8 up to and including 25 years has been taking place at Jeppe High School for Girls since its launch in 2006



Congratulations to the actors (Lucky Geluk (Oom Schalk), Basiamo Legoabe (Oom Jannie), Homolemo Mathabathe (Young Schalk), Khanyisile Mgidi (Koo/Willem), Siya Magocoba (Juri and Frans), Chloe Coetzee (Mali) Tsionanwit Abate (Krisjan/Fritz), Phumelele Makhoba (Grieta), Noa Lessing (Hendrik), Jade Stevens (Woman of Zeerust) for strong performances. Nandi Zulu was superb as the Leopard and well supported by Kathleen Lam (a dancer). Congratulations too to the stage manager, Nomagugu Khumalo, and the stage and lights crew. Thank you to the staff involved, particularly Ms Pugin, Mis Jarvis and Ms King, for their commitment to the dramatic arts.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF LITERACY

Troyeville Primary School approached us last year to ask for assistance in setting up a library for their learners. Their dream was to create mini libraries in their English classes so that learners can borrow books. They want to improve the English results at their school and to encourage and instill a love for reading.

For our Youth Month Initiative, we appealed to our learners and old girls for help, asking for donations of reading books suitable for grades 1-7 and English/Afrikaans Dictionaries for grades 4-7. We had a wonderful response from the Jeppe family and took the 734 books and two sets of Encyclopedias that were collected to Troyeville Primary on 29th July. Our councillors met with their councillors and spent some time getting to know them, encouraging them to read as much and as often as they can, and to be an example for the juniors in the school. Mrs Mahomed from Troyeville Primary wrote to us to say that the books have been distributed amongst the various classes. She said "I hope the Jeppe girls will make some time to come and read to our little ones. They would love that."



Zimasa is seen here with Mrs Bhagwan, Dr Kruger and Mr Pallett, her music teacher.

Zimasa Ngqawana (Grade 11) was awarded a Gold Certificate at the Victoria Bennet Music Competition for Classical Soloists in Round 1. Zimasa's instrument is a soprano saxophone and this is the first time we have had a soprano saxophone in the competition. Congratulations Zimasa – we are so proud of you

## FUSION IN MOTION

Congratulations to Ms Elana Zlatkova on the release of her first album, *Fusion in Motion*. One of South Africa's foremost electrical and contemporary violinists, Ms Zlatkova also teaches violin at Jeppe. The album is available on YouTube, TikTok, Sound Cloud.com and Amazon Music.



## CHESS

Our chess teams had a very busy and successful term. They finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Johannesburg Central league and won the Johannesburg East league. They then went on to play district finals, which they won. At the Provincial championships, Jeppe Girls finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Girls took part in Ekurhuleni trails and various Ekurhuleni games. Naledi Radebe, Nomcebo Mtshali, Chesta Jain, Keira Ziervogel, Amy Wallace, Sierra Mundangwe and Lethabo Malatji were selected to represent Ekurhuleni at the SAJCC (South Africa Junior Chess Championships) in December in the Eastern Cape. This competition is equivalent to playing nationals. Those who qualify the stage beyond this will qualify to play internationally.

Unfortunately, Naledi Radebe and Nomcebo Mtshali had to pull out of this competition because of financial constraints.

Congratulations to the girls for their exemplary behaviour and performance and thank you to Mrs Gillespie for her support and leadership.



## INTER HOUSE ATHLETICS

On Tuesday 16 August we had our 3rd Interhouse Athletics. ! Congratulations to all our athletes and thank you to all who made the event so successful. It was a very exciting day and 17 new records were set:



**GERBERA** set 6 new records: Diana Eze u16 200m and u16 100m; Nissi Mukuna u18 200m & u18 400m; u14 Relay (Dorothy Mophuting, Angel Abalu, Yamelela Lupha, Giorgia Barbierato); u18 Relay (Halle Moyo, Tiara Maphosa, Nissi Mukuna, Diana Eze)

**CRASSULA** set 3 new records: Alexandra Okoye u15 200m; Nchongatakor Besong u16 400m; u15 Relay (Leila Marriott, Nchongatakor Besong, Julia Simpson, Alex Okoye)

**PROTEA** set 3 new records: Adaora Odinwamkpa u14 400m; Bongzi Mlangeni u17 400m; u17 Relay (Gugu Ndlovu, Adaora Odinwamkpa, Sinazo Ndibi, Tecla Dienga)

**HARVEYA** set 2 new records: Stella Nyirenda u15 400m; u16 Relay (Precious Idana, Natura Moyo, Reid Smith, Hannah Lategan)

**NERINE** set 2 records: Kadigah Bah Junior High Jump and Junior Long Jump

**DISA** set one new record: Shannon Adendorff Junior 1500m

### Overall results

**Gerbera** took first place, as the overall Senior winners and the overall Relay winners.

Second place went to Crassula, the overall Junior winners. Harveya was awarded 3rd place, Disa 4th, Nerine 5th and Protea 6th.



Seen here, the Gerbera house officials—Nissi Mukunu (Captain) Lucky Geluk (Vice Captain) and Precious Dubazana (Secretary)

## HOCKEY AND NETBALL

Great fun was had by all at the inter house hockey and netball festival held on 21 June, despite it being the first interhouse netball event without Ms Goncalves.

The trophy for Junior Hockey was won by Harveya, with Gerbera 2nd and Disa 3rd. The Senior Hockey trophy was won by Protea, with Harveya 2nd and Disa 3rd.

Crassula showed their strength on the Netball court, winning both the Junior and Senior Inter house Netball competitions for a second year in a row. In the Junior Netball, Protea came 2nd and Gerbera 3rd. In the Senior Netball, Gerbera came 2nd and Protea 3rd.

The councillors started strongly in their netball match against the staff with the Jeppe war cry. The staff dominated the game from early on. The school cheered them on, thoroughly impressed with the skill and talent demonstrated by their teachers. The staff won the match 8-0.

Thank you to all of the staff and girls who assisted in making sure the event ran smoothly and well



# SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

## CRICKET

Our 1<sup>st</sup> team cricket played their first tournament of the season at Steyn City from 10 to 11 September.

Jeppie won all three of their matches on day 1: winning by 9 wickets against Northcliff High School; by 92 runs against Hoerskool Noordheuwel and by 110 runs against Soweto Hub Girls First team. Jeppie played two matches on the second day of the tournament. They narrowly lost to Dobsonville Hub in the first match and defeated Steyn City school in the second. Although they placed second in the tournament, Jeppie won most of the individual awards:

Robyn Kamerman (Captain) was voted the best batswoman in the tournament

Faye Cowling (grade 9) was awarded Player of the Match for Round 1, Round 2, Round 3 and Round 5 and won Best Bowler of the Tournament and Best Player of the Tournament.

Robyn Kamerman made her first century a week later against the Soweto Hub XI where she scored 142 off 50 balls, Congratulations Robyn! Fantastic achievements all round by the players, coach Jenna Searle and the teacher in charge Ms Rafedile!



Ms Rafedile, Robyn Kamerman and Faye Kowling

## NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET

Kaylee van Rooyen was one of 24 girls selected as part of the Cricket South Africa Under-19 Girls Squad, in preparation for the ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup to be hosted in South Africa in January 2023. She participated in an extensive fitness and skills-based training camp in the holiday period.

Robyn Kamerman and Fay Cowling were selected for the Central Gauteng Lions Under-19 Girls Squad and played matches against the Under-19 teams of Namibia, Eastern Gauteng and Northern Gauteng in the July school holidays.

Kaylee, Robyn and Fay were also selected for the Imperial Lions Women's Emerging Team.

## SOUTH AFRICAN INDOOR CRICKET

Kaylee van Rooyen and Robyn Kamerman were selected for the South African Under-21 Indoor Cricket Women's Team to participate in the Indoor Cricket World Cup to be held in Melbourne, Australia, in October 2022.

## WORLD DRUM MAJORETTES

Teagan Miller (grade 8t) is part of a 55 member South African Majorette and Cheerleading Association (SAMCA) team which will attend the Majorette-Sport World Federation (MWF) World Championship in Zagreb, Croatia from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September.



Teagan first started as a majorette at Rynfield Primary when she was 6 years old. The sport requires a great deal of dedication, with practises four times a week.

Teagan was made Baton Leader in the Junior section for world champs. She will also be taking part in a Stage Pom display, a Pom Defile display, a Mace display, a Small Drill display and a Duo Mace display with Jazmijn Schepers, from the North West Province.

Teagan attended the Gauteng Provincial Championships for Majorettes and Cheerleading on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September and was awarded her Protea colours there. She will be heading off to Limpopo from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> October for the SA championships for Cheerleading when she gets back from World champs.

Good Luck Teagan – we hope you bring home some gold medals!

## EQUESTRIAN

Sanesa Ekurhuleni held their annual awards ceremony on 6 September and the Jeppie Girls received the following results:

Tahlecia de Wet received a merit certificate.

Shanna Desmet received a merit certificate.

Madison Heystek received Victor Ludorum for Equitation and her Regional Colours

Anastacia Judge received Regional Colours

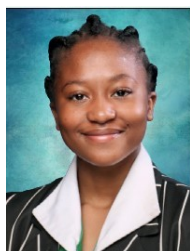
Jada de Kock received a Victor Ludorum for Newcomers and a merit certificate

Eryn Preston received a Victor Ludorum for Show Jumping and she also received her Regional Colours.

Chiara Como received a merit certificate

## GYMNASTICS

Congratulations to Oratile Kekana in Grade 10 for being awarded her Ekurhuleni Colours for Acrobatic Gymnastics. She represented the Ekurhuleni District at the Gauteng Championships in Benoni from 26-28 August at the GYMFINITY Hall.



## KARATE



Mrs Bhagwan congratulated Nicole Cheong who was awarded her first black belt at the beginning of September. She first started karate when she was 8 years old and has gained a lot from participating in karate, both spiritually and mentally. Nicole said that a great deal of commitment was required for her to attain her belt. Well done Nicole!



# HERITAGE DAY



“One of the sayings in our country is Ubuntu - the essence of being human. Ubuntu speaks particularly about the fact that you can't exist as a human being in isolation. It speaks about our interconnectedness. You can't be human all by yourself, and when you have this quality - Ubuntu - you are known for your generosity. We think of ourselves far too frequently as just individuals, separated from one another, whereas you are connected and what you do affects the whole World. When you do well, it spreads out; it is for the whole of humanity.”  
Desmond Tutu



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