

## Jeppe High School for Girls

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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

“It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow.” - **Robert H. Goddard**, *US physicist & pioneer rocket engineer (1882 - 1945)*

On the morning of 9 April 2014, the inspirational Professor David Block drew on the life of Robert Goddard and created the vision for each one of us to accept that to aim for the impossible is realistic. We were enriched by being in the presence of a very passionate astronomer who encouraged us to find, and stay at, the cutting edge of our dreams and aspirations. This is indeed a timely exhortation and we have taken his words to heart as we aim for the impossible – we are raising R8 million for the Astroturf. Our first round efforts show that R70 000 has been pledged – a great start and a huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards our dream.

South Africa celebrates two decades of democracy this year, and to commemorate the event in Jeppe style, each girl designed their own white T-shirt with black artwork. They proudly wore their T-shirts to a picnic on the Sports Fields where the Councillors initiated a Colour Fest to symbolise the Rainbow Nation of which former President Mandela spoke of in his inauguration speech: “We have triumphed in the effort to implant hope in the breasts of millions of our people. We enter a covenant that we shall build the society in which all South Africans, both black and white, will be able to walk tall, without any fear in their hearts, assured of their inalienable right to human dignity – a rainbow nation at peace with itself and the world.” Twenty years on, our rainbow school contributed to the national festivities by producing the play, *Tsholofelo: the Story of Hope*. This play was a strong reminder that the hope for our tomorrow is the peace that comes from affording every human being the dignity they deserve.

I would like to convey my gratitude to all the personnel who make our school one where girls can hope and dream of a better tomorrow. To the academic staff and the administrative staff, your hard work is most appreciated. To all the girls who represented the school in the various activities hosted during the term, your enthusiasm and dedication are commendable.

I would like to wish everyone a most fulfilling holiday, one where you will look to the future with the ascendancy of hope.

Ms D Goncalves

## TSHOLOFELO—A STORY OF HOPE



### The Tsholofelo Cast

This year’s school production *Tsholofelo – a story of Hope* initially ran from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May. Quite different from the light hearted pantomimes and musicals of the past 2 years, *Tsholofelo* is a serious play dealing with the issues of racism, discrimination and xenophobia. The story moves beyond discrimination and towards unity. It was so successful that the staff, cast and

crew agreed to put on two extra performances in celebration of Youth Week on 20 and 21 June. The play was written by the Cultural Head of the school Ms Pugin in collaboration with Mrs MacRobert of the Music department. 250 girls and some Jeppe boys auditioned for the play over a period of 2 days and the final cast of 27 were

chosen. The actors worked very hard on their roles, learning songs and dances that were in some instances very different from their own cultures and languages. They sacrificed sport, holidays and afternoons to be at rehearsals, showing their commitment and dedication to the message of *Tsholofelo*.

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## STAFF NEWS

The staff and learners bid a sad farewell to two members of staff who have contributed a great deal to the school— Miss Gore who was HOD of Life Sciences and was responsible for IT and organising the Matric Dance for 3 years; and Mrs Eachells who is a member of the Afrikaans department and responsible for First Aid. We wish Ms Gore well as she starts her new journey in Asia and Mrs Eachells good luck in her new venture.

Both Mr Bhulana and Miss Thurley have suffered ill health this term. We wish them both a speedy recovery and look forward to their return next term.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## COLOURS

**Academic:****Full Colours**

The following Grade 12 learners were awarded **Full Academic Colours for achieving 75% and above in Grade 10 and Grade 11:**

Savannah Bennett, Nikita Boshoff, Morag Brown, Kelly Ho, Tamiraa Naidoo, Tia Pillay, Sarah Price, Nadine Shaikjee, Sarisha Singh, Thishala Waidyaratne and Jodie Williams

The following Grade 11 learners were awarded **Full Academic Colours for achieving an average of 80% and above in Grade 8, 9 and 10:**

Azminah Jhetam, Nolwazi Mamba and Michaela Mendes

**Half Colours**

The following Grade 12 learners were awarded **Half Academic Colours for achieving an average of 70% and above in Grade 10 and Grade 11:**

Fatomata Balde, Chloe Benjamin, Nicolle De Sousa, Sisekelo Gininda, Monique Gosai, Morgan Ive, Amira Khatibi, Melissa Mac Lachlan, Malesedi Mofokeng, Robyn Pinkney-Atkinson, Chantel Santos, Basetsana Shoke, Katrina Sutcliffe, Nirese Vardarjulu and Wanzi Zulu.

The following Grade 11 learners were awarded **Half Academic Colours for achieving an average of 75% and above in Grade 8, 9 and 10:**

Ammaarah Akhalwaya, Ismatou Balde, Carina Da Costa, Kajal Deokali, Mariam Diallo, Zakiyah Dockrat, Tamlyn Harker, Meghan Jarvis, Jodi Lailvaux, Zoliswa Makheta, Caryn Marx, Angeliqwe Pereira, Megan Pringle and Kayley Reveley.

Congratulations to the following girls who were recognised for their involvement in sporting and cultural codes in the first and second terms of 2014:

**Choir:****Full Colours (Re-award):**

Mbali Hlatshwayo

**Full Colours (New):**

Linoi Moravin and Zamahlube Mungwe

**Half Colours (Re-award):**

Mercy Ndlovu

**Half Colours (New):**

Mayurie Pandaram, Nontsikelelo Tshefu and Angela Xia

**Merit Award:**

Zenkosi Mapipa, Ziphozenkosi Mthimkhulu, Dahlia Pieczara, Mbalienhle Mhluzi, Lerato Niklaas, Makumya M'Membe and Nicole Mychajluk  
**Team Award:** Mbali Hlatshwayo, Zenkosi Mapipa, Ziphozenkosi Mthimkhulu, Macine Ndlovu and Dahlia Pieczara

**Cricket:****Full Colours (Re-Award):**

Robyn Searle

**Merit Award for provincial representation in her age group:**

Samantha Schutte and Sihle Tsoko

**Merit Award:**

Kiana Bachu, Ismatou Balde, Gabriella Barrow, Sesethu Khuzwayo, Naseeha Laher, Lindokuhle Sukazi and Mahima Vandayar

**Team Award:**

Izel Moustafa

**Cross Country****Full Colours (New):**

Sinead De Jager

**Team Award:**

Natasha De Caires and Chantel Santos

**Drama****Full Colours (New):**

Melissa Maclachlan and Tess Petersen

**Half Colours (New):**

Buhlebenkosi Dubasi, Chanelle Hechter, Kate Mazomba, Tanisha Smith, Wanzi Zulu, Sharleen Masango and Mercy Ndlovu

**Merit:**

Shannon Hawker, Lerato Niklaas, Hope Kantangole, Naledi Mogale, Melisa Mpoyi, Bella Muganza, Zamahlubi Mungwe, Jo-Anne Pringle, Megan Pringle, Koketsu Ratlou, Kayley Reveley, Lerato Maluleka, Woniso Mazonde, Thirasha Waidyaratne

**Team Award:**

Buhlebenkosi Dubasi, Chanelle Hechter, Melissa Maclachlan, Ziphozenkosi Mthimkhulu, Tess Petersen and Wanzi Zulu

**Hockey****Full Colours (New):**

Yonela Dishi

**Half Colours (Re-award):**

Ntombilethiwe Zwane

**Half Colours (New):**

Savannah Bennett and Meghan Jarvis

**Merit:**

Dana Dixon, Bevelina Ledwaba, Porsche Ramolelekwa, Gina Warner and Micaela Ferreira

**Team:**

Savannah Bennett, Thato Molete and Karabo Moloji

**Netball****Full Colours (Re-award):**

Robyn Searle

**Full Colours (New):**

Brittney Nicholson and Okwethukwanele Zwane

**Half Colours (New):**

Tshegofatso Seleke

**Merit Award:**

Mosima Ramohlale, Nkanyezi Mashaba, Bongwiwe Nkabinde, Tshegofatso Sediane, Tafadzwa Makhuza, Bontle Morulane, Angeliqwe Wohrnitz, Sabrina Lemos, Baleseng Noko and Lilian Ugochukwa

**Team Award:**

Nokhaya Belle, Andiswa Cele, Charné Giltrow, Ruth Kabau, Paige Marx, Tshegofatso Seleke, Thembekile Sikuphela, Nyameka Walaza and Alisasha Wellington

**Public Speaking****Full Colours (New):**

Nikita Boshoff

**Half Colours (New):**

Meghan Jarvis, Azminah Jhetam and Zoliswa Makhetha  
**Merit Award:** Ismatou Balde, Sharleen Masango, Melisa Mpoyi, Jenna Franks, Firdous Hamis, Sinéad Hovelmeier and Thirasha Waidyaratne

**Team Award:**

Nikita Boshoff, Morag Brown, Siphokazi Dlamini, Savannah King, Melissa Maclachlan and Nolwazi Zondo

**Swimming****Half Colours (Re-Award):**

Nosipho Stiglmayr

**Half Colours (New):**

Christie Despotakis and Victoria Griffiths

**Merit Award:**

Courtney Tully, Coral Nomdo, Gina Warner, Caitlin Davies, Bethany Harker, Sabrina Lemos & Sydney McDougall.

**Team Award:**

Sarah Price and Kendra Verbeek.

**Tennis****Half Colours (New Award):**

Chanel Fookune, Lauren Zeegers and Yonela Dishi

**Merit Award:**

Ann Gitau, Caryn Marx, Emanuela Perreira, Jaime Stiglingh, Chané Bothma & Anastasia Goldenhys.

**Team Award:**

Ann Gitau

**Please note:**

**Merit awards** are granted to learners who have achieved a better than average performance within the standards of the school

**Team Awards** are granted to learners who have represented the school in a team for 3 years or more, and have shown excellent behaviour at all times, dedication and loyalty to the school.

## TSHOLOFELO (CONT)

Ms Pugin had this to say of the cast: "Besides their obvious talent, I have seen courage and strength beyond their years as some fight impossible odds".

Congratulations to Megan and Joanne Pringle, who so perfectly fitted the roles of "Grandma Hope" and young "Hope" respectively; to Hope Katangole who played the role of the dreaded "Thato" and to Kate Mazomba who recreated the role of Zanele as her own. Chanelle Hechter played Thandeka, Koketsu Ratlou played Mandla, Tshiamo Sookane played Dumisane, Buhle Dubasi played Princess, Lerato Maluleka played Lerato, Tanisha Smith played

Claudia, Athenkosi Bonani played Lisa, Minenhle Makhuba played Jamie, Motshebe Mangole played Siya, Tsholofelo Mavuso played Mercy and Tess Petersen played the Policeman. The students were played by Coral Nomdo, Tracy Adams, Zenkosi Mapipa, Naledi Mogale, Nobuhle Mbanjwa, Melissa Mpoyi, Woniso Mazonde, Zamahle Mungwe and Teagan Van Tonder. James Ledwaba played Hope's father.

The Backstage crew led by Melissa MacLachlan and managed by Ms De Villiers included Kayla Vieira, Sunny Ngandu, Tay-yibah Mia, Mishka Kalian, Azeemah

Nakhooda and Ziphokenkosi Mthimkhulu. They worked really hard and did an excellent job.

The Technical Crew, Thirasha Waidyaratne, Shannon Hawker, Kayley Reveley and Sharleen Masango, designed most of the sound and lighting themselves and did a superb job.

Thanks to Mrs Pearson who prepared the flats, to Ms Smithers who was responsible for Choreography and Make-up, Ms Griffiths who was responsible for the Graphics and the Programme, Savannah Bennett who took wonderful

photographs for us, and to the staff who sold tickets and managed the front of house.

A big thank you too to Carina of the Brand Stand for the wonderful banner, tickets, posters and T-shirts.

Congratulations Ms Pugin (Director) and Mrs MacRobert (Director and Music).

"**Tsholofelo** is a vibrant, engaging piece of theatre performed with passion and commitment. I was inspired and filled with hope." Phillippa Yaa-De Villiers, Commonwealth Poet 2014

## BEST SPEAKER

The Finals of the Best Speakers Competition for 2014 took place on 24 June.

The Junior Section finalists were Megan Miller, Sheshenka Naiker, Bethany Harker, Carmen Parker and Hlakaniphile Mngomezulu. Congratulations to Hlakaniphile Mngomezulu who won the Junior Section.

The Senior Section Finalists were Nikita Boshoff, Firdous Hamid, Sisikela Gininda, Thirasha Waidyaratne, Zoliswa Makhete, Azminah Jhetam and Meghan Jarvis. Third place was awarded to Firdous Hamid, second place to Azminah Jhetam and first place to Nikita Boshoff. Nikita spoke with aplomb on "What's in a Name" and her impromptu speech was just as good.

The judge for the evening was Kim Jansen, a Jeppe Old Girl who is a communications expert. Kim congratulated both the juniors and the seniors on the high standard of their speeches.

The delightful MCs for the evening were Ismatou Balde and Melissa Mpoyi.

## EUROPE TOUR

41 girls will be accompanying Mrs Gillespie and 4 other members of staff on the History Tour to Europe. They leave on 29 June and will be visiting Prague, Krakow, Auschwitz, Berlin, Paris, Versailles and Amsterdam.

Thank you to the Jeppe family for assisting with raising additional funds through the golf day and the evening at the Eastgate Spur. Your involvement was greatly appreciated!

## TOUR DE MATHS

We hosted the Tour De Maths meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June and it was a very successful evening. The girls and staff were wonderful hostesses. The evening ended in high spirits with 4 of our girls being awarded 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place certificates. Congratulations to Angelique Pereira and Mayurie Pandaram who came first in the senior event and to Kajal Deokali and Caryn Marx who came second in the senior event.

## THE JEPPE PIPE BAND

The Jeppe High School Pipe Band took part in the first Championship Highland Gathering of the season in Amanzimtoti, Kwazulu Natal on Saturday 3 May. It was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this annual gathering. A total of 27 Pipe Bands competed on the day in various categories. The Jeppe Band competed in the Novice Juvenile Category against King Edward School, Cornwall Hill College and Benoni High School. They won the Drum Corp section, the Bass drumming section and the Piping section, making them the Champion Novice Juvenile Pipe Band at the Gathering. Some of the Jeppe Pipe band members and their Tutors play for the Grade 2 Band African Skye. Grade 2 is the top level of Pipe Band in the country. African Skye won this category.

The Pipe Bands also competed in the Lyttleton Manor High School Gathering. The Jeppe Pipe Band won the Novice Juvenile Category. Many of

the Jeppe players, including our two Jeppe Girls (Auriel Wise and Noncebo Khanyile) play for the African Skye Grade 4 band. At Lyttleton Manor, The African Skye Grade 4 band won the Grade 4 Category and the African Skye Grade 2 band won the Grade 2 category.

The Jeppe band took part in the Celtic Fest on 17 May, the De la Salle College Gathering on Saturday 31 May and the Pretoria Boys Highland Gathering on Saturday 14 June and won their section (Novice Juvenile Pipe Band) at each Gathering. There are still 3 more competitions for the season.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Sinead De Jager was our only runner selected to run for the D9 District at the Inter-district race this year.

She came 17<sup>th</sup> in the race and was placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of our own district runners.



## HOCKEY HOTS UP

Our 1<sup>st</sup> X1 Hockey team travelled out to Summit College for a league fixture on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Although played on a grass field providing conditions that at best could be described as 'difficult', the team put in an excellent performance, winning 5-0. They won two more matches during the season, against Rand Girls and Kings College, and drew with Assumption. They narrowly lost the other 4 matches.

Lethiwe Zwane, Yonela Dishi, Bevelina Ledwaba, Porsche Ramolekwa and Micaela Ferreira made it through from their District Team to the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the South Gauteng trials on Friday 16 May.

Yonela Dishi was selected for South Gauteng u16A and Micaela Ferreira was selected to play for South Gauteng u14C.

Lethiwe Zwane was selected for South Gauteng u18 and Bevelina Ledwaba for South Gauteng u16c. They have both had to withdraw as they will be away on the overseas history tour.

It has been quite a frustrating season for the players as most of the schools in our league have only 1 or 2 teams which means our teams do not all get to play



**Yonela Dishi & Micaela Ferreira are to play for South Gauteng in the school holidays.**

Most of our games took place on the Astro at Jeppe Boys, and that will continue to happen in the seasons ahead until such time as we have raised enough funds for our own Astro.

We are making good progress in our hockey and have structures in place that will see us improve steadily. We have committed and enthusiastic teams across all age groups.

## NETBALL 2014

### League Results

Jeppe Girls plays in the Sapphire group within the league, which includes King David Linksfield, Waterstone College, Reddam House Bedfordview, The Hill, Rand Girls, Queens High and Crawford College Sandton

### U14

Our U14 team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and attended playoffs. They won their quarter final match against Wendywood, but lost in the semi finals.

### U15

Our U15 team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and attended playoffs. They lost in their quarter final to Wendywood.

### U16

Our U16 team finished 5<sup>th</sup>, missing out on playoffs by just 1 point.

### U17

Our U17 team won every match this season and finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the group. They went straight through to semi-finals, but unfortunately narrowly lost to Sagewood College.

### U18

Our U18 team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the group and won their quarter-final match at playoffs. They then beat Rand Girls in the semi final. They went on to play Waterstone College in the League final on Thursday 22 May. The score was tied at 24-24 with 5 seconds to go, unfortunately for Jeppe Waterstone got a goal, so the team lost 25-24.



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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**CELEBRATING 20 YEARS DEMOCRACY**



I am sure many Jeppe girls would agree with me in saying that the 20th of June marked a day of pride, celebration and unity that will not easily be forgotten. Nelson Mandela once said: "We can change the world and make it a better place, it's in your hands to make a difference". We embraced this spirit and celebrated South Africa's 20

years of democracy in the most diverse way possible. The day included: wearing T-shirts depicting what democracy means to us, an inspirational assembly and even our own colour festival showing us that colour speaks all languages, and somehow expressing everything we wanted to say, but had no words for.

The day proved to be a vivid



reminder of just how privileged we are to lead the lifestyles that we do, and sometimes take for granted. With regard to South African freedom fighters, that got us to where we are today, we do not mourn their passing but we celebrate their legacy and thank them. Thank them for proving that the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams and for enabling us to celebrate democracy, especially on a day like the 20th of June. A day that holds special memories that many Jeppe girls will cherish in years to come.

by Michaela Mendes 11A



The councillors were faced with a rather daunting task. Our 20 years of democracy celebration was to be planned and we needed to bridge the gap between encompassing the true essence of such an auspicious occasion and having fun. Low and behold.. The Colour Festival. What better way to celebrate our increasingly diverse rainbow nation, than with an explosion of our flag colours! A big thank you to everyone for the beautiful shirts that they made depicting what democracy means to them and making this an unforgettable Jeppe First! You made

the councillor's jobs easier with your co-operation and continuous spirit of Sisterhood !

by Sisekelo Gininda 12C

The 20th June was also celebrated with a 20 years Democracy Cake competition. There were some amazing cakes and the judges had a difficult time in choosing the best.

The winners were:

1. Katrina Sutcliffe (Gr 12) and Denée Gericke (Gr 8)
2. Diandra Yorke (Gr 12)
3. Anastasia Geldenhuys (Gr 8)
4. Lauren Zeegers (Gr 11) and Nikkita Kleber (Gr 10)

The celebrations continued on 21 June with our u12 netball tournament. The day began with a Jeppe Gold team (comprised of old girls) playing against the current 1st team. The 11 junior schools then played one another in a round robin format. Hurlyvale Primary narrowly beat Tom Newby. Thank you to Stacey Turner for organising the tournament and to all the staff and councillors who assisted in making the day a lot of fun for our u12 guests and their parents.



**THE BATTLE OF THE SEXES**

For the first time in Jeppe history, a tournament took place that ruffled zebra manes - a Battle of the Sexes. Brothers vs Sisters. Girls vs Boys. Mars vs Venus.

To get the respective schools amped for the week's proceedings, each school paid a visit to the other, leaving with a hostage. The girls took the beloved Jeppe Boys' zebra and the boys retaliated by taking our distinction frames. With the atmosphere tense, we embarked on the first day's set of challenges – art, cooking, a general knowledge quiz and maths Olympiad. Despite a draw on the first day, the boys won the quiz and Olympiad (much to our dismay, as we expected to beat them). As expected, we won the art

and cooking contests.

The second day arrived and was all about the brawn and not brains. The boys unfortunately annihilated the girls in everything – table tennis, frisbee, x box and volleyball.

The final day approached us and the girls were determined not to go down without a fight. This day was based on talent, ingenuity, and the gift of the gab – dancing, drama, public speaking and debating.

Although the girls managed to tighten the gap, the boys ultimately (but narrowly) won. This event was a huge success and is the snowball at the top of the ski slope with many more battles to be anticipated.

by Katrina Sutcliffe 12D