

THE PINE PINNACLE



A beautiful, breath taking smile, a sweet warm welcoming voice and a cup of coffee with three sugars – definitely some of the last things one would expect to get when seated in the principal's office. Oh and of course, a pink sweet from Mrs Bentley's famous sweet jar. It felt like I was having coffee with my second mother, which I realised as we chatted – I actually was.

Sihle: What are some of your hobbies?

Mrs Bentley: (wasting no time) It should be exercise. (laughing) But I'm a reader.

She finished off with a proud smile which looked like that of a little child who had just named its favourite toy. Unable to finally decide on her favourite author, she stated that a book that she felt was really worth mentioning was 'To kill a Mocking Bird' by Harper Lee.

Her love for books and reading does not come as a surprise as she has been an English teacher for years, which happened to be her dream from a very young age. Mrs Bentley and her sister would avidly play 'teacher-teacher', writing on chalk boards, marking each other's work and even creating the perfect teaching scenario with the perfect learners – dolls.

Today, she can proudly say that she is living her dream.

Raising five children, being a devoted wife and chasing your dreams can be quite a challenge. But she does provide a good example of juggling responsibility whilst pursuing her dreams.

"It all boils down to TIME MANAGEMENT. After all this juggling, you have to make time for yourself," she says.

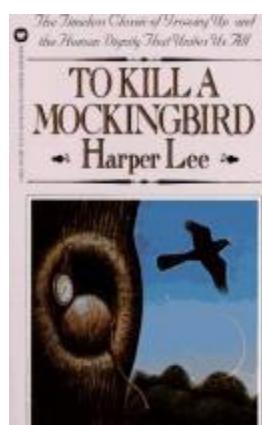
After admitting that she is not the best at time management herself, she said, "My children are my greatest joy and I'm so fortunate to have found true happiness in my marriage. My children have surpassed me and it is heartening to see them fly."

Verifying that as much as her time management might not be the best, every second she spends with her children and husband is treasured in her heart. Her family is her happy place and time with them is never time wasted...

She is a superwoman. She has managed to make her mark. She's a phenomenal mother not only to her children but her learners as well. She has a heart of gold, a powerful presence and a great sense of humour. A true inspiration...

Sihle Jafta

Grade 11.2



You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view-until you climb into his skin and walk around in it.

To Kill A Mockingbird
Harper Lee

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



DIE KIND WAS DOOD GESKIED DEUR SOLDATE BY NYANGA

Die kind is nie dood nie



die kind lig sy vuiste teen sy moeder



wat Afrika skreeu skreeu die geur van vryheid en heide

in die lokasies van die omsingelde hart



Die kind lig sy vuiste teen sy vader

in die optog van die generasies

wat Afrika skreeu skreeu die geur

van geregtigheid en bloed

in die strate van sy gewapende trots



Die kind is nie dood nie

nòg by Langa nòg by Nyanga



nòg by Orlando nòg by Sharpeville

nòg by die polisiestasie in Philippi



waar hy lê met 'n koeël deur sy kop

Die kind is die skaduwee van die soldate



op wag met gewere sarasene en knuppels

die kind is teenwoordig by alle vergaderings en wetgewings

die kind loer deur die vensters van huise en in die harte

van moeders



die kind wat net wou speel in die son by Nyanga is orals

die kind wat 'n man geword het trek deur die ganse Afrika

die kind wat 'n reus geword het reis deur die hele wêreld

Sonder 'n pas

Ingrid Jonker - Maart 1960

<https://youtu.be/A0pmjGj8BFE>



SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT – EASTER

EASTER MESSAGE 2016

I love Easter time, it's always a time of excitement for the kids and delicious chocolates for all. But we all know that the Easter weekend represents so much more than bunnies, chocolate, and colourful eggs.

Easter represents NEW LIFE. I am always reminded that Jesus gave up His life for us so that we could have NEW LIFE.

1 Corinthians 15:4 says,

He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

Jesus endured so much leading up to His death, and none of it was done in vain, it was all done as a means to show His love and grace. The ultimate victory is that it didn't end in death, but He was then raised to life again on the third day.

Everything that should have held Him in the grave was overcome by the power of Jesus. He overcame every obstacle, challenge and weakness, and STILL he was able to RISE again to new life.

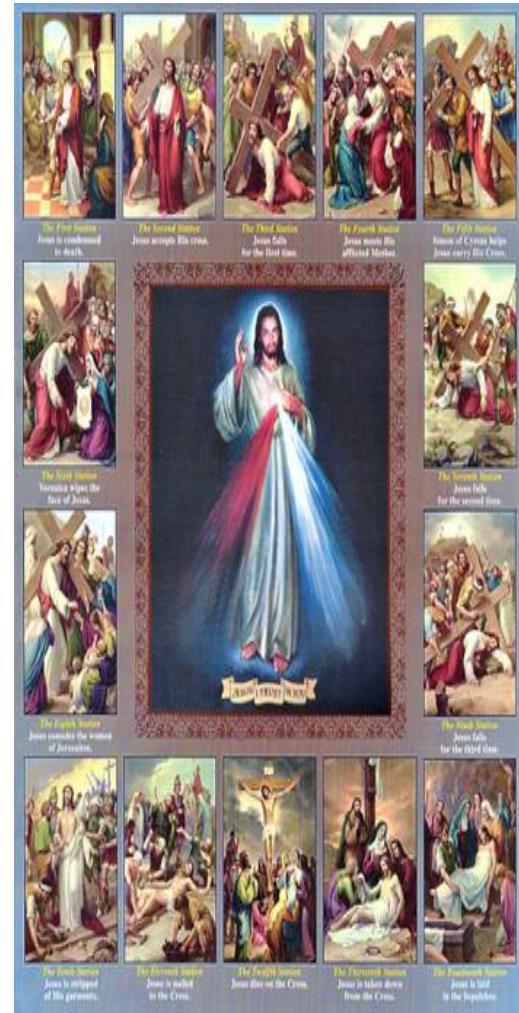
This Easter be encouraged that you too, do not need to be held back by anything, but you are able, with JESUS, to overcome everything life may throw at you.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says,

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Be encouraged that although you may be faced with many challenges, in your family, work place and finances, things may feel old and stuck. But in Christ you are given the opportunity to take a hold of the gift called NEW LIFE.

We are trusting with you for a fresh start this Easter season.



Stations of the Cross



EASTER – INTERESTING FACTS

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE EASTER?

Easter is the Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his promise of eternal life.

Easter is also known as Pasch or Pascha.

Some people believe the word Easter comes from the pagan holiday honouring 'Eostre' the pagan goddess of spring which symbolized rebirth.

Others believe the word Easter comes from the German word 'eostarun' meaning dawn and white.

Easter is now celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon on the Spring Equinox between March 22nd and April 25th

Easter is celebrated at the end of Lent on the last day of the Holy Week.

Holy Week starts off with Palm Sunday the following Good Thursday the day of the Last Supper, Good Friday the day of Jesus' crucifixion and Sunday the day Jesus rose from the dead which is now the celebration of Easter.

During Lent eating animal products including eggs

was not allowed. Hens still laid eggs so by Easter there were many surplus eggs.

The traditional word for painting Easter eggs is called Pysanka.

Exchanging painted eggs started in ancient civilizations with people such as the Egyptians and Persians. They would exchange eggs as a symbol of fertility and new life.

In folklore the Easter Bunny is a hare not a rabbit and lays eggs. Real hares and rabbits do not lay eggs.

The idea of the Easter Bunny originated in Germany.

The girls and boys would wake up Easter morning and build nests out of sticks and leaves so that the Easter Bunny could leave them the eggs. This is how the first Easter Hunts started.

The first edible Easter Bunnies were made in Germany in the early 1800s. They were made with pastry and sugar.

History says its origin dates back to 610AD when an Italian Monk used dough left over for baking bread to make

pretzels. He folded the dough over to make it look like children's arms folded when they pray.

Easter is the second largest candy consuming holiday. Halloween is the first.

Everyday 5 million marshmallow chicks and bunnies are made to prepare for Easter.

Peeps are the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.

Around 700 million peeps are sold for Easter.

Jellybeans became an Easter tradition in the 1930's.

16 billion jelly beans are produced for Easter.

90 million chocolate Easter bunnies are made for Easter.

Guinness Book of World Records stated that the largest Easter Egg made was 25ft high and made of chocolate and marshmallow.

Robyn Jacobs

Grade 11.1

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT – LEGACY ONE

Legacy One spreads the word of God by using Hip Hop; rap, dance and beat boxing, the whole shebang. They surprised us and our enthusiasm surprised them. Did I mention they came all the way from Canada? It was an absolutely amazing experience. Here's a message from them, it's Slam Poetry. Enjoy!

There I was at the back of class wondering why are there letters in Math. $J + K = M$, as in Me + Math = F. Now I realised something in that moment, that there's more to life than letters on a piece of paper, but there's no way I was going to let that F stand for Failure, 'cause nothing worthwhile in life comes easy. Yeah, it would be nice if we could sing away our problems like on Glee, but truthfully, some of our problems are bigger than TV. And maybe it's just me, but I need to speak the truth, 'cause Martin Luther King Jr. once said, *you need to move from indecision to action*. Now let us rededicate our lives to the long and bitter, yet beautiful struggle; where a concept for culture that struggles with so much; we struggle for beauty, we struggle for love, we struggle for acceptance... Students, let me welcome you to this *beautiful struggle called life*. Maybe it's time we learned to *embrace* this struggle. Maybe it's time we learned to stand up for those who are being cast down. And maybe it's time we study History, learn from it and not just repeat it. Maybe it's time we finally put an end to this debate on which One Direction member's cuter, we all know it's Harry right? And maybe it's time we learned to use the internet for more than just Facebook and Twitter, because nobody cares that you just ate spaghetti and spilled sauce on your shirt and now you have to go back to lacrosse practice. And maybe it's time we understand the definition of love, 'cause love is about sacrifice. It's about laying your life down for those you care about. So when you find someone who's willing to lay their life down for you, then come find me and come talk to me about love, because homie, I found it. And maybe it's time we throw away labels like 'loser' and 'freak', and 'homo' and 'geek'. And maybe it's time we stop judging a book by its cover and start accepting each other for what's under the skin. And it's time we start to listen to the words of our man Mandela who said, "*nothing's impossible until it's done.*" So to my fellow man, don't stand, run. Your time is now. Your time is here, rise above the fear. You are the future. You are the hope. Hold onto these words and let your light shine, 'cause maybe it's time for you to use your own lives and write the next line... Greg Denie (Legacy One)

Meridian was challenged and obviously it was met! Our fellow learners surprised us when they showcased their hidden talents especially Vernon (Grade 7) who took us on a journey of sound with his beatboxing skills! Well done Pinies! **Robyn Jacobs Grade 11.1**



MERIDIAN NEWS

Aims of the JCC

The purpose of the JCC is to make the youth aware of their ability to be mobilisers for positive change in their communities and to work together to solve their socio-economic challenges. The JCC initiative further aims to develop the participant's skills and personal self-image so these young individuals become confident in their abilities to bring about change. Finally, the programme exposes participants to the functioning of Local Government through their involvement in the JCC.

For those of you who do not know who or what the JCC is, here are some Q & A's.

Who is the JCC?

The JCC is a council of learners from schools across the Western Cape. With the help of the leaders, we will learn more about government and help to make a difference in our province.

What does the JCC do?

The JCC acts as the voice of the youth, giving the adults a new perspective. The JCC will attend gatherings to represent the youth. Community service is also

an integral part of being affiliated to the JCC.

It is both an honour and a privilege to have students from our school representing Meridian Pinehurst and our province.

Tukela Mtshagi and Kristen Jacobs (Grade 10) will represent our school at the JCC! Well done and make us proud as you endeavor on a journey that will bear the fruits of change for South Africa!

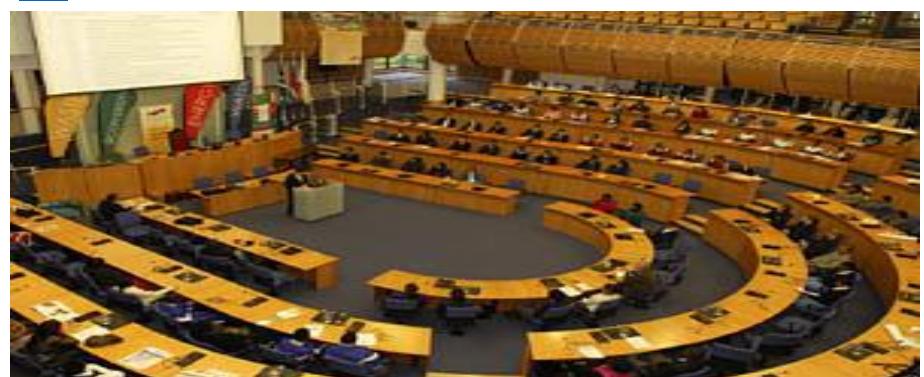


Kristen Jacobs Grade 10.1

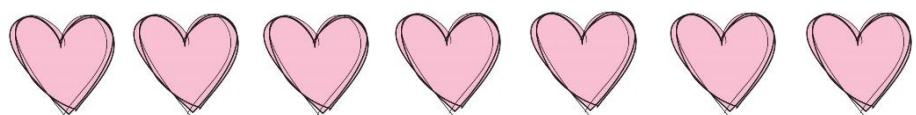


Making progress possible. Together.

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VALENTINE'S DAY 2016



INTERSCHOOLS 2016



The High School participated in the Inter-Curro Schools Athletics meeting hosted by Curro Durbanville at Greenpoint Stadium. **78 of our learners participated and we achieved 3rd place out of 6 schools.** Competing schools were: Curro Durbanville, Curro Hermanus, Curro Century City, Curro Langebaan, Curro Sitari and Meridian Pinehurst.

We were awarded the following accolades: **5 Gold Medals**

10 Silver Medals

10 Bronze Medals

We broke and set 7 new inter-school records! Meridian Pinehurst sure does have loads of talent! Let's continue to strive towards holistic excellence.

INTER-CURRO NATIONAL TRIALS

Rouchelle Reent
Iyesha Sieberts

Netball (under 19)
Netball (under 15)

Lonwabo Roto
Reece Vollenhoven
Daniel Smit

Rugby (under 19)
Hockey (under 15)
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MERIDIAN WRITES

I am my worst enemy.

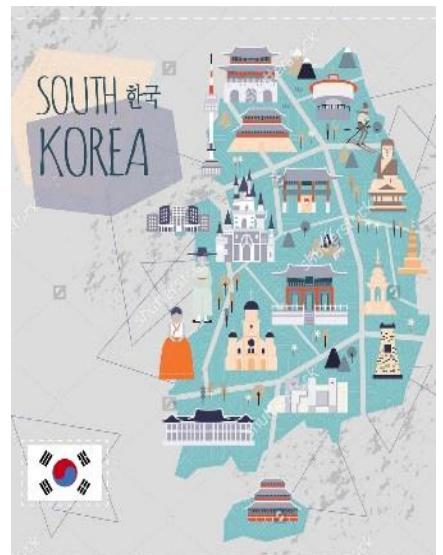
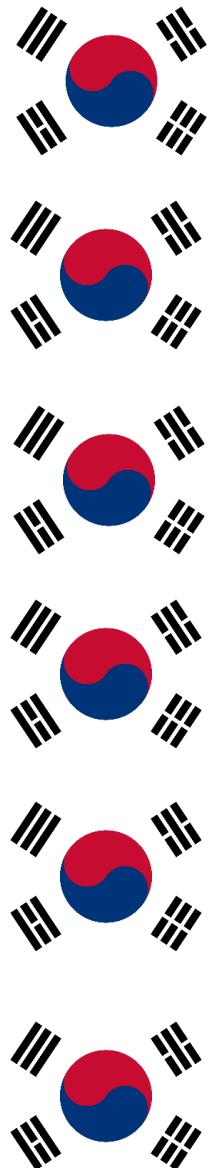
Eunseoung Kim 11.1

As I walked around the gigantic shopping center, I fixed my facial expressions and gestures, mimicking the natives here and tried my best not to stand out. Basically, I was adapting myself to these foreign customs, assimilating into South African culture. Despite my efforts, my extraordinary looks, small eyes, dark hair and relatively bulky head was still gaining attention. Apparently, assimilation seemed impossible, just like mixing oil and water.

People's eyes were as ice and was stinging me with laser-sharp glances. As time passed, I was tired of people's eyes. I could not suppress myself from hiding away from their mocking smiles. Instinctively, I looked for the biggest store, where hiding places were sufficient. Soon, a perfect spot was found, it was a jungle-like store, full of clothing and household items in which concealing seemed possible.

Camouflaged by the manufactures, I snuck around like a prey awaiting predators. My eyes and my head were acting constantly, making sure no strangers were around. To relax my exhausted body, I sat on a chair, expecting no encounters. Suddenly, my nerves attracted attention. It was a young ebony boy, staring at me with anxiety and curiosity. He looked at me as if I was an alien or a monster which he had seen in movies. From his eyes, I was reminded, once more, that I was a strange king foreigner. The young boy's eyes held me firm, disengaging my move. There was a complete silence between us. From my blank mind, words began to pop up randomly. They were words such as tiny-eyed, Chinese, big head and Kung Fu master. I thought the words were from the child, as usual. I tried to walk away. Abruptly, like a flash of light shone on darkness, the ebony boy waved at me with a big smile. His smile did not seem mocking, rather, it was crystal-clear. From his pure grin, my pessimistic mind was withdrawn. All of a sudden, I remembered an idiom, 'One's own worst enemy.' From the idiom I realized that all the negative words and self-consciousness comes from myself. They were from my own worst enemy. I gave the boy my best smile and a wave.

Everyone is worth being loved, no matter how they look. However, before being loved, there is one important thing which must be done. Love yourself. Always remember, one's worst enemy is not around him - but inside oneself.



MERIDIAN WRITES

Revenge of the Dead

As the final school bell rang, Timothy Haskens, with his report underarm, walked glumly home. He thought that he was going to have a lame holiday, but he thought wrong when his mother opened his report.

When entering his home, Tim was greeted by his mother, who had arrived early from work. "So, how are the marks son?" she asked. Not wanting to answer, he handed it over and headed to his room. "I feel as dumb as a brick," he said to himself. Not feeling so good, he decided to lay down. He fell onto his bed with a big crash. "Tim, well done!" called his mother.

Wondering what she meant, he went down to see. With the curiosity of his marks, he asked. The response was that he had passed. But his mother also asked, "And what would this be?" It was a piece of paper with four sentences in the form of a riddle. With the excitement building up, he took it and rushed to his room to work on it.

By the end of the afternoon, he had gotten nowhere. Then a knock was heard on the front door. It was Sarah and Jimmy, his best friends. "Tim, what are you doing?" they called. Tim knew that they were his friends, but could he trust them this time?

Ben Elliot Grade 8.1

The Cliffhanger

Seven friends Tom, Marcel , Doug , Josh , Rob, Emily and Savannah were on a never ending flight from America to Nepal. They were on edge and excited because within the next few months they would be summiting Everest, one of the most brutal challenges in the world. Little did they know about the force awaiting their arrival.

It started well, they bought their climbing gear and headed off to base camp. The next few months went well, they had acclimatized and were off on their final push towards the summit. The day dragged on but eventually the day that felt like an eternity came to a sudden stand still, for now they made it to the top. While taking in the amazing view the radio came on – a monstrous storm was on its way.

They were moving down the mountain at a record pace. All the friends could think about was the storm. They stopped, Marcel turned around - the three Sherpas were gone and so were Savannah and Rob. The five remaining friends had no choice but to move on. Two hours later, Tom fell to the ground in exhaustion; his life was over . Minutes felt like hours, hours felt like years. It was too much for Doug, he had now passed on too. The weak friends kept tracking on.

In the distance they saw camp; they were too cold to run but picked up the pace 400m, 300m, 200m... then it happened. A mighty boom sounded. Echoing throughout the mountains.

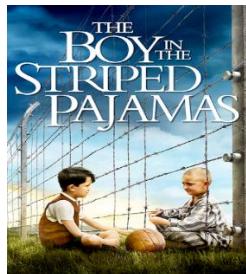
Then all hell broke loose. A cold unforgiving hell...

Ryan Griffiths Grade 8.1

CULTURE OF READING

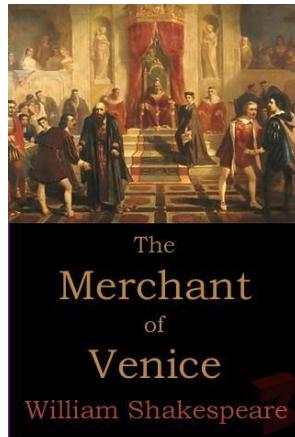
GRADE 8

BOY IN THE STRIPED PYJAMAS



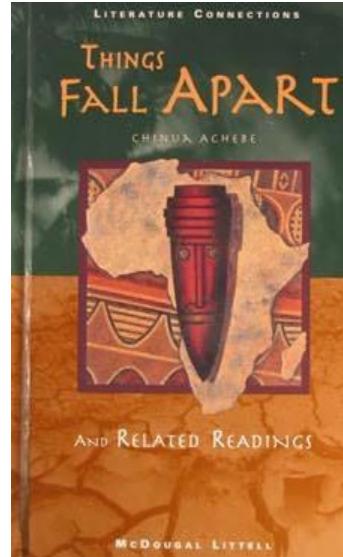
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THE MERCHANT OF VENICE



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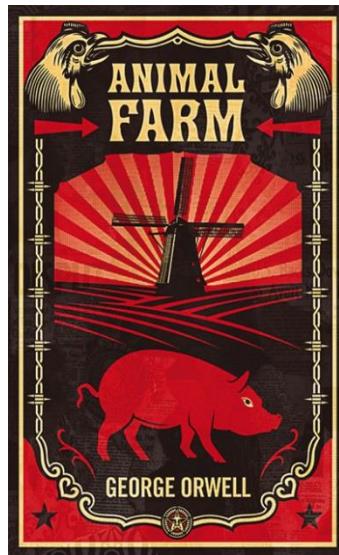
THINGS FALL APART



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GRADE 10

ANIMAL FARM



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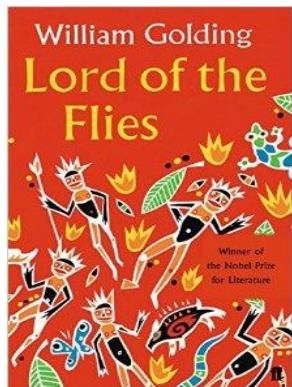
MACBETH



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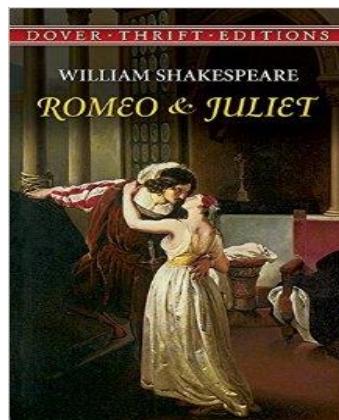
GRADE 9

LORD OF THE FLIES



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ROMEO AND JULIET



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_mdm6SafPM

Additional Reading

Greek Mythology – Pushed to tablets

Oscar Wilde Anthology – Pushed to tablets

MERIDIAN LEES



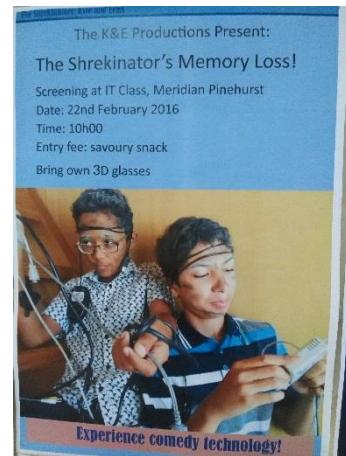
Die graad 10 leerders lees vanjaar die voorgeskrewe boek *Suurlemoen!* deur Jaco Jacobs. Die boek is so in die kraal van ons tieners en word baie geniet omdat hulle hulself kan vereenselwig met die karakters. In die boek begin Tiaan en Zane 'n rock-groep en om die naam van die groep te bemark neem hul foto's van die lede waar hul 'n suurlemoen eet en die reaksie daarop afneem. Dit is 'n baie humoristiese uittreksel in die boek en die flik en daarom het Juf. Bouwer saam met die kinders besluit om ook die taak aan te pak van suurlemoene eet. Hier is 'n paar van die foto's

Juffrou Bouwer

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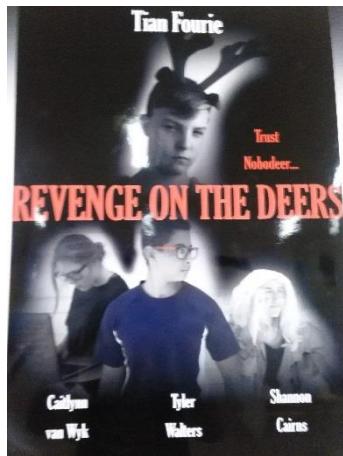


TECH SAVVY PINIES



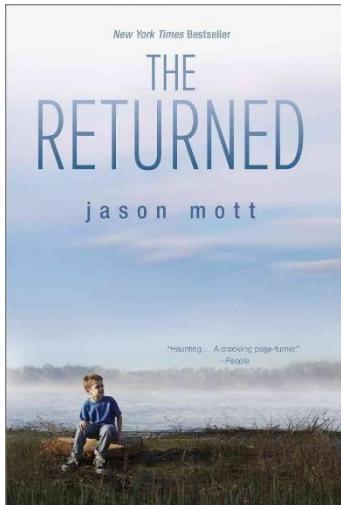
The Grade 8's and Grade 9's had a very special assignment for IT where they could have their 10 minutes of FAME! They had to be in a group of 4 or 5 learners and were instructed to produce a movie. The movie had to be IT related and they should have had a script that they could follow to guide them through their movie. They were also instructed to make a poster and a ticket, which were related to what their movie would be about. There were some amazing movies made and we can see that we sure do have a lot of talented people at Meridian Pinehurst!

Ms J. Van Zyl



BOOK REVIEWS

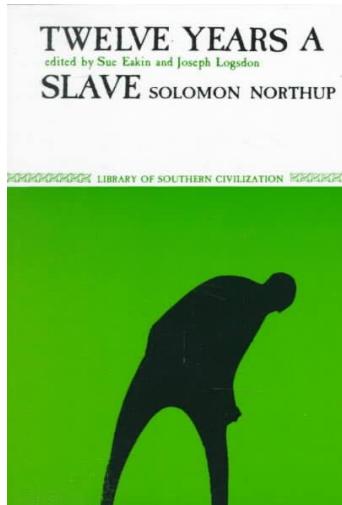
THE RETURNED



Jacob, died tragically in 1966. One day he mysteriously appears on the doorstep of his parents, still eight years old.

All over the world people's loved ones are returning from beyond. No one knows how or why, whether it's a miracle or a sign of the end. Not even his parents (Harold and Lucille) can agree on whether the boy is real or a wondrous imitation. But as chaos erupts around the globe, the newly reunited family finds itself at the centre of a community on the brink of collapse, forced to navigate a mysterious new reality.

TWELVE YEARS A SLAVE



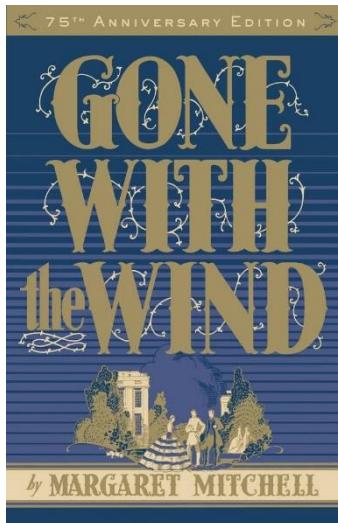
The true story behind the Oscar-winning film. Solomon Northup, a free man who was kidnapped and enslaved for a decade, captures – and celebrates – the ferocity of human hope.

Solomon was an entrepreneur and dedicated family man, father to three young children, Elizabeth, Margaret and Alonzo. What little free time he had after long days of manual and farm labour, he spent reading books and playing the violin. Though his father was born into slavery, Solomon was born and lived free.

March 1841, two strangers approached Northup, offering employment as a violinist away from home. Only after being drugged, does he realize the strangers were kidnappers – that nefarious brand of criminals in the business of capturing humans for profit.

Dehumanized, beaten and worked mercilessly. Just as he felt the summer of his life fade and all hope nearly lost, he met a stranger who would change the course of his life.

GONE WITH THE WIND



This is the tale of Scarlett O'Hara, the spoiled, manipulative daughter of a wealthy plantation owner, who arrives at young womanhood just in time to see the Civil War forever change her way of life.

A sweeping story of tangled passion and courage, in the pages of Gone with the Wind, the life of unforgettable characters are brought to life.

A book is a gift you can open again and again.
—Garrison Keillor

GAMING REVIEWS

LEGO STAR WARS THE FORCE AWAKENS

The force awakens was no doubt a hit sci-fi blockbuster of 2015. The video game promises to be as epic as the movie but on a traditional Lego scale and platform. Multi-builds, which allows players to destroy and rebuild their own Darth Stars and open new paths in the game's free-roam setting has been introduced.

Playable characters extend beyond Han Solo and Luke Skywalker. C-3PO and BB-8 are bonus characters included. This is the perfect game for Lego lovers & Lucas film fanatics. Open world adventures, creative options and a brickly neon universe, certainly makes this one of the most anticipated games that Lego produced yet.

Release Date: 28 June 2016

Platform Availability: PS3, PS4, XBOX One, XBOX 360, PC

Age restriction: +3



MIRROR'S EDGE CATALYST

Set in the futuristic city called Glass, Mirror's Edge: Catalyst allows you to hone the impressive skills of Faith Connors. Faith is able to traverse environments using parkour and initiate "runner vision" when running, which enables her to dodge bullets. Melee is so stunning and complex that she is not able to use guns...YAY and BOO. Faith is able to build her own equipment to travel across buildings such as the Mag Rope and Disruptor which are complex zip-lines

Catalyst is not a sequel to Mirror's Edge that was released 8 years ago. This is a fresh start to a story that centre's on Faith's origins. Combat scenes will be extended and highlighted in red to give a real like experience. This is the most futuristic game Electronic Arts have developed since Tron: Legacy. Graphically, Catalyst will be ahead of its time in environmental themes. This game is action packed and deserves to be savoured through rough domination of your controller's buttons.

Release Date: 24 May 2016

Platform Availability: PS4, XBOX One

Age Restriction: +16

Bevan Blackenberg

Grade 11.2



RECIPES

CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

2 cups self-raising flour
4 T cocoa
2 cups brown sugar (can be reduced to 1 ½)
1 cup coconut
2 eggs
250g margarine
1. Mix flour, cocoa & coconut
2. Melt Marg & sugar. Add 2 to 1
3. Add beaten eggs.
Bake 180 degrees for ± 30 min.

Sauce

2 cups icing sugar (can be reduced to 1 ½)

3 T cocoa

Vanilla essence

2 T Marg

1. Marg

2. Add vanilla essence & 3 T boiling water

3. Add to icing sugar & mix

Spread over cake when out of oven

Cut squares (do markings). Leave to cool completely and refrigerate



Mrs L. Van Der Merwe – Admin. Staff

HOT CROSS BUNS

Though it's said the cross on the buns represents the Christian crucifixion – less than delectable imagery - the simple truth remains, these spicy Easter pastries are delicious.

Ingredients

2 cups white bread flour, plus extra for dusting

2 cups all-purpose white flour

1/2 cup warm water

1/2 cup warm milk

1 1/2 teaspoons instant yeast

2/3 cup raisins, currants, or golden raisins (or a mix)

Finely grated zest of half an orange

1/4 heaping teaspoon each of cinnamon, nutmeg, and allspice

2 teaspoons fine salt

3 1/2 tablespoons castor sugar

1 medium egg

3 1/2 tablespoons butter

In a bowl, combine the flours, water, milk, yeast, salt, and sugar. Add the egg and butter and mix to a sticky dough.

Then, add the dried fruit, orange zest, and spices and knead until silky and smooth. Cover the dough and let rise in a warm place for about 1 hour, until doubled

in size.

Deflate the risen dough and divide into 8 equal pieces.

Shape into rounds and dust with flour. Place on a floured board, cover with plastic wrap or cloth, and let proof for about 30 minutes, until roughly doubled in size.

Preheat the oven to 200 °C. To make the crosses, whisk together flour and water until smooth, then transfer to a pastry bag and snip off the end to make a fine hole (or use a plastic food bag with a corner snipped off). Transfer the risen buns to a baking sheet and pipe a cross on top of each one, then bake for 15 to 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, melt jam and water in a pan. Brush over the buns to glaze as you take them from the oven. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Serve hot, cross, or toasted



CELEBRITY PLAYLISTS

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FAVOURITE MOVIE: The Patriot
FAVOURITE GOLDEN OLDIE: I am, I said – Neil Diamond
FAVOURITE BAND: The Beach Boys
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID4sxxoJGkA>
FAVOURITE SONG AT SCHOOL: Time of your life – Green Day
FAVOURITE NEW SONG: Geranimo - Sheppard

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FAVOURITE MOVIE: Mona Lisa Smile
FAVOURITE GOLDEN OLDIE: If I could turn back time – Cher
FAVOURITE BAND: MmmBop – Hanson
FAVOURITE SONG AT SCHOOL: Hanson
FAVOURITE NEW SONG: What Do You Mean? – The Bieber



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FAVOURITE MOVIE: The Sound of Music
https://youtu.be/Qy9_lfjQo_pU
FAVOURITE GOLDEN OLDIE: Butterfly Kisses – Bob Carlisle
FAVOURITE BAND: Just Jinger
FAVOURITE SONG AT SCHOOL: I Like You Madly – Just Jinger

FAVOURITE NEW SONG: Life after you - Daughtry

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FAVOURITE MOVIE: Brave Heart
FAVOURITE GOLDEN OLDIE: George Moustak's Le Facteur est mort
<https://youtu.be/dhqjRGFt-9M>

FAVOURITE BAND: Queen

FAVOURITE SONG AT SCHOOL: I want to break free – Queen

FAVOURITE NEW SONG: Does not have one

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FAVOURITE MOVIE: Schindler's List
FAVOURITE GOLDEN OLDIE: If I could be in two places – Judy Boucher

FAVOURITE BAND: The Cranberries and Skunk Anasie

FAVOURITE SONG AT SCHOOL: Phenomenon – LL Cool J

FAVOURITE NEW SONG: Just Fine – Mary J. Blige
https://youtu.be/G6ZjBPXS_mnE

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FAVOURITE MOVIE: Bring It On

FAVOURITE GOLDEN OLDIE: Thunderstruck – AC/DC

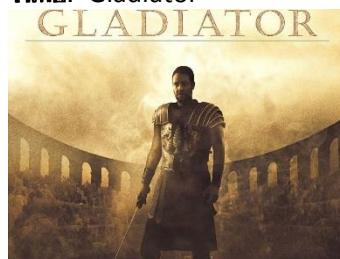
FAVOURITE BAND/ARTIST: Eminem

FAVOURITE SONG AT SCHOOL: Out of Control – Hoobastank

FAVOURITE NEW SONG: Roses – Chainsmokers
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FyASdjZE0R0>

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FAVOURITE MOVIE OF ALL TIME: Gladiator



FAVOURITE GOLDEN OLDIE: Radio Dancing By Engelbert Humperdinck
FAVOURITE BAND/ARTIST WHEN AT SCHOOL: Bon Jovi
FAVOURITE SONG WHEN AT SCHOOL: These Days - Bon Jovi

FAVOURITE SONG AT PRESENT: Bonfire Heart - James Blunt

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FAVOURITE MOVIE OF ALL TIME: How to lose a guy in 10 days

FAVOURITE GOLDEN OLDIE: I wanna dance with somebody – Whitney Houston
<https://youtu.be/eH3gialzONa>

FAVOURITE BAND: U2
FAVOURITE SONG: ONE – U2

FAVOURITE NEW SONG: SECOND HAND HEART

MATCH THE PLAYLIST TO THE TEACHER:

MRS H. LE ROUX

MRS R. VAN DER MERWE

MRS N. BARENDSEN

NEETHLING

MR B. BRAND

MR R. JACOBS

MRS M. THIART

MRS M. MYBURG

MRS BUTLER

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY – 18 MARCH



[45 BC](#) In his last victory, [Julius](#)

[Caesar](#) defeats the Pompeian forces of Titus Labienus and Pompey the Younger in the Battle of Munda. Roman Military Commander and Political Statesman

[Julius Caesar](#)



[1521](#)

Portuguese navigator [Ferdinand Magellan](#) reaches the Phillipines.



[1898](#) [John](#)
[Philip](#)
[Holland](#) achieves successful test runs of

the first modern submarine off Staten Island. Engineer [John Philip Holland](#)



[1901](#) A showing of seventy-one [Vincent van Gogh](#)

paintings in Paris, 11 years after his death, creates a sensation. Painter [Vincent van Gogh](#)



[1932](#) German police raid [Hitler](#)'s Nazi headquarter. Dictator of Nazi Germany [Adolf Hitler](#)



[1921](#) [Lenin](#) proclaims New Economic Politics. Marxist

Revolutionary and Russian Leader [Vladimir Lenin](#)



[1934](#) Dollfuss, [Mussolini](#) & Gombos sign Donau Pact (protocols of Rome). Italian Dictator [Benito Mussolini](#)



[1931](#)

[Stalin](#) throws Krupskaya [Lenin](#) out of Central Committee. Soviet Union Premier [Joseph Stalin](#)



[1973](#)

Queen [Elizabeth II](#) opens new London Bridge

MARCH IN HISTORY

DIESEL

Born: 18 March 1858

Rudolph Christian Karl Diesel was a German engineer who invented the internal-combustion engine that bears his name. After studying the four-stroke internal combustion engines developed by Nikolaus Otto, Diesel conceived of an engine that would approach the thermodynamic limit established by Sadi Carnot in 1824. If the fuel in a cylinder could be expanded at constant pressure, it could get him closer to Carnot's limit. He patented the concept in 1892, while working at the firm of the refrigeration engineer, Carl von Linde in Berlin. After boarding an English Channel steamer, he was found dead in the sea.
Todayinsci.com

EIFFEL TOWER



FRENCH CONNECTION:

Eiffel Tower's official opening ceremony was held

on 31 March 1889 in Paris, led by Gustave Eiffel, the tower's designer, and attended by French Prime Minister Pierre Tirard and a handful of other dignitaries, and 200 construction workers. Eiffel, a noted bridge builder, was a master of metal construction

23 March 1836

The coin press was invented by Franklin Beale.

25 March 1902

Irving W Colburn patented the sheet glass drawing machine, making the mass production of glass for windows possible.

27 March 1790

The first shoelaces were invented.

3 March 1821

Thomas Jennings received a patent for 'dry scouring of clothes'. He was the first African American to receive a US patent.

6 March 1899

Felix Hoffmann patented 'Aspirin'. Hoffmann discovered that the compound called salicin found in willow plants provided pain relief.

7 March 1876

Alexander Graham Bell was granted a patent in for the telephone.



JOKES

WHY DO BICYCLES FALL OVER? Because they are two-tired.

WHAT DID ONE ELEVATOR SAY TO THE OTHER ELEVATOR?

I think I'm coming down with something.

WHY WAS EVERYONE SO TIRED ON APRIL THE FIRST?

They had just finished a March of 31 days.

WHICH HAND IS BETTER TO WRITE WITH?

Neither. It's better to write with a pen.

WHAT MAKES THE CALENDAR SO POPULAR?

Because it had a lot of dates.

WHY DO YOU GO TO BED EVERY NIGHT?

Because the bed won't come to you!

WHY WAS THE BROOM LATE?

Because it overswept.

WHAT PART OF THE CAR IS THE LAZIEST?

The wheels because they are always tired.

WHAT IS A SEA LION'S FAVOURITE SUBJECT AT SCHOOL?

Art! Art! Art!

WHY DID THE GOLFER WEAR TWO PAIRS OF PANTS?

In case he got a hole in one.

WHY DID THE PICTURE GO TO JAIL?

Because it was framed!

WHAT KIND OF FRUIT CAN YOU BUY ON AN I-PHONE?

An apple ☺

WHAT FLIES FOREVER AND RESTS NEVER?

The wind.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A CLEVER PIG?

Swine Stein

WHAT DID ONE WALL SAY TO THE OTHER WALL?

I'll meet you on the corner.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first letters in the months July to November spell JASON.

Honey is the only natural food which never spoils.

Every day is a holiday somewhere in the world

Your skin is the largest organ making up the human body.

Apples are more effective at waking you up in the morning than coffee.

White cats with blue eyes are usually deaf.

Ants stretch when they wake up in the morning.

Almonds are members of the peach family.

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NOTICEBOARD

EISTEDDFOD 2016

When we return to school for Term 2, tutoring for delivery of Eisteddfod categories (as chosen by you) will commence in the second week, Monday to Thursday. Mrs Le Roux, Ms Schwellnus, Mrs Barends-Neethling or Ms Smit will inform you of your day to attend.

You have received your poetry (prescribed) and should memorize it over the holiday period. This applies to own choice poetry as well! –
Department of Arts and Languages

Remember to don yourselves in full winter school uniform as of the first day of school next term! We look forward to inspecting your uniforms! – **Educators ☺**

Grade 10 learners

Remember that your English literature essay is due on the first day of school. No late submissions will be allowed. – **English Department**

Grade 11 learners

English literature essays are due on the first day of school. No late submissions will be allowed. Prepare yourselves for delivery of your Prepared Speech to occur during the first week of school! – **English Department**

TABLETS

Wi-Fi connection Curro Corp (Identity: mphUSERNAME@curro.co.za – must be lower case and password 1234)

Check Settings ‘Date and Time’, look for the following: Automatic date and time and time zone must be off. Time /zone is Harare +2,00. Time and date must be correct.

Check the MIEbook App. It must be the latest version.

Learner’s name MUST appear in the top left corner of the screen and it will say something like Michaela’s library.

Go into Setting of the App by tapping the top left corner (the hat).

Make sure that the learner’s information is correct – School: Curro Pinehurst High, Username: mphUSERNAME@curro.co.za

Password: 1234

Tap on the blue icon and wait for all the dots to turn green. Go back with the arrow and tap on save.

Learners Wi-Fi should be on so that their books can download.

UPCOMING EVENTS

 **MERIDIAN VALUES**

 **SCHOOL MASCOT**

 **OPEN DAY, 16 APRIL**

 **INTRODUCTION OF NEWSPAPER TEAM**

AUF WIEDERSEHEN



It is with great excitement that we get to conclude Term One of 2016. For many students, it was a term of welding new friendships together, rekindling ones, learning important lessons and realising how brutal high school really can be.

We started the term by welcoming the fresh-faced grade eight group and we would like to put the cherry on top of an action-packed term wishing the whole school a safe and exciting holiday...

2016 has been a year of growth for Meridian thus far...new principals, teachers and students... We can only hope that we will create a culture of quality epitomized by

Zeta Peach 11.2 who has achieved her UNISA Grade 2 (Piano) with distinction. This is what we should aim for. Holistic excellence in the sports arena, academics and culture alike.

We are told to blaze our own trails instead of feeding from the flickers of others. With that being said, there are a few values we should consider to implement as individuals and as a school. We must continue to persevere, have integrity, be independent, have empathy and be steadfast and strong in our beliefs.

One day when we look at Meridian Pinehurst, I hope that we will gaze back at a legacy of courageous young people who were never afraid to strive to achieve excellence and who were always steadfast in their beliefs.

Have an awesome holiday, be safe and return safely, to face the music of Term 2 and the June Examination...

**Vidal Thaver & Buhle Senoane
Grade 11.2**

NEWSPAPER TEAM
Robyn Jacobs Gr 11.1
Chante Kleinhans Gr 11.1
Rouchelle Reent Gr 11.2
Bevan Blankenberg Gr 11.2
Sihle Jafta 11.2
Kristen Jacobs Gr 10.1
Ayden Blatchford Gr 10
Mrs N. Barends-Neethling