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*'Motivate the mind;
the body will follow'*

- Lisa Savelli



MESSAGE FROM ANDRIES

December 2018

Dear Curro family

What a year it's been! Our schools enjoyed sterling achievements across academic, cultural and sporting disciplines, we enjoyed the unwavering support of parents and siblings, Curro turned 20 years old, but we also had quiet times and sad times. We also celebrate the many wonderful learning experiences that have taken place across numerous classrooms, in very creative and innovative ways, and the importance of relationships across generations among teachers and learners. At Curro, we firmly believe that a great education involves us continuously working to improve learning for every child so that they embrace it for the rest of their lives.

The sculptor Michelangelo said, 'Every block of stone has a statue inside it and it is the task of the sculptor to discover it.' When asked about his inspiration for the statue of an angel, he said: 'I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free.' Our task at Curro is to 'see' each child placed in our schools, and to nurture them in our unique way, so that they realise their full potential.

Summer is a special time for all of us and provides many happy family memories. I hope that you and your children enjoy many opportunities to have fun in the weeks ahead.

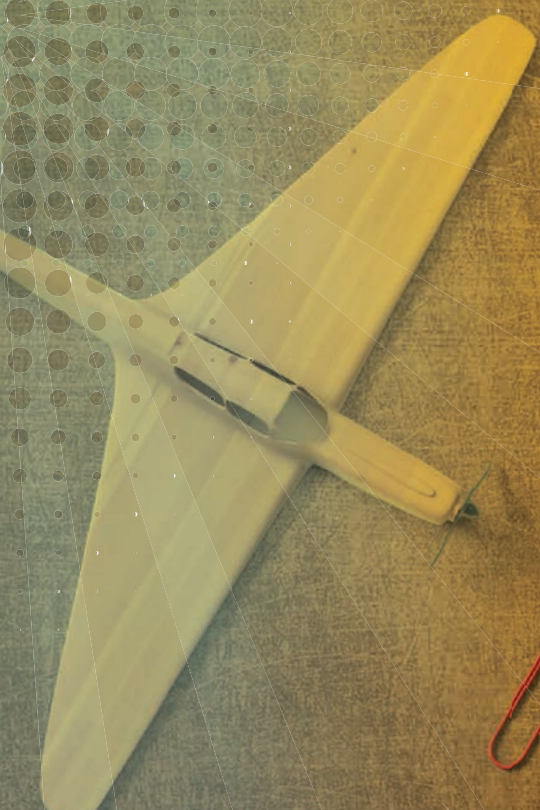
We shall sadly be saying farewell to some families and balancing that with a warm welcome to the new families joining us. We wish you a wonderful and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

Kind regards

Andries Greyling
CEO: Curro Holdings

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ACADEMICS

CURRO ACADEMY MAHIKENG

Best academic achievers

Curro Academy Mahikeng is proud of Sonke Tshidiso Vusumuzi Mavuma (Grade 12). He received the dux learner award at the high school prize-giving ceremony. Sonke received this award because he was the top academic achiever in all of his subjects and he was also active in sport.

The award for the primary school dux learner went to Jordan Graaff and Laeeqa Khan was the top achiever in the foundation phase.



Sonke Tshidiso Vusumuzi Mavuma is proud of all his achievements.



Jordan Graaff showing off her trophy.



Laeqa Khan with her huge trophy.

Being inspired at the science expo

Some learners represented Curro Academy Mahikeng at the science expo at North-West University (NWU) on 24 August 2018 where Thoriso Menyatswe obtained a silver award and Sharlene Monage and Lebogang Serongoane were awarded bronze.



Thoriso Menyatswe at the science expo.



From left: Sharlene Monage and Lebogang Serongoane

CURRO ACADEMY PRETORIA

Entrepreneurs worked hard

The Grade 7 learners showed their marketing and business skills at entrepreneurs' day on 30 August 2018 as part of Economics and Management Sciences. The proceeds were given back to the learners for all their hard work.



From left: Tamonre Furst, Lethabo Monene and Bontle Moyo

Natural Sciences – quiz masters

Lesedi Cuba Sedibelwana, Mufaro Chikazunga and Carlos Assim Juma participated in the Natural Sciences quiz at Silverton High School on 11 September 2018. They were accompanied by their teachers Chrispen Kajawu and Sonia Moremi. The learners came first in the first circuit round. Well done!

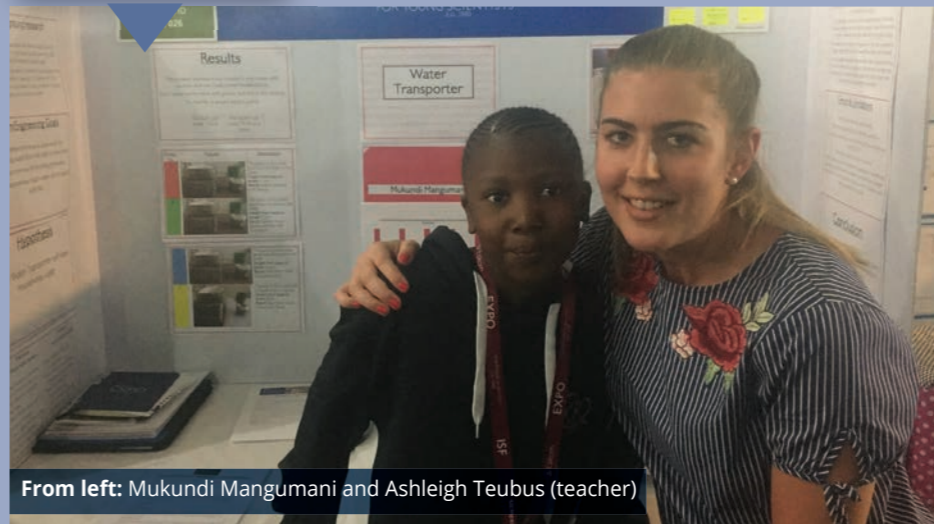


From left: Lesedi Cuba Sedibelwana, Mufaro Chikazunga and Carlos Assim Juma

CURRO ACADEMY RIVERSIDE

A bronze medal for Curro Riverside

Mukundi Mangumani from Grade 5 represented Curro Academy Riverside in October at the International Science Fair. She presented her Natural Sciences project, the 'water transporter', as a solution to help save water in South Africa. She was the youngest competitor, competing against learners from all over the world, and brought home a bronze medal. Riverside is so proud of this young scientist!



From left: Mukundi Mangumani and Ashleigh Teubus (teacher)



CURRO ACADEMY WILGEHEUWEL

Playing 'reader leader ring' in English

The Grade 8 learners were split into groups of five or six to play a game called 'reader leader ring'. Each learner had the novel being covered in English at that time. A reading leader was nominated for each group and he/she began the game by reading the first page, the next person read the following page, the third learner the third page and so on. When the novel reached the reading leader again, he/she posed a question to the rest of the group. Any group member could answer the question. Once the question was answered, the next person became the reading leader and the process was repeated until the entire chapter had been read.



Flanaghun Mupavayenda, Jayden Wood, Caylah Bettencourt, Savannah Heripersad and Tawana Mereki working well in their group.



Ntsakelo Mdaka, Tayen Dube and Siphesihle Dlamini reading intently.



Sria Velloo, Qaylah Solomon, Khumo Sebatlelo, Sino Dambuza, Thando Motaung and Priyal Venkudu with their noses in their books.



Jaden Cochrane and Ernest Kganyago enjoying reading outside.

MERIDIAN KARINO

Grade 12 dux learner for 2018



Lindela Malambe, who was also the deputy head girl in 2018, received the dux learner award for the highest academic achievement in Grade 12 with an average of 88%.

Lindela was the best achiever in Accounting (87%), Business Studies (91%), Life Sciences (88%) and Mathematics (80%).

Lindela Malambe received her award during the high school prize-giving.

MERIDIAN PINEHURST

The trailblazers

On Thursday, 11 October 2018 the school hosted their 6th annual awards ceremony in the school's Olive Hall. Over two hundred award winners and their parents attended this prestigious event.

The evening featured various entertainment pieces, including piano, singing and poetry performed by the talented learners.

Certificates were awarded for academic, culture and sporting achievements as well as good fellowship (to those learners who embody what it means to be a Meridian Pinehurst learner).

For the first time ever, the trailblazer trophy (donated by the Class of 2018) was awarded to the matric council deputy head Tukela Matshagi, a Grade 12 learner who has gone out of his way to be helpful, polite and courteous.



Matric council 2019

Back, from left: Caitlynn van Wyk, Tetiwe Mbasa, C-Jay Jacks, Jare Oguntibeju, Lukau Makani-Mansomi, Michael Bosman and Maziko Kagoli

Front, from left: Lathitha France, Yewon Kim, Shannon Cairns, Elvira Narasimulu, Tameka Vollenhoven, Janine Adams and Somila (Soso) Dyani



The trailblazer trophy was awarded to deputy head boy Tukela Matshagi.



The interdenominational phase learners formed a guard of honour to bid farewell to the matrics of 2018.

MERIDIAN RUSTENBURG

Cream of the crop

Meridian Rustenburg Primary School is very proud of their top achievers in each grade.

These learners truly understand the meaning of hard work, dedication and perseverance. They know that these things are the main ingredients to be successful in life. They kept on doing their best throughout the whole year, and excelled to the top. They are truly an example for their fellow classmates.



Back, from left: Ketshego Raborife (Grade 3), Kealeboga Kgaratshe (Grade 5), Omolemo Mokwele (Grade 7), Jaddwin Goeieman (Grade 6) and Tshepisio Ditsheko (Grade 4)

Front, from left: Ntlafatso Mogongwa (Grade R), Kutlo Modise (Grade 1) and Bontle Mpolokeng (Grade 2)



SPORT

CURRO ACADEMY MAHIKENG

Curro Academy Mahikeng has some real talent

Olebogeng Ramaboa in Grade 12 was selected sportsman of the year while Rethabile Molefe, also in Grade 12, was selected as sportswoman of the year.

Congratulations to the Curro bowling team members Muofhe Raphulu, Ashley Ndlovu and Katlego Setenane who played in the league final on 11 June 2018 at Mafikeng Bowling Club. Curro won 13-9 to be the champions.

Curro Academy Mahikeng is also very proud of Aleena Shaik, a Grade 9 learner who received a gold medal in ground fighting. With this fighting you start on one knee and overpower your opponent. The longer you keep her down, the more points you score. Aleena went on to qualify for the world championship as well.



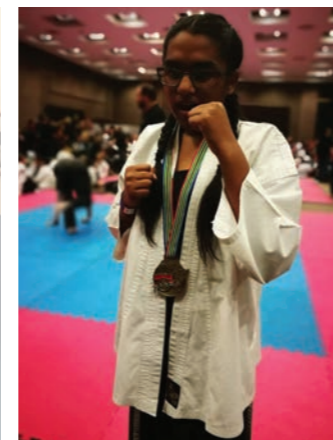
From left: Wilna Store (Head of High School), Olebogeng Ramaboa and Durandt van der Merwe (teacher)



From left: Rethabile Molefe and Durandt van der Merwe (teacher)



From left: Muofhe Raphulu, Ashley Ndlovu and Katlego Setenane



Do not mess with Aleena Shaik.

CURRO ACADEMY PRETORIA

Curro league under 15 soccer final

Curro Academy Pretoria's learners made it to the Curro league under 15 soccer finals at Woodhill College where they played against Crawford College on 7 September 2018. The game ended with 2-1 to Crawford College, so close! The team was accompanied by their dedicated soccer coach Ronald Molope.



Back, from left: CJ Leshaba, Mpendulo Ndukula, Given Mahlangu, Jamaal Moon, Moloko Nape, Ntshamiseko Manganyi, Boipelo Sikoe, Milani January, Mutshinyalo Vuledzani and Ronald Molope (coach)
Front, from left: Kgethego Monokofalo (captain), Mayihlome Sibanyoni, Jaden Apple, Makgane Mahlatse, Thulasizwe Mnisi, Milosevic Dias Da Silas Inhala, Muzi Skhosana and Zwivhuya Mutshinyalo

Curro Academy Pretoria's under 11 netball learners at Curro Nationals

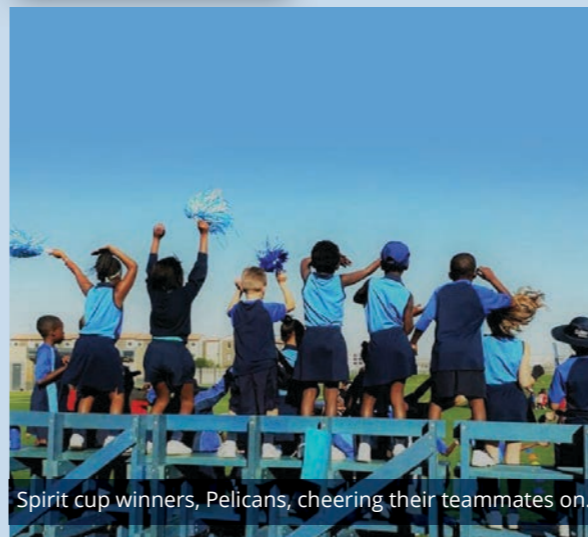
Curro Academy Pretoria's learners attended Curro Nationals in Hillcrest, Kwa-Zulu Natal from 23 to 27 September 2018. They played for Jacaranda Netball Club's under 11 team. They were accompanied by their teachers Cheney van den Berg and Pelsier Prinsloo as well as Johan Goosen, Executive Head.



From left: Oratile Tshabalala, Cheney van den Berg (teacher), Phindile Sikhosana and Khwezi Zulu

CURRO ACADEMY SANDOWN

Ready, steady, go



Spirit cup winners, Pelicans, cheering their teammates on.

Curro Academy Sandown had their first annual sports day on 27 March 2018. What added to the significance of this day was that it marked the birth of the three sports houses – Pelicans, Seagulls and Penguins – a mere three months into the opening of the school.

Charisse le Roux, Executive Head, was not going to let the challenges of opening a brand-new school deter from founding three sports houses. The blue, red and yellow displayed beautifully on the sports field and spectators and participants alike could taste the excitement in the air.

As the day progressed, the three sports teams showed more enthusiasm for their teammates on the field and the highlight of the day was the parent race. Moms and dads showed their support by entering the race without reserve, and in the moms' race two heats were needed as there was not enough space for all the volunteering moms to fit on the field.

The day ended with the first presentation of the sports and spirit cup, a moment to remember.

CURRO ACADEMY SOSHANGUVE

Blue Bull girl

Sinah Motloung in Grade 8 was selected to play for the Blue Bulls under 15 rugby team. She was also shortlisted for the South African Rugby Union (SARU) trials during the December school holidays.



Flying bull



Sinah Motloung

Netball winners

The under 13 netball girls in their first year of ever playing netball, finished second in the District 15 competition. An achievement these girls can be very proud of. Look out for them next year!

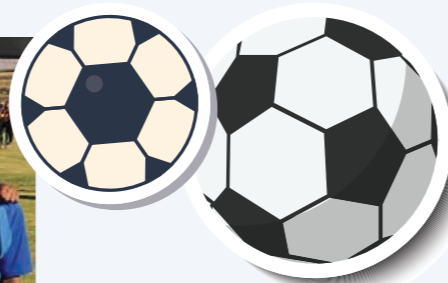


Back, from left: Claudia Truter (coach), Mawela Ori, Masuluke Lerato, Palare Didintle, Maphutha Amantle, Monare Katlego and Naledi Motlhopi
Front, from left: Sakhile Sithole, Kutullo Kgomo, Karabo Moselane and Dikgabiso Motsisi

CURRO ACADEMY WILGEHEUWEL

Danone Nations Cup

Curro Academy Wilgeheuwel's under 12s took part in the Danone Nations Cup at St David's Marist. The Danone Nations Cup is the world's greatest soccer tournament for children between the ages of 10 and 12 (under 12s category). It has been held every year since 2000 on the initiative of the Groupe Danone. Every year 2,5 million children from over 34 000 schools and 11 000 clubs from around the globe take part in local, regional and then national Danone Nations Cup competitions before the winners fly off to compete in the grand world final. In each of the 32 participating countries, Danone's subsidiaries organise their national tournaments in partnership with the local sports federations and/or state education and sports ministers. Curro Academy Wilgeheuwel's under 12s finished second in their group. Congratulations!



Front, from left: Christian Derbyshire, Retshepile Moloja, Mpho Thobakgale, Oratile Molefinyane, Christian Ea Liyolongo, Langelihle Mhlongo and Lizo Ngcetshu
Middle, from left: Boipelo Kolansi, Roriseng Molefinyane, Malefetsane Mahlatsi, Ntando Thomo, Taonga Kapeza, Luvuyo Ncube and Terence Sibeko
Back, from left: Tshepiso More (Head of Sport, high school), Thabiso Mafisa (coach) and Christian Jeisike (assistant coach)

NORTHERN ACADEMY

Girl power

After becoming the 2018 champions of Thatchfield's annual tournament, the soccer girls from Meridian Northern Academy went on to represent Limpopo Province in the Global Goals World Cup Tournament (GGWCUP) which was held in Alexandra, Johannesburg. South Africa is the second country in Africa to host the tournament after it was held in Kenya in 2017. This is a global women's amateur soccer championship. The Global Goals World Cup South Africa was hosted by Save the Children South Africa (SCSA) in association with the Royal Danish Embassy and the Embassy of Ireland.

The learners' journey began with the provincial play-offs, which was held at Northern Academy. They competed against three other teams who won their districts. The girls won all their games to be crowned the provincial champions. This paved the way for them to play in the Global Goals World Cup where they won two of their three games. Ladies' soccer is now getting the recognition that it deserves.



Front, from left: Mochaki Tshepiso, Sekhaolelo Kudzayi, Mathipa Kgaogelo, Mokhonoana Koba and Moitse Matome
Back, from left: Mabina Philly (coach), Tshweleng Basetsana, Senyatsi Thabiso, Bapela Pontsho, Diale Iris, Shai Refilwe and Hendrick Mukwevho (coach)

Making the move

Capricorn District Chess hosted seven qualifying tournaments for the primary school and five qualifying tournaments for the high school in 2018. The tournaments were mostly played at Meridian Northern Academy, at the two campuses.

The players had to play five tournaments during the year and had to have a high rating to be able to represent the Capricorn District at the South African Junior Chess Championship in Boksburg. Three of Northern Academy's under 14 players met the requirements. Well done to Maubane Kamogelo, Mukhari Ntiyiso and Thaba Kgaugelo.



Proud national chess players.
From left: Thaba Kgaugelo, Mukhari Ntiyiso, Thapelo Makgoba (coach and under 20 team manager) and Maubane Kamogelo



Everst Kola and Mashoto Nyaka are soccer stars in the making.

Victory for the under 15 soccer team

Northern Academy continued to produce wonderful performances and results in soccer around the province.

The under 15 boys won Curro Thatchfield's annual soccer challenge without losing any games this year and they became the champions for the third time in a row. Mashoto Nyaka became the player of the tournament and Everst Kola became the goalkeeper of the tournament. They were awarded a trophy and a gold medal. Well done to these two stars. Meridian Northern Academy also won the Polokwane Central Schools Soccer League under 15 final for the third time.

The school looks forward to a winning streak again next year and wants to dominate in the Curro Nationals squad.

MERIDIAN PINEHURST Premier grass league

During the 2017 girls' hockey season, the coaching staff of Meridian Pinehurst identified the need for an official league amongst grass playing schools. As Meridian Pinehurst is known for its pioneering skills, the coaching staff started an invitational premier grass league for under 19, under 16 and under 14 hockey girls and so the Meridian Pinehurst premier grass league was born.

The main aim of the league was not only to promote hockey participation at the participating schools, but also to promote sportsmanship. Hence the league motto for 2018: Humble in victory, gracious in defeat.

This year was a great success and many of the players were able to make new friends. At the end of the day the girls realised that it was more about being able to participate on the day than the score line at the end of the game.



The under 19 girls' hockey team vs Fish Hoek High School at Hartleyvale.



A specially-made cake, sponsored by the captain's mom, to end off the hockey season.



The under 19 girls' hockey team vs Monument Park High School.

'Strength doesn't come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the thing you once thought you couldn't.' – Rikki Rogers

Through hard work and everyday training, Mrs Tracey Havenga, the Grade R Head, and Tshediso Molatlhegi, a Grade 7 learner and prefect, represented North West at the South African Cross-country Championship in Port Elizabeth in September.



Tshediso Molatlhegi and Mrs Tracey Havenga

Soccer stars in the making

During the September school holidays three players participated in the Curro Nationals at Curro Hillcrest.

These boys were divided into different teams and played with boys from all over the region. Leano Kekae's team (Jacarandas under 11A) won the soccer tournament for 2018.

The other two boys' teams also played excellent matches during this tournament.

Two of the boys were extremely thrilled about the trip, because going to Durban was a first for them. The school took the opportunity and turned it into a small holiday in-between the busy schedule of playing soccer. This was one fun week!

Meridian Rustenburg is very grateful to everyone who contributed to make this trip possible for the boys.



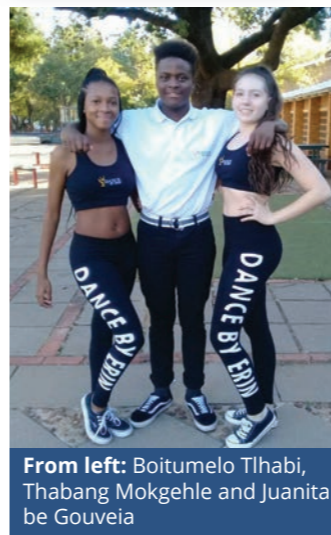
From left: Marco Nieman (chaperone), Mckyla Ressouw (chaperone), Tswarello Kgiba, Leano Kekae and Tshelang Ramafoko



Dance stars and science expo

Three of Curro Academy Mahikeng's learners, Thabang Mokgehle (Grade 10), Maya Phele (Grade 2) and Juanita de Gouveia (Grade 11) participated in the finals of DanceStar South Africa. The competition took place in Croatia (Italy) from 21 to 27 May 2018. The standard of the competition was very high. Twenty five countries took part and South Africa was well represented.

Curro Academy Mahikeng is very proud of all the participants.



From left: Boitumelo Tlhabi, Thabang Mokgehle and Juanita de Gouveia



Thabang Mokgehle has the moves.



Maya Phele shows everyone how it's done.



Other participants included, from left: Rebaabetswe Motswenyana, Resego Motswenyana, Omolemo Motswenyana and Thiamo

Curro Academy Pretoria has talented learners

On 14 September 2018 Curro Academy Pretoria hosted a talent show for the primary school. Entle Maluleke came third, Palesa Mthembu second and Onalerona Pule was awarded first place. Curro Academy Pretoria is very proud of all the contestants!



Entle Maluleke, Palesa Mthembu and Onalerona Pule showing off their awards.

CURRO ACADEMY WILGEHEUWEL

World Championship of Performing Arts in Hollywood

Sria Velloo, one of the Grade 8 learners, achieved three gold medals and two bronze medals at the World Championship of Performing Arts (WCOPA) in Hollywood.

Her three gold medals were for her outstanding performances in the contemporary, jazz and original genres. The bronze medals were awarded for her fantastic performances for playing instruments.

Curro Academy Wilgeheuwel echoes her mother's words when saying that they are proud of her!



Sria Velloo with all her medals

MERIDIAN KARINO

Tonal Eclipse

The school's senior band mentored by Mr Divine Mlambo, scooped an automatic item for the Allegretto gala evening after a dominant first-round performance. Band members Tshepang Mogane and Ntokozo Khumalo won the best duet in the vocal section at the gala evening. The talented band are Karino's marketing stars and once again proved themselves through the prizes they brought back. Tonal Eclipse has also performed at a variety of events, like the Mpumalanga Department of Education Teachers' Awards, Ehlanzeni District Department of Education women's event and the Ubuntu Festival.

Tonal Eclipse performing at the Ubuntu Festival.



Tonal Eclipse performing at the Mpumalanga Department of Education Teachers' Awards

Ntando ends her year on a high note

Ntando Maseko in Grade 12 took part in the showcase for CANSA's national round at Carnival City.

She was also chosen to represent South Africa at an international talent show as an opera singer in Florida, USA. She will join the best of the best and gain experience in the entertainment industry. She will also perform in the presence of reputable industry professionals and agents of record companies who will search for talent at this prestigious international event.



Voices like nightingales at Meridian Karino

After making a name for themselves as semi-finalists at the National Eisteddfod in Johannesburg this year and performing as guest artists at the Nelson Mandela presentations at the Wits Theatre, Voce de Amore – senior choir of Meridian Karino – came third in the Clash of the Choirs final at the Allegretto Eisteddfod. They performed against famous choirs like the Pretoria Mannekoor and other chamber choirs. This choir is the school's pride and glory.



The choir shortly before their performance at the National Eisteddfod.



The choir after receiving their trophy at the Allegretto Eisteddfod.

MERIDIAN NEWCASTLE

Curro Arts Superhero Eisteddfod – black raven for Meridian Newcastle choir

The talented choir learners travelled to Curro Hillcrest to participate in the Curro Create: Curro Arts Superhero Eisteddfod where they all did outstandingly well and received a black raven for their performance. Well done to all the learners who participated as well as the school choir! Meridian Newcastle cannot wait to see what's in store for 2019.

Meridian Newcastle choir learners striking a pose just before their performance.



NORTHERN ACADEMY

Gauteng tour

What an appropriate day to start the tour – Heritage Day. On this day 44 Meridian Northern Academy learners embarked on exploring Gauteng. Altelekker Youth Camp was used as a base; the attraction being the sparkling swimming pool.

On this six-day tour the learners visited the Voortrekker Monument, the Apartheid Museum, Constitutional Hill, the Wits University Planetarium, the Maropeng Science Centre and Sterkfontein Caves. A lot of information was obtained at these educational destinations.

Learners also had some fun activities in order to take a break from all the learning, such as a day outing to Gold Reef City, the Mall of Africa, Bounce Inc. at Menlyn Maine, and Irene Mall.

In the evenings they dined at Panarottis or Spur, much to the delight of the learners and staff! Before dinner, the learners had some leisure time to roam in the mall to look for that elusive sale.

Everyone had an adventure to be long remembered.



Jail girls in blue
From left: Oratilwe Mokwalakwala, Maria Bopape, Oratilwe Molepo and Lebogang Moswane

Book character parade

This is the one one not-to-be-missed event of the year. The character parade is the highlight of the book week that allows staff and learners to have some fun and dress up as their favourite book character. This year Pinehurst included the nursery school kids who hosted their parade on the playground.



The Grade R teachers and assistants were dressed up as crayons.



The young ones having their parade on the nursery playground.



Learners are watching the characters and waiting for their opportunity to show off their costumes.

Foundation phase art exhibition

Meridian Pinehurst hosted their second consecutive foundation phase art exhibition. It consisted of 1 288 pieces of art. The theme was 'books, books and more books!' Each grade's artwork was based on a specific book.

Grade R: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (3D art), *The Littlest Bird* (2D art)

Grade 1: *The Gruffalo* (3D art), *The Princess and the Pea* (2D art)

Grade 2: *Esio Trot* (3D art), *The Lorax* (2D art)

Grade 3: *Alice in Wonderland* (2D art)

The exhibition also showcased art pieces from the Grades 2 and 3 art clubs. The art clubs challenged themselves and created mosaic items, like pot plants and photo frames. The exhibition spanned over two days to ensure that all had an opportunity to enjoy the artworks.



Grade R, *The Littlest Bird*



Grade 1, *The Princess and the Pea*



Grade 2, *The Lorax*



Grade 3, *Alice in Wonderland*

Celebrating creative superpowers

On 7 May 2018, Golebogarona Senosi (Grade 11) and his fellow Meridians departed for Curro Klerksdorp for the Curro Arts Superheroes (CAS) competition. He had put in a lot of time in preparing for this day. On arrival all the participating learners were directed to a large classroom where they were allocated to the 'stations' – dancers to one room, singers to another, etc. Golebogarona was participating in the visual arts category. Imagine his surprise when, standing with his blank canvas, he was advised that the participants of the visual arts category were supposed to bring along completed works!

Fortunately, after realising how far he had come and making the decision to stay the course, he decided to paint his artwork then and there from scratch. He spent two hours working on the painting of a singer whose music he admires. Under these stressful conditions, Golebogarona held his head high and painted with confidence.

In the end, the judges were so impressed with his work of art that he was awarded a kryptonite award, which is the highest award received in the CAS competition. Fellow learners had won some silver and bronze certificates and they were all thrilled with their achievements.

In the end, Golebogarona was very proud to represent Meridian Rustenburg and learned that even in the toughest situations, he should never doubt himself and always do his best in everything.



M-Factor

In light of the water restrictions this year, the school was unable to host their annual colour run. Instead, they hosted the M-Factor, a talent show for learners from Grades 4 to 12. Hundreds of entries were received, but only 18 contestants made it through to the finals. The contestants were phenomenal in their performances, which made it difficult for the judges to decide on a winner. Kristen Jacobs and Stefani Bochnakov walked away with a beautiful trophy, sponsored by the Pinehurst Centre and, of course, bragging rights.



The finalists with the celebrity judges. **From left:** Jumaine Hansen (MC), Yolande Rabe (from The Stage), Ashleigh Poulton, Kristen Jacobs, Stefani Bochnakov, Maziko Kagoli, Braeden Buys (MC), Blaine Africa, Perspektif (rapper/poet) and Mark Haze (singer and musician) **In front:** Nicholas Job



From left: Braeden Buys (MC), Stefani Bochnakov and Kristen Jacobs (M-Factor winners), and Jumaine Hansen (MC)



The beautiful backdrop was created by the art department.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CURRO ACADEMY MAHIKENG

Curro Academy Mahikeng cares about others

Curro Academy Mahikeng collected clothes, toys and food for the people of Groot Marico who don't have much. The school also collected water donations for the people of the Western Cape who had no clean water to drink during the drought. Hopefully this contribution made a small difference to some.



Collecting water for the Western Cape are Elaine Botha (middle) with Durandt van der Merwe (teacher), Janita Maritz (Executive Head), Madelein Grobbelaar (Phase Head) and Wilna Store (Head of High School)



Madelein Grobbelaar (far left), Janita Maritz (right) and Wilna Store (far right) with local community workers.



From left: Kesego Mapogo, Wame Maswabi, Maatla Ncaagae, Ofentse Gaetote and Ofentse Moshaoa

CURRO ACADEMY PRETORIA

School campus cleanup

On 7 September 2018, in celebration of spring, the high school boys took part in cleaning up the school campus. They worked alongside Izak Nagel, Head of High School, and Heather van Rooyen, teacher.



Everyone doing their part to make the campus shine

CURRO ACADEMY RIVERSIDE

Fun walk and fun run

Curro Academy Riverside partnered with the community by conducting a successful and exciting 5/10 km fun walk/run. A number of parents and learners came to join this purposeful event to raise awareness against crime.



Participants at the starting line.



Participants at the end of the race.

CURRO ACADEMY SANDOWN

Recycling project launched

During the third term of 2018 Curro Academy Sandown launched their first recycling project in support of environmental sustainability, a core value of the school.

Grade 1 learners were appointed to be the pioneers of the recycling project and on 20 July 2018 the first sheet of recycled paper was placed in the school recycling container. The two Grade 1 classes marched out on the school grounds early on this winter morning and learners could not contain their excitement as they each pushed forward to make their contribution.

This catalysed other projects in the school. As part of project-based learning, Grade 5 learners presented their proposed ideas for recycling contributing to society at the STEAMD expo in Durbanville and the school decided to collect ecobricks (plastic cold drink bottles filled with sand), a project which has been embraced by learners, staff and parents alike with much enthusiasm.



Grade 1 learners launching the project

'Spreading' the love

It had only been a short six months since the school opened when they started a social outreach project, which has been running successfully ever since. Seeing its opening day in conjunction with Madiba's 67 minutes, the 'sandwich club' spearheaded the social outreach programme for the school. Grade 1 learners were the pilots for this initiative, being the first class to make sandwiches for Peace Home in Parklands on 18 July. Every week a different class prepared and delivered the sandwiches to the foster home.

Also in conjunction with Madiba's 67 minutes, was a very successful clothing drive for children and babies whereby parents and learners, as well as staff, donated used clothing items and shoes to Peace Home – 67 minutes was spent sorting the items into age groups to assist the foster home in allocating items to the children. A heart-warming intake of huge piles of clothing gave witness to the dedication and generosity which forms part of the personality of the Curro Academy Sandown family.



Zia Shaikh (Grade 1) 'spreading' his love

CURRO ACADEMY SOSHANGUVE

Giving back on Mandela Day

Primary school children gave back to the community on Mandela Day this year by giving to the elderly and children in need.

1. They visited Luvuyo Old-age Home to give blankets to elderly people.
2. They visited an orphanage and donated food parcels to the home.

This was a very touching experience for the learners.



From left: Lehakoe Baholo, Tanatswa Magaisa, Kgwetho Mpako, Mogomotsi Shirindi, Dikgabiso Motsisi, Ofentse Ratsoana and Masego Khomo

CURRO ACADEMY WILGEHEUWEL

Curro cares

Curro cares consists of a group of learners who care about the well-being of society. They volunteer their time and resources to assist those less fortunate.

On 30 July 2018 nineteen Curro cares volunteers went to CDR Equipping Ministries in Muldersdrift and spent two hours of their time enjoying games and activities with the nursery school children from the organisation's prep school. The volunteers went bearing gifts which they had collected with the help of their schoolmates. The learners collected cans of non-perishable food items and socks as part of the Nelson Mandela centenary drive.



Fanelesibonge Mkhwanazi with some of the nursery school learners



Nicolle Haywood with one of the nursery school learners



Curro cares volunteers with CDR Equipping Ministries nursery school learners

NORTHERN ACADEMY

A few learners of Meridian Northern Academy, accompanied by Makhanani Chabalala, started an initiative in 2017 called 'help me help a fellow sister in need' to collect sanitary products for underprivileged girls in Limpopo.

In 2018, the school of choice was Mpumulanga Senior Secondary School in Tzaneen. The learners, once again, collected over 500 packets of disposable sanitary products and secured corporate sponsorship to the value of R26 000 for panties and other reusable sanitary products. The total amount of girls reached, was 250. Meridian Northern Academy invited a local young businessman to give a motivational talk to the girls as the idea is to take the focus away from their menstrual cycles (which are inevitable) and place some much needed attention on empowering them as young ladies.

Helping a sister in need



From left: Kedibone Monene, Pheladi Mahunela, Hunadi Hlahla and Joan Manamela

MERIDIAN PINEHURST

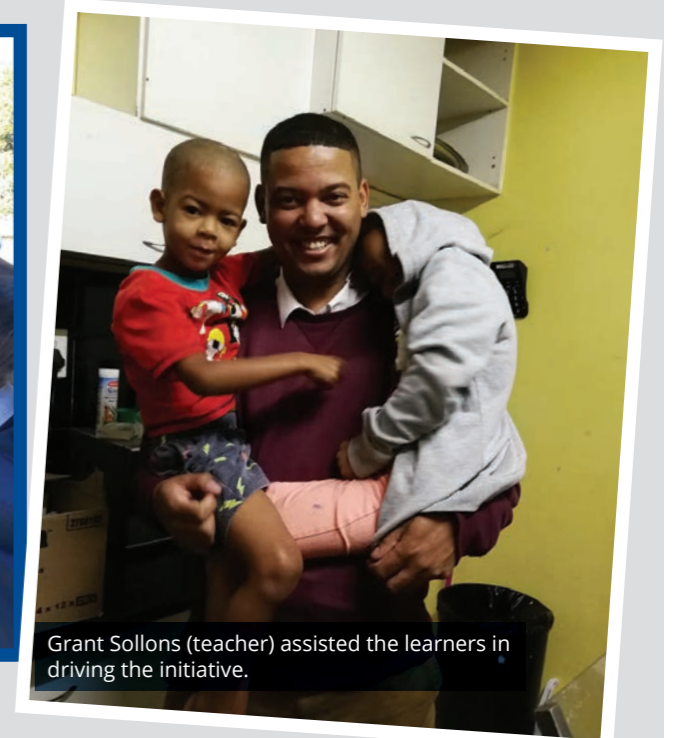
Lenten food drive

The high school embarked on the annual Lenten food drive where a whopping 800 non-perishable items were donated by families at Meridian Pinehurst.

The donation was made to Bright Stars in Kraaifontein, who serves about 30 children from birth to adolescents. They were overwhelmed with joy and were very appreciative of the contribution.



Altogether 800 non-perishable items were delivered to Bright Stars in Kraaifontein.



Grant Sollons (teacher) assisted the learners in driving the initiative.

MERIDIAN RUSTENBURG

Pack-a-sack for the hospice

From August to September the school collected donations of previously loved clothing, shoes, linen, books, toys and non-perishable food.

The hospice was informed to collect the donations on Monday, 17 September and with the excellent support of teachers, parents and learners, Meridian Rustenburg handed over 70 bags.



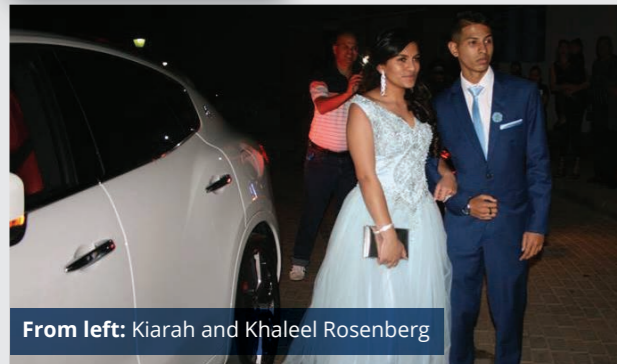
Learners of Meridian Rustenburg handing over the bags to the hospice.



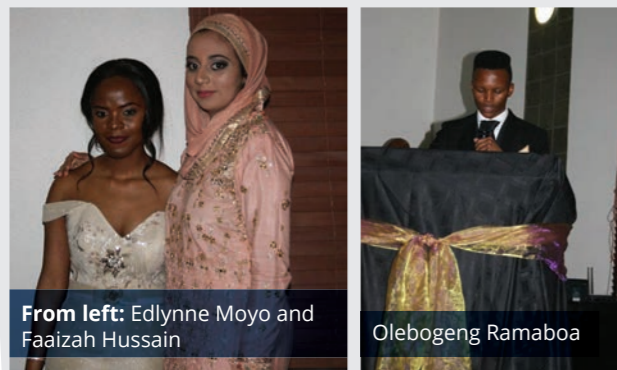
CURRO ACADEMY MAHIKENG

A glamorous event

The matric dance was a wonderful, formal event on 21 September 2018 to wish the matrics well and to give them their last big night before they started their final exams. Everyone had a good time and looked amazing!



From left: Kiarah and Khaleel Rosenberg



From left: Edlyne Moyo and Faalzah Hussain



Tihalefo Legodi

From left: Leano Lephalo and Sonke Mavuma



Matric dance and Casual Day

Curro Academy Mahikeng supports Casual Day. Everyone dressed up like a superhero to show people in the community that they care about others and stand behind people with disabilities. On this day the learners and staff realised that they can be superheroes to a lot of people, especially by simply being themselves.



The staff show their fun side, all for a good cause.

Front, from left: Gwen Weeks (teacher), Daniel Fourie and Carmie Van Huysteen (teacher)

Middle, from left: Thakadi (teacher), Wilna Store (Head of High School), Tshepo Paa (Phase Head), Madelein Grobbelaar (Phase Head), Janli Ras (marketer), Sharon Maina (teacher)

Back, from left: Elizanne Steyn (teacher) and Francios Verwy (teacher)

CURRO ACADEMY MAMELODI

Colour My Mamelodi

Curro Academy Mamelodi was a sponsor at the Colour My Mamelodi Colour Run on Saturday, 8 September 2018 at the Mamelodi central sports grounds. The teachers and learners participated in the sporting activities of the day.



Back, from left: Nhlanhla Mathaba, Vivian Maxewana and Rhulani Mashaba
Front, from left: Motshabi Hanabe, Nomshado Makhonjwa and Silendrie Govender



From left: Rhulani Mashaba, Silendrie Govender and Nhlanhla Mathaba



Back, from left: Maud Langa and Motshabi Hanabe
Front: Rhulani Mashaba



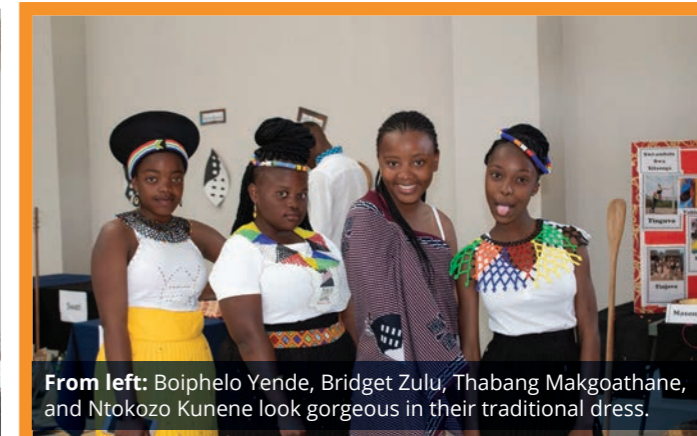
From left: Thando Marakalala and Silendrie Govender

Heritage Day celebrations

Heritage Day on 14 September 2018 was even better than expected. The effort that our learners and staff members put into this event was remarkable, from the singing, dancing to the African clan praises. Parents were invited to the school to attend this joyful event.



From left: Lezanne Rall, Cornus du Plooy and Sonja van der Berg



From left: Boiphelo Yende, Bridget Zulu, Thabang Makgoathane, and Ntokozi Kunene look gorgeous in their traditional dress.



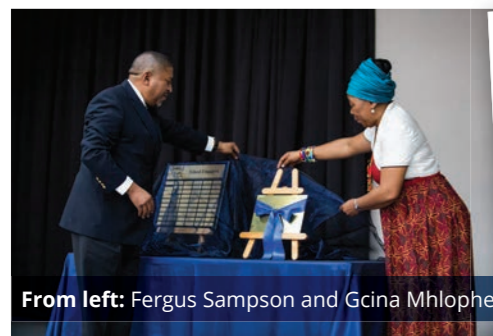
From left: Chocolate Malepe and Rhulani Mashaba



Colourful Tswana and Sepedi corners

Official opening

The school was officially opened by Mr Fergus Sampson and Dr Gcina Mhlophe (guest speaker) on Friday, 11 May 2018. Mamelodi is grateful to every one for their contribution in the success of this beautiful school.



From left: Fergus Sampson and Gcina Mhlophe



Gcina Mhlophe



From left: Phakamisa Ndzamela and Johannes Mashao

CURRO ACADEMY SANDOWN

Celebrating their heritage in style

Heritage Day was celebrated in style at Curro Academy Sandown, 'braaivleis' and all.

Charisse le Roux, Executive Head, declared 20 September 2018 'braai day' at school and for one day, academics was not on the cards.

This will be a permanent fixture on the school's annual calendar as learners, staff and parents need to always remember where their roots are, where they have come from and how this nation has changed through the years.

Learners were encouraged to come to school dressed up in national attire from their own heritage and the rainbow of different outfits and costumes was alluring, showing off the Curro Academy Sandown community as one of great diversity.

The smell of boerewors braaiing on the coals and the sound of music on the sports field enticed staff to put down all work and join the fun. Learners with big smiles and many stories returned home to end the school term the next day.



Jessica Johnson (Grade 1) in traditional attire

Admit one

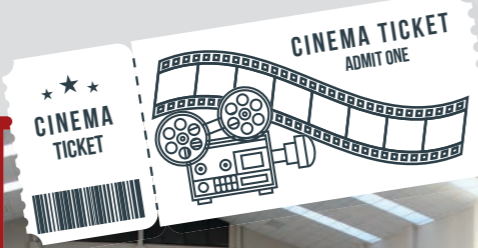
It was the last day of school and what better way to spend this day than with popcorn and a movie. As part of its annual list of big events, Curro Academy Sandown held its first movie night on 21 September.

The hall was transformed into a cinema with a big screen, movie posters, and popcorn and cold drinks on sale. Learners arrived with their pillows and blankets, with much excitement – some in their pyjamas. Votes for the movie title were casted in the week prior to the event and the clear winner was *Paddington 2*.

The idea of movie night was for each learner to spend time at school on a Friday evening, but to bring along a friend from outside the school. Parents could drop off their children and take a few hours off, chill for a while without children or perhaps even have a mini date night. Some parents left their children on their own for the very first time, and some even decided to stay and watch the movie from a distance. As the evening ended, staff bid learners farewell for the October holidays.



The entire school hall transformed into a movie theatre.



CURRO ACADEMY SOSHANGUVE

Colour run 2018



Amanda Mshila (Head of High School) and Roche van Aswegen (teacher)

Primary school learners and teachers had a colourful run, painting themselves and Soshanguve streets in different colours to celebrate diversity in the school.

Everyone started white as snow, but at the end they all turned colourful, happy, refreshed and excited. Teachers enjoyed it almost more than the children!

#positive vibes

In celebration of Youth Day, teachers tapped into the youth by wearing school uniform to class.

In celebration of Women's Day all female staff were dressed in their headcloths to show the power a woman has.



Primary school teaching staff

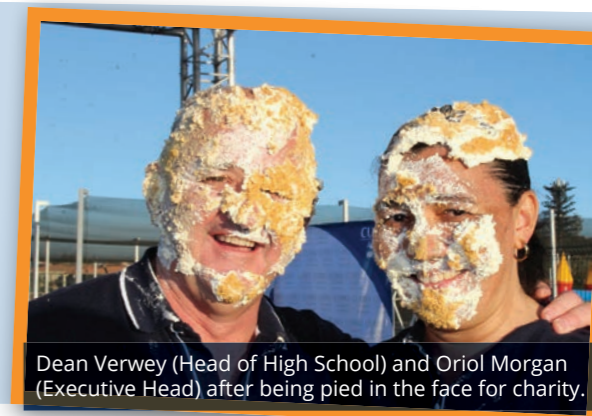


Lungile Ngobeni and Lettie Mphiwe

CURRO ACADEMY WILGEHEUWEL

Curro carnival

What an amazing day! Curro Academy Wilgeheuwel hosted its annual family carnival on 16 June 2018. Everyone had heaps of fun and celebrated with family and friends. Congratulations to all the winners who walked away with various prizes. The staff were awesome for taking part in dunking and pie-to-the-face. Thank you to all who attended and joined in the fun.



Dean Verwey (Head of High School) and Oriol Morgan (Executive Head) after being pied in the face for charity.

MERIDIAN KARINO

Leaders' camp

The incoming school leaders went on their team-building camp in September. They spent some time in the waters of the Sabie River, courtesy of Nkosi Adventures in Hazyview.



The school leaders of 2019 with Helani Visser (teacher) and Divine Mlambo (teacher)

Some of the learners enjoyed white-water rafting in the Sabie River.

MERIDIAN NEWCASTLE

Meridian Newcastle hosts first family social event

Meridian Newcastle had the pleasure of hosting their parents, learners as well as friends at the first family social. It was a very successful event which saw many learners and parents participating in the fun family games. The event will form part of the school's fundraiser every year and Meridian Newcastle looks forward to the parents and community's continued support.



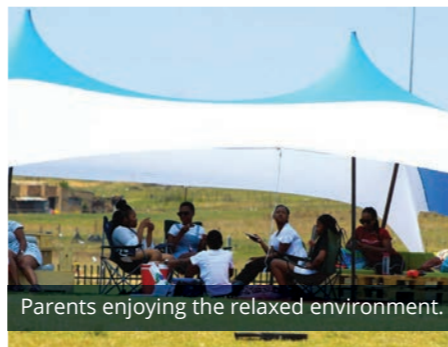
Kids enjoying the water balloon toss.



Parents and learners battling it out in tug of war.



Meridian Newcastle parents participating in the sack race.



Parents enjoying the relaxed environment.

Primary school learners welcomed spring in a special way

In celebrating and welcoming the spring season, the primary school – with the help of Raymond Mazibuko (Executive Head) – planted a tree on Friday, 31 August 2018 while also having their entrepreneurs' day. It was indeed a very busy day for the school, filled with lots of fun and tasty food! Everyone was especially excited for the tree-planting ceremony as the tree will symbolise growth for the school.



From left: Rainy Duma, Thinus Laatz, Raymond Mazibuko (Executive Head), Ruth Gwamanda and Chante Lello



Raymond Mazibuko (Executive Head) leaving his mark with the help of Mourosha Pursad (teacher)

MERIDIAN PINEHURST

Celebrating five years

In 2013 Meridian Pinehurst opened its doors with 575 learners – and currently it is home to 1715 children, from 3 months to Grade 12. True to form, Pinehurst did not only have a birthday, but celebrated in style with a birthday week.

They hosted a door decorating competition as one of the activities, and images of each door was posted on to Facebook. The post reached over 77 000 people, received more than 16 000 reactions, 13 471 likes, and 13 257 shares. The week ended with a festive celebration attended by learners, parents and staff, with surprises galore.



Learners showing off their funky socks!



The winning door, Grade 2 E2, of Corne du Toit (teacher)

MERIDIAN RUSTENBURG

Matric dance

This long-awaited event of the year was held at the glitzy Hedgehog's Nest in Rustenburg on 20 September 2018.

The matriculants, accompanied by their partners, started arriving in fancy cars from 18:00. To describe the fashion extravaganza as 'glamorous' would be the understatement of the year. The photo shoot was frenetic, providing humorous and hilarious moments for all in attendance.

Mr John Chitemerere, the Grade 12 Grade Head, got the evening going with devotions and a speech advising the matriculants about the joys and perils of adulthood. The Executive Head, Mr JJ du Plessis, and the Head of High School, Mrs M Mosito, all had words of encouragement to the final stretch ahead. After the formalities of speeches were concluded, it was time for some fun. True to Meridian Rustenburg tradition, the star awards prize-giving for 2018 was done to the great amusement of all. Awards included 'latecomer', 'fashionista' and 'entertainer of the year'.

A scrumptious three-course meal was a treat to the tummies as well as the taste buds. After dinner it was time for serious partying. It was truly an evening to remember!



From left: Karabo Motsepe and Thato Phuduhudu

From left: Unathi Mothusi and Palesa Mokgopha

Saluting Thabiso



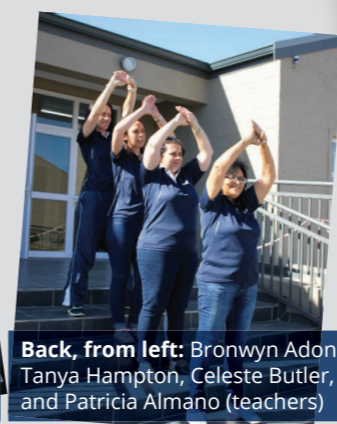
The staff and learners learnt with sadness that one of their Grade 10 learners, Thabiso Hala, passed away in a car accident in term 2. He was such a vibrant young man, full of life. He was always ready and willing to help his parents. He will be missed by his family and friends and learners and staff at school.

They can't stop the feeling!

The staff at Meridian Pinehurst showed off their fabulous dance moves in celebration of the school's 5th birthday!



Colleen Bentley (Executive Head) getting ready for her scene.



Back, from left: Bronwyn Adonis, Tanya Hampton, Celeste Butler, and Patricia Almano (teachers)



The fantastic facilities staff showing off their moves for their scene.



First faces at Meridian Rustenburg ...

'Great things in business are never done by one person. They are done by a team of people.' – Steve Jobs

That is the motto of the reception team at Meridian Rustenburg. It all started on 1 February 1997 when Annette Oosthuizen was employed as the receptionist at Meridian College, as the school was then known. Annette has worked at Meridian for 21 years now and has watched how the school has changed, moved and grown through the years. All these years she has been the face of Meridian as parents and learners walk through the doors. She often has the privilege of enrolling the children of learners whom she enrolled years ago at Meridian.

As the school grew in numbers, another secretary was needed to assist with the work and so Ann de Bruin joined the growing ranks of Meridian Rustenburg. With her keen financial knowledge she soon became the bursar of the school. Ann has now worked at Meridian Rustenburg for 11 years.

Yet again the growth of the school called for the need of more hands. That is when Debbie van der Merwe joined Meridian Rustenburg. She started assisting Ann with general typing and secretarial work. With her knowledge of administration, she soon took on the administrative role as the school expanded and is currently PA to the executive head as well. For the last five years at Meridian she has kept her ear to the ground and her pulse on everything to assist where she can.



Ann de Bruin, Debbie van der Merwe and Annette Oosthuizen

High spirits

Children have the ability to view the world in a different way. Adults may miss hilarious ironies about the world that children have to point out to them. With yet another marvellous fun day at Meridian Rustenburg, the staff were reminded of these truths – and that laughing kids are the reason why teachers love their jobs.



Fun day at Meridian Rustenburg

From a casino to a school

1997

2016

2018

Meridian College, as it was known since its inception on 27 January 1997, was located in Vanadium Street in Rustenburg. The school was started by Mr Martin van Breda and Mrs Elsa Grobler joined him in ownership. Mrs Hannelene Erasmus was appointed as the principal and was one of the five staff members that started with the school along with 192 learners. Although the initial school premises served the needs of the school, classrooms weren't as conducive to learning with the growth of the staff and learner numbers.

On 2 April 2012 Curro Holdings purchased Meridian College. With the new owners came a new name, Meridian Rustenburg, and a new school premises. The Tlhabane Sun Casino, located next door to the Tlhabane Shopping Centre, was purchased as the new location for Meridian Rustenburg. The casino however needed to be changed from the local gambling house to the learning centre needed for a growing school. Everyone was excited to move into the new premises on 1 July 2014.

In 2016 Cobus du Plessis was appointed as Executive Head. The school has grown to 72 staff members and 1110 learners. With the new premises and leadership learners have now been afforded the opportunity to excel in sport, especially in soccer and athletics. Land Service has been a growing initiative in the primary and high school, enabling the learners to learn more about their environment and how to care for it. Cultural dancing and ballet has helped develop learners' creative sides.



Meridian Rustenburg in progress



Meridian College – the previous school



Meridian Rustenburg – the new school



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