NEWSLETTER

Date: 14 January 2019
From the Office of the Executive Head

MERIDIAN Pinehurst

Dear Parents/Guardians

Meridian Pinehurst Scoops Top Award

Meridian Pinehurst was announced as the top school writing Department of Basic Education NSC examinations in the Curro group, at a special function at Emperor's Palace on Saturday, following the announcement of the 2018 Grade 12 results.

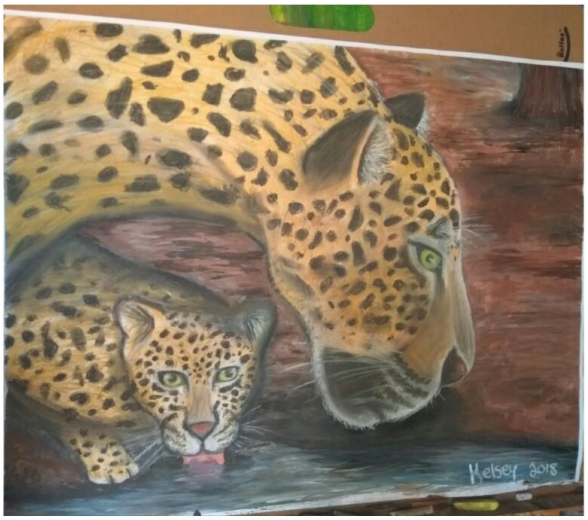
Needless to say, we could not be happier with this achievement and are so proud of the team which made this happen. Congratulations to **Mrs Moyce** and the high school staff who worked tirelessly all year, mentoring and coaching our learners to reach their potential. It must be said that this group of young people also worked as a unit to keep one another on track to produce quality passes.

It is worth mentioning that our school was one of only 540 nationally and 71 in the Western Cape to achieve 100% pass rate. South Africa has over 6 100 high schools which write the National Senior Certificate examinations, of which only 9% achieved 100% pass.
http://www.parent24.com/Learn/Matric-past-exam-papers/these-schools-got-a-100-matric-pass-rate-in-2018-and-we-couldnt-be-prouder-20190108

Your children are in excellent hands.

Congratulations

Once again, **Kelsey Julies's** art has won a place in the Leopard Trust's annual calendar.



Kelsey's work was adjudicated against our entries by a panel of judges, according to set criteria and the work 'represented a wonderful interpretation of this year's theme which was 'Leopards: Surviving against all odds'. The judges were 'impressed by the quality' of her work.

Well done Kelsey for keeping the Meridian cultural flag flying.

Cultural Affairs

Primary School Culture Clubs: Every Friday from 13:00 – 13:30 we will have a variety of Culture Clubs in the Primary School. Information will be relayed to learners at this week's assembly, after which more information regarding this will be sent to parents.

Eisteddfod: Please start thinking about participation in the various Eisteddfod categories, more information will be sent nearer to the date. Contact your child's register teacher or the Phase representatives should you have any queries.

Phase representatives: Foundation Phase: Mrs Sugnet Haggard, Intersen-Phase: Mrs Carla Coetzee, High School: Mrs Ria van der Merwe.

CAS: Curro Arts Superhero will be open to all learners from Grades 4 through to 12 this year and is an exciting opportunity to develop and nurture talent. CAS is similar to the Eisteddfod, but also different in the sense that the Creative Team judging the events are

professionals in each field, for example Sarah Theron (acclaimed vocal performer), Kirvan Fortuin (international choreographer), Hennie van Greunen (director), Pedro Kruger (well-known musician and TV show presenter) to name but a few. Learners are guided on how to use their talents most effectively. More information on the dates and categories will be made available as soon as possible.

#CURRAGE concert: 17-19 January at the Bellville Civic Theatre. Tickets available at www.quicket.co.za

This production featured top performers form Curro schools around the country and is a phenomenal showcase of talent, rivalling excellent professional productions. Meridian Pinehurst is the only school to have two learners featured in this cast. And what a production it is! Do not miss out! Soon these youngsters will be household names.

Singer

Dancer

Sport @ Meridian Pinehurst

The term's sport activities get underway this week:

MONDAY 14 JANUARY – FRIDAY 18 JANUARY 2019			
	Foundation Phase Gr 1 – 3:	**Intersen Phase Gr 4 – 7:**	**High School Gr 8 – 12:**
Monday 14	▪ Athletics: U/7 & U/8 @ 13:45 – 14:30 ▪ Mini Cricket: U/7 & U/8 @ 13:45–14:30 ▪ T-Ball: U/7 @13:45 – 14:30 U/9 @ 14:30 – 15:15	▪ Athletics: Field @ 14:45 – 15:30 ▪ Cricket: U/11 & U/13 @ 14:45-15:30	▪ Athletics: Track @ 15:00-16:00 ▪ Girls Soccer @ 15:00 – 16:00 *
Tuesday 15	▪ Athletics: U/9 @ 14:30 – 15:15	▪ Athletics: Track @ 14:45 -15:30 ▪ T-Ball @ 14:45-15:30	▪ Athletics: Field @ 15:00-16:00 ▪ Basketball @ 15:00 – 16:00 *
Wednesday 16	▪ Athletics: U/7 & U/8 @ 13:45 – 14:30 ▪ Mini Cricket: U/7 & U/8 @ 13:45–14:30 U/9 @ 14:30 – 15:15 ▪ T-Ball: U/8 @ 13:45 – 14:30 U/9 @ 14:30 – 15:15	▪ Athletics: Field @ 14:45 -15:30 ▪ Basketball @ 14:45 – 15:30 ▪ Cricket: U/11 @ 14:45-15:30	▪ Athletics: 100m @ 15:00 – 16:00 ▪ Girls Soccer @ 15:00 – 16:00 *
Thursday 17	▪ Athletics: U/9 @ 14:30 – 15:15	▪ Athletics: Track @ 14:45 -15:30 ▪ Cricket: U/11 @ 14:45-15:30 ▪ T-Ball @ 14:45-15:30	▪ Athletics: Field @ 15:00-16:00 ▪ Basketball @ 15:00 – 16:00 *
Friday 18			

High School Basketball and Girls' Soccer begin next week.

There is a standard of behaviour required of our learners, educators and parents on sportsfields and at extramural events.

The school Code of Conduct applies at all times, but this graphic sums up things rather nicely.

Bus Service to Buhrein Estate and surrounding areas

Please contact Gizelle Marais at gizelle.m01marais@curro.co.za if you are interested in a **morning** transport service for your Grade 1 – Grade 12 child from the surrounding areas. The Quantum bus will be used for this and since the vehicle is needed for extramural activities in the afternoons, the service will be one-way initially.

Blood Drive: Meridian Pinehurst gives back…

Donate Blood and Save Lives This Year!

Join us this week as Western Cape Blood Service hosts the first of 4 blood drives for 2019 at our school.

Venue: School Hall at Meridian Pinehurst School

Date: Wednesday, 16 January 2019

Time: 12:00 – 17:45

Want to be a blood donor?

To become a blood donor you must be between the ages of 16 – 65; weigh more than 50 kg; be medically healthy; lead a safe lifestyle and be committed to helping others!

Before you donate:

Remember to eat a substantial meal 3 – 4 hours before donating blood and drink lots of water and/or juice on the day of donation.

Your single donation can save more than 3 lives!

Second Hand Clothing

The 2nd Hand Clothing Bank will be open on Wednesday mornings from 07:30 – 09:00.

We will sell & exchange items for an alternative size in the same condition, but not purchase any items.

Prices are on average of R50 - R100 per item (Blazers R250), but condition of items will be taken into account.

Parents can contact Catherine on 076 633 6141 for any related queries.

Dates to Diarise

Monday, 14 January: PAC: 18:00
Ms Sanashia Sandamela's birthday
Tuesday, 15 January: Foundation Phase (Grades R –3)Parents Meeting: 18:30 in classrooms
Grade 8 Parents Meeting: 18:30 in hall
Ms Alicia Petersen's birthday
Ms Madelein Leigh's birthday
Health and Safety Committee Meeting: 15:00
Wednesday, 16 January: Intersen Phase (Grades 4-7) Parents meeting: 18:30 in hall
Thursday, 17 January: Nursery Parents (Group 1- Group 5) Meeting in the hall: 18:00
Matric Parents Meeting: 18:30 in hall
Grade R and Grade 2 – Grade 5 + sibling photographs
Friday, 18 January: -
Saturday, 19 January: Leadership Team and OPSCO Strategic Planning
Mr Riël Pienaar's birthday

We shall not be resting on our laurels following the successes of 2018, but once again dedicate our labour to the Lord:

Yours in education

Colleen Bentley
Executive Head

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