



Message from the Executive Principal

We know how important it is to build strong parent-teacher relationships as we recognise what a pivotal role a teacher plays in a child's life. As a result, we encourage parents to be active participants in school life and we welcome you to be part of our many family events and class activities. Our vision is to be the school of choice by providing value-based and high-quality affordable education.

It is therefore an incredible privilege for my staff and I to be given the opportunity to positively influence the lives of your sons and daughters at this critical stage of their development. Thank you for trusting us with this, and I hope that you will see the benefits as they grow into a person of unique significance in the future.

I have always believed that one of my primary functions as both a parent and a teacher is to create a sense of hope for my own children and for those I teach.

The very idea of hope, however, is not an abstract concept nor does it occur in a vacuum or in isolation. Equally, it is not something that happens simply because we wish it.

Over the years I have had many conversations with learners where the word hope is central. Each day at school, we actively create hope for our learners by providing the platform from which hope can flourish.

Education gives everyone an opportunity to grow, gain knowledge and become a better person. You will be challenged every day, but remember that no matter what happens, you were born to be great, to achieve greatness, that is why greatness has been thrust upon you!

From a staffing perspective, Ms B. Yabo and Ms A. Motsepe both received their honours degrees from the University of Pretoria. We are so proud of you. I would also like to welcome our new staff members who started in term 2; Ms. P. Muchenje, Ms Z. Mayisa and Ms N. Ndamase.

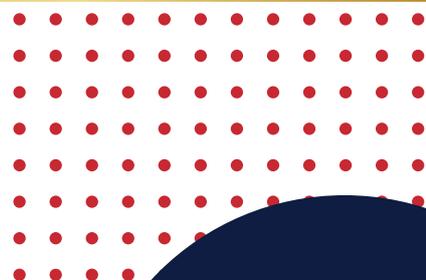
As always, our Health and Safety protocols remain in place and we remain vigilant in our responsibilities to our school family.

What to look forward to:

We will also be convening parent meetings in the third term. This will include Grade R to Grade 1, Grade 3 to Grade 4, Grade 7 to Grade 8 and Grade 9 to Grade 10.

The aim is to create an awareness of what each new phase will entail, how things may change in the following year and what to anticipate in that particular grade. It will also give some clarity to the philosophical imperative of each new grade and the expectations thereof.

At Queens Private School, we believe that every learner is a treasure and as such we aim to foster greatness in every aspect of their school career. The school therefore



offers learners the opportunity to shine on different platforms other than academics. Some examples are:

- Conquesta Olympiads are multiple choice question papers, which challenge student knowledge in the various subjects on offer.
- Fun days, sport as well as cultural events will take place.
- We are looking forward to the Matric farewell on 8 December 2023 which will take place at the Batter Boys, 32 Jeugd Road, Montana, Pretoria.
- The Preparatory exams for the grade 12s are around the corner and we wish all our grade 12 learners all the best. We believe in you!
- Charity outreach programmes will continue in Term 3 and 4.

As stated in the Bible, in 1 Peter 4:10 'God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.'

Thank you for your support and your understanding. Together we remain beacons of hope for each other and especially for our children.

Kind regards

E. Saaiman (Executive Principal - Outgoing)

Counselling at QPS

Services offered :

1. Guidance and career counselling
2. Trauma counselling
3. Mental Health counselling
4. Grief counselling
5. Art therapy
6. Sand play therapy for children

Queens Private Preschool

Engaging in Physical Play

Since the commencement of the academic year, the Grade R learners have been delighting in the newly renovated playground. They thoroughly enjoy participating in various activities, such as playing in the sandpit, utilising the monkey bars, swinging on the swings, and riding the horses. Notably, these activities have significantly contributed to the enhancement of their gross motor skills, as well as fostering emotional and social development.

Incorporating Play and Learning:

The utilisation of clay as a medium for learning has garnered tremendous enthusiasm from the Grade R learners. In English class, they utilise clay to construct letters of the alphabet, such as the letter 'P'. During math lessons, they create shapes and patterns with clay, while during life skills sessions, the learners craft their own names using this versatile material.

Additionally, painting has proven to be an invaluable activity for refining their fine motor skills. The learners engage in activities like creating leaf prints during life skills sessions, as well as painting houses and cars. In English class, they even engage in finger-painting specific letters, such as the letter 'N'. Furthermore, cutting activities have captured the learners' interest, including the creation of masks, Mother's Day letters, and other enjoyable tasks involving cutting out images from magazines.

The learners also exhibit a keen fondness for Math toys, such as building blocks and Lego sets. They employ these toys to construct various structures, including castles, robots, jets, and cars. Puzzles and pegboards also feature prominently in their play, allowing for an engaging exploration of Mathematical concepts.

Life skills toys also hold great appeal for the learners. Girls enjoy engaging in imaginative play, assuming roles such as mother or doctor, while boys derive pleasure from pretending to be superheroes or emulating a father working on a computer and playing with cars. Such play experiences facilitate emotional and social development, nurture problem-solving abilities, and foster creativity.

The learners actively engage with English toys, participating in memory games and using sticks, beans, and letter blocks to form their names and construct words seen on posters adorning the classroom walls.

Additionally, the learners take pleasure in colouring activities and completing worksheets. These activities not only enhance their creativity, but also serve as valuable tools in expanding their knowledge, effectively preparing them for the challenges of grade 1.

Valentine's Day Celebration 2023

The Grade R learners expressed immense joy and excitement during the beauty contest organised in collaboration with the Primary school. Dressed in white, red and pink attire, they elegantly paraded down the red aisle, while the rest of the school community applauded their efforts. It is worth mentioning that the teachers also participated in this event, adding to the festive atmosphere.

Learner of the Month Recognition:

Each month, we take the opportunity to acknowledge the exemplary efforts of a standout learner who is bestowed with the "Learner of the Month" title. In recognition of their achievement, they receive a lollipop and are featured in the monthly newsletter. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to every learner who has received this esteemed recognition.



Teacher Awards 2023:

We would like to acknowledge and celebrate our esteemed Grade R teacher, who has been recognised for her remarkable dedication and commitment to education. She has been awarded a certificate for her five years of exemplary teaching service at our esteemed institution. Congratulations Ms _____, we are extremely proud of your achievement!

Primary School News

Robotics

In the past we have tried and tested various robotics programmes, but with the help of Resolute Robotics, we have found a programme that suits the needs of our school. Resolute has set up a dynamic programme that we incorporate into our learning paradigms. This has challenged our learners to not only think academically, but also to think outside the box. Learners are given instructions on how robotics and coding work as well as how we incorporate it in our daily lives. Using the platform that Resolute has provided, the learners can make use of structured lessons that challenge both the learners and educators by using line and block coding. Robotics will soon no longer just be an after school activity, but will form part of the school curriculum. We are looking forward to seeing how the learners will create and code their robots as well as create their own animations using Scratch.

Fun days

At Queens Private School, we focus mainly on academics and sport but sometimes we all need to take a break and have some FUN.

On the 13th and 14th of February 2023, we hosted our annual **Valentine’s Day**. The learners celebrated love, friendship and admiration. With our pipe values in mind, we focused on PEOPLE. We always strive to treat all learners, parents, educators, staff and other stakeholders with care and respect. At the end of the day, we crowned a Mister and a Miss Valentine’s Day. With a difficult choice to make, we had to select our winners from many perfect candidates. Everyone looked snazzy in their amazing outfits and rocking what can only be defined as some awesome catwalk moves. This was indeed a fun filled and exciting day.

On 5 May 2023, we supported, **“Reach for a Dream’s Slipper day.”** It is one of the largest and most celebrated fundraisers. The staff and the learners of Queens Private School had the opportunity to wear slippers and joined “Reach for a dream’s mission to manifest hope so that we all can fulfil the dreams of youngsters fighting life-threatening illnesses”. All we had to do was to follow a series of small steps. This included buying a sticker and wearing slippers. (I mean, who would not want to take advantage of getting to wear slippers to school?) Queens Private School joined hands and made a huge impact with this fundraiser.

SPORT & CULTURE

CREATIVE ARTS
Line, shape and colour
Are elements of art.
Texture, space and value
That’s where we start.
When we use
What we know,
As artists,
We will grow.
Line, shape, color
Texture, space and value...
The ABC’S of art.



All the students have had loads of fun with creative arts this term. It gives them an opportunity to express themselves and adds a sprinkle of colour to their days. We are looking forward to all the excitement of learning new things that term 3 will bring! Who knows...? Maybe the next Picasso or Van Gogh is amongst the Queen’s learners.



Chess and Debate

We have incorporated intellectual sport such as chess and debate as part of our school's sport programme. Not only have learners gained great skills in these activities, but have also grown to become very critical and strategic thinkers. Chess learners tend to take a more calculated approach to any challenges they face. Learners in our debate club have really impressed us with their skills to effectively debate topics such as; "Should scholars be paid to attend schools?" and "Should we all be vegans?".

Netball

Netball has been all kinds of fun this term; our focus has been on the technical aspects of the game. We have been correcting movements; how to jump, throw, catch and run correctly. Correct movements can change the outcome of the game. Watching the students play it's easy to see just how much our girls love this sport.

Soccer

Soccer is known to be the most popular sport throughout the world. It is no wonder that almost all the primary school boys wanted to be a part of this activity. We extend a massive thank you to the student teachers who assisted us with the soccer team supervision. The boys really had a great time!

Aerobics and CrossFit

This year we changed things up a bit. The learners had two more sport activities to choose from; Aerobics and CrossFit. I must say, we were surprised to see that only a few were willing to try something new. Those who were brave enough were brilliant at it. They really got their hearts racing with sit-ups, push-ups, lunges and many more exercises. It was hard to say who had more fun, the students or the teachers...

Discipline

Discipline is not punishment, it's an ongoing process to instil a set of values within our children. This requires an intense, consistent collaboration amongst educators, parents, and the school society. It takes a village to raise a child.

Ms. P. Salemane (Discipline coordinator)

There is no entitlement that comes with the title. It's a hard journey to be deputy head girl. It has many responsibilities and I do my best. Learning about life experiences with the high school prefects has been a privilege.

Ntsakisi Baloyi (Deputy head girl)

I am still in disbelief that I am the deputy head boy. Naturally I am a quiet boy, but I have learnt to interact with others and be a team player. Respect, love and integrity are my motivational values. I pray that my academics continue to flourish as I find my balance.

Remotlotlo Makotanyane (Deputy head boy)

My experience as the head girl

It's an exciting and fantastic experience, yet it comes with numerous responsibilities. I receive plenty of compliments as the head girl. I want to encourage other learners to become prefects, as this encourages you to learn more about yourself and be confident. This year has been great this far.

Zintle Sebulele (Head girl)

It's been a long-awaited dream to be a prefect. I feel honoured to have been recognised. May my journey encourage my peers and those before me. As a leader with responsibilities, I must maintain a high standard of behaviour and be an example for the rest of the team. As head boy, I oversee and coordinate the activities of my team and ensure that we do our duties to the best of our abilities.

Tshembani Ramashala (Head boy)



Our Values



We always treat learners, parents, educators, staff and other stakeholders with care and respect



We always do what we say



We finish what we have started



We always do our best and try to improve on what we do

ACADEMICS

We would like to update you on some of the exciting academic activities that have taken place in our Primary school.

In the beginning of the term we announced the Term 1 Top 10 learners during assembly. These learners each received certificates of achievement from the school.

TERM 1 TOP 10		
Grade 1 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nomadada Mile Bontle Ramothope Eftihal Mohammed Itumeleng Papo Ompa Demana Ayabonga Manana Oratile Seopa Reagile Mpolokeng Mubashir Abdullahi Nhluvuko Hlungwani 	Grade 2 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sumayo Farah Salome Chaitezvi Phithello Lebese Kaelyn Hoorn Ratanang Thamaga Maida Hassan Amiola Makinde Tshireletso Maunatlala Oaratwa Mosiane Omolemo Thobakgale 	Grade 3 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lethabo Rantsho Mark Chaitezvi Ofentse Kganyago Banthatile Modiadie Tshiamo Mosito Zoe Mahloko Bogosi Mamabolo Botlhale Mogafe Bokang Galane Ontshiametse Thoka
Grade 4 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tehillah Motshwaedi Emihle Matshiane Glory Buthane Wayne Sherekete Andile Ndhlalambi Maha Mohammed Lunathi Ngema Rixile Sibiya Reneilwe Debeila Tshinanne Mbubana 	Grade 5 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Iris Simelane Chimamanda Okeke Phenyo Moatshe Fareedah Banjo Nsimeko Chauke Morongwe Ndhlovu Kwetsima Nkuna Boikanyo Maimane Simphiwe Mayaba Tomudaishe Hlatini 	Grade 6 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ronewa Khaphathe Phenyo Modise Noah Mdluli Larona Sello Ntsakisi Baloyi Remotlotlo Makotanyane Zintle Sebulele Mohau Machochi Tshembani Ramashala Siyabonga Nkosi

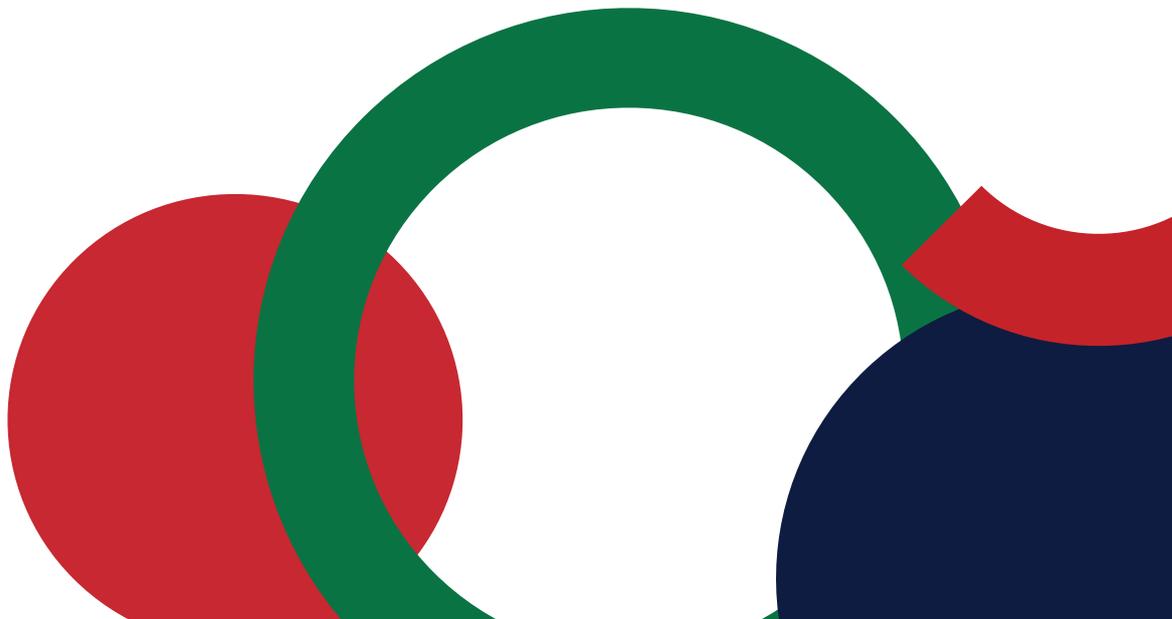


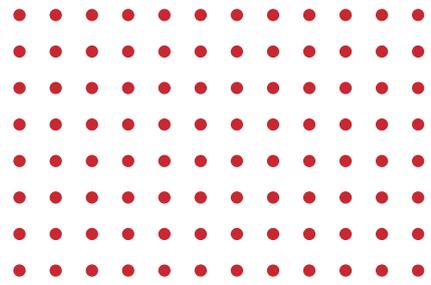
We are thrilled with their hard work and dedication, and we look forward to seeing more success from them in the future.

On the 25th of May 2023, two of our Grade 4 Learners, Tehillaah Motshwaedi and Wayne Sherekete, participated in a Natural Science & Technology Olympiad competition that was held at West Park Primary School. We are super proud of the hard work and perseverance that they displayed in these Olympiads!

As always we encourage parents to stay involved in their child's education. We also believe that a strong partnership between parents and teachers is essential for the success of our children.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another successful term as we strive to challenge each learner in their social and academic growth.





Social & Fun days

Our Open Day for new parents was held on May 27, 2023, and it was a huge success with parents attending in large numbers. The teachers and the management were very excited to meet the prospective learners. Queens is honoured to be part of this important journey in the lives of the learners. We can't wait to see you all looking ROYAL in your blue next year!



Gr 12 Excursion

On May 27, 2023, the Gr 12's went on an excursion to the Hennops Hiking trail. This is what they had to say...

The trip to Hennops was fun and full of exciting moments. We had enough time to get to know each other and that was the fun part about the trip. I want to go again!!!
Olerato

The hiking trip to Hennops was one of the most thrilling trips I've ever taken. Everything was perfectly managed and we had a really good time together as classmates and got time to know each other better. I would really love to re-live the experience
Ronewa



At Queens we believe that learning is FUN. The grade 12 class had loads of fun at Hennops. Thank you to all our parents and staff for all the support and positive contributions.

We are very proud of the class of 2023 for their exemplary behaviour even outside of the school grounds. Well done!



Slipper Day

On May 5, 2023, we had a successful "slipper day" to help children with life-threatening illnesses fulfil their dreams.



High School Academics

With the June exams in the back pocket and the prelims coming up for the Gr 12s we know that exam time is a very stressful time for learners as well as parents. We, as parents, want to support our children as far as possible. Every child will have a different approach to learning that works for them. Therefore, with this in mind, here are our tips on how parents can help their children to revise effectively:

1. Know your child's exam timetable. Encourage your child to make a revision timetable – and stick to it.
2. Ensure your child has a proper place to study.
3. Make sure your child gets enough sleep.
4. Encourage a healthy routine of breaks, exercise and balanced meals.
5. On the day of the exams:
 - Make sure your child has a good, nutritious breakfast.
 - Engage in positive self-talk: remind your child of the time and effort they have put into studying for the exam.
 - Remind your child to take three deep breaths to help them relax and read all of the instructions thoroughly.

As teachers and management we are here to support the learners every step of the way. We believe in every learner's ability to fulfill their potential. We are very proud of all the hard work and dedication from the learners.

Gr 12 Holiday Class

Compulsory G12 Winter School classes took place from 26 June to 30 June 2023. These classes enabled the teachers to start wrapping up on the curriculum in their various subjects in preparation for the upcoming prelims and final examinations.

Proverto Commerce Olympiad

Proverto is the organiser of National High School Olympiads in Commerce subjects. Proverto partners with The University of Johannesburg, Department of Finance and Investment Management, School of Management, College of Business and Economics.

On 10 May 2023, selected Gr 10-12 learners participated in these Commerce Olympiads.



SAMF Mathematics Olympiad 2nd Round

The South African Mathematics Challenge is a premier national competition consisting of three rounds. The Challenge aims to improve conceptual knowledge, the application of knowledge in new situations, problem-solving, reasoning, communication and general mathematical thinking.

The learners who qualified for the next level completed their 2nd round on 11 May 2023. We eagerly await for these results.



Conquesta Olympiad

Conquesta Olympiads are multiple choice question papers which challenge students' knowledge in the various subjects on offer, and enables teachers to measure their students' higher cognitive abilities.

19 students from grades 7-9 submitted their registration forms for the Conquesta Olympiad which will be conducted in Term 3.

African Language in FET Phase

In term 2, we conducted a survey to introduce an African language as a First Additional Language in the FET phase. Sepedi First Additional Language received more than 50% of the votes.

It will be offered from the next academic year as a First Additional Language choice for learners currently enrolled in grade 9.



Our Top 5 learners in Grade 7-12

AS PER THEIR TERM 1 RESULTS



GRADE 7

1. Didintle Masenya
2. Siyanda Khumalo
3. Xiluva Hlungwani
4. Sabrina Mhari
5. Leaba Mphuthi



GRADE 8

1. Junior Monageng
2. Funokuhle Mtsweni
3. Kgosi Mkhondwane
4. Jessica Pitso
5. Panashe Makurumidze



GRADE 9

1. Meaghan Platjies
2. Tumisho Buthane
3. Kamvaletu Mapitiza
4. Charisma Nombewu
5. Onkarabile Mosito



GRADE 10

1. Bokamoso Kgoelenya
2. Amogelang Sebothoma
3. Hlengiwe Msani
4. Frank Magidi
5. Sechaba Kulehile



GRADE 11

1. Tshegofatso Buthane
2. Mapula Mphalo
3. Gary Keche
4. Vurhonga Sibiya
5. Portia Mampane



GRADE 12

1. Thato Mohlabe
2. Nkateko Mabunda
3. Lebogang Malobola
4. Owami Ndlovu
5. Sinovuyo Matinise

Robotics

“Robotics makes learning fun”

Developing the right skills will prepare students for the competitive educational and professional society. Robotics boost skills that are the foundation of success, such as critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.

