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FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Ebenezer, the Lord has taken us thus far, it has been a wonderful year for us at Princess Park. The Lord has sustained us all through the academic year, despite our fears over the pandemic and following the COVID 19 restrictions, we are elated that we have achieved our academic goals for the last two quarters of the year, 2022.

Princess Park College continues to make strides in fulfilling its mission of providing the best education and maintaining its status as an institution of choice in our community. This has been evident with the growing learner numbers.

This second semester we have achieved a lot in terms of preparing our learners for the preparatory as well as the final examinations. We organized intervention and support for our learners such as extra classes and boot camps. For every boot camp held throughout the year, the school provided meals and refreshments for the learners. We also allowed our learners to break the monotony and routine of school life by taking them out on excursions.

We have also upgraded our safety and security standards by installing cameras in the classrooms and blind corners of the hallways. Security personnel have also been increased. This we have done in order to maintain a healthy and safe environment for our learners.

Additionally, we are looking forward to 2023 with great enthusiasm and anticipation. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the SMT, educators, parents, learners, ancillary staff and last but not least, our directors who have worked tirelessly to make sure that we deliver as we have promised.

As we approach the festive season, I would like to say that during this season of Goodwill, may God Almighty protect you and bless you. A merry Christmas to everyone and I wish you a prosperous and joyful year ahead.

"Education is one thing no one can take away from you"
Elin Nordegren

Regards

Executive Principal Maxon Dutuma

FOUNDATION PHASE



New Grade 3 leaders!

NADIA BOERSEMA

10 NOVEMBER 2022

Leaders are chosen each term, and should act as the role model for all the students in the School. Leaders must adhere to School Rules and Regulations at all times. The main duty of our leaders is to **maintain an atmosphere of friendly cooperation, peace, discipline and unity in the School.**

A *leader* is the one in the charge, the person who convinces other people to follow. A great *leader* inspires confidence in other people and moves them to action.

We would like to take this opportunity to personally congratulate each of our newest leaders in the Foundation Phase:

Gr. 3 A – Angel Ajibola, Tumisho Mokwela, Keratile Seroka

Gr. 3 B – Lesego Mlombo, Mufunwa Mafune, Oratile Masemola

Gr. 3 C – Lorraine Chigumbo, Zinhle Mhlanga, Tshepo Motshega

These learners have proven themselves over and beyond any expectations, and have lived out our P.I.P.E values in each sense of the word.

These learners have shown to us, that through hard work and the correct ways of treating people, that you can receive great rewards.

Hard work and dedication surely pays off, and we commend each of our learners who worked very hard to achieve this goal.

Why should anyone want to become a leader?

The role of a leader is an important one and if chosen students will be accepting a position of considerable responsibility. It is also a very exciting one and will give the opportunity to develop leadership skills and have significant influence on the daily life of the school.

When growing into adulthood, schools, universities (and when applying for a career) likes to look at the performance of a learner in school, so becoming a leader is a very good thing to mention, because it shows the character of the learner.

This, including a lot of other benefits (to name a few) is why we felt the special need to personally congratulate each and every one of our outstanding learners! To those who were not chosen, next year is a new chance to shine! It is never too late to work hard to achieve your goals.

Congratulations

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MERIT & ACHIEVER TEAS



We as a school love promoting and praising positive behavior.

On 14 October and 28 October respectively, our school held our annual Achievers Tea and Merit Awards.

The Achievers Tea celebrates the one outstanding learner from each grade who has achieved the highest marks in all his/her subjects. The Merit Awards celebrates the learners who has received the most merits from the educators for immaculate discipline, hard work and dedication. The following learners were treated to an afternoon of being spoilt by our educators with delicious snacks and drinks and encouraging conversation:

Denzel Mukwayo - Gr. R
Thateho Makhoema - Gr. R
Nicole Magocha - Gr. 1
Shalom Kumssa - Gr. 1
Siboniso Makalima - Gr. 2
Thandlowethu Kabe - Gr. 2
Zareen Boadu - Gr. 3

We applaud our hard-working teachers who had gone above and beyond to treat our learners.



LOOK! WE GOT OUR LICENSE!



In preparation for the next phase that will soon be upon them, the Grade 3's have received a very special promotion – their pen licences! This entails that learners are now allowed to write with blue pen.

For them, it is a very special honour, as it is a sign of substantial growth and readiness for the wondrous things of the Intermediate Phase.

We, as educators, love watching the learners grow in their daily endeavors and we also feel the blow of sadness when we watch them leave at the end of the year when they take on the new phase in their lives.

HIP-HIP HORAAY!

IT'S HERITAGE DAY!

Heritage Day on 24 September of every year celebrates and recognises the cultural wealth of our beautiful nation. South Africans celebrate the day by remembering the heritage of the many cultures that make up the population of South Africa.

Various events are staged throughout the country to commemorate this day, and at Royal Schools Princess Park, it is no different!

Learners, and educators alike, have a ball dressing up in their traditional clothing, and getting a chance to share their experiences and knowledge of their cultures.

Not only is this ample opportunity for learners to form strong bonds with their peers when they see “they are cut from the same cloth”, but it shares in a chance to incorporate “Living heritage”, which is the foundation of all communities and an essential source of identity and continuity.

It is a great day to celebrate and remember, and one which will surely stand the test of time!



ON THIS DAY

*On this day, you received a blue pen
with which you must “think before you ink”.*

*So, from now on, until God says when
remember what this day has taught you:*

*These lines are permanent
These marks make a difference
Every dot and comma leaves a dent.*

*Take this to heart
Until the day in Grade 12 you depart
The message you leave in life has meaning,
The words you write are extremely revealing!*

SO THINK BEFORE YOU INK!

- Nadia Boersema

**GRADE R & 1
IN-HOUSE TRIP**

**ANIMALS AND
INSECTS DRESS UP**

**...AND OFF TO THE
MUSEUM WE GO!**

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SPRING IS HERE!

As Spring time jumped around, and blessed us with the most beautiful blossoms, Our Grade R's and 1's were visited by an external company who taught us the importance of protecting our birds, insects, and trees.

They has a fabulous time and really grew from this experience.

Conservation is key, and as learners model our behavior down to a tee, it is very important to teach these fundamentals from a very young age, even if it is only started by enforcing the habit of picking up one's own papers and using the bins provided.



28 OCTOBER 2022

To run with the theme of looking after our nature and protecting all animals big and small, our Foundation Phase had an "Animals and insects" dress up day, on 28 October 2022.

We always encourage the use of recyclable materials in these initiatives, to teach the following valuable core values to our little ones:

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for the part they play in the successful incorporation and participation in these events, as we understand that this is a timeous demand and that it is not always possible to create new, innovative dress up designs for every event. But, we do see the fruit that it sows in your child's life, and we encourage, as much as resources and time allows, that each child take part.



GRADE 2 AND GRADE 3



As the wheels of the bus go round and round, and the learners chant

"PPC's the best, forget about the rest"

our Foundation Phase was treated to a private tour by some of the most specialised collection curators that the *National Museum of Natural History* In Paul Kruger Street has to offer!

One day is not enough to see all the fantastic exhibits, and we greatly encourage multiple visits to the museum to get a thorough chance to diligently learn and seek wisdom from all of the museum's exhibits.

Founded in 1892, and still going strong, we were shown some of the large collections of Plio-Pleistocene fossils, which includes hominids from Sterkfontein and the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the *Cradle of Humankind*.

This museum also houses extensive collections of mammals, birds, reptiles, and invertebrates, which was the highlight of the trip for most of the learners.



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Ballet Exam Feedback and Concert planning

We are excited to share that a total of 37 dancers from Princess Park took part in the Ballet Exams of the Dance Academy of South Africa. They all made us really proud!!! The Examiner commented on their excellent discipline in the exam room, beautiful grooming and exceptional jumps, well done.

Our sincere thank you to each parent: your loving support and encouragement of the dancers, as well as the special effort and arrangements to ensure their attendance every week makes our work so much easier. THANK YOU! You are great ballet parents and we appreciate you.

We are excited to share the exam results:

Grade R – Reneilwe Maripane and Bontle Mathabatha, as well as Kaylee Walker were all successful in their exam and received their well deserved medals. The examiners referred to them as such good little girls who are well disciplined.

Grade 1 – Lerato Motsage, Abigail Pawa, Mpho Muvhari, Wavhudi Godobedza, Ofentse Nethononda, Jeddah Tshamala and Narcia Bukasa entered for the TinyTots 2 exam, they were successful and received their medals. Some comments on their report was that they were a confident, well prepared group of dancers who clearly enjoyed performing their exam work.

Grade 2 – the Pre-Primary exam was attempted by five girls and one boy! They all did fantastic – all six dancers were awarded DISTINCTION (80-100%) for their exam. Some comments from the examiners were "Lovely work shown by well rehearsed dancers, who clearly enjoyed their exam. Congratulations to a very dedicated teacher" Well done to Tlotliso Ntho, Onthatile Kwakwa, Bohlale Mokgwadi, Zanel Walker, Reitumetse Ramosepele and Hanani Dube.

Grade 3 – The Primary girls really worked hard for this exam and were all awarded MERIT (60-79%) Amanda Phiri, Betty Ilunga, Bulumko Ganiso, Lorraine Chigumbu, Ayotomiwa Ogukunyede and Buhle Ndlovu – keep up the keen approach and good work.

The Senior Primary dancers did performance exams – Medals on Stage. Each of them performed 2 dances in different styles, one Ballet and one Modern. The High School dancers did a Lyrical, Modern and National dance.

Grade 4 girls: Modern Junior 1 and Open 1 Ballet – Picking Berries

A+ for both dances = Mulisa Tshivhase and Muofhe Netshiwani

A for both dances = Minenhle Riba, Relebogile Mulaudzi and Amanda Munyai

Grade 5 and 6 dancers: Modern Junior 2 and Open 2 Ballet – Picnic dance

Mohau Matloha = A++ Modern, A+ Ballet Thendo Mufamadi = A+ Modern, A Ballet Tshimo

Mosibihla = A+ Modern, A Ballet Shiloh Muganhu = A for both performances

Daniella Onyeajam = A for both performances Milowo Mponentsane = A for both performances Mogau

Leferela = A for both performances

High school:

Lethabo Gololo = A+ for all 3 styles

Lwandle Sibandze = A+ for all 3 styles

Zinhle Msopi = A for Modern and National, B+ Ballet



Thank you to all the wonderful teachers and staff at Princess Park as well as all the parents for giving the dancers this opportunity to perform! It was a fabulous experience!!!

We would really like to encourage the dancers to continue wearing their ballet clothes to class every week. However, please ensure all clothes:- for ballet as well as their school uniform, are clearly marked. We can only ensure that clothes are retained if it is marked and the dancers take better responsibility and care of their things! After all, ballet training is all about discipline and respect in every possible way....

Last, but definitely not least! A special word of thanks to Mam René Phillips who so unselfishly and willingly makes her class available for us every week, we really appreciate this as we realise just how much this can inconvenience you!

May you be blessed in abundance for the investment you make into our dancers.

INTERMEDIATE PHASE

School trip to Sterkfontein caves and Maropeng

On the 1st of September the Intermediate Phase went on an excursion to Sterkfontein Caves and Maropeng (Cradle of Humankind). It was a fun filled day where the children learnt about the interesting history of Mrs Ples and Little Foot; explored the caves and witnessed the magnificent limestones and excavation sites.

It was a day well spent; I take a bold step in speaking for everyone when I say we were all exhausted, but we would do it again in the blink of an eye.



Heritage Dress-Up

Heritage month is celebrated to mark our nation's diverse cultures and heritage. Intermediate phase learners expressed their pride through music and dance. They also dressed up in their different cultural attires.

Colour Picnic

Our learners certainly coloured up the Union Buildings on the 30th of September, where we went for our colour picnic. Everyone looked beautiful and happy as they showcased their matching treats, and threw water balloons. Yet another exquisite day to remember at Royal Schools.





Halloween dress up

The creativity was mind boggling!! We have future movie makers, authors, video game creators...artists in the making.

It was our first in the Intermediate Phase but we all certainly enjoyed it.

From the Intermediate Phase we thank all parents for all your support this year. The journeys we take as parents, teachers and learners year after year are always challenging as well as valuable.

May we continue to grow together.

HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

Princess Park Prize Giving

Academic Performance is the outcome of education. The pursuit of academic performance satisfies purpose in learners' lives. In educational institutions learners encounter a lot of pressure and challenges as they endeavor to keep up the best performance or even to continue in the academic programme. Learners vary in their performance levels; thus, they are rewarded as per their performance as Howard Gardner proposed that learners have "multiple intelligences" therefore it is significant that these intelligences are rewarded.

Therefore, as Royal Schools Princess Park we understand the importance of a prize giving ceremony. We honour learners who have exceeded expectations during the academic year. We take pride in awarding and celebrating their academic success.

Our 2022 prize giving gave learners a taste of what could be expected in future if they remain focussed and stay motivated to work hard and dream big.



Grade 12 Dux Learner with the academic executive principal Mr Dutuma, Principal Walker, Mrs Moyo and Ms K Panayotaki.



PIPE Values - Morewa Oluwaseyi and Nonkosi Xaba



Dux Learners - Emmanuella Onyeajam (Gr.10), Nokutenda Makotamo (Gr.11); , Baatseba Mashaba (Gr.8), Abigiya Yibeltal (Gr.7); Thando Madalane (Gr.9),



PIPE Values - Sean Usufu (Gr.11), Salima Shabani (Gr.10), Tinashe Hlambelo (Gr.9), Nompumelelo Ngwenya (Gr.8), Boipelo Tembe (Gr.7) And our Principal's Award goes to Nokutenda Makotamo, Grade 11.

Olympiads

Olympiads are an excellent platform to hone the learning process of learners. It helps to improve the skills of problem-solving and logical reasoning of a student.

Throughout 2022, some of our high school learners have participated in the Olympiads for Accounting, Business Studies, Economics and Mathematics. We can say with certainty that we are very proud!





Olympiads Participants

Grade 12

Accounting: Evalian Bebeda, Unathi Koyana, Dineo Mapunya, Morewa Oluwaseyi

Business Studies: Miso Nxusani, Jennifer Nyamador, Refilwe Tonga, Ridwan Wasu

Mathematics: Keron Bolamba, Minkhenso Mashele, Jennifer Nyamador, Rifuwo Rikhotso

Grade 11

Accounting: Nokutenda Makotamo

Business Studies: Neo Diketane, Josiane Ngoto, Siyamthanda Nhlane

Economics: Natalia Kamanuru, Lerato Lekganyane, Xolile Shezi

Mathematics: Neo Makena, Nokutenda Makotamo, Maloba Ngangole, Asethembe Ntombela, Kenean Tadeso

Grade 10

Accounting: Dimpho Chipa, Reiketlile Disegoana, Nokutenda Dutuma, Emmanuella Onyeajam

Business Studies: Adore Chauke, Cinga Makeleni

Economics: Mmapaseka Ncube

Mathematics: Dimpho Chipa, Reiketlile Disegoana, Keren Obiang, Emmanuella Onyeajam, Naledi Paledi

Grade 9

EMS: Boitumelo Mathebula, Keabetswe Mogane, Khomotso Mokgotloa

Mathematics: Ebenezer Dinkago, Rutendo Katena, Tshedimoso Makhudu, Lesiba Masoga, Tumelo Mongaula

Grade 8

Mathematics: Asher Aishida, Elizabeth Atanda, Simnikiwe Gana, Tshegofatso Mnyakene, Nananyana Mothoa



Royal Schools Academic Competition

On the 5th of August 2022 Royal School Sky City hosted an academic challenge in which all the five Royal Schools partook in. Academic competitions form an essential part of learning as they expose learners to the competitive side yet fun side of education. To help students improve on their respect for academics and interest in learning, it is important that they have heroes in these fields that they can look up to. Competitions are the strongest way to do this. During the Academic Challenge with the other Royal Schools, it was evident that teachers are doing their best to shape the future leaders of the nation, and the learners portrayed their potential academically. Royal School Princess Park was positioned second. Indeed it was sweet victory for both the participants and the school.



Trial prefects

As Royal Schools Princess Park College we pride ourselves in discipline which we strongly believe works hand in hand with academics. Against that background, the following learners have been entrusted to enforce discipline, order and a clean and safe learning environment for all. We are excited to announce our new crop of trial prefects for 2023. In random order the list is as follows:

Grade 11

Mogotsi Reatlegile
Tinaye Rungano
Tebogo Dikobe
Flora Letswalo
Madimedtja Ledwaba
Benedict Tshabangu
Nokutenda Dutuma

Riccost Kaone
Adore Chauke
Catherine Msimanga
Salima Shabani
Lydia Jabore
Bongani Nukeri
Sankelisiwe Ngonyama

Grade 12

Aaron Masakona
Lithitha Mduba
Lebogang Ramanaledi
Goitsemodimo Seoketsa
Kenean Tadese
Sean Usuf
Asanda Hlatshwayo
Phenyo Nkwana
Gineva Machaka
Reabetswe Dire

Katlego Makwela
Tinotenda Chivaku
Thato Mosoma
Maloba Ngangole
Neo Makinta
Prince Mhlanga
Treasure Onabolujo
Neo Diketane
Lerato Lekganyane

Grade 9 subject choice parents meeting

The subject choice at the end of Grade 9 determines the field of study learners will follow once they complete grade 12. Crucial to this decision is the fact that, before start grade 10, they must choose the correct combination of subjects from various academic streams; namely the commercials, humanities and sciences in order to secure placement in certain higher or further education programmes.

These streams form the foundation of career choices, which they will pursue in future. Royal Schools Princess Park strives to guide our grade nine learners as best as we can in these choices.

As such a Subject Choice Seminar was held on 11 August in conjunction with Eduvos to assist parents and learners in making informative decisions when selecting subjects. Learners and parents were made aware of the subject combinations that are available for the FET phase, and the possible fields of study for their future careers. In addition, the entry requirements for each field as well as possible career options were discussed in detail. Overall, the programme was a success and the response from the learners was resounding.

Grade 11 parents meeting

On 27 October 2022 our grade 11 parents and guardians were invited to attend an information session. The purpose was to impart important information regarding the curriculum, shed light on what is expected of the learners and the school's position to ensure learner/parent readiness for 2023, which is the grade 11 matriculating year. The principals also used this opportunity to encourage parents to build relationships with the educators so that learners are assured of getting all the support they need in their academics as well as physical well-being.

Achievers Tea

Achievers Tea is an annual event at Princess Park College. This is a special event to celebrate learners who have shown diligence, excellency and consistency in both their academics as well as their day to day conduct.

PPC in pictures

It has been a wonderful and fruitful year. We worked hard in ensuring that our learners are well taken care of. Not only do we focus on academics, but we make sure that our learners had fun. It is of outmost importance that we award them with the much-needed break, as we need to take care of their mental health. All work and no play makes Charlie an unhappy child. As educational practitioners not only do we focus on feeding their minds and planting the seeds of greatness, but we also take time out to be better versions of ourselves as teaching comes with a lot of challenges. We are parents to these learners, and they need us to be there for them. They say a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

This is how we unwind and have fun at Schools. We also care about the less fortunate as the Bible says, "Blessed is the hand that giveth than the hand that taketh" (KJV version)

It is important that we know our roots as Africans. Our history learners had a glimpse at how our leaders fought for this country at Freedom Park museum.

A journey through the wall of freedom fighters was a much needed lesson as we learn that each and every struggle has its rewards. The grass is sometimes greener on the other side.





Our leader Steve Biko, he taught us to be emancipated and be free from indoctrination. To empower ourselves as Africans.

We had to take up the challenge. Rainbow picnic was as colourful as our beautiful nation and as bright as our learners.

As they bid farewell to each other. Pimp my uniform, a reminder that this is the end of their journey as learners and the beginning of a prosperous journey ahead into adulthood.



Our grade 12 learners said goodbye with a bang. It is important that we also give back to the community that supports us

We will be nothing if we do not understand where we come from. Heritage Day dress challenge.



Gold Reef City was remarkable, our learners enjoyed themselves!



Academic Quality Assurance

The Academic Quality Assurance Team was established in January this year to focus on academic quality assurance in all our schools. The main focus of the team is to ensure excellence in the preparation and delivery of lessons in all grades and subjects. This was accomplished by the following projects implemented during the year:

- Subject specialists, with proven track records and results, were identified and appointed to mentor, guide and support subject teachers in specific subjects and grades.
- Common tests and exams, set by these subject specialists, were administered in terms 1 and 2 in specific subjects and grades. This allowed the Academic Quality Assurance Team to identify areas that needed intervention and support in terms of lesson preparation and lesson delivery.
- Systemic tests were administered in Grades 1 to 9 in October in English Home Language, Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Technology. The higher order cognitive levels of the learners were assessed in these subjects, as well as their ability to “think outside the box.” The results of these tests will be used to identify educators that are in need of support and development in order to teach the learners to apply themselves using the higher order cognitive levels. Workshops and training sessions will be held to support our staff.
- Google Workspace was implemented as an enrichment platform for learners. Training and development was offered to the educators throughout the year, to ensure that this platform is utilised to enrich and to reinforce what was taught in the classroom.
- Intervention and support strategies were offered to the schools in subjects that were not performing at an acceptable standard. Some of these strategies included the introduction of weekend boot camps, afternoon classes, Saturday classes and school holiday classes.

In 2023 our team will be expanded so that the academic standards in our schools can reach greater heights and our learners can excel in their academic performance.



Royals Schools: Maintenance Review 2022

Our Operations and maintenance team had a very busy 2022 to make sure that our schools and facilities are well maintained and upgraded where needed. Below is a short summary of some of the projects that were completed during 2022.

- 3 Air conditioners replaced
- Upgrade of debtors offices and bathrooms (tiling, bathroom renovated and painted)
- Upgrade of the School Management Team offices (tiling, painted and furniture upgrade)
- Learners' bathrooms repaired and upgraded during school holidays
- Auditorium tiled and stacker doors installed
- 5 x Projectors replaced
- 12 x Cameras added to classes
- 10 x Picnic Benches for playgrounds
- New School furniture bought to the value of +- R100 000