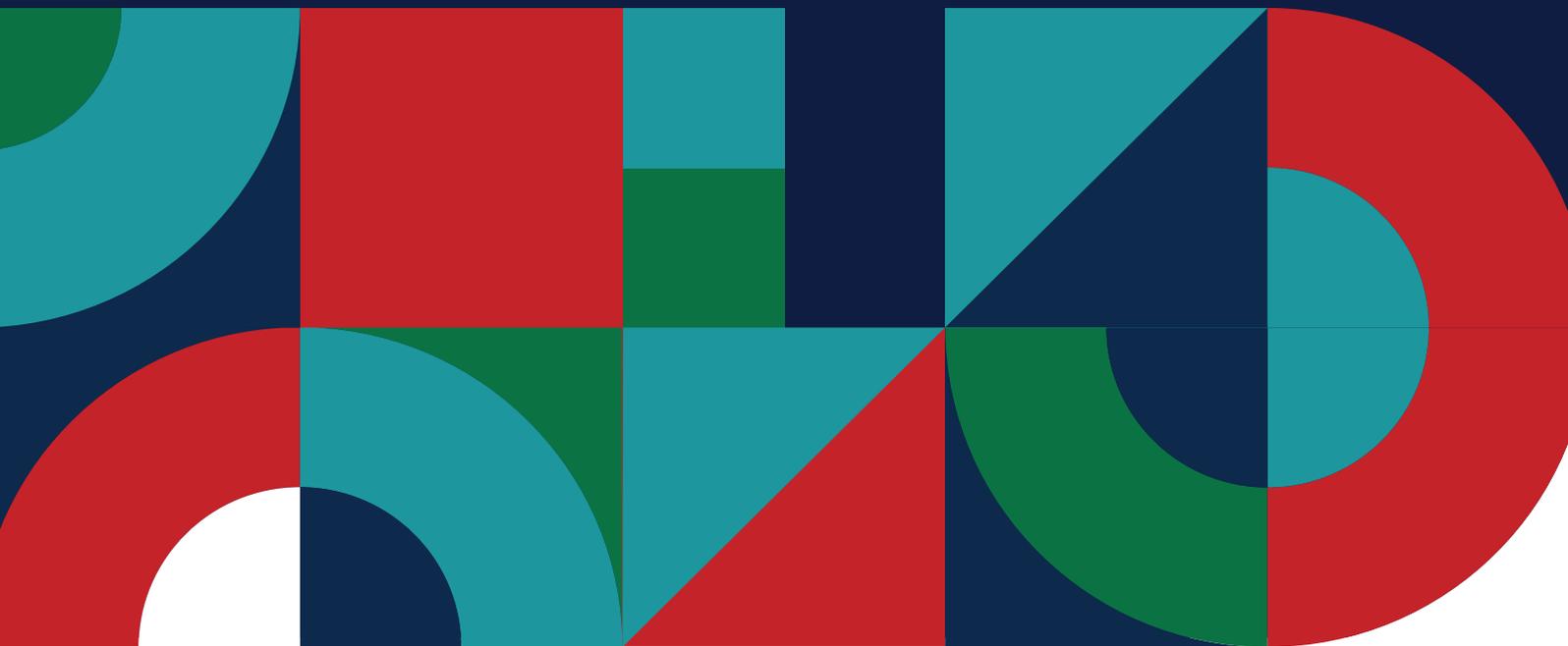




# QUEENS BI-ANNUAL REPORT

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**30 YEARS OF QUALITY PRIVATE EDUCATION**

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# A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you as I begin my journey as the new Executive Principal of Queens Private School. It is an honour and a privilege to join this esteemed educational institution, and I am eager to collaborate with our dedicated staff, engaged students and supportive parent community to continue fostering a culture of academic excellence and personal growth.

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Karlien Walker and I bring with me a wealth of experience in educational leadership. I am deeply committed to creating a positive and nurturing learning environment that empowers students to thrive academically, socially and emotionally. My educational philosophy is centred around the belief that every child has unique strengths and potential, and it is our collective responsibility to help them discover and develop these gifts.

As we embark on this journey together, I would like to share some of my key priorities for our time ahead: Academic Excellence: I am dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the high standards of academic achievement that Queens Private School is known for. Through innovative teaching methods, a comprehensive curriculum, and a focus on individualised learning, we will continue to prepare our students for success in an ever-evolving world.

Community Engagement: Building strong partnerships with parents and the broader community is essential for the success of our learners. I am committed to open communication, transparency and collaboration. Together, we can create a supportive network that fosters the growth and development of each child.

Well-Being and Inclusivity: The well-being of our learners is paramount. I believe in creating a school culture that prioritises mental health, emotional intelligence and inclusivity. Our school will be a safe and welcoming space where diversity is celebrated, and every learner feels value and respected. I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for Queens Private School and I invite you to join me on this journey. Your input and involvement are invaluable, and together, we can create an environment where each student can thrive and reach their full potential.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you in the upcoming academic year. My door is always open, and I encourage you to reach out with any questions, ideas or concerns. Let's work together to make Queens Private School an even more exceptional place for our children to learn and grow!

*Mrs K Walker*

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### CELEBRATING OUR PIPE VALUES

'If you don't stick to your values when they're being tested, they're not values: they're hobbies.' Jon Stewart

**PEOPLE**

"We always put people first in whatever we do"

**INTEGRITY**

"We always do what we say"

**PERSEVERANCE**

"We finish what we start"

**EXCELLENCE**

"We always give our best and improve on what we do"

**Congratulations to the following learners who best demonstrated these values in their daily learning.**

Grade	People	Integrity	Perseverance	Excellence
1A	Enkosi Sibanda	Itumeleng Papo	Blessing Sekolane	Mofenyi Phasha
1B	Aphiwe Shezi	Talya Matongo	Rhema Maroga	Orapeleng Zulu
2A	Lesedi Phooko	Joshua Msiska	Anele Sekwane	Anele Sekwane
2B	Bokamoso Hanyane	Kgosi Molobela	Oaratwa PHEME	Samkelesiwe Ndlovu
3A	Alupheli Fekisi	Vuvhawho Mbedzi	Bungcwele Dinga	Oratilwe Malepe
3B	Triomphe Tuta	Oratile Mashupje Lesufi	Asher Nqobile Mqashane	Didintle Mogokonyane
4A	Sphiwokuhle April	Sinethemba Hlomuka	Botlhale Monamoli	Rixile Sibiya
4B	Kopano Marema	Vunene Mashaba	Blessing Sibuyi	Reneilwe Debeila
5A	Tom Hlatini	Ruvarashe Mangava	Phenyo Moatshe	Tshegofatso Masela
5B	Josiya Mebrath	Tshepo Modiba	Gomolemo Mmona	Chimamanda Okeke
6A	Lesego Shoba	Abenathi Cebane	Stocker Msiska	Ronewa Khapathe
6B	Tshabello Chele	Lethabo Monamoli	Lonwabo Matsimbi	Zintle Sebulele

Term 3 had some of our learners' most favourite activities - clubs and sport. Closing the books and actively participating in sport and clubs was highly anticipated every Monday afternoon.

## **SOCCER AND NETBALL**

Our Primary School learners enjoyed time out of the classroom as they went out to play netball and soccer. QPS has soccer teams for both girls and boys in the Primary School.

## **CHESS**

While some learners enjoyed the outdoors exercising their bodies, other learners settled down to exercise their brains by learning to play chess. The learners watched online videos before applying their brains to the challenge of a chess game.

## **CHOIR**

Acapella singing, of popular South African songs of various genres, filled the corridors of our school every Monday. Our learners have amazing talents that were discovered in clubs such as the choir.

## **AEROBICS/CROSS-FIT**

Aerobic exercise keeps the mind sharp by improving memory and thinking skills. At Queens Private we believe in regular exercise in the form of aerobics/cross-fit.

# PHASE TRANSITION DAY

At Queens, we feel that it's important to include our parents, not just as the learner's support system but as the solid pillar in a steady partnership within the school environment. We have managed to host a successful phase transition day on 17 November 2023. The purpose of this day was to motivate and support our parents of the learners who are entering a new phase of their school career. The Parents were armed with a fully packed information session presented by different educators. The educators had an opportunity to explain the new challenges, adaptations and teaching methods that are used in the different phases. Parents also had the opportunity to meet the educators that could answer all the relevant concerns and questions that were raised by parents. While the parents and educators spent some time together, the learners had a fun session playing in the newly renovated play area. We strive to build a strong relationship with our parents that will last a lifetime.



## ACADEMICS *Knowledge is power!*

At Queens we strive to offer the best education possible. We have set high standards that come along with the quality of education that we offer. We believe in a variety of methods to transfer the knowledge to our learners. These methods include the following examples in our grade 1 learners learnt how to develop some drawing and art skills. We have seen some amazing art work from the learners. The grade 2 learners had an awesome experience completing measuring activities using cups, buckets and spoons. The grade 3s were challenged to complete 3D models to represent natural disasters, where we all got to experience some mind blowing volcanoes and wrecked towns caused by tsunamis. We also developed reading sessions with guidance by taking turns in the early morning sun. We trust that all academics will continue growing in the years to come.





# GRADE R FUN

This year was such a wonderful year filled with lots of challenges, fun activities and most importantly, lots of love in the Grade R class! From hard working activities like counting, doing sums and recognising important letters and sounds to exploring activities, like developing our bodies and learning science through water play. We are honoured to say that we have successfully seen our little ones grow day by day. At Queens we believe that grade R is important in any learner's life as it lays the foundation as a stepping stone up to grade 12. Education plays an enormous role in the everyday life of any grade R learner, therefore we have taught our learners according to the necessary departmental requirements. Activities that have taken place in our classroom includes teaching learners the phonetical sounds within their names, reading and writing their names, recognising sight words and much more. Learners have to be encouraged to develop a creative side, this includes painting, building structures with clay, water and sand play, as we have seen in the grade R class this year. Lastly we encouraged our learners to use their bodies as an excellent method of learning by using our new jungle gym and grade R play area more often. Besides education, we feel that our school is a home away from home for learners, we wanted to create a safe space for our little ones where they could feel free.

We hosted a fun drumming experience with an incursion hosted by Drum busters on 07 October 2023. The little ones had a fun filled experience and were more than capable of keeping up with the instructions given by the hosts, while wearing green and gold to support the Springboks.

Our annual graduation took place on 21 November 2023, where our grade R learners presented a variety of songs and poems to their parents, while wearing their beautiful black togas. We had a very special farewell ceremony, which included a gift and lots of proud parents on this day, as we were sending our grade R learners off to grade 1. We wish all of our grade R learners the best with their upcoming school career. All the grade R learners will be dearly missed by Ms van den Heever who shared a special bond with them during 2023. We would like to remind our learners about the following quote: "Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don't forget to enjoy the journey."—Michael Josephson



# FUN, FUN & FUN!

At our School we believe that education comes first, but who said one can't have fun while being educated. This year we treated our intermediate phase, Gr 4-6 learners, with a hands-on excursion to Lesedi Cultural Museum on 28 September 2023. The learners and educators had an awesome time learning about different African cultures, while enjoying a filling lunch. In the foundation phase we had decided to do things a little bit different and had a fun filled drumming experience, hosted by Drum Busters on 7 October 2023. Our little ones had a wonderful time and no difficulties keeping up with the beat. We hope to see more of these activities in the future.



## CONQUESTA

We firmly believe in encouraging our learners to always perform at their best and with perseverance. This year we have a huge number of learners per grade that participated in this academic challenge and performed well. Learners enjoyed writing Conquesta papers based on their favourite subjects: English Home Language, Mathematics, Life Skills and Robotics. Learners received certificates from Conquesta with excellent marks.

## PRIZE GIVING

We believe strongly in rewarding learners in different areas of their school career. We as educators are very proud of our learners and celebrated the hard work by hosting a prize giving event on 21 November 2023. We made use of a variety of categories to ensure that we include all our learners. We rewarded our learners with gold and silver certificates for academics, most improved certificates, acts of kindness awards and pipe value awards. This event was truly blissful for our educators, learners as well as the parents. We are extremely proud of each learner at Queens and we hope to keep building on this great team work with all stakeholders. May learners never give up on their dreams and careers, together with their supportive educators and parents by their side.



# ACHIEVERS TEA

Our hard working students deserve a special event that includes tea and cake with the principals and HOD's. On the 16th of October we hosted a fancy event for our Top 3 learners in each grade. This event was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and focus on our top achievers. All learners received a certificate as well a small gift as a token of appreciation. The learners also enjoyed a hot cup of tea with cake and a sweet treat while bonding and spending time with their dedicated educators. We trust that the learners will use this event as motivation to keep on setting an example for their peers.



# QUEENS SPORT/CHARITY

First team Netball



First team soccer

## AFTERCARE AT QUEENS



Services are available from 14h00 to 17h30



# FROM THE HEAD GIRL



On behalf of all QPS learners, I would like to extend my gratitude to the teachers that work tirelessly in ensuring our success. The teachers that are completely devoted and dedicated to making sure that our lives change for the better.

## A BIG THANK YOU!

FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH



We would like to thank your school for the generous donations of non-perishable food. As a church we support various organisations and feeding schemes through our members and minis-try groups. The food donated will be spread far and wide to care for those in need.



Outreach programme. Donations to Methodist Church of Southern Africa

# BALLET

## Whaoi! What an amazing year 2023 was....

Our dancers rose up to every challenge and changed opportunities into magnificent moments! As teachers we are so proud of their development and achievements.

Thank you to each and every one of our beautiful dancers – your love and commitment energises us and we are always looking forward to the quality time we spend together in the dancing class! A total of 45 learners, 44 girls and 1 boy, took part in our weekly classes.

Our dancers really excelled in their DASA Exams as well as Studio Assessments which took place in September this year: Relebogile Malepe (Gr.R) and Bathabile Mojapelo (Gr.1) danced the Tiny-Tots 2 DASA examination successfully and received their medals.

The Gr.2's: Salome Chaitesvi and Amiola Makinde passed the Pre-Primary ballet exam with distinction and Mukundi Dzhivhuwo and Samkelisiwe Ndlovu achieved merits, well done girls!

Gr.3 dancers: Lethabo Maroga, Kgothatso Machaka and Zoe Mahloko gained distinctions in the Primary ballet exam, and Mahlogonolo Mohlamme passed with merit. You made us proud.

All 45 dancers also passed their studio assessments and will receive their medals and certificates at the prize-giving on concert day! Well done, you are truly lovely and we are blessed to be part of your dance journey.

The dancers are currently preparing for their "Seasons of Life" ballet concert which will be staged at Confidence College on Wednesday 29 November 2023 and will give the dancers the opportunity to perform on stage. Photo's to follow in the new year... The High School dancers from Princess Park will join in this performance.

Looking back, we stand amazed to see how much our dancers developed their sense of musicality, spacial awareness, confidence, discipline and group work – all additional benefits to the classical dance technique they mastered.

## Keep up the joy of dancing!

Teachers Betty and Hestie van Biljon

Registration for 2024 now open, feel free to whatsapp Hestie 083 289 1803 for info



Gr.2 Dancers



Gr.3 Dancers





# HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## ACHIEVERS TEA

We held our annual Achievers Tea for the class of 2023 on 16 October 2023. All top three learners from grades 7 to 11 were invited to the event. Well done to all achievers and we are super proud of all of you.

## MATRIC AWARD CEREMONY

Matric Award Ceremony was held on 20 October 2023. Congratulations to our amazing Matrics on their achievements. Our Dux learner for 2023 is Lebogang Malobola.



## GR 9 SUBJECT CHOICES

On October 30, 2023, we held a career guidance session for our Grade 9 students and their parents. It was an educational workshop for to assist our grade 9's to select the appropriate subjects in the FET phase.

## PHASE TRANSITION 2023

In preparation for Grade 7 in 2024, all current grade 6 students and parents were invited to a phase transition event on November 17, 2023. We are very delighted to welcome our junior high school students for the next academic year.



## GR 11 PARENTS MEETING

On November 20, 2023, we held a successful information session for current grade 11 parents. We communicated some important information to them as we prepared them for what to expect as grade 12 parents next year.

## AFRICAN LANGUAGE IN SENIOR AND FET PHASE

Our parents spoke, and we listened! Sepedi will be offered as a first additional language n grades 7-10 from next year. Sepedi was selected after the results of a survey, sent out in term 2 ,were tallied.

Sepedi First Additional Language received more than 50% of the votes. All students in grades 7 to 10 may choose either Afrikaans or Sepedi as a first additional language with English as their home language. Sepedi FAL will be phased in grades 11-12 in 2025 and 2026 consecutively.



# CULTURAL NEWS

## ROYAL SCHOOLS CHOIR COMPETITION

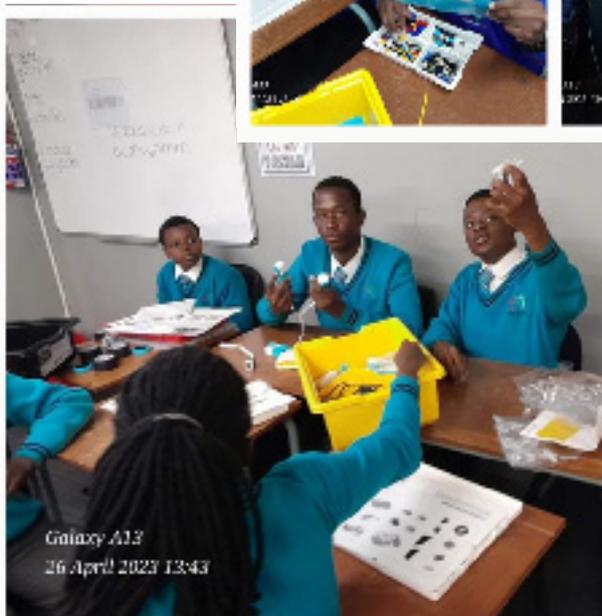
The "Clash of the Choirs" competition was held on the 21st of October at our sister school Royal Schools Alberton. This was a music competition unlike any other, which was inclusive of different high schools in the Gauteng province. The aim of this competition is to promote high school music engagement in South Africa, specifically in the choir music sphere, while creating a meaningful platform for learners to be cultivated and mentored by music professionals. Moreover, this competition addressed social injustices which are faced by high school learners around South Africa through music. We are eagerly looking forward to competing in The Clash of the Choirs in 2024!



## ROBOTICS:

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. Robotics refers to educational programmes and activities that introduce learners to the world of robotics. A career in robotics necessitates a good foundation in mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and computer programming.

In 2024 we are exposing our learners to more competitions by Resolute Robotics and we will report back on the progress.



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