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NEWSLETTER | **17 AUGUST 2018** | VOLUME 3:5

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Tonight sees the opening night of our much anticipated first major dramatic production, "Beauty and the Beast Jnr". I am sure the months of intensive hard work will be rewarded, and the students will experience the results of their commitment and dedication. Of course, a great deal of fun has also been had by all and the show will definitely go down in the annals of school memories. Next week's newsletter will most certainly be filled with many photographs.

Our building is proceeding well and the enrollments of new students is on track. All our present students in Grade 3 – 10 should have received documents about subject choices for 2019. I cannot believe that we are already planning for next year. I feel like it is only about May and not two thirds of the way through the year. Time certainly flies when you are having fun!

Have a most enjoyable weekend.



## SPECIAL NEWS | UNIFORM SHOP

Our 2nd Hand Shop under the able care of Zieldre Kruger is functioning very well. I would like to thank Zieldre and her team for all the work she has been doing. To date we have raised R4500.00. However, we are desperately short of stock, especially the larger (High School) sizes.

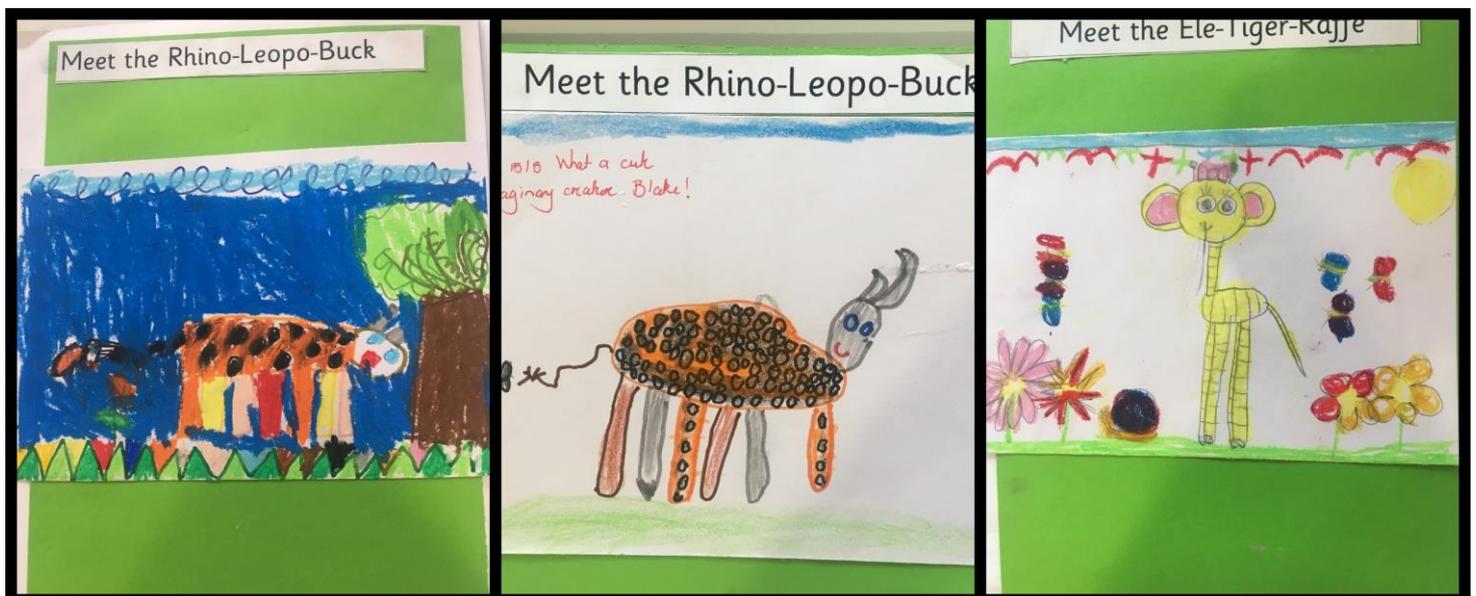
Please remember that when you donate, you receive 1/3 of the price back in credit to purchase at the shop! Please remember to collect lost property from the tables in the Piazza. All unmarked items will be sent to the shop for sale.

We have been approached by parents who have struggled to get to the Uniform Shop at Reddam House Waterfall during the week. We are happy to report that the shop will be open on the first Saturday of each month starting from 1 September 2018. Please telephone the shop directly should you have any queries about opening times.

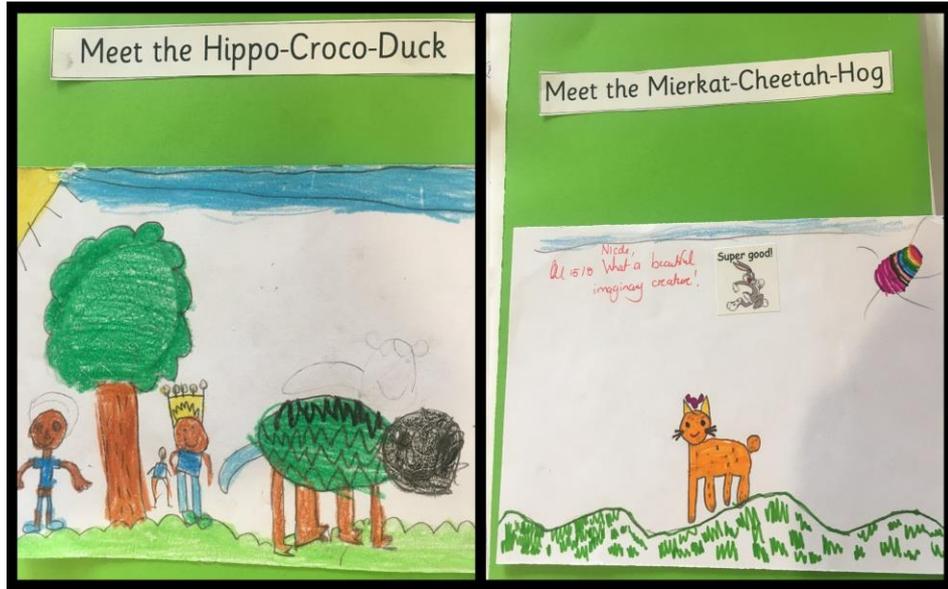
## FOCUS ON | JUNIOR PREPARATORY

This week started off with Grade 1R performing a “Women’s Day” presentation at our assembly. The students all played their part so beautifully and certainly made their teacher and parents very proud indeed. The children played tambourines, drums and sang a little song, all keeping in time with good rhythm. Some were asked to read facts about 3 interesting ladies from a book called “Bedtime stories for rebel girls”. Their ability to read and speak using a microphone in front of an audience was most impressive. We received so many compliments, but more importantly, the children loved it and were beaming from ear to ear with confidence in their own ability.

In English the children have had so much fun creating an imaginary animal. They worked in groups as part of developing their 21<sup>st</sup> Century Core Skills. Collaborating and working together is not always easy for Grade 1 children, but it is such an important skill to learn to master. The children were divided into groups of 3 or 4 and encouraged to use their imaginations when deciding on what their mythical creature would look like, where it lives, it’s favourite hobbies and its eating habits. Some of the responses were very amusing and every creature quite unique. In Grade 1R we met a “Hippo-croco-duck”, an “Ele-tiger-raffe”, a “Rhino-leopo-buck” and a “Mierkat-cheetah-hog”.



In Maths we've been exploring the concept of doubling numbers using a mirror as a tool, our Singapore Maths equipment sticks, ten frames and unifix cubes. Doubling seems to be a much easier concept for Grade 1s to acquire, as opposed to "halving". We've also been working with South-African coins and money notes (which links well with our provocation of "caring for my country"). It's amazing to hear how the students are able to recognise some of the larger denominations. The children then love to share with their teachers what the tooth fairy brings them when they lose a tooth (which is a pretty common occurrence in Grade 1). Exploring money as a Maths concept has led to interesting discussions on how children earn their pocket money; what chores they need to do at home; how much it costs to "live". As little as they are, they are able to learn and appreciate the value of money.



In Life Skills, we've been discussing the meaning of "diversity and unity". This is a big concept for little people. I have learnt never to underestimate just how much a Grade 1 child can actually perceive and understand. We read a beautiful and inspiring poem "**Unity through Diversity**" - **By Hermy Balcolm (H.L. Balcolm)**. The children coloured in a rainbow and drew themselves, friends and classmates, holding hands or just being together. We read some of the South-African words from the poem such as "pap", "rooibos tea" and "bushveld". The students felt very "big" as they pointed out to their teacher how many of the words they knew, and how many they could read. There is always a bit of space for some fun in Grade 1, so the children used our African animal puppets to dramatize a bushveld scene. They now ask every day to play with the puppets.



There's much excitement this week with anticipating the "Beauty and the beast" Jr. production which will take place this weekend. We've been "counting the sleeps" until Friday.

There are two other major events to look forward to:

- 1) "Bring a buddy to school day" on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> August, followed by
- 2) Open Day on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

On behalf of the JP Team, I would like to express our gratitude to you, our special parents, for the love and encouragement you show your children and for the support you show us. We are blessed to be able to work with such a lovely group of children and parents.

(Mrs Leigh-Anne McAlpine)

## FOCUS ON | MIDDLE COLLEGE

The season of performing arts had an influence on the History component of Social Science this term, for the grade 8 students. Demonstrations were used to reinforce learning with the students substantiating their opinions and views about colonisation of Africa. Each group had to choose to present colonisation either from the impact it had on Africans or the benefits it had for the acquiring empire. This was done in the form of a song, rap or role play. Fun was had by all.

(Mrs Kim Green)



## FROM THE SPORTS' DESK

Although it was a quiet week in terms of sport, there is still much to talk about.

In assembly on Monday, we awarded our College House Captains their house captain badges and formally congratulated them on their appointments. I, again, would like to congratulate these children on their appointments and I look forward to working with them for the remainder of the year.

Our Interhouse leaders carry a huge responsibility in the sports department. They are responsible for encouraging participation in as many of the sporting codes offered at the school as well as building up school spirit. This school spirit then filters into our teams when representing the school in the interschool fixtures. I believe that sportsmanship, comradery and competition starts in-house with the Interhouse events.

Despite it being a quiet week, our Senior Prep hockey players are off to a fixture this afternoon at the Curro Aurora Astroturf for yet another full 11-a-side match against Cliffview. We wish them well and look forward to some positive results.

Looking to next week, its back to business with a packed week of fixtures and practices. Please see the week ahead for a breakdown of next weeks practice times and fixtures.

I thank you for your continued support in helping the sports department grow and develop.

Have a wonderful weekend. Come on the Boks!

Yours in sport,

(Mr. Alisdair Baines)

### REDDAM HOUSE HELDERFONTEIN SPORTS WEEK AHEAD WEEK ENDING: Friday 24 August 2018

	<u>WINTER SPORT AT REDDAM HELDERFONTEIN</u>	<u>VENUES</u>
Monday 20/08	College Sevens Rugby training: 14h30 – 16h00 Action Netball Training: 14h30 – 16h00 <u>U14 &amp; U16 Soccer Match: Bus Departs at 14h15 – Returns at 16h30</u>	St Georges Field Netball Courts <u>Crawford College Lonehill</u>
Tuesday 21/08	U14 – U16 Soccer Training: 15h00 - 16h30 U10 – U12 Boys and Girls Hockey Training: 14h30-15h45 U10 – U16 Tennis Training: 14h30 – 16h00 <u>U11/U12/U13 Boys Hockey Match vs Crawford Prep Fourways Bus Departs at 15h15 – Returns at 17h30</u>	St Georges Soccer Field Junior Hockey Field Tennis courts <u>Crawford Prep Astro</u>
Wednesday 22/08	U10 – U16 Mountain Biking: 14h45 – 16h00 U13 – U16 Boys & Girls Hockey: 14h45 – 15h45 <u>7's Rugby Match vs Cedarwood: Bus depart at 14h15</u>	Manor House Parking Senior Hockey Field <u>Cedarwood</u>
Thursday 23/08	U14 – U16 Soccer Training: 15h00 - 16h30 U13 – U16 Boys & Girls Hockey: 15h30 – 17h00 U10 – U12 Boys & Girls Hockey Training: 14h15 – 15h15 <u>U14 &amp; U16 Soccer Match: Bus Departs at 13h45 – Returns at 17h30</u>	St Georges Field Senior Hockey Field Junior Hockey Field
Friday 24/08	<u>U11/U12/U13 Boys Hockey vs Randpark Primary: Bus departs at 14h15 – Returns at 17h00</u> U10 – U16 Tennis Training: 14h15 – 15h15 <u>U10 – U16 Trail Running: 14h15 – 15h15</u>	<u>Trinity House Randpark Astro</u> Tennis Courts Manor House Parking

# Monday 20 August 2018



## Crawford College Lonehill

would like to welcome

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to our school.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Field 1</b>	<b>Field 2</b>
15:00	U14 (25 min x 2) Ref: Jacky	
16:00	U16 (25 min x 2) Ref: Abu	

Parents are invited to enjoy tea, coffee and cake

inside the staffroom

## **DATES TO DIARISE**

### **31 AUGUST**

**Bring-a-Buddy to school (Grade 1 – 10)**  
**Spring Civvies Day (ELS, JP, SP and High School)**  
**SP Cake and Candy Sale**  
**Spring Social**

### **1 SEPTEMBER**

**Open Day (whole school involvement from 9:00 – 12:00)**

### **3- 7 SEPTEMBER**

**Book Week**  
**Hooked on Books (Grade 1 -6)**  
**JP D-E-A-R (Drop-everything-and-read) Day**

### **10- 11 SEPTEMBER**

**JP Parent Interviews**  
**ELS and JP Dog Show**

### **14 SEPTEMBER**

**Music Festival (8:00- 14:00)**

### **17- 18 SEPTEMBER**

**ELS Parent Interviews**  
**NEA Festival (till 6 October)**

### **19 SEPTEMBER**

**Grade 8 Montecasino Excursion**

### **20 SEPTEMBER**

**Grade 10 Montecasino Excursion**

### **21 SEPTEMBER**

**Heritage Day Celebrations**  
**School closes at 11:00**  
**Reports released**