



# Good Shepherd Newsletter Term 2 2018

## MESSAGE FROM HEADMISTRESS !

This Term has once again been full of activities in and around the school. Every day unfolds differently from the one before. As much as it is planned, it brings about its own surprises. We thank God for our school and all we play a vital role within the school environment. A huge Thank You must go to all Trustees for the amazing work done to uphold and support the school.

We have concluded the SGB process and this had its own challenges. The school needs good governance with an SGB that will serve the school to the best of their ability. The applications for the Principals post has been concluded and the school awaits the response from the DOE as we continue to pray for a leader for our school. Grade 1 still needs to be filled and needless to say the TRUST is currently paying Mrs Green in the interim. A new meal server has been appointed with an existing one as from the beginning of April. We also received a visit from the DOE to monitor the Nutrition programme. They are very impressed with the present situation.

### Foundation Phase

We are as busy as bees with many activities happening. Grade R has received new Library books from Lebone because Ms Hillier attended a Library course. The Grade R learners also participate in Rugby Ready, an initiative of the DOE under Mr Jeggels. They always enjoy the computer lab.

Grade 1 has a student teacher for this term. Learners are also engaged in the lab, Rugby Ready and library visits. Reading Eggs have started.

Grade 2 has a volunteer as well as student teachers. This has been most helpful. They are also involved in one on one student support with Language, Mathematic groups, Rugby Ready, Computers, and English lessons with Ms Nesi from GADRA.

Grade 3 has a Reading club, Rugby ready and Library visits.

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- New members of staff at Good Shepherd
- Sports at school and the Rugby season
- Clubs happening during term 2

# Intermediate Phase

There is much activities that provided the necessary support to our learners;

SAC clubs under Ms Pretorius, Homework clubs supervised by Ms Botha, Mathematic clubs under Mr Accom, museum visits, A Shakespeare play is on the cards under Ms Botha, Marimba band under Mr Mata, Environmental initiatives

## General

We have regular visits from SAPS, Revd DR Claire comes on a weekly basis to council and support many learners. Mrs Sue Siewright the psychologist attends to learners who need that support. The library operates to empower the learners and teachers with reading and resource materials. Ncedo is running the lab and we are happy to have Will Dadd back from home, what a blessing they are. We had a visit from African Enterprise Fire Fox. The youth could share their experiences with our learners. We attended a service in the Cathedral on Ascension Day. The service was conducted by Revd Dr Claire. This was the first of many to come, spiritual nurturing is important for both learners and educators.

Thank you to all those who have invested in time and kind to our school in so many ways. May we never grow weary of doing good. God bless you all.

Yours in Education

Katie

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## GRADE 5 AMAKHALA GAME RESERVE VISIT !

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2018, the grade 5 class was invited by Coaching for Conservation to Amakala Game reserve – where they participated in the annual Rhino Rapid Awareness Program.

The program is aimed towards educating learners about the devastating effects of Rhino poaching. Coaching for Conservation aspires to address the belief systems of children. They instil confidence, hope and desire into children by inspiring them to make a difference in the world.

Coaching for Conservation uses two mechanisms for teaching: firstly, to harness the power of sport and all the inherent values that sport provides in terms of health, fitness, teamwork and pride. Secondly, allowing children to learn from the coaches and mentors – by bringing the animals that they are trying to protect, onto the sports field.

The learners participated in a three-part programme (MEET; BE; HELP) conducted by qualified and experienced educators and soccer coaches.

For the “MEET” section they were given a brief talk about their coach/animal for the day (Rhino).

They were then taken to the field to do soccer drills and “BE” the animal.

The session was completed with the “HELP” section – a series of conservation games, which also included an exciting game drive.



*Foundation Phase pupils participating in the Rugby Ready Day*

## RUGBY READY DAY

Throughout this term coach Elton Jeggels has been coming to Good Shepherd school to coach rugby to pupils in the foundation phase. All pupils involved have looked forward to his visits every week and have been excited to leave their classes and spend some of their energy on the rugby pitch.

On Thursday 31st May all the pupils had the opportunity to share the pitch with their coach and all foundation phase pupils at Good Shepherd. After a quick warm up exercise, the children were split into their individual grades and given time to play games of tag rugby against their peers.

The action was fast paced and sometimes chaotic, but it was encouraging to see all pupils give their maximum effort. During the event an outstanding number of tries were scored by all teams involved.

All involved thoroughly enjoyed the morning of Rugby. We would like to express our gratitude to Coach Elton Jeggels as well as the parents who came to watch and support their children.

## MATHS CLUB

Throughout Term 2 Mr Accom has been holding Maths club after school on Wednesdays.

Pupils from the intermediate phase invited to participate in Maths club will be in the top 5 for their grade, and Maths club represents an excellent opportunity to challenge themselves and develop their mathematical ability.

Every week the pupils split into teams with members from each grade represented, to solve questions presented in fun activities. With points available to the best groups each week and prizes for the best performing pupils at the end of term, Maths club has cultivated a competitive attitude within the participants, pushing each other to develop their skills.



*Pupils competing in a Maths Treasure hunt around school*

## STUDENT TEACHERS

We have been very fortunate in foundation phase to have two amazing student teachers who have been with us for ten weeks of this term. Miss. Liebenberg in Grade 1 and Miss. Williams in Grade 2. These delightful ladies have brought with them lots of enthusiasm and innovative ideas, which they have had a chance to put into practice in the classrooms.

Miss Liebenberg has had lots of fun planning and doing lots of shared writing activities with the Grade ones among other things.

Miss Williams has been very busy creating activities for the grade 2 class, her Maths work is a particular favorite amongst the learners. She has also been worked been taking learners for one-to-one reading sessions.

We are sure that Miss's Liebenberg and Williams will go on to be fantastic teachers and Good Shepherd wishes them all the best in their future careers as educators. Thank you for all the hard work!



*Miss Williams (left) and Miss Liebenberg (right)*

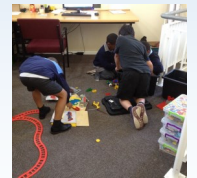
## COMPUTER LAB

This term has been busy for the computer lab at Good Shepherd. Staffed by interns from St. Andrews College, the computer lab has seen the foundation phase pupils using Cami-Education suite to develop their learning through quick, intuitive and repetitive exercises. Intermediate phase pupils have been using Cami-Maths to tackle trickier problems such as long division and time-telling, the greatest benefit of the Cami-software is it gives learners a chance to attempt a significantly larger amount of questions than would otherwise be possible. Intermediate phase pupils have also been using the computer lab to conduct research for their Natural Science and Life Sciences projects, it has been great to see pupils spending their free time to benefit their class work.

## LIBRARY

The library has been very busy this term. Miss June staffs the library every Tuesday and Thursday, welcoming all grades throughout the school to borrow books, taking them home to enjoy for a week. The school is extremely lucky to have her working with us.

The library isn't just for books, it also provides a quiet and inclusive space for the pupils to visit during their break times. Students can challenge each other to a game of chess, take a quick read of their favourite books or play puzzles and get creative with Lego. Many thanks also to the Grade 7 Library monitors who put in lots of effort to keep the Library clean and welcoming.



## SHAKESPEARE AUDITIONS

Good Shepherd Primary learners are eagerly on the way to creating another Shakespeare performance of note!

Auditions have taken place and facilitators are currently in the tough position of selecting learners for their roles in this year's *Midsummers Night Dream*. We are very grateful for the talented and generous hands of 3 Rhodes university Drama students who are here to help get the show up and running.

Information about the show will be made available soon – in the meantime, please note that Drama Club will be taking place every Wednesday after school for an hour. Your support and encouragement is always warmly welcomed and appreciated.

## READING EGGS

The School has just started using the website reading eggs with foundation phase pupils.

Readings Eggs was created by expert educators and is based on solid scientific research to give children the best chance at reading success. It is an interactive and highly interactive website designed to develop the essential reading skills of young children.

All Grade 1,2 and 3 pupils have sat their placement quiz to determine their current reading capacity and assign them ability specific exercise. The pupils have started to work through their exercises, and will soon graduate on to accessing the over 2000 e-books available to them on Reading Eggs.



## GRADE 3 RECYCLING PROJECT

The Grade 3 class has been learning about how to look after the environment. They have been learning about saving water and recycling. They have used all their knowledge to produce a Theme corner on the Three Rs ; recycling, reusing and reducing. The main display is a collage of recyclable materials they have brought in from home. They have also been making cookie Jars out of recycled materials as fathers day gifts.



## GRADE 2 MASKS

The grade 2 class have been making colourful and creative masks. Much fun has been enjoyed by all.



## GRADE 1 SOLAR SYSTEM

This term the Grade ones have been very busy learning about space. They have learnt the names of the planets in our solar system and the position of earth. This started with various writing activities, videos and stories, after which, the children got to make their own solar systems. In addition, we visited the Albany museum where we saw their solar system display and learned more about how the moon goes around the earth and what causes an eclipse. The Grade ones have had great fun decorating their class to look like space and imagining what it would be like to go into space as an astronaut.



*Grade 1 Astronauts*

## ASCENSION DAY SER-

On Thursday 10th June all pupils and staff from Good Shepherd Primary School, joined by parents and members of the Good Shepherd Trust, attended an Ascension day service at Grahamstown Cathedral.

The service is held on the Thursday 39 days after Easter Sunday, and is held to commemorate Jesus' ascension into heaven. After Jesus' crucifixion, he was resurrected on Easter Sunday and appeared to many of his disciples and others imploring them to spread the word of god.

A excellent service was delivered by Reverend Claire Hunter that included songs, stories and a puppet show with Spike and Thandi. The message that Reverend Claire shared with us was of teamwork and cooperation.

Also included during the service was a reading by Good Shepherd pupils Leolin and Onika.



*Reverend Claire with  
puppets Spike and Thandi*

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## GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Good Shepherd Primary School, Grahamstown is one of the oldest schools in the area, it was built in 1844. Although it is situated in the centre of the business area of Grahamstown, it is populated predominantly by disadvantaged learners, they receive their teaching and learning through the medium of English. The School caters for girls and boys from grade 1 to 7 (ages 6 -13). We, Good Shepherd Primary School, shall be a community, nurturing quality education, in a safe disciplined environment for our learners, enabling them to become successful, responsible citizens in life. We shall enable our learners to develop to their full potential through a comprehensive and effective educational experience, with opportunities for achievement in knowledge skills and values.