



WENDYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

"Magno Animo - Greatness of Spirit"

NEWSLETTER 2014/2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

WELL DONE TO OUR LEARNERS

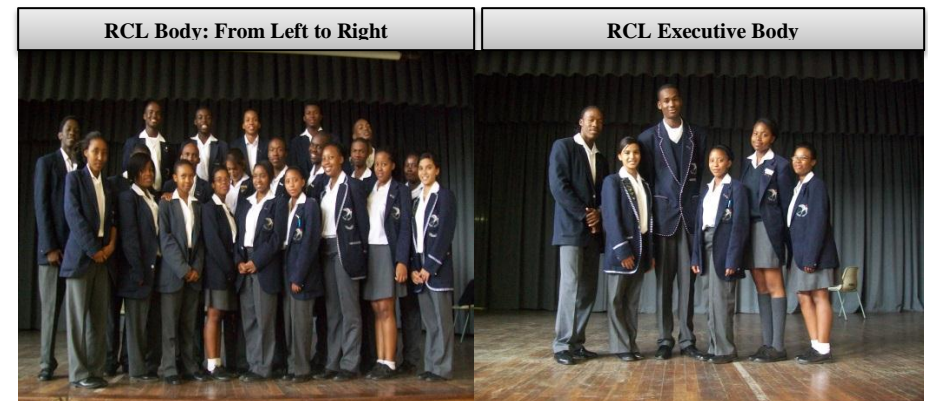
It was indeed with pride that we also gave credit to our top achievers in Grades 8-11, of the 2013 academic year. We presented them with their certificates at a special assembly: Here follows their names, per grade:

Grade 8 Awards		Grade 9 Awards	
Names	Award Type	Names	Award Type
Kandhan Mershaya	Bronze Award	Mandlazi Gerold M	Bronze Award -83%
Theuri Virginia	Bronze Award	Omar Juwayriya	Bronze Award -82%
Mungalee Lamia	Bronze Award	Makda Humairaah M	Bronze Award -80%
Angara Sahiti	Bronze Award	Bhabha Safiyyah	Bronze Award -80%
Amiroodeen Nasreen	Bronze Award	Parikh Sakshi J	Bronze Award -78%
Mbali Dlamini	Mayoral Award	Malgas Bradley M	Bronze Award -77%
Lihle Ndlovu	Renaissance Shield	Hafjee Nabeelah	Bronze Award -77%
Mbali Matsunyane	Chairman's Shield	Vengasamy Providhan	Bronze Award -77%
Nikhita Ramhundhan	Magno Animo	Mandlazi Gerold M	Dux Scholar
Nokuthula Ndlela	Glatt Award	Michael Bopape	Mayoral Award
Angara Sahiti	The Buccleuh Award	Sakshi Parikh	Renaissance Shield
		Sibusiso Ndlovu	Spirit of Sportsmanship
		Charles Kekana	Chairman's Shield
		Rose Sithole	Wilson Award
Grade 10 Awards		Grade 11 Awards	
Names	Award Type	Priyanka Sookraj	Dux Scholar
Tracy Reddy	Dux Scholar	Nonobe Matlawa	Mayoral Award
Aaliyat Seedat	Mayoral Award	Kani makape	Renaissance Shield
Lindokuhle Zondo	Renaissance Shield	Grace Kabongo	Magno Animo
Boy: Clinton Brown	Spirit of Sportsmanship	Boy :Devoon Holman	Spirit of Sportsmanship
Girl: Thato Tabane		Girl: Nicole Sehlare	
Mohammed Hokee	Magno Animo	Ruwayda Nicholson	Chairman's Shield

RCL LEADERSHIP

If you thought our learners only get to vote in elections at the age of 18, thinks again. Our RCLs had a Leadership election, whereby they elected their Executive for the 2014 academic year. We would like to extend them all a hearty congratulations as they fill the shoes of last year's leaders. At their induction assembly, they were encouraged on the characteristics a good leader should have. They were also reminded of how difficult their positions would be, as they should perform their tasks without fear or favour. The presidents both mentioned that they would like to see their school "all the more different and better" after their year in office. The results, after voting was as follows:

RCL Body: From Left to Right		RCL Executive Body	
Names	Award Type	Names	Award Type
Top Left	V.Mdana; W. Kamba;	S. Mathebula	RCL President
	C. Mason; R. Sambu; M.Zung	A. Makdha	RCL President (Female)
Center	J.Elonga;N.Luthuli; K.Krishna;	M.Zungu	Deputy President
	S.Mathebula;T.Mctaung;	L.Sekati	Deputy President
	N.Ledwaba;M.Mwinga		
Bottom Left	T.Mabaso; Z.Mcethe; H.Zondo;	N.Ndlovu	Treasurer (Female)
	M.Nonobe; L Sekati	Nonobe Matlawa	Secretary (Female)
	M.Maake; I.Gumbo;		
	A.Makdha		



CELLPHONE POLICY

Here is a refresher of our school's cellphone policy, which we informed parents about at our parent information evenings during the month of January. Reasons why cellphones are not allowed:

1. We have Telkom phones in case of emergencies.
2. For social, ethical and safety reasons.
3. Learners are careless and lose cellphones.
4. Some use phones to cheat in exams.
5. Cellphones, if not monitored by parents, can give access to inappropriate content and allow learners to use it as a bullying tool.
6. It makes learners vulnerable to criminals who may want to rob them violently of their cellphones.
7. The school will not investigate any cases of cellphone theft.

It is with the above in mind, that we ask you to rather ensure that cellphones are kept at home as well as **ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES**



PUNCTUALITY

We are still noticing far too many learners late (and they are being dropped off by parents. We made it clear that late-coming is unacceptable. We urge parents to ensure their children are on time for school, whether walking or using transport.

Who to contact for what?

1. **Absentee notes** – To be given to learners by parents via a doctor and immediately to the Grade Tutor upon return to school.
2. **Requests for early departure** – Permission from the register teacher in the morning to go to reception with a note from the parent to reception. Only when the parent collects the child in person, will the child be released.
3. **Sick children** – The school receptionist will call the parent/ guardian to collect the child and take him/her to the doctor. Parent/ guardian must update the school on doctor's recommendation for extended absence.
4. **Requests for meetings** – Please arrange for such during afternoons, by appointment only as teachers may have ASP in the afternoons, a meeting to attend, sport or cultural activities to oversee and have to plan for the meeting. Allow reasonable time for a response of at least 24 hours, unless it is an emergency. Refer to the school's website for information on Grade Tutors and register teachers.

VALENTINE'S DAY SOCIAL

It is that time of year again. It is the season to celebrate love, even if it is just infatuation." The school will be hosting a civvies day on Friday, 14 February to raise funds for events at school. Learners will be paying R10 to dress up for the privilege of not wearing their uniform. There will be an evening "Disco" function as well where learners will be charged R30 to attend. If they wish to bring outsiders, they will see Mr. M. Moodley in this regard. The function will start promptly at 18H00 and end at 22H00. Gates for entry will close at 19H00, so PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE! Parents must be at school by 21H45 to collect learners. All uncollected learners can be collected at The Gallo Manor Police station. Send your kids to come and enjoy and have fun. Staff will provide a secure environment and we will ask the Gallo Manor Police to patrol the area.

A BIT OF "MAGNO ANIMO" HISTORY

In response to a question raised at our Parent Evenings held in January: This is our school's motto and yes it is Latin. It means "greatness in spirit." It is our vision that all our all our learners will soar as high as the swallow. It is a very aesthetic and gracious bird.



WEBSITE

Mr. Jimoh has completed the new website and it is indeed a site to behold. Almost any information you need will be on the website. He is still working to finalise on the portal for parents to access results and hopes to be done by month-end. Watch this space for more information. The new website is now available.



SPORTING RESULTS

WWHS has been a hive of sporting activity. It was unfortunate that our Athletics Day was washed out twice by pouring rain. We will now just enter our learners for District Cluster Athletics where our learners will compete in track events against other schools in The JHB East District. We wish our athletes well and want to encourage them to train hard. We will also be hosting field events such as high jump, shot put, javelin, discus and long jump, later in the year for our learners to participate in a different league with schools in the Edenvale area.

2014				RESULTS	
DATE	DAY	SCHOOL	VENUE	JNR	SNR
SOFTBALL					
22-JAN	WED	SAGEWOOD	AWAY	No game	Lost 18-17
29-JAN	WED	AURORA	AWAY	Won 13-18	Drew 12-12
CRICKET					
5- FEB		SAGEWOOD	AWAY	Won 77 runs	Lost 9 runs

WWHS MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

School Principal	Mr. B.S. Prince
Deputy Principal [Grades 10-12]	Mr. M. Moodley
Deputy Principal [Grades 8-9]	Ms. Z. Mchunu
Acting HOD [English]	Ms. C. Pillay
Subject Head [Afrikaans]	Mrs. S. Pillay
HOD [Math's/ Literacy]	Mr. H. Bosman
HOD [Life Science/ Natural Science/ Technology]	Mr. S. Naidoo
HOD [History/ Geography/ SS]	Mr. S. Padayachee
Subject Head [Commerce]	Mr. D. Ellis
Subject Head [isiZulu]	Mrs. S. Gumede
Subject Head [Life Orientation]	Ms. D. Naidu
Subject Head [Art]	Mrs. N. Botha
Subject Head [Tourism]	Mr. N. Izally

ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMME (ASP) AND THANDULWASI SATURDAY SCHOOL (ST.STITHIANS)

Registers of learner attendance is kept at ASP. So far, very few have been attending. They are encouraged every Monday at Assembly and ASP teachers on duty are daily announced over the intercom. *They must give teachers their names at the end of the lesson and ensure they show up on the said date and time.*

We have identified 20 of our FET learners in Grades 10, 11 & 12 to attend free extra lessons on a Saturday at St. Stithians Methodist private school in Randburg. They will be taught by experts in English, Maths, Physical Science and Accounting. The school will transport them to St. Stithians at 7H30 on a Saturday for lessons to start at 8H00 and bring them back to school by 14H30. Please assist us by bringing your child to school according to the time-table (will be on school website). A letter will be sent to you on Friday, 7 February to inform you of your child's selection. You will also receive a phone call on Monday to check whether your child did give you all the information. A strong motivation is needed from you to exempt your child from attending. Abscondment will be viewed as you acknowledging that your child can pass on their own without help.

EXCITING SCHOOL TOURS

BELA-BELA FUND RAISING DAY TRIP (LIMPOPO)

A Bela-Bela Trip is being organized on the 27th of March 2014 (second last day of Term 1) to raise funds for the Sports Tour to KZN. The cost will be R300 per learner and includes transport and use of facilities at the venue. It is open to all learners in the school. Attendance will be on a "First come first serve" basis. The last payment on is due on 28 February 2014. A letter with more information will be sent to you. Organisers are Mesdames Z. Mchunu and K. Makola.

GRADE 11 LEADERSHIP CAMP

This trip is organized by Ms. D. Naidu and Mr. D. Ellis. It will be held at "The Spirit of Adventure" campsite in Magaliesburg. The purpose of the camp is to identify potential RCLs for 2015 and develop their leadership potential. Date: 14-16 March 2014

GRAHAMSTOWN SCHOOL ARTS FESTIVAL

This tour will be organized by Mr. B.S. Prince, Mr. W. Schell and Mrs A. Solomans. It will be held in Grahamstown between 13-19 July. This trip will be a reward for Grade 11s and 12s who have worked hard at public speaking, drama, music and dance. They are the learners who perform in the school play, who stage dance performances at events and those who sing in the choir. More information will follow as from Wednesday, 19 February 2014.

ACADEMIC NEWS

CYCLE TESTS

We commenced on 5 February and tests are written on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child studies for these important tests. They will only be examined on what they have been taught in The CAPS syllabus. Communication will follow as to when results can be viewed by parents on the website portal which is still in the process of development.

SCHOOL BASED ASSESSMENT (SBA)

Assessment plans per subject are available on the website to view what assignments have been given. Teachers should communicate marks to learners within 4 days of marking and for Essays which takes more time, at least a minimum of 10 school days

PARENTING WORKSHOP REMINDER

Our Social Worker, Ms. J. Gibbons, we will be hosting a series of four workshops throughout the year, i.e. one per term. Details are as follows:

TOPIC: Improving discipline and communication with your child.

Date: Saturday, 1 March 2014

Venue: Wendywood High School Hall

Time: 9H00 – 12H00

Tea will be served

PS: Parents will be given a return slip to post their RSVP as to whether they will be attending or not.

BLOOD DONORS

It has been a good start for our learners in terms of making the world a better place and giving selflessly of themselves. 65 Learners have donated many gallons of desperately needed blood. This blood will go a long way towards saving the life of somebody else.

WENDYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL MATHS CLUB OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

"All adventures into a new territory are scary"-Sally Ride

The Wendywood High School Maths Club has already commenced with students engaging themselves with Mathematical quizzes & showing an interest in Mathematics. One of the main objectives regarding the Maths Club is to primarily instill self-esteem as well as to allow learners to interact with each other during a time of need pertaining to Maths.

The Maths Club may seem daunting to many students particularly Grade8s as it might seem like a new voyage that they are embarking on but we can guarantee that at the end of the year , the Maths Club would have been able to capture the interest of a vast number of students who would have the resolve to deal with what they thought was the "toughest" & most "complex" mathematical questions.

The implementation of the Maths Club will provide a coherent & clear understanding of the "Learning is the best teaching experience " concept. It will ensure students understand the significance of learning, empowering themselves & sacrifice.

The Wendywood High Maths Club has been differentiated into various departments in which there are specific Heads who were elected to lead in these positions.

The Wendywood High School Maths Club comprises of the following Departments:

The Club Media

The President & Deputy President

Grade 8-12s

Various Teachers & Outside Tutors

The Maths Club President & Deputy Chairperson:

The President & Deputy Chairperson are both people whom exhibit phenomenal leadership qualities & individuals who understand the Dynamics of Leadership, regulating and interacting with their peers. The President & Deputy President are both academically & socially well grounded.

The Club Media:

The Club Media comprises of individuals who are assigned to a specific department regarding the Maths Club. The Club Media members ensure schedules are complied with during the course of the week , Articles pertaining to the Maths Club are edited , written & published. Students began compiling their research last week & presenting it to the teachers who were responsible for their tasks , Pure Maths Students have already begun with their Calculus section as well as Mathematical Literacy Students who were assigned to research about Volume, Area & Surface Area.

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