

PAREL VALLEI HIGH SCHOOL



PROUD TO BE A PAREL VALLEIER

Term 2

NEWSLETTER

21 June 2013

Dear Parents

Mrs. Elmaree Eksteen leaves Parel Vallei after 8 and a half years. She has been promoted to Curriculum Advisor in the Education Department and will be working in the West Coast District. We are going to miss Mrs. Eksteen. Her positive approach to her subject as well as life in general was and is contagious. We are pleased that someone of her calibre has been noticed by the department and that her expertise will be able to be shared by many schools. We wish her every success in her new post and hope that she will be very happy in her new role. Thank you Elmaree for everything that you have done for the children at Parel Vallei.

Governing Body Hearing: The Governing Body unfortunately had to have a very serious hearing with four of our pupils recently. After a recent random screening of pupils for the use of drugs, 4 pupils tested positive for the use of Cannabis (dagga). Personally I was reminded of the onus upon us as parents of teenagers to be fully aware of the activities of our children. We all would like to trust our children, but sometimes it is too late to do something about this if they have started to walk this thorny path. Please enquire about your child's activities. Find out where they are going. Talk to the hosts of parties etc. and make the decision yourself about whether you will allow them to attend the event. Your children are in your care and it is your RIGHT to say no! Don't shy away from this.

The Governing Body decided to expel two of the boys concerned. The third boy left the school voluntarily. We await the outcome of the WCED's decision as they have the final say about whether these boys will finally be expelled or not. Notwithstanding the outcome of the WCED's decision, the management and governing body of the school is adamant that we will not tolerate this sort of behaviour and that we will take very strong action against unacceptable behaviour.

Academics: Things are going well with Parel Vallei's academics. We again aware of the value that we have in our teachers who are prepared to do more than what is expected of them and who are prepared to walk the extra mile with our children. About a month ago we received information that we were the top school in the Western Cape in the 2012 matric results. We have placed this excel spreadsheet on the Communicator where you can browse the raw data.

Mathematics:

UCT Maths Olympiad: This year a record number of schools entered the Maths Olympiad. 164 Schools entered. Parel Vallei has in the past achieved a fourth place, but this year we were placed third. Andrew Harrison-Mogochi, Mark Doyle and Corwynne Leng all received Gold awards at the Gala evening. They were all placed in the TOP 10!

Warm congratulations go to Andrew Harrison-Migochi who travels to Bulgaria on 29 June to take part in the International Olympiad. Parel Vallei is extremely proud of his achievement.

Science: A team of our matric learners recently took part in the MINTEC Provincial Science Competition. Marguerite Theron, Jaco Moorcroft and Dylan Solms came third out of all the schools in the Western Cape.

At the National Science Olympiad, two of our matrics, Bianca Silberbauer and Jaco Moorcroft have been invited to the prize-giving as well as a 5 day expo in Pretoria. We don't know at this stage where they were placed, but being invited is already honour enough! Again we are very proud of their achievements.

Bio-Science Olympiad: Carina Steyn and Werner van der Merwe were awarded Gold Certificates for this Olympiad for being among the Top Achievers in the country.

Culture:**EISTEDDFOD MUSIC 2013**

Parel Vallei het die afgelope maand aan die Stellenbosch Kunswedstryd deelgeneem. Hier volg die opsomming en uitslae van die Musiekseksie:

Die leerders het altesaam een spesiale toekenning, 10 trofee, 4 medaljes, 28x Cum Laudes, 34x A+, 9x A en 2x B+ verwerf.

Stellenbosch Kunswedstryd Spesiale Toekenning vir Uitsonderlike Prestasie

Jessica Whitfield for/ vir RECORDER / BLOKFLUIT

10 TROPHIES awarded at the STELLENBOSCH EISTEDDFOD

NAME/ NAAM	TROPHY received/ TROFEE ontvang
RECORDER / BLOKFLUIT	
Jessica Whitfield	1. Phil Weber-wisselbeker vir altblokfluit
	2. Distriksbank-wisselbeker vir hoogste individuele prestasie
	3. Sanlam-wisselbeker vir hoogste prestasie moderne stuk
Jessica Whitfield & Anandi Theunissen	Suzanne Schwietering-beker vir blokfluitduet: 16 jaar en jonger
SINGING/ SANG	
Seth van Graan	1. Eugène van der Westhuizen-skillid vir solosang seuns: 15-18 jaar
	2. AP Venter-beker vir sang: beste manlike deelnemer
Rosy Thafa	1. William Taljaard-wisseltrofee vir solosang
PIANO/ KLAVIER	
Trudette Schoeman & Seung-Ree Lee	1. Bessie van Brakel-beker vir senior klavierduet
VOKALE ENSEMBLE/ VOCAL ENSEMBLE	
Parel Vallei Vocal Ensemble: Rosy Thafa; Marike Madsen-Leibold; Lene Koegelenberg; Trudette Schoeman, Tayla Malherbe; Suné van Zyl, Melanie Moses; Jessica Whitfield; Nerina Theunissen; Dara Steingaszner; Nicolette Fernandes; Ansophi Madsen-Leibold; Ilse Erasmus	1. Jan de Villiers-beker vir beste hoërskool serenadegroep
PERCUSSION/ SLAGWERK	
Parel Vallei Drumline: Elan Schnider; Seth Fuchs; Jay Yang; Michael Steyn Paul-Stephan du Toit Donovan le Roux Savanna Maccioni Devon McConnach	1. Gouws Slagwerk ensemble-beker vir beste slagwerkensemble

4 MEDALS awarded at the STELLENBOSCH EISTEDDFOD

SINGING/ SANG	
Seth van Graan	1. Stellenbosch Eisteddfod-medalje vir beste jazz/ kabaret sanger: 13-15 jaar
Seth van Graan & Sean Stander	Stellenbosch Eisteddfod-medalje vir beste sangduet
GUITAR/ KITAAR	
Parel Vallei Guitar Ensemble: Stephani Perold, Stefan Zeuch, Arno van der Merwe	1. Stellenbosch Eisteddfod-medalje vir beste kitaar ensemble: 15 jaar en ouer
PIANO/ KLAVIER	
Hawoon Kim	Stellenbosch Eisteddfod-medalje vir beste Klaviersolo: 14 jaar

Next Term:

Participation at the Helderberg Eisteddfod in August.

Participation at the Tygerberg Eisteddfod - specifically the keyboard.

Three drama productions that will be participating at 4 Teen festivals

Drama evening on 19 August at Parel Vallei.

SPORT:

Cricket: Congratulations to Franco Venter and Riccardo Trenti that have been selected for the Boland High Performance Development Cricket Winter Programme.

Rugby: Congratulations to W van der Berg, F Booyens, JL Lock, K Frankiewitz and J Perold who were chosen for WP U/15 Talentontwikkeling Rugbyprojek.

Hockey: Congratulations to the following players who have been selected to represent Boland this coming holiday:

u/18A: Christopher Hawkridge and Alegra Dijkstra and Taywin Samuels

Pinotage u/18: Reece Buchan, Darren Hendricks, Tavin Jacobs, Guthren van Zyl and Lien Erasmus

u/16A: Nicholas Lobi and Brooke Rassie

u/16B: Jessica Whitfield and Andrea de Wee

Pinotage u/16: Micaela Helders, Lieze van Heerden, Ashley de Villiers, Joshua Farmer, Chad Brinkhuis

Pinotage u/14: Luke Shelley, Megan Kreft, Fallon Samuels, Danielle Hendricks, Rebecca Kaps, Caitlin Odendaal

Cycling: Joshua de Freitas, Ivan Venter en Marie Kempf achieved WP colours. Well done!

The following dates next term are important :

Parent evening:	22 Julie 2013
Winter Interschools against Somerset College:	17 Augustus 2013
Budget meeting:	16 September 2013
Matric Mock exams	21 Augustus until 16 September 2013
Matric Dance:	19 September 2013
Schools close:	20 September 2013

Communication:

Most of our day-to-day arrangements are done on the Communicator. If you haven't downloaded your school communicator, please follow the steps below and get connected! You can also have this on your Smartphone – follow the same steps below.

Download

Go to www.school-communicator.com/downloads . Select your school from the drop down list and choose Mac or Windows.

Install

Once the file is completely downloaded, click "Run" in the pop-up box or open your "Downloads" folder and double click on your school logo. The Set-Up Wizard will now appear. Follow the on screen instructions and click "Finish" to complete the installation.

The School Communicator will now launch.

NB: If prompted by your antivirus software, allow the program to run!

Personalise

Receive only news and calendar information that is relevant to you. Open the School Communicator, click on the 'Personalise' tab on the left and select your child's unique grade and extramural activities.

Your sincerely

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