

# GHS NEWS

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Dear Parents

We have come to the end of our mid-year exams. On Monday and Tuesday next week school will operate between 08:00 and 12:00, when exam papers will be returned for checking. This is an important exercise which will ensure that the marks on the reports are accurate.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR

Despite the holiday disruptions during the term there has been much happening at school.

Eight teams have been playing in the hockey leagues and at this stage the U/14A, U/16A and U/19A teams remain unbeaten. The number of teams entered in the netball leagues has increased to seven and our squash team is playing in the Kimberley Social League. Three soccer teams have also been playing in the leagues. Rhythmics has remained popular with over 70 girls attending on a weekly basis.

The chess leagues commenced this term and we are hoping that the girls playing chess will reap the benefits of being coached by a professional. Although the debating league has not yet got off the ground, a debating workshop was organised at school where our senior team won against St Conrad's from Klerksdorp. The choir obtained a B+ at the FS Arts Festival and were awarded 'Gold' at the ATKV 'Applous' competition. The orchestra played at the NIHE Concert in the Park. The editorial committee members of the school's newspaper, 'Carpe Diem', have made great strides with the format of their newspaper, having benefited from the input of journalists from our local newspapers. At a Poetry Evening organised by the Poetry Club, members recited poetry that they had written. Nine of our girls featured in The KHS/CBC production with Amber-li Topkin in the female lead role.

Other clubs operating on a regular basis are First Aid and the Wildlife Club which has been involved in clean-ups around the city and they presented dustbins which they had painted, to Kimberley Hospital. Interact and the SCA have been involved in several outreach projects.

Fifteen girls, accompanied by Mrs de Bruin and Mrs Krause, attended the National Science Festival in Grahamstown and in the holidays Mrs De Bruin, Claire Lawrence and Tsholofelo Ndlovu, our HIP2B2 brand ambassadors, will be attending a camp in Cape Town to plan their 'iThink' competition and Mrs Pilkington and Mr De Bruin will be taking a group of matrics to the National Schools' Festival of English in Grahamstown.

There has been participation in the Maths, Bio-Science, Accounting and General Knowledge Olympiads, three matriculants, participated in the Kumba Iron-Ore Science Quiz in Kathu, the Grade 9's and 12's were exposed to the experience of running a business at the *Banango Trading Workshops* and a Computer Marathon was held to raise money for the purchase of ICDL textbooks.

A full term indeed! Although we are pleased at the level of participation in school activities, there are some girls who choose not to become involved and hence limit the benefits of being at Girls' High.

## INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES

We congratulate the following achievers:

- **Nomayile Deke** won the provincial round of the SA School's Choral Eistedfodd competition.
- **Monette Nqadala** was selected for the U18 Northern Cape tennis team that played in an inter-provincial tennis tournament.
- **Casey Preece** and **Bronwyn Brown** have been selected for the SA Country Districts U16 Squash team.
- In the Life Sciences Olympiad, **Linda Kenny** achieved Gold and her 84% ranked her amongst the Top 35 in the country.
- Several girls were selected for provincial hockey teams: U/18 Northern Cape Team: **Judy Rautenheimer, Sharee Hendricks and Kopano Mooketse.** U/16 Northern Cape Team – **Bronwyn Brown, Tyra Hannie, Farzaana Mohammed, Brittany Whyte.** Non

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Travelling Reserves: **Omolemo Maribe and Zanele Rune.**

U/14 Frances Baard Team – **Suwellyn Zimmermann Thuto Maphala.** Non Travelling Reserve: **Pabalelo Magwevana.**

- **Monica and Madelein Farrell** shared 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Old Mutual Music Competition.
- **Megan McGregor, Wasimah Dawray, Claire Lawrence and Angela Harding** have completed all modules required for the granting of their International Computer Driving Licence.
- **Nooreen Nanabhay, Danielle Coetzee, Tsholofelo Ndlovu, Samantha Mc Anda, Monette Nqadala, Phenyo Pitse and Mmathabo Makhele** have been selected by the University of the Witwatersrand for a Talent Development Programme. The programme is being funded by the Department of Science and Technology.

Several girls will be travelling overseas during the holidays. We wish them safe travels.

**Zikhona Sokatsha** is off to Germany on the German Exchange Programme.

**Mmathabo Makhele, Karabo Kapanda, Aimee van Gensen and Sibabalwe Gcilitshana** will be attending a Leadership Summit at Harvard University in the USA.

**Claire Lawrence** will be presenting her project at the International Science Expo in Slovakia.

**Keshia Ortell** is part of the SA Gymnaestrada team that will participate in the World Gymnaestrada competition in Switzerland.

## RAFFLE

Each girl in the school was issued with a booklet containing 11 tickets. Ten of these tickets are to be sold at R10 per ticket; the 11<sup>th</sup> ticket in the book is a free ticket. The holidays will provide an ideal opportunity for the selling of tickets. All monies must be paid in by 12 August. We expect each girl to sell at least one book of tickets.

## REPORTS

Parents can collect reports on **Thursday, 23 June between 17:00 and 18:30.** During that time the teachers will be available in the hall to discuss your daughter's progress with you.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2012

TERM	OPENS	CLOSES
FIRST	11 JANUARY	23 MARCH
SECOND	10 APRIL	22 JUNE
THIRD	26 JULY	28 SEPTEMBER
FOURTH	8 OCTOBER	7 DECEMBER

## SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR

We would encourage all our parents with access to the internet to make use of our communicator. A reminder that parents can also access the School Communicator via their cellphones. Go to the following address on your cell phone and select Kimberley Girls' High from the drop down list. You will be able to view the content that appears on the School Communicator at that time. <http://schoolcommunicator.mobi>

## SCHOOL FEES

At this stage there are a number of parents who are in arrears with their payment of school fees. Please meet your obligations, as the school cannot function optimally with insufficient funds. I include our banking details for those who prefer the convenience of making a direct deposit.

**Standard Bank: Kimberley Branch**

**Branch No: 05 00 02**

**Account No: 040065332**

Please remember to fax the deposit slip with your daughter's name clearly written on it to the school. (Fax No 053 8329557).

## CONCLUSION

It has been a full and busy term and I would like to express my appreciation to the staff for providing many extras in addition to coping with the demands of the classroom. Thank you, too, to the girls who have seized the opportunities provided and the parents who have supported them in their activities. May the holidays be a time of rest and relaxation and good 'family time' together.

Yours sincerely

The next newsletter will be sent home on the first Thursday of next term.

School will commence at 08:00 on Monday, 18 July.

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