



THE TRUMPET

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The proud editors of The Trumpet 2019!

The Franschhoek Student Leaders' Forum is proud to present the head leaders of 2019! Comprising the Head Boys and Head Girls from Groendal Secondary, Franschhoek High School and Bridge House College, they are the proud editors of the 2019, Franschhoek interschool newsletter, The Trumpet. The student leaders are very excited to work

together in sharing positive news from all nine schools in the Valley and the Franschhoek Early Child Development Forum.

On photo from left to right: Kim Charles, Caryn Davids, Berelene James, Sandisile Sonka, Lizalise Luxande and Rossi Millard are looking forward to make a positive impact for this coming year!



Magic in the Franschhoek schools

The Bhabhathane Programme in partnership with the College of Magic delivered a successful six week Juggling and Card Skills course in October – November 2018.

For six weeks the College of Magic staff facilitated a magic class of forty children from the seven primary schools in the Franschhoek Valley. Participants aged between 10 and 14 years old participated in the course. Gender balance was considered in the selection process of the learners who participated in this project; twenty girls and twenty boys were selected by their schools.

Learners who participated in the course came with different personalities. Some of the children were very shy while others were very active and funny at the beginning of the projects. The learners who were shy at the beginning of the project were able to adapt to the new environment that the course created. By the end of six weeks, all the participants were very much involved in the project and were involved in all the activities and were challenging themselves in activities like juggling. All in all, participants have shown progress in their magic skills, concentrating skills and public speaking.

As a result, most participants would like the project to continue. The space has



created a friendly environment for learners where they are able to make friends and share what they have learned from the project with their peers.

Congratulations to all the participants who graduated after completing the six weeks Juggling and Card skills course. The learners performed their juggling and card tricks with confidence to the audience at the graduation. The audience were all blown away with pride.

Emmalene Ravell, Bhabhathane Programme
To financially support this project to continue in the Franschhoek Community, please contact the Bhabhathane Programme office on 021 876 2867 or email info@bhabhathane.org.za.

Silver medal for Nicole Viljoen!

Congratulations to Nicole Viljoen who was selected for the Boland Athletics team in the u13 800m, after she achieved a Silver medal at the Boland Athletics' Championships. In February, she represented Boland at the Western Cape Athletics Championships, where she placed 4th overall in a personal best time.

We are proud of your achievement!
Bridge House Preparatory



Franschhoek ECD Forum Concert

The Franschhoek ECD Forum, hosted an annual concert where all the ECD centres who is part of the Forum participated in. The concert was organized with three intentions; the event was a fundraiser for the ECD 's activities that is dedicated to helping children in the Franschhoek Valley. The second reason was, ostensibly, to celebrate the latest term of crèches activities.

Last, but certainly not least, it was meant to create a platform for the children to showcase their talent.

We were delighted to welcome the ECD Form centres' Concert on Wednesday 14

November 2018, a chance for our youngsters to showcase the work they have done through the year. Principals and teachers showed passion while conducting and even doing the items with the children.

It gave each principal great pleasure to share with the kids a joyous and memorable occasion of and receiving a certificated for participation.

Thank you to our caring and passionate ECD Principals and teachers for teaching young children and thanks for your patience and for the quality care you provide each and every day.

Juanita Jacobs, Franschhoek ECD Forum

Teachers Appreciation Day



"Historical day"

On Friday 22 February 2019 one hundred and ninety teachers from the Franschhoek Valley gathered at the Boschendal Wine Estate. The joyous event was sponsored and made possible by the Bhabhathane Programme.

After a year of thorough planning and preparation by the Teacher Enrichment Committee, educators were able to raise their feet and feel they were appreciated.

Many have created new courage and gained new energy for the way forward.

Dr Goliath's (District Circuit manager) brief and powerful messages made a huge impact as well as the warm and informal atmosphere.

Ice breakers, games as well as the photo corner provided great entertainment. A great applause to the Bhabhathane Program as well as every educator who could enjoy the day with us.

Mrs F September, Wes-Eind Primary

Tarryn and Aphiwe make Franschhoek High School proud!

Franschhoek High School is very proud of Tarryn Jacobs (Gr.11) and Aphiwe Ntsokhoma (Gr.12). They participated in the Five-Angular meetings, which took place on the 23rd of January 2019 in Grabouw, where they kept Franschhoek High School's name high. With their good performance in the 200m and 100m, they went on to Boland Central which had already taken place in February. We wish them all the best. May they reach even higher heights; we stand firmly behind them.

Caryn Davids



Dalubuhle Primary School hosting successful fundraiser

The School Governing Body (SGB) and school fundraising committee of Dalubuhle Primary School arranged a fundraising event for the school on 02 March 2019. The event was a huge success with support from the community and parents.

The audience was entertained by traditional dances, the historic Sarafina dance and music, choirs and gumboots dance. We would like to thank all the community groups who performed and supported, including our dedicated parents.

We are kindly inviting the Franschhoek Community to come and support the school's next fundraising event will be held on 05 April 2019, Foundation phase, Miss



Tiny Tots show. Tickets will be R10 for adults, R 5 children. For more information, please contact the school on 021 876 3957.

Mr N.K Magcaba

Bridge House Mile

One would think that after 3 years at Bridge House, I would've at least attended one of the Miles. However, this was my first one, and I don't think that it could have gone better.

On paper, spending your Saturday morning in the cold, trying to convince people to buy a pancake for R10,00, is not the best way to be spending it. Even more so when your bed is crying for your presence. In saying that, I am very glad that I made the decision to attend and assist where I was needed. I truly think that it is an extremely liberating experience to give up your time in order to help someone else. It's very easy to have the notion that your time is yours only, and although this is true to some extent, I've often found that extending myself to things that are not for my personal gain are often the things that make me feel happy.

The day started off with my assisting with my schools Interact Club, which was selling pancakes and other treats in an attempt to bring awareness to the club and their various drives. Such drives include the Sandwich Day, where students collect and deliver sandwiches to Wemmershoek Primary. This is coupled with a reading programme, where Bridge House students read to and interact with the children on a personal and intimate level. With all this in mind, I put on my Colgate smile and used my charm to attract customers to our stall, with some success.

During one of our breaks, I couldn't help but notice someone being interviewed by a radio station. As I am naturally curious I wandered off in the direction of the station's stall and decided that it was where I was going to set up camp for the duration of our break. With the lady who was conducting the interview taking a break, my hopes of becoming famous slowly disintegrated. I expressed my dissatisfaction to my peers, I repeated the words, "it should've been me, I've got the voice



The Development Swimming group who Mrs Colleen de Villiers is teaching to swim. They are seen here with Bridge House Mile Ambassador, Amy Kleinhans, Mrs Colleen de Villiers and one of our students who has been assisting, Jess Cowling.

for radio." Within minutes the lady returned and asked if she could perhaps interview one of us. When faced with the offer, I suddenly became nervous and wondered why I would ever want to do such a stupid thing. However, it was too late; my peers had nominated me and there was no turning back. Realistically, the interview for MFM radio was very relaxed and actually fun. This was undoubtedly the highlight of the event.

On the whole, this year's Bridge House Mile was an event I will remember. Helping out where I was needed was both a self-liberating and productive way to spend my Saturday. I always wonder how children half my size (and I'm 5 foot 5), manage to swim a whole mile when our school pool seems like the ocean to me. This just goes to show the type of characters that can be found at the Mile. Young, old, able and even the disabled took part. One of the most beautiful sights was seeing a disabled young man entering the water to embark on the Mile ahead of him. Without fear. Rather with the boldness of a lion.

Zenzonhle Nkosi

Boland Colors for Aston De Wet of Groendal Primary!

The first school term of 2019 has already produced its first highlight. The last quarter was betting on athletics and after about 90 learners at the first Drakenstein zone meeting on Wednesday, 16 January, won a bronze medal in the 75m hurdles (u/12 boys). At the same time, he obtained his Boland colors for two consecutive years. He made it to the finals on Saturday, 02 March, and came 6th place. Aston's exhilarating performances



and perseverance amidst extremely fierce competition definitely beats his character as an athlete and sportsman.

Thanks for making Groendal Primary proud Aston!

Cochoqua tribe visit to Wemmershoek Primary!

The Wemmershoek Primary school learners was in awe with the surprise visit from the Cochoqua tribe on Friday, 12 February! The cochoqua visitors shared knowledge and history of the Khoisan clan and invited the learners to visit the Khoisan Kraal in Saagmeule community where Chief Christoffel Van Wyngaard lives. The learners had the privilege to learn numbers and a song in the Cochoqua's language! This was a historical day for Wemmershoek Primary and made more learners aware and curious about the Cochoqua culture and history.

Wemmershoek Primary



Aquarium day with Fransies!



A day filled with fun and laughter as the gr4's and gr5's of Franschoek High School enjoyed an exciting trip to the Aquarium on the 30th of January where they got to experience many thrilling activities like boat rides. Each learner

also got to enjoy a McDonalds Happy Meal to finish off their exciting trip. These learners had the time of their lives and are looking forward to another exciting trip!

Kim Charles

Groendal Secondary welcomes the Grade 8's with team building

Groendal Secondary kicks off his Orientation for the Gr8 group with a team building session at the Franschoek Sports Centre.

On Tuesday, 10 January 2019, the Gr8 group took a walk from the school where they were welcomed by Imke the Center Manager. Dr. Jeremy Davids, an ex-learner from Groendal Secondary, gave an inspiring talk to motivate the Gr8 learners.

He focused on the role that education plays in the successes in their lives where they need to identify and follow their local role models.

The program for the day included indigenous games, board games, etc., and has been facilitated by SCORE volunteers with the help of the school's class teachers. Learners found the activities very enjoyable and actively participated in it.

The day ended on a high note as learners could enjoy fruit from Franschoek Fruit Packers as refreshments. Many thanks goes to the Franschoek Sports Centre for opening



their hearts to us and SCORE facilitators for their input and help to make the day successful.

We believe that the success of the day will lead to an annual event.

Natalie Simpson

The Kusasa Project Outreach

'I give not because I have everything but because I know what it means to have nothing.'

The Kusasa Project teaches children that giving is better than receiving. We strive to teach them to be selfless in a selfish world.

Every year since 2017, we have a few outreach programmes organised by teachers but mainly done by parents and children from our school. Last year we managed to organise another successful outreach with the help from our hardworking parents and children.

Contributions towards the library
The Kusasa Project family was part of a challenge to collect books for six months and donate it to a local crèche in the Franschoek community. These library books had to be age appropriate and in good condition. Children and parents donated enthusiastically and more than 100 books were donated to The Little Dolphins crèche owned by Evelyn Visser.

Girl Guides in action
Part of the Girl Guides challenges is community service and once again our girls did very well at organising and planning a Christmas party for the above mentioned crèche. The girl guides had to contribute snacks and party packets for all the children at Little Dolphin crèche. All thanks to one of our parents who baked a beautiful cake to make the day extra special.

On this day the library books were handed



out and the girls got a chance to read stories to the little ones. It was a great experience for our girls as they build friendships with other children. It was amazing to see all of them happy and cheerful as they interacted with each other. In addition to that they had time to play and clean classrooms together, which was one of the highlights for the girls.

We are so grateful to everyone who played a role and we hope to inspire more people to participate in Outreach Programmes done by the community.

Mariska Samuels