



THE TRUMPET

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Meet the Franschhoek Student Leaders of 2020



From left to right; Kyle Bougaardt (Head boy of Groendal Secondary) Kekeletso Lebeoana (Head girl of Groendal Secondary), Emma Wainwright (Head girl Bridge House College), Louis-Franz Alberts (Head Boy Bridge House College), Tarryn Jacobs (Head girl Franschhoek High School), Curtley Opperman (Head boy Franschhoek High School)

The Franschhoek Student Leaders' Forum, comprising the Head Boys and Head Girls from Groendal Secondary, Franschhoek High School and Bridge House College, are the proud editors of the 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. The Trumpet is entirely the responsibility of the Franschhoek Student Leaders' Forum, a Project of the Bhabhathane Programme.

Athletics Day

On Monday the 20th of January, Bridge House School had their annual inter-house athletics day. In hot and blustery conditions, the mighty Helios, Olympians and Alexandrians commenced battle on the scenic Bridge House field. After the field events that had taken place during the course of the past week, it was Helios that had a slight advantage, with the Alexandrians following closely behind.

The afternoon began with the traditional marchpast. Colours of blue, white and red filled the afternoon sky as they flew across the field in the strong wind. The spirit was blazing through the valley and it just felt as if this year's event would be one to remember.

After the 200-meter races were completed, it was time for the fun event of the afternoon in the form of the Matric tug of war. Alexandria beat Olympia in the first match, and then were made to sweat against Helios but still managed to come out on top. In the second-place playoff, Helios managed to clinch it.

However, the thing that made this year's interhouse athletics such a memorable event was the record number of participants. As a result, the winning house managed to



accumulate over 1 000 points for the first time in Bridge House's history. Another interesting statistic is the fact that the house that came last, would have won every previous rendition of the event. Getting stuck in and participating in as many events as possible is something Mr Clark, the new headmaster, has urged all students to do and on this occasion the students did not disappoint.

This year's inter-house athletics day was certainly one to remember and epitomized the "Proudly Bridge House" attitude.

Lloyd Phillips

Do you know?

Hey everyone! We would like to test your knowledge about the three High Schools in Franschhoek: Bridge House College, Groendal Secondary and Franschhoek High School

- How old will Bridge House be this year? 25 years/12 years/57 years? **Wright and Mr Le Roux?**
- How old will Groendal Secondary be this year? 90 years/29 years/17 years? **• What is the street address of Franschhoek High School? School Street/Akademie Street?**
- How old will Franschhoek High School be this year? 107 years/41 years/170 years? **• Which Bridge House Sports teacher represented South Africa at the Olympics? Mr le Roux or Mrs Jones - Head of Boys Sport?**
- Who is the first Principal of Groendal Secondary? Mr Kulsen/Mr Jefthas? **• At what age can you first begin school at Bridge House? 2-4 years old/3-5 years old?**
- Who is the Headmaster of Bridge House? Mr Barrow/Mr Clark.? **• 10. The Groendal Secondary School hall was built in year 2002/2019**
- Who are the two Deputy Heads of Bridge House? Ms Cowling and Mr Jones/MS

Grease in Franschhoek!

Bridge House is proud to present the hit musical, "Grease". Be transported into the 1950's with leather jackets, teased curls and drive-in movies. With Bocasho Braaf as sweet-talking ladies' man, Danny Zuko and Rachel Bourn as our leading lady Sandy Olsson, it is sure to be an incredible performance in May this year. Make sure to get your tickets, fast otherwise you'll be "cruisin' for a bruaisin".



Dalubuhle celebrates good results

The teachers are proud and encouraged by the good systemic results received for 2019. The foundation phase in particular has been able to achieve under the leadership of Mrs N Nikani, Ms Dyomfana and Ms C. Dlangisa.. In Maths they achieved 61.2% and in Language they achieved a whopping 70.9%.

The school wants to express their gratitude to all the NPO's and individuals in the Franschhoek Valley for their continuous support and donations towards the school.



Franschhoek Schools First Combined Drama Production

USimphiwe - have you seen him?

USimphiwe is a drama production in the making. It involves all schools in the Franschhoek Valley that are a part of the Bhabhathane Programme and we are excited to tell the story of this young boy, Simphiwe. This will be the first time that a production of this nature will be performed. This is a unique opportunity to see the combined talent of Franschhoek on the stage and we want you to be a part of it. The ground breaking script captures its audience through comedy and the stark realities faced in South Africa.

Simphiwe tells the story of a young African boy who grows up to liberate his identity through dance. He is "discovered" in his rural village while

dancing to rap music. Thereafter he is offered a bursary at a renowned private school where he learns ballet. Despite being a brilliant dancer, he is unhappy. He is forced to do ballet and is never allowed to divert from it. A friendship he strikes up with another learner, who is a musician, gives him the confidence to dance to traditional African song and music. This allows him to reveal his true identity as he tells the story of decolonisation."

This is the perfect platform to address the socio-economic injustices which currently prevail in the Franschhoek Valley and countrywide. The current economic and political climate allows for the stimulation of conversation around these topics, which could be facilitated by this play.

Teachers across all nine schools are committed to ensuring that each individual who plays a role in the production, from organizing to acting, to being an audience, will be moved by this endeavour. The most influential way for teachers to be role models for learners is for the teachers themselves to positively engage in a diverse environment with their colleagues, where learners can see it.

The aim of the play is for the Franschhoek Valley Schools to collaborate, with learners, teachers and an audience from a variety of backgrounds and schools in one production. The collaboration will be the essence of the play as it supports the themes which are dealt with in depth.

We see this as an opportunity for the professional development of our teachers. Also, allowing the learners to engage with one another both on stage and off it; provides the opportunity for them to learn from one another. We trust that the influence will go beyond those directly involved and extend to the audiences.

Bhabhathane Programme requests from all locals and business owners who are interested to support the Franschhoek Schools to get this production on stage. For any contributions or support please contact the Bhabhathane Programme office landline: 021 876 2867 or email info@bhabhathane.org.za

Fransies named the Best Production in the Cape Winelands District



The drama group of Franschoek High School recently received 5 nominations in the Department of Sport and Culture's drama development program. The group was formed last year and was crowned the Best Production in the Cape Winelands District on 15 February 2020. The group was nominated for Best Text, Best Interaction, Best Actor (Germain Mountoud), Best Director and Best Production. The text,

written by their teacher, Charnelle Fortuin, was named the Best Text.

The group consists of 9 members. They are Germain Mountoud, Chloë Fortuin, Meché Fortuin, Jamie Verwey, Chanelle Bezuidenhout, Tamson Bailey, Dineo Mbali, Katelynn Adonis and Vivian Davids.

Their next performance is on March 7 at the Baxter Theater in Rondebosch and then again at the Suidoosterfees.

Kusasa Superheroes!

Our school motto for the year is, "WE ARE ALL SUPERHEROES". To encourage our learners to actively pursue our values (Respect, Trust, Cheerfulness, Confidence, Friendliness, Growth, Ambition and Imagination) our Principal has introduced a new reward system. Learners who display these values in a unique way are acknowledged and are allowed to wear special superhero capes for the day. They are, of course, thrilled about this! Ask your child who their superhero is and comment below.



Historical moment At Wes-Eind Primary



Two of our learners are on their way to participate in the Soccer World Cup in Sweden. It is the first time that girls at our school got the opportunity to be part of a soccer team and travel abroad. What

an exciting moment for them to broaden their horizon. Well done, Yakhanani Zwedala and Nthatisi Setati! We are so proud of you.

Mrs F. September

Groendal Primary celebrating World Reading Out Loud day!

The learners of Groendal Primary celebrated World Reading out Loud day with an exciting surprise. South African actress June Van Merch and an old colleague, Sonia Jelander, visited the school to read stories to the learners. The learners and also their teachers enjoyed each moment!

Elmarie Hendricks



Athletics 2020

On the 28th of January, Groendal Secondary participated in the annual Stellenbosch Schools Athletics Championship. The other participating schools were Makupula Secondary School, Stellenzicht Secondary School, Cloetesville Secondary School, Kylemore High and Luckhoff High.

The U19 Men effortlessly won the 400m relay. Tamsyn Arendse, a grade 10 learner,

came in 3rd place and Lincoln Nicholas, a grade 12 learner, won the race and took 1st place. The two shining stars were by far the best athletes of the day. Nicholas managed to receive the Victor Ludorum (the best male athlete overall in a sports competition).

The school wants to thank all 68 athletes who bravely participated in the scorching heat.

Kekeletso Leaboane (Head Girl)

Feeling the Love at Wemmershoek



On Friday 14 February, Wemmershoek Primary held their Valentine's Day Celebration.

All the students dressed up in the iconic red and white colours, while they watched some amazing performances under the shade of the trees. The festivities included group and solo dance performances as well as some amazing Valentine's Day inspired artwork. The learners and teachers alike thoroughly enjoyed the celebrations and the afternoon was a huge success. Most importantly, it was a way in which everyone showed those that they care about just how much they love and appreciate them, which is something we all need to do a little more often.



Star Footballer in the Making

Jamain Stuurman, a local boy from the L'Ormarins farm in Franschoek, has been recently offered a contract by Stellenbosch Football Club Academy Team. He is an attacking midfielder with a lot of potential. He has great characteristics and always endeavours to better his techniques and skills. When interviewed, I asked him if this is what he wanted. He replied that he always dreamt of becoming a footballer, but never thought that he would be signing a contract for Stellenbosch FC academy at the age of 18. This is the beginning of a wonderful career for the young man. His parents are very proud of him, because he has always put in extra effort into whatever he puts his mind to. He is goal-orientated and for now his main focus is finishing matric this year at Groendal Secondary. Jamain is very much determined to become a great footballer in the future.

Kyle Bougaardt (Head Boy)

