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Dear Parents and Friends

The good grade 12 results of 2016 had a positive impact on the start of the 2017 academic year. Our top performers, Andisile Sam and Siphosethu Lali are both recipients of all expenses paid bursaries to further their studies. Andisile is at Stenden University (Port Alfred Campus) where he is studying towards a degree in Disaster Management and Siphosethu with GADRA. We wish them well with their studies.

The first term was a long and busy, both academically and on the extra-curricular front. We had our Inter-house athletics meeting and what a joy it was to see the excitement in the faces of especially the small kids. Unfortunately, due to financial constraints, we could not participate at Zonal level and beyond. The Rugby season will start in term 2 with our under 15 and under 19 teams participating in league matches.

Our Eco-Club had a particularly busy term. They celebrated World Wildlife day by participating in a debate on Wildlife Conservation at Addo Elephant Park. Then there was the Wildlife Conservation workshop presented by Shamwari Conservation; and World Wetlands day was observed with a water testing activity in the Bushmans River. Thanks to Cindy and her team.

Valentine's Day and the Camouflage Show was a source of great entertainment and fun for the kids.

Mrs Arnolds' Tourism excursions for grade 11 and 12 learners were not only educational but also a source of healthy diversion after term assessments.

The grade 8 class enjoyed their excursion to Grahamstown where they learnt much of the town's history. The view from the only Victorian Camera Obscura in the Southern Hemisphere had them all in awe.

Mrs Titi accompanied the grade 7 learners to the Scifest where they learnt much about aquatic life and participated in hands-on workshops.

Thanks to GADRA, the Mobile Lab visited our school to give learners hands-on practical experience on various science topics.

Mrs Dyasi continues to look after the Spiritual Welfare of our learners who participated in a successful Praise and Worship afternoon session.

Another highlight was the visit from the Finland partners. We hosted a teacher and four learners at our school.

On ICT front there are interesting developments. We stand to receive 3 Smart classrooms from the Department of Education. This will add more value to our existing functional computer lab and we are looking forward to the additional resources to enhance teaching and learning at our school.

This will be the last time that I have the privilege to communicate with you since I will retire at the end of April. I wish to thank everyone for their support during my term as Principal at the school. It was an enriching period of my life and a privilege to serve the children of Alicedale. I wish to urge the whole community to continue to support and encourage our children to work hard and dream big. The motto of our school "Education is Key" is indeed true.

May God bless the school to grow from strength to strength.



TERM 1 PHOTO GALLERY



BY4Y 2016



ATHLETICS



CAMOUFLAGE SHOW



GARDENING

VALENTINES DAY



WETLANDS DAY



TERM 1 PHOTO GALLERY

XHOSA FESTIVAL



AT THE SCIFEST



FINNISH VISIT



BY4Y LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



On the 19th till the 21th of December 2016 two of the school's learners attended a leadership summit together with 72 other learners from other schools. The aim of the program is to train learners on peer-to-peer leadership issues involving cross cultural, inter-generational and moral dilemmas that will face them in their school leadership positions and in life beyond school. Our school was represented by Athenkosi Bangela and Zinzi Bikani. We look forward to the implementation of what they have gained.

INTERHOUSES SPORTS DAY

Our school has had a successful Interhouse Sports Day on the 18th of January. The weather was perfect and there was a vibrant atmosphere throughout for the very first intermediates race, through to the juniors, the Javelin group, shot-put, Discus and finally the seniors racing and entertaining us at the same time. The learners were very keen to earn points for their houses. The Red house was crowned the interhouses champions for this year. Blue came 2nd and White came 3rd.

Congratulations to all our athletes who demonstrated fair play, support for team mates and positivity.

Well done to all the learners who did all their very best!



NATIONAL WETLANDS DAY



Each year on the 2 February is a National Wetlands Day in South Africa, marking the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971. Established to raise awareness about the value of wetlands for humanity and the planet, WWD was celebrated for the first time in 1997 and has grown remarkably since then. The Eco club together with the Shamwari Conservation Volunteers played their roles to celebrate this day by having a water experience at the Bushmans River in Alicedale.

CAMOUFLADGE SHOW

For the first time in years the school has held a Theme Show. The school has had many shows but never had they had a Camouflage Themed Show. The show was very beautiful and the learners formed groups to entertain the crowd with beautiful acts like Singing, Dancing and acting. With such talent, you'll never go wrong, not forgetting Vuyolwethu Davani who took the crown for coming at number one for the eating competition.



VALENTINE'S DAY



The 14th of February is a special day to certain people because they get a chance to show some love. For the school, it's also a special day because the learners get a chance to celebrate Valentine's Day with the crowning of Mr and Miss Valentine's. This year's crowned Mr and Miss was Lulibo Dywili and Libhongo Jonas for the juniors together with Sandiswa Diniso and Masiwakhe Siwisa for the seniors. Surely that's the way to celebrate Valentine's Day!

ECO-CLUB

Eco club is an extra mural activity coordinated by Mrs Clay. Eco club encourages environmental awareness. The children of today will inherit a planet that is not very healthy. We can no longer view our planet's resources as inexhaustible. That is why the school as an Eco School, educate and make learners aware of the importance of the Earth's atmosphere, fresh water, soils, forests and oceans, especially their school environment. Our Eco Club focuses on gardening, importance of saving water and other natural resources and keeping the school grounds clean all the time.



COMMUNITY CHEST SANITARY DONATION

Many girls in schools do not have access to effective menstrual products and that is why some of our community chest took it upon themselves to donate quite a number of sanitary towels to ensure that teens remain in school during their menstruation, instead of staying at home due to lack of adequate sanitary protection and potential

embarrassment. Our girls benefited from this initiative when Cindy Kotyi from Engen who represented the Community Chest donated sanitary towels to them. We are very thankful.

THE FINNISH VISIT

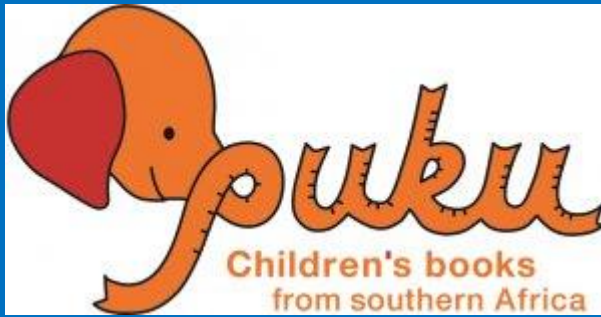
We were once again graced by the visit of 4 grade 9 learners and one teacher from Finland. This visit is as a result of a partnership between schools which started in 2012. The objectives of the partnerships are:

- to understand and implement the concept of 'home-internationality'
- to increase knowledge of respective countries
- to improve oral and written English

In spite of the distance, this partnership has solidified and a special bond has developed allowing the two schools to work together despite their differences. They spent time in our classes and share and compare experiences. The weekend camp which focuses on team-building, leadership and endurance is undoubtedly a highlight.

We hope someday learners from our school will be the ones visiting Finland.





CELEBRATION OF ISIXHOSA STORY TELLING IN GRAHAMSTOWN

Our grade 11 learners attended the Celebration of isiXhosa story telling in Grahamstown on the 25th of February. The festival is aimed at promoting education and literacy in isiXhosa through both the written word and the oral tradition. It was established in 2013 by the Puku Children's Literature Foundation. Puku aims

to bridge both the literacy and the digital divide that confronts the vast majority of Southern African children by developing dynamic and innovative programmes and projects to improve the quality of children's books, educational and recreational materials in all South African languages. The event is sponsored by REDISA (Recycling and Economic Development Initiative of South Africa). During the festival storytellers, artists and poets hosted storytelling and games sessions for school children from Grahamstown and surrounds. Other festival highlights included reading from a book called "Pretty Pearls" by the famous Zakes Mda and an entertaining poetry session in isiXhosa. The children really enjoyed the festival

SCIFEST (SCIENCE FESTIVAL)

Scifest was established in 1996 to promote the public awareness, understanding and appreciation of science, technology and innovation. The Scifest offers more than 56 000 visitors from South Africa a festival programme consisting of 65 exhibitions and 706 events. It is with great pleasure that even this year the school was part of those 56 000 visitors. The theme for this year's Scifest was "Tour de Science" with reference the UN declared International Year for Sustainable Tourism for Development. The theme encourages contributors to embark on a journey that explores the milestones, accomplishments, mysteries, discovers and the historic and exciting wonders of their field of Science.



TOURISM EXCURSION

The Grade 11s and the Grade 12s went on a tourism excursions with their Tourism teacher Mrs Arnolds. The aim of the excursions is to allow the learners to learn more about tourist attractions by visiting those sites that are within their surroundings and to get the exact feel of what it's like to be a tourist and to see why those attractions are so important. A **tourist attraction** is a place of interest where tourists visit, typically for its inherent or exhibited natural or cultural value, historical significance, natural or built beauty, offering leisure, adventure and amusement.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The best way we can praise and worship God is with our thoughts and actions. Many people think that praise and worship is only singing songs at church, but it is much more than that. It also a condition of your heart – a willingness to exalt God and yield to his will. That is why our prayer guru Mrs Dyasi took embarked on a praise and worship session. On the 2nd of March we had our very first powerful and entertaining praise and worship session, where learners from all grades performed their worshipping songs.

It was a worthy occasion.



THANKS GIVING SERVICE



It is part of our tradition to have a Thanks Giving service and the service at the beginning of every year. This service is held so as to give thanks to the Lord, God for the divine blessings he has bestowed on us and to ask for guidance and protection for the current year. During the service we also gave thanks for the good results that 2016 matrics attained. It is amazing to see the impact of someone sharing their story and being honest about their struggles but also sharing how they are choosing thankfulness like our ex-learner Andisile Sam who shared his powerful words with us.

Bless the Lord, O my soul... Psalm 103

GRADE 8 HISTORICAL EXCURSION

One of the most important things that we need to understand about South Africa is it's richness in history and culture just like Grahamstown. Grahamstown has a rich history spanning over 200 years and they made sure that every bit of it is stored for exhibit. Grahamstown is known for its productivity in historical attractions and the grade 8 class went on an excursion to visit those historical attractions that Grahamstown is known for. They even visited Settlers National Monument.



Any South African should make an effort to visit at least one historical attraction that is very close to them.

Warning signs of teenage drug or alcohol abuse may include:

- We wish to thank SAPS for their support in our efforts to combat this scourge.

