

HENDRIK KANISE COMBINED SCHOOL



September



PRINCIPAL'S NOTE:

Greetings to All,

It's Spring, a season full of transformation. It is also time for us to transform our lives and get rid of the slack that Winter instilled in us of becoming sloths. If I may borrow from the sports parlance, we are entering the last lap of the race, as final exams are looming large for our learners. Let me hasten to wish good luck to the class of 2018 and the rest for the examinations.

The third quarter has been very busy and entertaining as well. Our learners were exposed to different educational and business ventures.

EDUCATIONAL:

Reading Club sessions are on full throttle, every second Saturday. This offers reading opportunities to all and sundry, led by a team of dedicated facilitators. Light refreshments are provided in these sessions to the participants. The school can never thank SK [Sifunda Kunye] enough for playing an enabling role.

Young, aspiring writers from HKCS embarked on a **writing camp** sanctioned by Sifunda Kunye, with the first edition already published this current year.

Spelling Bee Competition, our marquee event of the year, once more lived up to its billing. This edu-taining event involved exceptional spellers from all the Grades. Winners were awarded.

Dental health: Shamwari Conservation Experience played a pivotal role in keeping our young learners on cutting edge as far Dental health is concerned. A sponsor of Colgate kit comprising toothpaste and toothbrush was secured by the Foundation. The school will eternally be indebted for their support.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP:

This annual business day which aims at developing our learners' business acumen was also held to much glee from the participants. The proceedings will greatly assist the school funds and supplement the ever-meagre budget of the school.

SCHOOL RENOVATION:

School renovations will start soon and plans are afoot to relocate classes to a new site for the old buildings demolitions. We all cannot wait for the new school and conducive atmosphere it will bring.

CONCLUSION:

As we celebrate Heritage Month, allow me to convey my Heritage greetings: Na le nako e babatsehang; Het n wonderlike tyd. Nibe neholide ezimvoli; Have a super holiday. Enjoy the short recess until we meet again on October 8, 2018.

Nyona M.P [Principal]

P.S.: School reopens on October, 09 2018.

POINTS OF INTERESTS

- The President's Award
- Writing Camp
- Spelling Bee
- Entrepreneur day
- Heritage Day
- Reading Club Launch
- HKCS GC Soup Kitchen
- Music Club Practice
- Peer Educators

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SCHOOL CLUBS

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The President's Award for Youth Empowerment (TPA) is a full member of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award for Young People. The International Award Foundation oversees the Award Programme in over 140 countries globally, with 25 countries in Africa. The Programme currently has over a million active participants globally with over two-hundred and fifty thousand of the total participants based on the African Continent. TPA is a registered non-profit organization (004-920NPO) with Public Benefit Organization status, registered with SARS (PBO#930001329).

TPA celebrates its 35th Anniversary in this year.

Participants progress at their own pace through 3-Levels: Bronze, Silver & Gold.

- Bronze – Ages 14+
- Silver – Ages 15+
- Gold – Ages 16+

There are 5-Sections to the Programme that must be done for a specified minimum period of time and for each Level:

- Physical Recreation – Encourages improved performance & physical fitness
- Service – Encourages responsibility to the community
- Skills – Encourage the development of cultural, vocational & practical skills
- Adventurous Journey – Cultivates a spirit of adventure and discovery; an understanding of the environment and the importance of team work and common purpose
- A Residential Project – Gold Level Only – Broadens their experience through living & working with others over a 5-consecutive day period. An experience outside a participant's ecosystem.

So far seven learners from our school registered for bronze and also attended a camp that was held at East London from the 27th – 29th of July 2018. HKCS learners together with learners from St Matthews, Xolani and Toise Senior Secondary School completes their adventurous journey by hiking 24 km. The hike represents the 24 hours of community service they did over a period of 3 months before the camp.



The President's Award Camp



MUSIC CLUB



With the help of TeamShamwari the music club has managed to start running and every Wednesday the club holds their weekly sessions. The learners are being educated on how to use a piano and a guitar. In every session they get different volunteers from the Shamwari Conservation Experience. Without the help of the WeShamwari and The Sunshine Coast Charity, we wouldn't have the music equipment we have today and we wouldn't be able to start a music club in the first place. There isn't much appreciation one can show for donations like this but the school has managed to keep the club running and for that we would like to thank Ross from TeamShamwari for making sure that the program keeps running.

Watch the space.

COMMUNITY READING CLUB



Sifundakunye runs many projects and Literacy Project is one of them. The project started in 2009 as a small Saturday morning book club and as years went by it grew bigger and became very popular in the Kieskammahoek area. Our school, with the help of Jolande Swartz has also managed to adapt this lovely initiative and ours was launched on the 3rd of August 2018. The club takes place twice a month on Saturdays and it is scrutinised by the school's Lab facilitator Yonela Swayi and 5 Reading club facilitators from Grade 11. The Club is growing and so far we have a total number of 75 kids who enjoys each and every session that when the day has to end, their faces saddens.

We are looking forward to a brighter future.

HENDRIK KANISE GIRLS CLUB



One of the club's vision is to be young adults who contributes positively to the school and the community. In that being said the club has been busy hosting events to raise funds so that they can be able to host a soup kitchen for the community in regards to the Nelson Mandela day that is normally in July. The soup kitchen initiative took place on the 15th of August 2018, and it was very successful as the parents enjoyed their soup as it was a cold day. The club gather for their meetings every Wednesdays and recently had fashioned a partnership with the members from our local clinic. The next term is very short but it's going to be long one to this dedicated group of girls as they have things planned.

Watch and learn, the girls club will show you flames.☺

SOUP KITCHEN

EDU BASED

SPELLING BEE



Spelling bee students usually start competition in elementary school (primary school) or middle school. Classes compete against other classes in the same grade, or level, and the winning class is determined by the score of each class. On an individual level, school spelling bees determine which child will represent his or her school at district, state and national competitions.

WRITING CAMP



Every year since 2014, Sifundakunye has been hosting writing camps in kieskammahoek and inviting all its partnered schools. This year Sifundakunye invited 10 learners from each of the 5 schools, from grade 7 to grade 8. In the camp, these learners get a chance to you their imaginations to the best of their abilities without the fear of being judged as most of the sessions in the camp are supervised by young facilitators who are also students like them. During every session the learners gets equal chances to express themselves in a form of a poem, a short story or a song. The camp is really fun because during free time the learners gather around in the Literacy centre and entertain themselves with a talent show. Each year the camp has a different theme and this year we had two themes that the learners had to choose from and the each group chose between “Spirits – Imimoya” and “My culture, my pride”. Because the learners were divided into groups each group would choose a theme and write a poem based on that theme. At the end of the camp the poems they have written are submitted for inclusion in a student journal that is published by Sifundakunye. The purpose behind the journal is for each and every learner that

attends the camp to get a chance to see their work in black and white.

ENTREPRENEUR DAY



Every year we have an entrepreneur day where the learners prepare little stations during break time, in these stations the Grade 7's sell goodies to the other learners. WED is a perfect opportunity for the learners to experience how to run small business and what should one do when their good are not selling as fast as they want them to. The purpose of the day is to create awareness for entrepreneurship, innovation and leadership throughout the world. Mrs Dyasi, the school EMS teacher always makes sure that this event occurs annually and it is always a success. We are looking forward to next year's one.

PEER EDUCATION



By – Inathi Habhana (Grade 11)

A variety of theories are offered regarding the question of how peer education is supposed to achieve positive results.

Positive results of a Peer Educator are achieved through educating individuals to enhance their understanding about diseases, alcohol and drug abuse and all the other issue that are affecting other peers, and effectively communicate what they've learned to other at-risk peers in school or community. The goal is to educate and reach as many people to limit the spread of disease and to learn how to overcome drug and alcohol abuse etc. The school's LSA – Miss Bongive Xamleko has helped us form a group of peer education where Asemahle Dyantyi and I Inathi Habhana are peer educators. In our sessions, we discuss social issues and issues that affect us as teenagers such as teenage pregnancy, substance abuse and sexually transmitted diseases. We attend these sessions twice every week the sessions are conducted by Asemahle and I.

HERITAGE DAY



Everyday people all over the world celebrate their cultural heritage, simply by living their lives in a way that embodies who they are and where they came from. But one day a year is set aside to celebrate the joint history and heritage of the human race. World Heritage Day encourages us to celebrate all the world's cultures, and to bring awareness to important cultural monuments and sites, and to espouse the importance of preserving the world's cultures.

So the first (and possibly most confusing?) part of World Heritage Day is that actually isn't its formal name. What is popularly known as World Heritage Day is actually called The International Day for Monument and Sites and was established in 1982 by the International Council for Monuments and Sites, or ICOMOS. This organization was established on the principles set forth in the Venice Charter, otherwise known as the 1964 International Charter on the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites.



As a school, we also share the responsibility to identify and respect what is important, and pass on these places to future generations so they will understand what came before them. That is why every year we make sure that we hold these events to teach and celebrate heritage day, we celebrate Heritage Day by remembering the cultural heritage of the many cultures that make up the population of South Africa. Various events are staged throughout the day to commemorate this.

