



HENDRIK KANISE COMBINED SCHOOL

The Principal's Note!

Greetings to all of you.

What an emotional roller coaster year we had. As we draw the curtains to 2021, let me pay tribute to all and sundry for dedication, determination and fortitude in abundance against all odds. This year we have experienced too many hardships, and the difficult of these has been the loss of our loved ones through fate or chance. We mourn everyone of them.

Let me share some of the snippets that will make this a year to remember:

Academic:

The Class of 2020 brought much joy to the school community with the unrivalled 93% pass results in the recent past as we ushered in a new decade.

Staff:

The school welcomed two new members on board, namely Ms. Ntozini and Mr. Vayo to teach in the Foundation and Intermediate phase, respectively. Also, the SMT was beefed up with the appointment of Mrs. Gxamza, S as the HOD in the primary section of the school. The school is still reeling in shock with the untimely loss of the industrious Mrs Dyasi, Ntombizanele, a spiritual mother of the HKCS family, who succumbed to cryptogenic stroke. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Co-Curricula:

The donation of copious reading material by the Broubart Group meant the re-establishment of the school library, this can only bode well to the reading nation. Born Free Foundation started an environment club with the learners which was welcomed by HKCS community, as it targets the youth with a purpose of environment awareness. SK [Sifunda Kunye] held a writing competition and our learners hoisted the school flag high with Tsamse, Thembakazi (Grade 9) getting in the podium for a second position.

Festivities:

Despite the dark cloud of the pandemic, the school hosted lots of festivities, viz:

- Talent show
- Pyjamas Day
- Heritage Day

As I sign off, I would like to wish everyone good health and wealth during this festival time. May the good Lord shelter you under His wing. See you in the next academic year on 19/01/2022.

Hasta la vista.

Myona, Monde [Hendrik Kanise Combined School- Principal]

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YEAR MEMORIES



EDUCATION

Library week



6 Learners from our school participated in national library week that was done at a local library on the 24 & 25 of March. The participants were in grade 5 and 6. They took part in an English quiz and book reading in isiXhosa. In the English quiz Vayo Iminathi took first place followed by Aphiwe Tulela on 2nd place then Alupheli Dinga on 3rd place. In the isiXhosa reading Mbasa Mbilini took first place followed by Likhona Zothe in 2nd place the Onwabe Cummings in 3rd place. It was a fun and educational experience for our learners. Hopefully next year we will have more participants.

SAPS & Makana rape victims



The South African Police Services together with the members from Makana Rape Victims

visited the grade 7s & 8s learners on 11th of March to discuss the issues that learners are facing at school and at home. The topics that they thought were very important to discuss were Bullying, Theft and Rape. As we all know that Rape has escalated together with bullying in our communities, the purpose was to teach the learners the importance of not keeping quiet about being bullied at school and the steps one should follow when raped. After the talk they gave 5 learners toiletries as a token of appreciation for participating in their fun talk.

The Broubart Security



The Broubart Security group together with the Wood family decided to lend a helping hand to the school's new library project where they purchased over 2000 books for the school from the St Bernard's 2nd hand shop. The Library project is still a work in progress and it will be a huge help for the reading club as the club not only now has a new venue but also a huge amount of books that will also be an asset the club members.

A big thank you to the Wood family for the willingness to help.

The Power of Digital badges



Reports from researchers show that rewards promote learning. The reward seems to have many positive effects not only on learning, but also on the personal development of learners. Through badge rewards they are able to gain confidence and their grades improve entirely. I believe that is why the school decided to adapt and is now starting a new tradition where learners will be rewarded in the form of being given digital badges for a term. The teachers are hoping it will encourage learners to find value and motivation in mastering the steps toward their high school goals. On the 4th of June a badge ceremony was conducted at the assembly and learners were given their badges to appreciate the good work they did in the 1st term.

We are looking forward to many more badge ceremonies.😊

UJ Career fest



High school learners are often not sure about where to start when it comes to choosing the right option for their futures. To make the choice a little easier for them, the University of Johannesburg (UJ) and the Northcliff Rotary Club, in partnership with the Canon Collins Trust and BTS Army South Africa, invited all Grade 8 - Grade 12 learners to attend the online Career Fest on Saturday August 21, 2021. Hendrik Kanise Combined School was part of that virtual fest. The career fest closed off with a message from the BTS Army of South Africa and prize giveaways to learners.

Thank you to the late Mrs Dyasi for organising this wonderful event.

Social and wellness campaign



On the 9th of November 2021 the school organised and hosted a Social and wellness campaign around drug abuse, gender based violence and teenage pregnancy. This was a good opportunity for learners to learn about the challenges that both the school and the community are facing and they also were able to learn what one can do in situations where they find themselves in any of the topics discussed. Giving thanks to the Life Orientation team.

ENTERTAINMENT

Spring day



The first day of September traditionally marks the beginning of spring. In South Africa Spring Day falls on the 1st of September and marks the end of the dreary cold

winter days and the beginning of sunny summer days and nights. On the 10th of September the school held a spring show where the kids were dressing in yellow and floral. It was a really fun day and the kids really enjoyed it.

Thank you Mrs Gxamza for organising the event.

Talent show



Talents are things you're good at and can get you in a good place in life. Everyone has talents, but sometimes we haven't found them. So a

talent show can help us discover our performing arts gifts. Talent shows help cure stage fright because if you perform on stage once, you will not be as scared the second time. If you do it again and again, you can learn from your past experience and you won't faint in front of everyone and embarrass yourself. Fear is in the mind. That is why the school hold these cute talent shows for kids

to help cure those stage frights and it is always a wonderful thing to witness. Kids showcased their different talents and is

Hope the next talent show will be as fun as the one we had.

Heritage day



September isn't only the month when spring officially begins but it is also Heritage Month. On the 23rd of September we held an

event to celebrate heritage day which is a public holiday that is celebrated every year on the 24th of September. The school holds this type of event every year and it is our way of remembering the many cultures that make up the population of South Africa. Various event were staged during the heritage celebration which included cultural dance and poetry,

The highlight of the day was taking group photos next to an art piece that was created by the

school's well known artist Liyema Ndabambi. A short story about him will follow.

Liyema Ndabambi's story...



This is Liyema Ndabambi but here at school we know him as Mapoyoyo and is doing grade 8. Liyema is known for his artistry in music and drawing. The school is full of his drawing and we have recently use

his art piece for heritage day. Liyema said his struggle is what motivates him because he wants to be the one to change his home situation one day. He has never had any one to teach him about drawing but his love for drawing and music is through his own motivation. He believes that he is his own artist as he is always motivating himself to do better and the he believes that no one can motivate him more than he does. The school has these drawings for the kids to play that he and the other kids have drawn. This is all thanks to Mrs Gxamza©

We wish him nothing but great things in life...

Pyjama day



On the of October the girls club organised a pyjama day fundraising drive where learners wore pyjamas to school. Official Pyjama day is normally on the 23rd of July every year, it is a day for schools to offer fundraising assistance for children in foster homes. And is also dedicated to wearing your favourite, comfy clothes to school.

Thanks to the girls club for a fun day©

2021 RCL elections



On the 10 of March the school held an RCL manifesto where the learner were the learners were selling themselves to be voted to be in the Representative Council of the Learners(RCL). Then on the 11th the learners voted for the learners that felt would represent them very well in the RCL, as their mission is to unify the Hendrik Kanise community by encouraging communication and by serving, supporting and inspiring learners to become active front in all spheres of life. The learners unanimously voted for **Liyema Gcayiya, Liyema Ndazandze, Landiswa Ntamo, Phelisa Madondile, Thembakazi Tsamse, Lindokuhle**

Matyhumza, Phethuxolo Vayo, Khanyisa Kana,
Sinothando Lalela and Siyanda Mpahla.

We wish them a very good luck in making sure the
school is a safe environment for all learners.

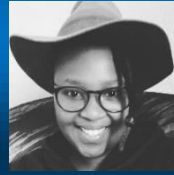
Thanks giving ceremony



On the 5th of March we held our
annual thanks giving ceremony which
is our way of saying thank you to the
lord for being with us through the
hardships of the year. Especially
with how things turned out last year
after the whole world was hit by the

COVID-19, things have been very weird and
worrisome. That was a very good reason to say
Thank you to the almighty for making sure that
everyone in the school's faculty was safe from the
deadly pandemic we were faced with in the past
year.

New addition to the staff



Welcoming and introducing Miss
Zimkhitha Ntozini to our small
family. Miss Ntozini was born and
bred in Grahamstown and finished
high school there. She went on to
study at Rhodes University where she did Politics and
Psychology before she did her PGCE in Foundation
phase. She is a sports person and adores adventure.
She now teaches Grade 2. Miss Ntozini is goal driven
and lives by a code ("Throw me to the wolves and I'll
return leading the pack") which mean that with every
given challenge, she does her best to complete and to
be prosperous.

Welcome Miss Ntozini!!

Mourning the loss of our loved one



Mrs Dyasi was the very essence of compassion of duty, of style and of beauty. All over the world she was a symbol
of selfless humanity. All over the world, a standard bearer for the rights of the truly downtrodden, a very beautiful
woman who transcended nationality. Someone with a natural nobility who was classless and who proved throughout
the years that she needed no royal title to continue to generate her particular brand of magic.

Today is our chance to say thank you for the way you brightened our lives, even though God decided to take you
along his side. We will all feel cheated always that you were taken from us and yet we must learn to be grateful that
you came along at all. Only now that you are gone do we truly appreciate what we are now without and we want you to
know that life without you is very, very difficult. Your joy for life transmitted where ever you took your smile
and the sparkle in those unforgettable eyes. Your boundless energy which you could barely contain.

But your greatest gift was your intuition and it was a gift you used wisely. This is what underpinned all your
other wonderful attributes and if we look to analyse what it was about you that had such a wide appeal we find
it in your instinctive feel for what was really important in all our lives

We have all despaired at our loss over the past couple of weeks and only the strength of the message you gave us
through your years of giving has afforded us the strength to move forward.

REST EASY ANGEL ☺

CLUBS

BFF CLUB



The school recently joined hands with The Shamwari group to

form a BFF club (Born Free Foundation) club. The club's programme is designed to impart knowledge and change attitudes, generally relating to animal welfare and conservation, involving long term engagement with a group of stakeholders and aims to:

- ★ Increase knowledge about wildlife and biodiversity (threats and benefits)
- ★ Increase positive attitudes towards wild animal conservation.
- ★ Increase knowledge of the benefits of practices that promote good animal welfare.
- ★ Increase the number of people actively engaged in ongoing programmes of work.
- ★ Decrease in acceptance of practices that result in bad animal welfare or cruelty.
- ★ Increase in perceived future opportunities/prospects for individuals.

The number of learners that can take part in the activities of the club is limited to between 36 and 50 learners but the school only took 30 participants. Wildlife club places are open to grade 5 to 11 learners and Grade 12 learners are not included in the club due to their workload. There is no limit on how long learners can be part of the wildlife club. However, to remain part of the club learners must:

- Attend at least 90% of club sessions and have clear reasons for any absences
- Regularly get involved with activities arranged by the club
- Conduct themselves in a way that is consistent with Born Free's and the club's ethos.
- If learners fail to achieve the above, they will be given one warning. If no improvement is made, they will forfeit their place.

Places that become available will be allocated based on the strength of the application.

Learners can gain points (to be signed off by the club patron) for taking part in activities arranged by the club such as litter picking, school garden and other relevant activities. The group will be divided into 2 or 3 groups when teaching, to compensate for the differences in comprehension.

Theses group can be formed based on schooling level/grade as follows:

- Low grades (beginner)
- Middle grades (intermediate)
- Seniors (advanced).

Learners can move between groups the longer they are in the club, different activities need to be developed per module/topic to accommodate different groups and allow for the advancement of learners. Roles within the club (e.g., captain) will be rotated each year.

READING CLUB



We know that literacy is one of the big underlying problem for many of our school learners. This programme is aimed at

developing a love for reading, books and stories. Through creating a culture of enjoyment to read we support literacy programmes and will be improving children's ability to read. Simply put - we support reading clubs, because we believe it's the best way to improve reading and writing skills.

- To promote a love for reading, literature and creative writing
- To expose learners to various texts and possible careers in writing and editing
- Story telling
- Reading
- Creative writing
- Create a love for reading amongst children through interactive reading and storytelling activities
- Assist children with basic building blocks for age appropriate reading and storytelling activities
- Encourage and promote reading for enjoyment to be implemented at school and within the home

At the end of the day, there are really endless benefits of joining the reading club. They encourage teamwork, foster a child's ability to listen and react, create a sense of community around books - and so, so much more. We are so excited to have added the Sifundakunye Community Reading Club to our schedule, and hope to welcome more kids to a group very soon.

