

# MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL (TERM 1):

At Dr Johan Jurgens High School we ensure high quality education which motivates and empowers our teachers and learners to be lifelong learners and productive members of the society. We want all our learners to achieve their full potential. Our task is to make it possible, and our mission is to provide a platform for the same.

Success for all learners is ensured at our school by a well-balanced curriculum and a whole school focus on learner's welfare that focuses on the positive recognition of learner's achievements.

I, personally believe that a school that develops the imagination of the child is richer than the one that does not. I am therefore excited to incorporate innovative technologies into the school teaching and learning environment.

I aim to make our learners safety a priority. At Dr Johan Jurgens we initiate activities that actively promote a safe and healthy lifestyle: sport and culture. We are developing our athletes and culture participants and encourage participation. Healthy body equals healthy mind.

Parents play a vital role in the education of their children. We welcome all our parents to take an

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## **Mid-Year Update:**

We are thrilled to present the latest edition of our newsletter, packed with captivating stories and important updates from Term 1 and 2. As we gear up for the rest of the year, we have some exciting surprises in store, and we cannot wait to share them with you.

Stay tuned for the incredible things yet to come!

The JJ Newsletter Team.



active role in the education of their children and to be the active participants in our school life. Get to know the staff, especially the child's teachers and assist where you can so we can work together in the interests of everyone.

We truly have a fantastic school with a supportive and involved parent community, dedicated and highly skillful staff, excellent resources and buildings and the most fantastic learners to work with.

My commitment to our community is to lead the school with enthusiasm and passion to enable us to reach our goals. Let us work together to make Dr Johan Jurgens High School the best school, it can be.

"Let noble thoughts come to us from every side."

Mrs. E Gertenbach



MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL (TERM 2):

It has been a busy start to the academic year, Term 1 report cards have already been handed out and each learner knows which subjects they need to put a little extra work into. As the exams come closer, I want to remind all learners that hard work always pays off, All the effort that each one of you will put into your studies will reflect on your academic performance at the end of Term 2. Academics will always be the most important part of your high school career, always remember that without good academic results it would be difficult to advance into a tertiary institution. We must always strive for academic excellence.

While preparing for the exams keep in mind that it is important to reflect on both Term 1 and Term 2 work, ensure that you create a calm and healthy study environment for yourself. I hope that all learners have already started preparing by creating study notes and are busy with revision at home. All learners need to make sure that they use this time to apply themselves in class, to do your homework and that you are on time for classes and at school every day.

I would like to leave each learner with the following quote:

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the future."

Mrs. A Du Toit

# <u>Leading the Way: President's Corner - A Message of Inspiration</u>

We hope you are as thrilled as we are to be back in the swing of things, embracing both our academic and extracurricular pursuits. As we step into the third month of this academic year, we want to take a moment to reflect on the progress we have made thus far. The dedication and commitment of our students have been nothing short of remarkable.

We are delighted to announce that our very own President, Ebenezer Mzimba, has been elected to serve as the President of Circuit 4 and Deputy President for the Ekurhuleni East District. This prestigious achievement showcases not only his leadership qualities but also the strength of character that embodies our school community.

Moreover, our students have continued to shine in various sports and extracurricular activities, participating in a range of competitions and events. Their talent and enthusiasm have been aweinspiring, and we eagerly anticipate witnessing their future accomplishments.

We also want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our exceptional teachers who are the true pillars of our school. Their commitment and tireless efforts ensure that we receive a top-quality education. We are indebted to them for their invaluable contributions to our personal growth and development. Let us take a moment to appreciate and honor their dedication.

Many of us may be wondering about the whereabouts of our previous matrics.

Here is a brief update on some of our alumni:

Tyeisha Burn, the President of 2017, has graduated from Stellenbosch University with a degree in actuarial sciences and is currently in the process of completing her remaining board exams to become a fully qualified actuary.

Glen Nkadimeng, a 2018 matriculate, is pursuing his dream of studying medicine at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University and is now in his fifth year.

Gugu Kubeka, the Vice President of 2021, is excelling in her second year at North-West University, studying Chartered Accountancy.

Verity Sikosana, the President of 2022, has embarked on his first year of studies in actuarial sciences at North-West University.

Stay tuned for more exciting updates and inspiring stories in our upcoming editions. Together, let us continue to strive for excellence and make our School a place where dreams flourish.



## The Academic Pillar: Celebrating Academic Excellence:

## SETTING THE BAR HIGH: CLASS OF 2022 SHINES IN NSC FINAL EXAMS

Triumphant Jurgies, our scholastic year is in full swing, and the school is at capacity. It would be an injustice, however, not to recognize and praise the class of 2022 for the excellent results they achieved during the 2022 NSC Final Exams, as they have set the standard, and the burden is now on you, Class of 2023. The pass rate was 98.1%, and our top performer for the year was none other than our very own Verity Sikhosana. He received 8 distinctions out of 9 subjects, missing the last one by 1%. Verity, the exceptional academic achiever, raised the school's flag by earning the eighth position on the Gauteng East District's list of Top 10 academic achievers.

#### WHERE LEARNING MEETS FUN: ACADEMIC EVENTS WITH A COOL FACTOR

Now, let us return to the year 2023. This term, our school has several fun educating and cultivating Academic events scheduled. We begin the year with the Math's Olympiad. Our Math Olympiad assists you in developing independence and improving your study skills. You will be able to handle problems and situations intelligently as they test your thinking. The NS and EMS Olympiads follow. These are, however, only for our babies (Grades 8 and 9) because they are the ones who have those subjects. These Olympiads seek to identify talent and intelligence at the secondary education level through the development of general knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values in the spirit of science and business.

Term 2 has arrived, and it comes with the highly anticipated Jurgies Spelling Bee, making its return after several years! Open to students in grades 8 to 12, this exhilarating competition showcased the remarkable spelling talents of our participants. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as students spelled difficult words, demonstrating their linguistic prowess and ability to handle pressure with poise. It was a thrilling event that not only entertained but also fostered personal growth and self-assurance. After an intense battle of words, we are thrilled to announce the winners of the Jurgies Spelling Bee. In the senior grade category (grades 10-12), Ebenezer Mzimba proved to be a spelling virtuoso, securing the first-place position with his exceptional spelling abilities. Congratulations to Ebenezer Mzimba for his remarkable achievement and for earning the esteemed title of "Mr. Spelling Bee" in the senior grade category.

In the junior grade category (grades 8-9), Londiwe Mothoa emerged as a true spelling champion, dazzling the audience with her impeccable spelling skills. Congratulations to Londiwe Mothoa for her outstanding performance and for earning the well-deserved title of "Ms. Spelling Bee" in the junior grade category.

#### **HONORING EXCELLENCE: TOP 10**

Our Top 10 ceremony plays a significant role in Jurgie tradition. The Top 10 learners from each grade are announced at a special assembly every term. They are asked to stand in front of the entire school so they can be honored for their exceptional academic success. I do not know what will make you feel better if this does not. Work as diligently as you can to get into the Top 10 as well.

## Without further delay, let us applaud the remarkable achievers who claimed their spots in the Term 1 Top 10:

	GRADE 12	TERM 1
1	MZIMBA, EBENEZER	87,9
2	VAN DER LINDE, NICKA MICHELINE	87,1
3	MOREKI, RETHABILE VANESSA	86,1
4	NXUMALO, THOBEKILE	84,3
5	MAKGATHO, ZAINUB	82,3
6	MAKUBELA, TETELO FAITH	82,0
7	MALOMANE, ANDZANI KEATS	81,6
8	MPOFU, MORONGOA HEATH MALEU	81,3
9	GREWAN, MALCOLM JEMAINE	80,1
10	LITHOLE, THENDO MUDZUNGA	79,3
	GRADE 11	TERM 1
1	PHUTIEAGAE, TSHIAMO LOYISO	82,3
2	MAKENA, KARABO FORTUNATE	82,0
3	CHINDOWE, TANYARADZWA	78,1
4	DAWS, CATHERINE AUDREY	78,0
5	NTABA, ASEKHO MONGAMI	77,0
6 7	MOEKETSANE, PABALLO	75,3 74.6
,	EAVENING, SHERVANDRE XAVIER	74,6
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8 9	SHONGWE, MMESOMA GUMBI, BOITUMELO GOSEAME	74,3 74,0

	GRADE 10	TERM 1
1	ARENDS, KEOD-LINE SYDRAY	78,4
2	SINGH, TYRA	77,9
3	SHIBAMBO, GINGIRIKO	73,6
4	PHOOKO, SIYANDA NIKIWE	73,4
5	SEABELO, OMPHILE LETHABO	72,7
6	ELIE, MECHAELLA MARY	72,6
7	MSIBI, FEZEKA	70,7
8	NKUTHA, MUSA NOLUTHANDO	70,6
9	GUNGQA, ULUTHANDO BONGINKOSI	70,3
10	MOKOENA, LWAZI MAMIKI	70,1

	GRADE 9	TERM 1
1	BURN, DE-YANTÉ LUPÉ	86,9
2	IBE, IFUNANYA FAVOUR LERATO	77,9
3	MOTHOA, LONDIWE LERATO SESEDI	77,6
4	MONGWE, LULAMA	76,8
5	TLOU, SIBUSISIWE EMMARVEL	76,6
6	MOKGOHLOA, KAMOGELO	76,2
7	HODZI, MARYLIN TAFADZWA	75,8
8	MASUKU, CHIMA NKOSINATHI	74,1
9	MABENA, SINENZUZO THEMBELIHLE	72,3
10	PHETLA, GALALETSANG	72,0
	CDADEO	TERM 4
	GRADE 8	TERM 1
	GRADE 8	TERM 1
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1 2	THWALA, NTOKOZO MUSAWENKOSI	84,8
1 2 3	THWALA, NTOKOZO MUSAWENKOSI MADAMBA, HAZEL NYASHA	84,8 84,1
2	THWALA, NTOKOZO MUSAWENKOSI MADAMBA, HAZEL NYASHA MAVENDE, FADZAIISHE MITCHELLE	84,8 84,1 82,8
2 3	THWALA, NTOKOZO MUSAWENKOSI MADAMBA, HAZEL NYASHA	84,8 84,1 82,8 82,7
2 3 4	THWALA, NTOKOZO MUSAWENKOSI MADAMBA, HAZEL NYASHA MAVENDE, FADZAIISHE MITCHELLE MADAMBA, HEATHER TATENDA	84,8 84,1 82,8
2 3 4 5	THWALA, NTOKOZO MUSAWENKOSI MADAMBA, HAZEL NYASHA MAVENDE, FADZAIISHE MITCHELLE MADAMBA, HEATHER TATENDA TABOHANE, KATLEHO	84,8 84,1 82,8 82,7 81,0
2 3 4 5 6	THWALA, NTOKOZO MUSAWENKOSI MADAMBA, HAZEL NYASHA MAVENDE, FADZAIISHE MITCHELLE MADAMBA, HEATHER TATENDA TABOHANE, KATLEHO CLEMENCE, BROOKE CEEJAY	84,8 84,1 82,8 82,7 81,0 80,6
2 3 4 5 6 7	THWALA, NTOKOZO MUSAWENKOSI MADAMBA, HAZEL NYASHA MAVENDE, FADZAIISHE MITCHELLE MADAMBA, HEATHER TATENDA TABOHANE, KATLEHO CLEMENCE, BROOKE CEEJAY AKULEWE, CHIDIMA THELMA	84,8 84,1 82,8 82,7 81,0 80,6 79,0
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	THWALA, NTOKOZO MUSAWENKOSI MADAMBA, HAZEL NYASHA MAVENDE, FADZAIISHE MITCHELLE MADAMBA, HEATHER TATENDA TABOHANE, KATLEHO CLEMENCE, BROOKE CEEJAY AKULEWE, CHIDIMA THELMA MADONSELA, WENDY JABULILE	84,8 84,1 82,8 82,7 81,0 80,6 79,0 78,9

## The Culture Pillar: Celebrating Unity in Diversity: Cultural Extravaganza

## CAPTIVATING VERSES: ORAL WEEK LEFT A LASTING IMPRESSION.

We recently held an oral week. We selected students to read a poem to the school on any topic to demonstrate their skills as public speakers. We are incredibly impressed by our learner's writing abilities. Some of the poems read in assembly that week included:

- Shervandre Eavening's "Path of Love"
- Morongoa Mpofu's "Taking a walk with delight,"
- Ralitsa Venter's "In and out of time," and
- Kgonego Lebyane's "A cry for restoration, a cry for all."

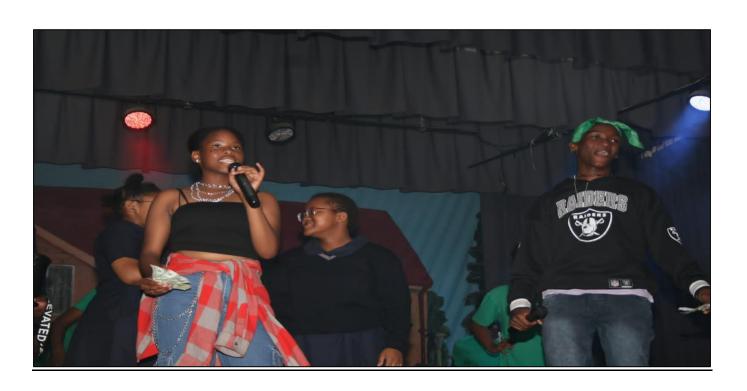
The oral week was in fact a week filled with love, strength, and joy. Every poem had such a good influence on our students, and it truly left a lasting impression on all of us.

#### PALMPIE CONCERT: A SPECTACULAR SHOWCASE OF TALENT

Our Palmpie concert for our grade eight students is one of this term's most outstanding events and deserves high recognition. Each year, we host a concert where students in grade eight put on a show to become "true jurgies." This year will be held in high regard. One of the teachers, Ms. Radebe, had an amazing idea where we traveled back in time and experienced many eras, including rock & roll and Sophia Town. Our grade 8 students, members of the RCL and EXCO, and our educators put in weeks of practice and commitment. They all contributed to making this event possible, but we especially wish to recognize the members of our cultural RCL committee, Ms. Radebe and Ms. K. Potgieter. Both our new educators and RCL members gave fantastic performances on stage. Our teachers, such as Miss. N. Gertenbach, really amazed us with their dance moves. We want to acknowledge the real stars of the show, our grade 8 learners. We value your commitment to attending every practice, giving your all on stage, and working hard to make this event a success. As "real true" now that the Palmpie has taken place, our grade 8 students can put away their green shirts and wear their full school uniforms.







## EMBRACING FAITH TOGETHER: THE BIRTH OF THE SCHOOL CHURCH ORGANIZATION (SCO)

The founding of our School Church Organization (SCO) was the initiative of Mr. Chinoda, Sthandwasethu Mampuru and Kgonego Lebyane. The SCO fosters growth and spiritual development in a safe and inclusive environment. This church is unique because it is led and run entirely by young people who are enthusiastic about their faith and eager to learn more about it. The church is held every Tuesday in the hall and every week a different learner leads the service. By participating in this church, students can deepen their understanding of their faith and to develop leadership skills that will serve them well throughout their lives. The church also provides a supportive and welcoming community that helps students build strong relationships with one another and with God.





## MELODIC MASTERY: OUR AMAZING SCHOOL CHOIR

Lastly, we want to mention our outstanding and talented choir. At the Palmpie concert, they gave a brilliant performance. The school choir is truly remarkable! Their voices blend in perfect harmony, creating beautiful and uplifting music that fills the entire room. It's amazing to see how much hard work and dedication they put into every performance, and the passion they have for singing is truly inspiring. The school choir is a shining example of the incredible talent and creativity that can be found in our school, and they bring so much joy to everyone who has the pleasure of listening to them. This year, we have a tremendous amount more to offer you and promise to make it a year to remember.

## The Moral Pillar: Nurturing Hearts, Shaping Character

## Term one through the eyes of students

It is true that starting a school year is breathtaking in so many ways! New students, timetables, and challenges etc.

We are always feeling excited and maybe a little sad that December is over. Some feel nervous or a little scared on the first day of school because of all the new things: new teachers, new friends, or even a new school. Luckily, these "new" worries only stick around for a little while.

It has been a good term, but it is also important to reflect. Just to be aware of any "cracks" and to know if there is a better or more efficient way of conducting yourself at school.

As a Jurgie, you are expected to have the following moral values:

- Respect
- Integrity
- ♣ Honesty
- Kindness
- Punctuality

Moral values are principles! Not rules. They build good character and instill good behavior in people. So, quick question.... have you been living up to the school's ethical standards?

## Events: "Nice Thingz" Valentine's day: Love in

## Valentine's day: Love in the Air

- ▼ The theme was pink, white and red. Obviously. all the colors of love
- ▼ Most Jurgies brought cans of food and paid R10 to wear civvies which is highly appreciated.

  Carry on reading to find out why!
- Letters and ribbons were ordered and delivered to the secret admirers.
- ▼ A few of the "famous lovers" exchanged gifts!

Do you want to know who????

SOrry you weren't there to witness it? We've got YOUR BACK BABE!

- ▼ Velile and Onkarabetswe
- ▼ Celsior and Thando (Toss)
- ▼ Khanvisile and Kabelo
- ♥ Siyabonga and Bontle

The list goes on but we're trying to keep the newspaper condensed. On to the next!

### 23rd of Feb:

Heads of moral took the cans of food received on Valentines Day to a charity called "Faith Hope Grace".

Special thanks to Mrs. Theron and Mr. Wilke for taking us there!

It was our first time going there so we were nervous on the way as we didn't know what to expect but we arrived, and their aura gave us a sense of comfort. They welcomed us with open arms and were cool and friendly. It was easy talking with them because they made us feel comfortable from the moment we got there.

Again, without support from the Jurgies, we would not be able to achieve our goal. Your support is appreciated!

Jurgies spread love!





## Compliment day (24th of Feb): Showering Kindness

- A day where Jurgies had to compliment someone, whether it be a teacher or a student.
- February was filled with love!

## Enough about events. Did you know...?

- Mrs. K Potgieter is pregnant!
- Mrs. Classen has just become a proud mom!

Isn't that amazing? We really cannot wait to meet the cutie pies!

## Celebrate the recognition bestowed upon our exceptional educators!

A few educators won best teacher awards:

Mrs. Theron for History

Mrs. D. De Beer for Hospitality

Mrs. Menge for Religious Studies

Mrs. A. Potgieter for Accounting

Mrs. Gertenbach once asked if "you could feeeeeel the vibration."

So...can you????

## **Anti-bullying!!**

- No bullying will be tolerated.
- Refuse to bully others.
- ♣ Treat others respectfully
- Try including those who feel left out.
- **●** DO NOT join in, laugh, or just watch when someone is being bullied.

## Remember!

▼ Jurgies spread love! Let us continue to embody the values that define us as Jurgies. Stay tuned for more remarkable moments to come!

## The SPORTS PILLAR: Achieving Excellence, Embodying Team Spirit

### **Inter-house 2023**

On the 12th of January Dr Johan Jurgens Highschool hosted their annual Inter-house Athletics meeting. On this day students participated in field and track events. They performed to the best of their abilities, and a few were chosen to form part of the school's athletics team, who then represented us in many competitions.

## **Athletics**

This season was as competitive as ever, but this does not mean our athletes did not give it their all. We had a very promising athletics group, and we were confident that we would have a successful season. Our athletes exceeded our expectations by doing well at our Inter-High events.

We'd like to thank all athletes for the time you have given to participate at the Inter-High events, taking a full day even when we had all the rain. We sincerely appreciate the supportive parents who allowed their children to take part in this Sports.

Many thanks must go to our sports coordinator Mrs. Duvenhage as well as our coaches for training our athletes and making sure that their ready for competing.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that cross country practice has also commenced this term! Our dedicated athletes are training hard, pushing their limits, and preparing for upcoming competitions. We want to wish them the best of luck as they strive for excellence in their cross-country endeavors.

To our cross-country team, your perseverance and commitment to training are truly inspiring. We believe in your ability to achieve great things and make us proud on the running trails. Keep pushing your boundaries and remember that your hard work will pay off.

### Rugby

We would like to congratulate our rugby teams on their recent performances.



Here are the results of the games:

John Foster: Unfortunately, we faced a tough opponent and lost with a close score of **10-15**. League games:

Rhodesfield: Our team emerged victorious with a convincing score of **12-0**. The players demonstrated exceptional teamwork and showcased their talent on the field.

Tembisa: Another remarkable victory for our team! We dominated the game, securing a resounding win with a score of **39-5**. The players' dedication and hard work paid off.

Olympia: Despite the loss with a score of **12-23**, our team fought valiantly until the very end. They exhibited impressive skills and put up a good performance.

Birchleigh: This match was a thrilling encounter, with both teams giving their all. Fortunately, our team emerged triumphant, narrowly defeating the opposition with a score of **28-22**.

Tsakane: Our team delivered an outstanding performance, overpowering the opponents with a score of **47-12**. The players' exceptional abilities and teamwork were amazing.

#### Quarterfinal:

Vaalpark: We are thrilled to announce that our team secured a spot in the semifinals after an impressive victory against Vaalpark. The players' relentless effort resulted in a remarkable score of 34-10.



We applaud all our players for their commitment during these matches. Their hard work and dedication have undoubtedly contributed to our team's success. Let's continue to support and cheer them on as they progress further in the tournament.

### **Hockey**

Congratulations to our school hockey team for their outstanding performance in the recent games! Despite facing some tough challenges, they displayed remarkable skill and determination. Let's take a moment to celebrate their achievements:



In Game 1 against Hoërskool Delmas, even though the team faced a loss of **1-7**, they showed great resilience and fought until the very end. Your effort and sportsmanship are truly commendable.

Game 2 saw an impressive turnaround as the team triumphed over Balfour Combined with a score of **2-1.** This victory showcases the team's ability to adapt and excel under pressure.

Continuing their winning streak, the JJ team emerged victorious in Game 3 against Curro Edenvale with another score of **2-1**. This consistent performance highlights their dedication and teamwork.

Although Game 4 against Ashton College resulted in a **1-4** loss, the team's hard work and commitment were evident throughout the match. Your determination is truly inspiring.

Game 5 against Hoërskool Goudrif ended in a victory by default, which demonstrates the team's professionalism and preparedness.

Game 6 against Hoërskool Germiston B showcased the team's dominance as they emerged victorious with an impressive score of **3-0**. Your skill and coordination were exceptional.

In Game 7 against Hoërskool Germiston A, the team played to a draw with a score of **0-0**. This result reflects the team's spirit and ability to hold their ground against tough opponents.

Finally, in Game 8 against Hoërskool John Voster, the team secured another well-deserved victory with a score of **2-0**. Your consistent performance throughout the season is truly remarkable.

Congratulations once again to our hockey team on their remarkable achievements! Your hard work and determination have been exemplary. Keep up the fantastic work, and may your success continue to inspire and motivate others.

#### Chess

Congratulations to our chess team on their victory against Veritas College and participating against Hoerskool Hugenote in the recent friendly matches.

Winning against another school is no small feat, especially when preparing for an upcoming championship. It takes a lot of practice, strategy, and teamwork to come out on top. Your victory not only showcases your abilities but also highlights the strength and unity of your team. Playing chess is not just about moving pieces on a board. It requires critical thinking, analysis, and

problem-solving skills, all of which are valuable in many areas of life.



As the champions from last year, our exceptional chess players are now gearing up for the highly anticipated Team Championships set to take place in August later this year. With their strategic brilliance and dedication, we have no doubt that they will continue to shine on the chessboard. As they prepare for this thrilling competition, we wholeheartedly wish our talented team the best of luck. May their skills, teamwork, and passion for the game propel them to even greater heights, as they aim to defend their title and leave a lasting mark on the tournament. Go forth and conquer, Jurgies!

## **Netball**



Congratulations to our JJ Netball Team on their outstanding performance in the Play Offs for Ekhuruleni B league held on May 30, 2023. Here are the highlights:

First round against John Voster:

15A: 4 - 11 14A: 3 - 14

15B: 5 - 0

14B: 4 - 5

16B: Win by default

16A: 3 - 6 1stes: 10 - 32

Final round against Springs Girls High School:

14B: 5 - 4 (3rd place)

15B: 4 - 14 (2nd place)

14A: 10 - 7 (3rd place)

15A: 7 - 3 (3rd place)

16A: 7 - 4 (3rd place)

16B: 3 - 0 (1st place)

1stes: 14 - 11 (3rd place)

Furthermore, their remarkable achievement in the D6 Pool 4 league earned them the 1<sup>st</sup> place in the highly competitive Ekhuruleni B League. This is a significant accomplishment as it signifies our team's progress and the recognition of their talent.



We want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the players, coaches, and supporters who contributed to this tremendous success. Your dedication, hard work, and commitment have paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of our netball teams.



As we move forward, let's continue to support and encourage our talented netball players as they represent our school with determination and dedication in the Ekhuruleni B League. We have no doubt that they will continue to excel and make us proud.

Stay tuned for the Final Edition, packed with exciting updates, sports highlights and many more!





