



# WATERFALL COLLEGE

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## NEWSLETTER

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents

What a successful first term we have enjoyed at Waterfall College! Our amazing team of teachers, students, parents and administrators have pulled together to take us yet again on an exponential path of progress in so many respects:

- Our parents have gone beyond the call of duty to assist in arranging the Walkathon, the High Tea and the Matric Dance.
- The successful participation of three of our students in the Rotary Team Talk competition

continued to hold our name high in the community

- 17 students from Grade 8-12 have reached the second round of the Mathematics Olympiad.
- The international Toastmasters course has been successfully completed by 20 students. This will stand them in good stead for all future language oral assignments and public speaking opportunities.
- Our growing Waterfall College Sports Department applauds the provincial and national awards achieved in Basketball, Karate and Power Lifting, as well as the sterling participation of the 7s Rugby and Netball teams at the Inter-schools' preseason tournament at Wartburg. A new Sports Awards board will be hung in the hall reception area next term.
- Weekly maintenance meetings have improved the 'look and feel' of our facilities for the Open Day

in particular.

- Our new Media Centre will be opening in Term 2, using Papyrus software to scan the library books, upload them on the system and manage the lending process.

**The traffic congestion has eased since members of staff have been parking behind the new wing. From the 9th April the Grade 9E, 9K and 10S parents can park, drop off and collect your children in the new car park area between the basketball court and the hall. Please follow the traffic flow signs as you exit the new parking area. Please would all parents remember to refrain from parking next to the road between the 2 circles at any time.**

May you and your children enjoy a well-deserved, blessed Easter holiday. We look forward to seeing you again on the 10th April.

*Jeanette van der Merwe*



## NEWS & EVENTS

### TERM 1 FUNDRAISERS EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

The term kicked off with two major events plus a range of smaller fundraising activities. Well done to our hardworking parents, especially Tracey Done (Andrew's mom) who has led this drive as Head of the Fundraising Portfolio on our Governing Body.

### WALKATHON WON BY DECKER HOUSE

The Annual Waterfall College Walkathon was held on a beautiful, warm Friday afternoon. For the first time, our College students were joined by the pupils from Waterfall Preparatory School as they set off on the route (approx. 1km) around the campus and across the new field. Delpont (Red) and Decker (Green) houses

competed for the most laps, with some of the more energetic students treating the Walkathon event as a cross-country race! Thanks to parents who supported the event, including the First Aid team, refreshments team and scoring teams, as well as the staff who walked the route many times.

Jeanette van der Merwe, expressed delight at the funds raised by the event. She congratulated the top achievers:

**First girl home:**

Jessica Meier with 13 laps

**First boys home (tied):**

Luke Chilli, Andrew Done and

Joshua Cowan: 16 laps

The winning house was Decker!

### ST PATRICK'S HIGH TEA INSPIRES AND DELIGHTS



The Annual High Tea event this year was once again a unique fundraising event, presented with a St Patrick's Day theme. There were over 100 guests who were entertained by Simply Models, Tessa Green's Talk and the excitement of the many lucky draw prizes. Thanks to all the generous sponsors.

Grade 12 student Brooklyn Webster reported on the event:

*'All our students were tasked with bringing in jars filled with something a lady might like. The*

*contents of the jars ranged from jellybeans, beverages and crafts to meal ideas. They were presented as prizes on the day, which meant that nobody went home empty handed! The school hall was beautifully decorated and it was all thanks to the amazing mothers and students who spent their Friday afternoon decorating tables to fit the Irish theme. The outcome was spectacular! We even had numerous "life-size" leprechauns!*

*'Our guest speaker from WOW (Woman of Worth) gave a truly inspirational speech on what it is to be a woman in this day and age, and how important it is to get back to basics, as we need to be moving away from the bizarre, selfie-obsessed generation that is evolving.'*

*'The event also acted as a platform to showcase the new Waterfall College Music Group as well as a team of Waterfall College*

*models, further demonstrating the talent of our Waterfall College students. A huge thanks is owed to Mrs Tanya Webster and Mrs Tracey Done who truly took the day in their stride and poured their hearts into ensuring that the event was a complete success.'*

In addition to these large flagship events, there have been regular cake sales and even a movie night to raise funds. See the school calendar on our website to keep track of school events.

Please remember to swipe your MySchool card during the holidays as this is an important part of our fundraising efforts. If you need to know more, Tracey Done is happy to help on 082 376 8244. As Tracey says, "Both parents, grandparents, aunts and the whole family can all hold cards for Waterfall College. We are aiming to have raised R50,000 via MySchool by the end of the year."



### THE NEW MEDIA CENTRE IS OUR FUNDRAISING FOCUS

The main focus of our fundraising has been for the new Media Centre which is opening in Term 2. A wide range of library books are available, all carefully covered in plastic. Their lending

process will be managed through a new Papyrus software system with accompanying hardware. The school plans to add more computer equipment from ongoing fundraising efforts. A

big thank you to Nikki Waterston (Kyle's mom) and Tracy Hardcastle (Jonty's mom) for their hard work and dedication to this exciting development.



swipe your MySchool card and help us raise funds

R0	December
R0	November
R0	October
R0	September
R0	August
R0	July
R0	June
R0	May
R0	April
R0	March
R1308.70	February
R1423.40	January

**funds raised**

Thank you for your support. Every swipe counts! [www.myschool.co.za](http://www.myschool.co.za)



## OPEN EVENING 2018 RAISES THE BAR IN STORMY WEATHER

Another major event in the first term is our Annual Open Evening, which serves to provide an opportunity for prospective new parents to come and view the school, meet the teachers and hear from our principal and student leadership. Another first this year was the combined effort of the Open Day experience across the three schools on campus, with Waterfall College being held on the evening of Thursday 1 March. What a

successful event it was!

The hall was full and the summer storm did not deter the families from the tour either. The use of the full hall area this year with new marketing material provided for an even better welcoming and flow through to the presentation. Thanks to our staff and students who decorated the subject tables and led the tour groups, and to the parents who generously assisted with registration and refreshments.



## WATERFALL SCHOOLS FEATURED IN THE CREST MAGAZINE

As a part of our promotional efforts for Open Evening, *The Crest* featured a double page advertorial on Waterfall Schools, celebrating the completion of the three school offering on our campus.



## WATERFALL COLLEGE STOCK MARKET TRADERS SET FOR GROWTH

This year, the popular JSE Schools Investment Challenge includes Waterfall College students from Grade 9 to 12, all entered into the tough contest category of 'Speculator' (High Risk). Teacher in Charge, Ms Cansfield, reports: "The challenge commenced on 12 March. The first week has seen one of our teams, Ephemeral Style holding fast in first position in South Africa for the duration of the first week with a 0,6186% growth in equity!" The Ephemeral Style team comprises Grade 11 students Denhim Mather, Nathan Trollope, Joshua Gifford and Cameron Semple.

## SPORTS UPDATE – INTERNAL SPORTS

### KARATE

Candice Leslie, our 2018 Head Girl, competed in Nationals for Karate in Pretoria in early March. Candice was placed 1st in Kata and 3rd in Kumite. Her success at Nationals means she has qualified to take part in the Youth World Cup in Croatia in July this year. Congratulations Candice!

### NETBALL

Our Netball team competed in the pre-season festival at Wartburg. The girls have been training hard and this was a great opportunity to participate in an interschools' event to hone their skills. Grade 10 Penny Dlamini is this year's Captain of the Netball team. Sports Co-ordinator Liam Smith says, "Penny played a crucial role in organising her team and motivating them to improve. Each game the girls played, they were better organised and as a result, there was a better overall performance." Thanks also to Kirsten Louter (Alex's mom) for the action photos!

### BASKETBALL

A successful Basketball match was played against St Benedict's School where our boys won 73-24. Good news is that Grade 11 Channing Barr has been selected to join the regional U18 Basketball team. This is the first time a Waterfall College student has achieved this level of representation in the competitive game of Basketball, and we wish Channing well in the season ahead.

### RUGBY 7S

Preseason training has been underway for our Rugby 7s teams. The 1st team participated in the Preseason Rugby 7s Festival in Wartburg, winning against Wartburg 21-19. Liam Smith says, "The tournament demonstrated the team's ability to adapt to different styles of playing. The boys were dependable and adaptable, which resulted in the win against Wartburg."



## SPORTS UPDATE – EXTERNAL SPORTS

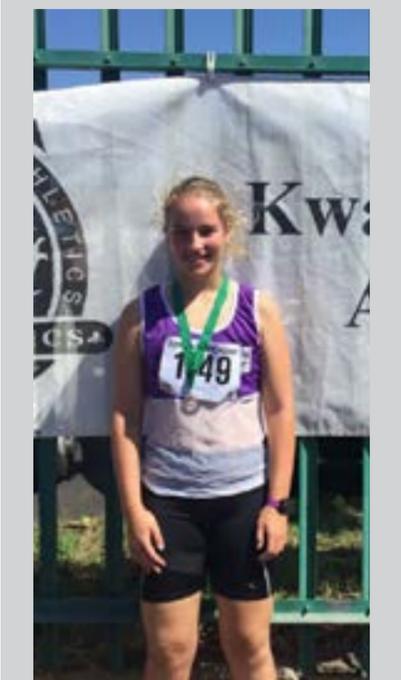
### POWER LIFTING

Well done to Grade 12 Ronwyn Jacob for placing first in the 82.5kg category completed in Pretoria.



### ATHLETICS

Grade 8 student, Jessica Meier (also first girl home in our Walkathon), placed third in the U15 Category in Athletics and has qualified for the KZN Trials for shotput. Well done, Jessica!



## GRADE 9 AFRIKAANS ORALS SHOWCASE DIVERSE FOOD TASTES

Towards the end of Term 1, the Grade 9 Afrikaans students were tasked by teachers Mr Bothma and Mrs Uys to present an Afrikaans oral about preparing a meal that is true to their specific background and culture. They explained how the meal was prepared and then brought along samples of the food for the class to taste. It was a great success. Well done, Grade 9!





## SCA DISTRIBUTES PERSONALISED EASTER CARDS

Every year, our Student Christian Association (SCA) prepares and presents an Easter message to the school. This year, each staff member and student was given a hand-made card containing a personalised message and

marshmallow Easter egg. This was enabled by the generous support of parents and students who donated towards the initiative. Grade 10 student Jordan Sheares says, "It was really nice that they spent time

making the cards and everyone got their own quote." Teachers were delighted with the personal nature of the gesture. Well done to our SCA! We wish our Waterfall College community a wonderful Easter.

## ROTARY TEAM TALK QUESTIONS TODAY'S SOCIAL SKILLS

Congratulations to our Grade 11 team who attended Round 1 of the Rotary Team Talk at Hillcrest High School on Thursday 1 March. The inter-schools' contest calls for a current issue to be presented

by a team of three students in a time of 12 minutes. Our team's topic was 'Social Skills Unlearned', and although they didn't reach the next round, the team did very well. The adjudicators commented

on their wonderful teamwork and the relevance of their topic. Well done Nokulunga Mbina, Cameron Semple and Abigail Kane on so professionally representing our school!



## **i** INFORMATION

### IMPORTANT EVENTS TO DIARISE

**Mon 09 Apr –**  
Staff and Prefect Meetings

**Tues 10 Apr –**  
First Day of Term 2

**Thurs 12 Apr –**  
Grade 12 Parent/Teacher Meetings

**Sat 14 Apr –**  
Wembley 7s Rugby Tournament (most Saturdays in Term 2)

**Tues 17 Apr –**  
Grade 11 Parent/Teacher Meetings

**Fri 20 Apr –**  
2019 Entrance Assessments for Grade 8

**Tues 24 Apr –**  
Grade 8 Parent/Teacher Meetings

**Thurs 26 April –**  
2019 Scholarship Applications Close

**Thurs 26 April –**  
Rocking Future Road Show (Careers Expo)

**Fri 27 April –**  
Public Holiday: Freedom Day (No school)

**Mon 30 April –**  
School holiday

**Tues 1 May –**  
Public Holiday: Workers Day (No school)

**PLEASE ALSO SEE OUR ONLINE CALENDAR!**

## 2017 YEARBOOK NOW PUBLISHED ONLINE

Please share our 2017 Waterfall College yearbook! The PDF version is now on our website.

Simply go to our publications section <http://www.waterfallcollege.co.za/waterfall-senior/publications/>



## HOPE SUPPORTS THE ROBIN HOOD FOUNDATION

Generous donations of clothing were arranged by HOPE (Helping Other People Everywhere) this month initiated by HOPE Committee Member student Kyle Waterston (Grade 10). Robin Hood Foundation shared a message on their Instagram page:

*'Kyle has been volunteering for us over the past few years and this year asked his school mates from Waterfall College to get involved as well as donate their preloved clothes for our #MahalaMarket2018. Thank you, Kyle!'*



## WATERFALL SCHOOLS

With the opening of our Intermediate Phase at Waterfall Prep, 2018 signified a major milestone for our Waterfall Schools group as it was the first

time that the iThemba Campus has had pupils from the ages of 12 months up to Grade 12 enrolled on our campus! This takes the total number of our pupils to

over 550. What an exciting start to the year as our three schools continue to grow in strength within the Hillcrest and Upper Highway Community.



## WATERFALL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Since opening its doors in 2017, the Waterfall Preparatory community has grown, especially with the introduction of Grade 4 to 7 this year. It's been an exciting first term for the Prep as the Intermediate Phase celebrated its official opening celebration with the pupils, parents and family in January. Waterfall Preparatory also welcomed new teachers to the Intermediate Phase team this year and they have been a great addition to the wonderful teaching staff already established at the school.

Waterfall Preparatory has had a busy term, taking part in the Waterfall College Walkathon, of

which the Intermediate Phase pupils managed to raise R10 000. The school also collected water for the Western Cape Crisis, collected Easter Eggs for the ECD centres supported by Focus on iThemba and holds cake sales every second week to raise funds for various projects. The school has been blessed by the creative input from a group of parents who have given their time during the holidays to decorate the school bathrooms; the Foundation Phase bathrooms were brought to life in January and the Intermediate Phase bathrooms will be completed in the April Holidays - thank you to these wonderful parents!



## WATERFALL PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

Waterfall Pre-Primary School is very blessed to have been inundated with applications and the school currently has two spots available for 2018. Waterfall Pre-Primary has become a well known name in the Upper Highway Area since opening its doors on campus in 2016. The recent Open Day hosted by the Pre-Primary on the 28th of February, was successful and generated an interest for a few new parents to join the Waterfall Schools community.

The school has recently adopted a fresh new look in our school, from painting the entire school walls to giving the reception areas a fresh makeover. Waterfall Pre-Primary were thrilled to announce that Sharron Lane, who has been so instrumental in driving the vision, curriculum and path of the school, has accepted the new role of Director at Waterfall Pre-Primary School. Sharron is a respected and experienced educator with a passion for quality Early Childhood Development.



## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Theme for March: Lent - Drawing Closer to God

*And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the Good News of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the Good News."* Mark 1:12-15



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Focus on iThemba provides bridges of hope, resulting in life-altering positive change by investing in children through quality education.

This little one will write her Grade 12 exams in 2032 and we know she is getting the best start today thanks to our forward-thinking donors who support our Early Childhood Development initiatives.

Together we are so much stronger.

*Thank you SO much to Waterfall College for spreading joy through the Easter Eggs donation! We so appreciate your kindness.*

