

GREASE

A note from the director, Tara Notcutt:

This year we will be presenting GREASE as our school production. The last time this was produced at Pinelands was in 2001, which means that there are possibly one or two Matrics who were tiny babies, and the rest of the school was yet to be born!

How does one tackle GREASE in the progressive, exciting time of change that we are living in now? We will be focusing on setting it locally and honouring the South Africanness of each student involved. This means current fashion, no American accents, and really celebrating what it means to be a teenager – here and now, in 2019.

Rehearsals are underway and things are getting exciting. There are only 5 performances, so keep an eye out for booking details. The production runs from the 17th to the 20th of July. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tara is one of the most prolific and celebrated South African directors of her generation and the recipient of several prestigious awards. She is currently serving a teaching internship year at PHS.

Matrics who placed in the top 10 in the Western Cape:

KELSEY EVERTS: Music – 3rd place.
Afrikaans FAL – 6th place and in the top 10 in the country for Advanced Programme English.

REBECCA MARX: History – 4th place

EMMA WILLIAMS: Dramatic Arts – 6th place

ZACHARY STEWART: Visual Arts – 6th place

SOCIAL MEDIA



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear alumni

I greet you from a happy and thriving school.

The hidden curriculum in our school is found in all areas and at all levels. The hidden curriculum is the teaching of values, attitudes and perspectives which young people absorb almost through osmosis. It is what lies below the surface of the myriad of activities and school-based challenges with which our students engage daily. It is in the academic programme in the classroom and in the co- and extra-curriculum offerings for which we are well known.

At the centre of this process is the staff team. Our teachers, caregivers and support staff are people of sound values, with strong emotional intelligence, who carry themselves as good role models. Despite the barrage of other messages that young people are receiving daily on social media, through the internet and through society in general, the teacher and adult in the school community remain a powerful source for imparting values, attitudes and skills.

Without these adults being committed



to the development of young people, and without their being prepared to go the extra mile in ensuring that our students are exposed to the wonderful array of opportunities which are on offer (and which you can read about on these pages), our school would simply be an ordinary place.

I invite you to see for yourself what your old school is doing to develop citizenship, leadership, and the skills needed for a diverse and rapidly-changing world.

*With warm regards
Dave Campbell*

With numerous reports and commissions currently focused on exposing and investigating corruption and abuse of power in South Africa, the need for good, values-based, servant-leadership is being acutely felt across the country. As a school, we are mindful of the fact that we don't exist solely to prepare individuals for a range of potential courses and careers, but that we also play a significant role in the shaping of leaders and of influencing other-centredness in our students; inspiring our students to lead and serve regardless of a badge or braid on their blazers. Among other articles in this edition of ForgingAFuture, you will have an opportunity to read about some of the ways in which we seek to shape and prepare individuals for leadership and service. While not all students will aspire to lead, those who take advantage of the opportunities offered to them at Pinelands High School will, we believe, have the potential to be part of the leadership solution for our communities and our nation. We trust that you will be encouraged.

2018 MATRIC RESULTS



Some of our Top NSC Achievers for 2018 who achieved an aggregate of above 80%



The RCL Chairpersons and Head Prefects for 2019, with the Principal, Mr Dave Campbell.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Both *the Representative Council of Learners* and the *Prefect body* of Pinelands High play a significant role in serving the school and representing the voice of the students. These bodies provide opportunities for members to develop interpersonal and leadership skills, actively engaging with the student body and the management of the school. Various programmes and campaigns are initiated by these elected bodies each year, such as a recent Anti-bullying campaign. At a time when there is a great deal of attention being given to the voice of students in the nation and codes of conducts in schools, it has been critical for these bodies to remain sensitive to the undercurrents of change.

BURSARY CONTRIBUTIONS

A few individuals and reunion groups have made enquiries about making a monthly contribution towards bursaries. The school would welcome this as even R100 a month given by 5 individual donors will help one financially challenged student with uniform, sports clothing and stationery for the year.

How To:

- Donations can be made either by debit order or EFT to: Pinelands High School, Current Account 073023671, Standard Bank, Pinelands, 036309, or through the Donate Now Button on the PHS website, www.phs.org.za. (R6000 will meet the non-fee needs of one student for the year).
- Reference will be: SURNAMEBursaryFund.
- Please e-mail cfranck@phs.org.za if you are making a donation so that 1) We can ensure that the deposit is correctly identified, and 2) The Finance Office can draw up a donation receipt for you at the end of the tax year.

CAMPS



Annually we hold *Leadership Camps* for students in Grade 9 who show potential to fulfil leadership roles in school, in their communities and beyond. Selected applicants spend four days at an adventure camp site, being put through their paces with various team building exercises and being encouraged to venture beyond their comfort zones. Hands-on lessons are learned about service, listening, leadership, taking responsibility, respect for others and pursuing excellence.

In addition, Grade 11's are able to apply to attend one of the *Rainbow Camps* offered by the school. These camps follow

a workshop and encounter format in which 20 very diverse students spend four days away from school, facilitated by the school counsellor and other members of staff. Students grow in leadership, learn to challenge stereotypes and prejudice, find and value their voice and learn to embrace the "Rainbow" nature of our school and nation. Participants are encouraged to recognise the power they have to become change-makers in society.



SERVICE

Custodians serve in a variety of areas on the campus, providing assistance with the school shop, detention, missed tests, computer labs, sick room, science labs, recycling, notice boards and the library, to mention a few areas. These students faithfully serve the school community before and after school as well as during breaks, helping PHS to run smoothly.

PHS *First Aiders* receive thorough training as well as refresher courses and get to practice CPR and other emergency methods on a First Aid dummy. All team members put in hours of service before and after school, on the sports fields, during break time and at special events throughout the year.



Interact is a society within Pinelands High which forms part of the International Rotary Organisation. A group of dedicated, hardworking and selfless student members volunteer many hours of service for various events at the school and in the community. Social concern is the driving force behind the various projects and fundraising initiatives, and participating students are able to make a significant impact through their disciplined service.



Each year a group of Matric students serve as *Peer Helpers*, enthusiastically helping to facilitate the Grade 8 Orientation day and investing time and energy throughout the year by helping the new Grade 8's to settle into the school. They use their training in leadership and counselling to assist younger students in areas such as decision-making, problem-solving and study methods and help to create a sense of belonging at Pinelands High School.

MYSCHOOL CARD

Thank you to all Alumni who have signed up for a MySchool card and nominated Pinelands High School as beneficiary. For those who are holders of Woolworths Rewards Cards, your card can be linked to the MySchool scheme raising the same benefits for the school.

For further details and a quick sign up go to the site:

www.myschool.co.za.

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