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ALUMNI NEWS

"Wow, has it been that long already?"...that is the response I have received each time I have emailed possible reunion coordinators for next year - it doesn't matter if it is a 10 year reunion or 65th year one! And I can completely relate, as the years do creep up on us. I think that is why, as time passes, we realise the strength of the bonds that we formed, and sharing memories with our classmates at reunions becomes more precious.

I have had the opportunity to connect with many of you over the past months across various platforms and I have come to realise that there is definitely something special about Pinelands High Alumni. My correspondence is always met with friendliness and enthusiasm and I am so grateful to have the opportunity to interact with you on behalf of the Alumni Association.

Please keep in touch with us and keep us updated about the happenings in your lives. We can't wait to see you all at our Celebration Day in March next year (more on that below).

Warm regards,

Jodi Els

Pinelands High School Alumni Officer



Please join us for Alumni Sport, taking place on **27 September 2023**. Last year the alumni practically had a clean sweep (with a few draws thrown into the mix) - can we do it again this year? It is definitely worth joining us to find out!

This year we are keen to add **chess** and **debating** to the list of alumni sports matches, but we need alumni

that are willing to captain these teams. We are also still looking for captains for our alumni **golf, squash,** and **ladies soccer** teams. If you are able to captain any of the above teams, please contact PHS Head of Sport, Jade Hearne: jhearne@phs.org.za

Spectators are very welcome and our alumni teams would really value the support. The times of the various matches are listed below.

If you are able to play in any of the sports matches below, please contact the relevant alumni captains:

- **Cricket: 3:30pm**
Matthew Tarentaal: matstix890@gmail.com
- **Men's Hockey: 6pm**
Keagan Kinnes: kinnesk@gmail.com
Iain Parsons: iparsons@phs.org
- **Ladies Hockey: 7pm**
Chelsea Jeffery: chelz1211@gmail.com
- **Netball: 6pm**
Erin Amon: erinamon99@gmail.com
- **Ladies Basketball: 5pm**
Adrian Daniels: adriandaniels09@gmail.com
- **Men's Basketball: 6pm**
Adrian Daniels: adriandaniels09@gmail.com
- **Men's Soccer: 5:30pm**
Bryce Lenders: brycealexlanderscr7@gmail.com
- **Ladies Water Polo: 6:30pm**
Matthew Broadley: matthew@firstpinelands.org
- **Men's Water Polo: 5:45pm**
Matthew Broadley: matthew@firstpinelands.org

P.S. Just in case you need a reminder of last years results...here they are:



Alumni Sport Results 2022

ALUMNI MATCHES	Day	Time	Venue	Opposition
Boys Basketball (2017)	Thurs 1st Sept	15h30	PHS Indoor Courts	alumni win 44-30
Boys Basketball (2016)	Thurs 1st Sept	16h30	PHS Indoor Courts	alumni win 66-32
Boys Basketball	Thurs 1st Sept	17h30	PHS Indoor Courts	alumni win 80-79
Girls Basketball	Thurs 1st Sept	16h00	PHS Outdoor Court	draw 12-12
Boys Cricket	Thurs 1st Sept	15h15	PHS A Oval	alumni win 6 runs
Girls Hockey	Thurs 1st Sept	17h45	PHS Astro	draw 1-1
Boys Hockey	Thurs 1st Sept	16h45	PHS Astro	alumni win 11-0
Girls Netball	Thurs 1st Sept	17h15	Hard Courts	alumni win 18-14

Reunions and Celebration Day 2024

Our Celebration Day has been set for **1st March 2024**. It is a fantastic day where we come together to celebrate Pinelands High School, our classmates and friends. **ALL PHS Alumni** are invited to join us and those having milestone reunions (as listed below) are strongly encouraged to attend. It is a remarkable day and returning to the school hall for assembly, singing our rousing school song, or touring the school and reminiscing about old times, is a really meaningful experience. We can't wait to see you all there!

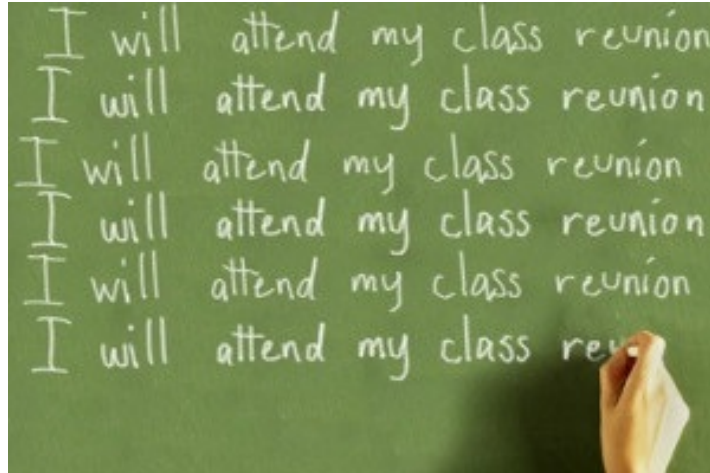


Reunions 2024

We are so grateful to the alumni below that have stepped up to either lead a committee or take on the reunion themselves. Click on the name of the of the organiser of your reunion below to get in touch via email:

- **Class of 1959 - 65th reunion:** [Theodor Stewart](#)
- **Class of 1964 - 60th reunion:** [Peter Roos](#) [*Peter is operating as liason for the group - please email him if you are planning to attend or can join a committee to assist with organising the event.*]
- **Class of 1969 - 55th reunion:** [Paula Kelly](#) (nee Hoffman)
- **Class of 1974 - 50th reunion:** [Ian Robinson](#)
- **Class of 1979 - 45th reunion:** [Colleen Pickering](#) (nee Harte) [*Contact Colleen to join the class whatsapp group where the event is being discussed*]
- Facebook Group: [Pinelands High - Class of 1979](#)
- **Class of 1984 - 40th reunion:** [Helene Hemus](#) (nee Botha)
- Facebook Group: [Pinelands high school class of 1984](#)
- **Class of 1989 - 35th reunion:** [Colette Hansen](#)
- Facebook Group: [Pinelands High School Class of '89](#)
- **Class of 1994 - 30th reunion:** [Ilse De Korte](#) (nee Groenwald) & [Robyn MacMhaoinigh](#) (nee Hay)
- Facebook Group: [Pinelands High - Class Of 1994 \(Cape Town Reunion\)](#)

- **Class of 1999 - 25th reunion:** *No reunion organiser as yet*
- **Class of 2004 - 20th reunion:** [Tyla Malherbe](#)
- Facebook Group: [Pinelands High - Class of 2004 :\)](#)
- **Class of 2009 - 15th reunion:** [Courtney Meek](#)
- **Class of 2014 - 10th reunion:** [Katherine Gensicke](#)



Condolences



We have recently been notified of the loss of the following members of the PHS Alumni family. May they rest in peace. They will be remembered with fondness.

- **Herbert Brink** - *Class of 1963*
- **David Glendining** - *Class of 1969*
- **David Oldfield** - *Class of 1985*
- **Tiziano Tortonesi** - *Class of 1987*

Social Media - have you joined us yet??

With close to 3000 alumni on the [Pinelands High School Facebook Alumni Group](#), we have a thriving group, but that means that over half of you are yet to join us.

We also have a rapidly growing [LinkedIn Page](#), where we celebrate achievements and share articles written by and about PHS Alumni.

If you are an Instagram user, please join us on [Instagram](#) to keep up with all the latest Alumni happenings.

Just to give you a small taste of what you are missing if you haven't joined us yet, here are a few of the lighthearted items discussed on Facebook over the last few months:



The Legend of the School Bell

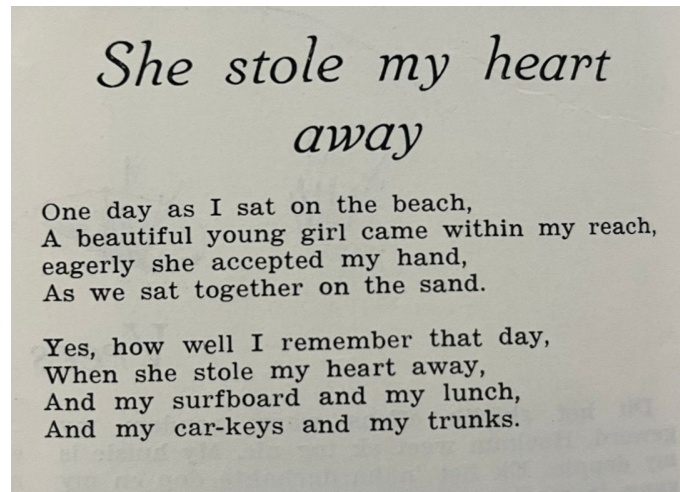
One of the very few positives to come out of loadshedding has been hearing the ringing of the original school bell echoing around the campus when the power is off. We took a video and posted it to our Facebook page so that you can all experience it too:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/276623529190010/posts/2243937855791891>

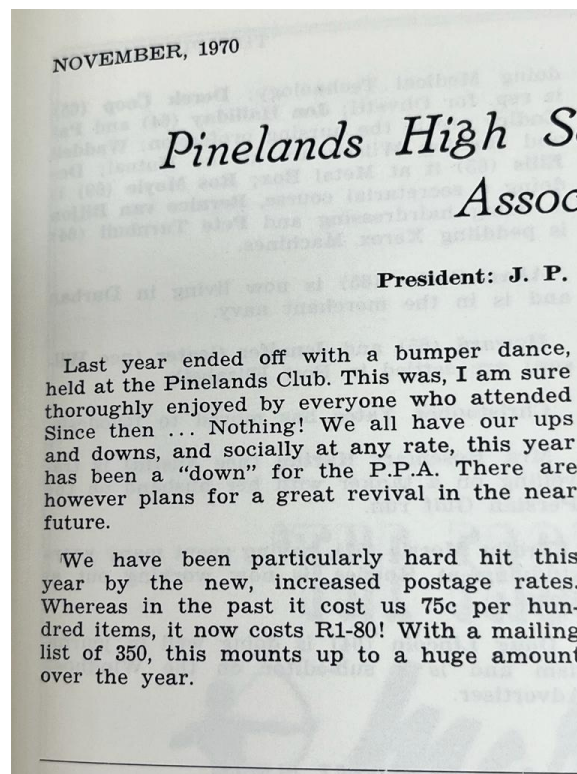
Over the years there have been so many stories about things that were done to the bell and bell tower in its early years. There is the story of a year where some of the boys climbed up (naturally this was prior to the school being fully fenced) in the dead of night to steal the bell. Another legend is that of a teacher's bicycle being hoisted up into the bell tower and left suspended there! There are many more stories, so be sure to join our [Facebook Page](#) to read up on existing stories and add your own memories.

We took a trip down memory lane...

These two items from the 1970's edition of The Pinelander School Magazine had us chuckling:



We searched in vain for the author of this lovely poem that gave us a laugh - for some reason it was not attributed to anybody in the school magazine! Anyone recognise it as being your work?



We had to smile at the 'exorbitant' cost of postage in 1970 - how times have changed. Wonder if future alumni will be looking back with fascination at how cheap everything was back in 2023? They most probably will. 😊

Celebrity Alumni Reunite on KFM

It was lovely to hear these well known PHS Alumni reconnecting with another PHS Alumnus, Kfm DJ Carl Wastie, on *The Kfm Flash Drive Takeover* recently.



Carl Wastie (Class of 2003) and Jimmy Nevis (Class of 2010) broadcasting from Table Mountain.

Photo Credit: Carlie Waste Instagram



Siv Ngesi (Class of 2004) and Carl Wastie took a trip down memory lane as they reminisced about biology class at PHS, among other things.

Photo Credit: KFM Facebook page



Happy Days Remembered - Ingrid Sikkel (Class of 1956)

We were a group gathered from around the district, and the Blue School, which had run out of space. Officially Standard Six, but there was also the new Standard Seven class next door.

I remember it as a very happy time of my life.

Surrounded by wattles, and the Elsieskraal River down the track from the Prefab.

The most popular activity during breaks was playing Rounders, boys and girls all together in the bundu.

Have now spent 40+ years in NZ, Aotearoa and Australia. Loved being in Australia particularly, but my heart is still in Cape Town, guarded by Table Mountain, and remembering how the cloud rolls over it.

Jack Kent was a memorable headmaster. ♥

- Ingrid Sikkel from British Columbia, Canada

If you are on our Facebook Group, click on this [link](#) to read copies of PHS school magazines's from 1959 - 1963. They were kindly scanned and saved to Facebook by Rael Wienburg (Class of 1963).



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