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Troy Charman Grade 8 pipes in the cake

**Diamond Jubilee Year  
Celebrating 60 years of “Nothing but our Best”  
1953 - 2013**

**Events in March.....**

**Friday 15 March Westerford’s Big Band** plays in the stairwell at Cavendish Square at 18h00. There will be discounts and support from various surrounding eateries. All **OWs** are welcome. Please support Westerford by staying to eat at one of the restaurants. You can collect vouchers on the day at the stairwell.

**Wednesday 20, 21, 22, 23 March. Grease – The Musical.**

Noel Taylor Hall. All **OWs** welcome. To book, please email Ms Nina Hanekom [nh@whs.wcpae.school.za](mailto:nh@whs.wcpae.school.za)

## OW Matric Challenge

The Matrics of 1971 are sending out a challenge to all the other years to see which class can raise the most to celebrate sixty years of “Nothing but Our Best”.

Every contribution will help to maintain and improve a fantastic educational facility that is our old school, for generations to follow.

This is a one-off thank you and a way of congratulating our old school and the many dedicated staff who have helped shape some amazing people – sometimes against all odds!

Please send your confidential donation, marked “Matric Challenge – 19.... or 20....” directly to the school (see details below) and the financial secretaries will keep a class tally to be announced at the end of the Jubilee celebrations.

Don't think twice, just think about some humorous/happy/challenging incidents you experienced at Westerford, get that warm, fuzzy feeling and do the transfer or send the cheque!

	Academic	Sport	Cultural	Social Outreach
R60 sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coloured inks for art</li> <li>• Science model kits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hula hoops</li> <li>• Bean bags</li> <li>• Tennis balls</li> <li>• Skipping ropes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous plants for gardens</li> <li>• Refurbish music orchestra stands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taxi fares for four days for needy child</li> <li>• Pocket money for needy child</li> </ul>
R600 sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geography globes</li> <li>• Coloured paper</li> <li>• Atlases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portable nets</li> <li>• Hockey sticks</li> <li>• Tennis racquets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four novels for library</li> <li>• Metronome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunches for term</li> <li>• Stationery for year</li> </ul>
R6 000 sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laptop</li> <li>• Non-fiction library books</li> <li>• Kindles</li> <li>• Data projector</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New scrum machine</li> <li>• Obstacle course</li> <li>• New bowling machine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music instrument for orchestra</li> <li>• Display cabinet for Level Four</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School fees at WHS for term</li> <li>• Sponsor a sports tour for a needy child</li> </ul>
R6 000 000 sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More classrooms</li> <li>• Upgrade IT</li> <li>• Redesign science labs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-purpose deck at pool</li> <li>• Floodlights at Imhoff</li> <li>• School gym &amp; aquatic centre</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-purpose theatre</li> <li>• Extend the music &amp; art departments</li> <li>• Refurbish the tuckshop quad</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legacy gift to Claremont High School</li> <li>• Legacy gift to Intlanganiso High School</li> <li>• Green energy for school</li> </ul>
R1953 sponsors  (Westerford was founded in 1953!)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easels</li> <li>• Calculators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water polo balls</li> <li>• Volleyball set</li> <li>• Badminton set</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjustable piano stool for the grand piano</li> <li>• Purchase recycling bins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsor attendance at a music or art festival</li> <li>• Sponsor participation in a hike or a camp</li> <li>• Sponsor a pupil to the matric dance</li> </ul>

BANKING DETAILS: Direct Deposits: WESTERFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Standard Bank, Rondebosch

Account type: Current

Branch code: 025009

Account no: 071510176

Swift address: SBZA ZA JJ (International Deposits)

Reference: Matric Challenge 19..

Bursar - [KW@whs.wcape.school.za](mailto:KW@whs.wcape.school.za)

Mrs K Williams

Tel: 021 689 9154 Fax: 021 685 5675.

Please send a copy of your payment to Margie so that regular updates can be emailed out. [owa@whs.wcape.school.za](mailto:owa@whs.wcape.school.za)



Founders Day ceremony in the Noel Taylor Hall



Mrs Joan Freislich (OW 1963 Head Girl) addresses the assemply



The founding class of 1953 (OW 1957)  
L to R Standing: Bob Bullock, **Roy Klibbe**, **David Reimers (Head Boy)**, Gary Oliver, **Leslie McKenzie**  
L to R Seated: **Liz Bullock (nee Kruger)**, **Joy Vermeer (nee Haggett)**, **Helen Edwards(nee Woldringh)**, **Janette Hanssen(Head Girl) (nee Hewetson).**



The school prepares for the aerial photograph, sitting within a diamond shape and spelling WHS 60.



## **OW good wishes sent ...**

### **Theo Neu (OW 1958)**

*My sincere congratulations to you, all members of Staff and the Westerfordian scholars in the celebration of Founders Day 2013 and the many Diamond Jubilee celebrations.*

*A great achievement along the high road of "NOTHING BUT THE BEST."*

*I wish you all success for tomorrow and the challenging years ahead.*

*Kindest regards from a proud Westerfordian.*

### **Keith Laskey (Head Prefect 1959)**

*Thank you very much for the kind invitation to attend the Old Head Prefects Evening.*

*Unfortunately I will not be able to take up your kind invitation.*

*I was able to attend the Founders Day Function on Thursday, were I was thrilled to meet with David Reimers whom I had not seen since 1957!*

*Please extend my warmest greeting to all the folk attending the function and to those who have travelled from afar, a safe journey home.*

### **Patricia Kaplan (OW 1960 Head prefect) California**

*Maybe one day I will again visit the school that gave me such an incredible grounding for life, its joys, challenges and wonder!*

### **Ruth Stott née Taylor (OW 1961)**

*Many thanks for a wonderful Founders' Day today. Please tell Rob le Roux how much we appreciated being there. My brother David (Mr Taylor's son), was so pleased to have met you. Would you please thank him most sincerely and tell him how impressed we were. My sister-in-law was Head of the Music Dept at Rustenburg for many years so appreciated the musical contribution of the pupils very much.*

*With love from Ruth Stott*

### **Lucille Le Roux (nee Steenkamp) (1963)**

*Just wanted to say & HUGE thank you for all you did to organise the events for the Jubilee.*

*It was lovely to meet old colleagues again after so many years & to also see the wonderful developments at Westerford. It will always be to me the greatest school in the most glorious setting.*

### **Raymond Durrheim (OW Head Prefect 1974)**

*Thank you for the invitation. I am really sorry that it is impossible for me to attend the 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. I am the Principal Investigator on a Japanese – South African collaborative research project called "Observational studies in South African mines to mitigate seismic risks". The mid-term review of the 5-year project started yesterday. A review panel from the Japan Science and Technology Agency and the Japan International Cooperation Agency is visiting our underground research sites (at depths of 1 – 3.5 km in Moab-Khotsong, Hlanganani and Cooke #4 gold mines), the research teams (at Wits University, Council for Geoscience, CSIR, etc), and various stakeholders (Department of Mineral Resources, Department of Science and Technology, Mine Health & Safety Council, etc). The review culminates with a seminar on 11 March and the meeting of the Joint Coordinating Committee on 13 March.*

*I have extremely fond memories of my years at Westerford. Many teachers had a huge influence for good on my intellectual and spiritual formation. To mention a few: John Broster, Noel Taylor, Frank Rumboll, Tony Rochford, Penny Blake, Robbie Wetherdon., Bill Houston. It was during my tenure that Westerford celebrated its 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. It's amazing how rapidly the years have passed by. I still remember vividly events such as rugby matches, SU camps, and Ecology Club hikes. And I can still recite my lines from Macbeth (performed in the chestnut grove), Murder in the Cathedral, and The Crucible.*

*Please pass on my congratulations to the headmaster, teachers, past head-prefects and current pupils as you celebrate a great 60 years. May Westerford continue to produce young people with character and vision.*

*Last we communicated (via Facebook a couple of years ago), **Estelle Rubenstein (Headgirl for 1974)** was living in Israel, so it is unlikely that she will be able to be there. But a couple of the 1974 prefects are still living in the Cape and could stand in the gap (for*

example, **Ian Jackson, Gregg Goddard, Cheryl Gammon** (was Stevens)).

### **Pamela Kleviansky (1980)**

*I received a wonderful letter from my cousin, Leon Kleviansky, who I understand was contacted in an attempt to trace my whereabouts. Home is in Newton, Massachusetts. It is with deep regrets that I will not be able to attend such a milestone worthy of splendid celebration. My husband and I have two children. I married a wonderful soul from RBHS in 1986 and we moved to the USA in 1987. I matriculated in 1980 from that superb school which has been greatly discussed of late as a dear friend, a year ahead of me at Westerford, was here visiting two weeks ago and my daughter, now in her senior/matric year learned all about what it meant to be Head Girl and Head Prefect and how amusing it was that I had married the 1976 RBHS Head Boy. My son is away at college and he too had never known these facts. They were certainly shared by others over the years but it never really was understood by our kids as the school systems here are so very different. My son said it all sounded like draconian Hogwarts!*

*I embark on chemotherapy tomorrow to treat lupus which I have wrestled with for the past 14 years. This is my second attempt to suppress the immune system. I am so very glad I read this today.*

*Might you know if in the school archives exists some filmed version of a play I was in in 1979. My memory is so vague from lupus but somehow I recall a Mr. King who may have filmed our production of "Man of La Mancha." What feels like a glimpse ago for this Aldonza was actually 34 years ago. How swiftly it all passes. (If anyone has a copy or a contact please let Margie know – there is nothing in the Westerford Archives)*

*If I am able to visit Cape Town again one day, I will most certainly visit my old High School. I have not been back for 17 years. What a very special invitation - thank you kindly.*

### **Jane Miles – (OW 1982 Head Prefect)**

*Thank you so much for sending me the invitation to the Jubilee celebrations. I live in Portland, Oregon in the USA now. This of course means I am just too far away to be able to accept and be at the gathering on Tuesday evening! I do wish you all well as the celebrations get under way. Please do pass on my greetings and well wishes.*

*Westerford has gone from strength to strength over the years. I have just spent a nostalgic few moment browsing the school website and am so proud to say I was a Westerfordian. Can it be that 31 years have slipped by since I walked those halls? I even recognize some of the staff!*

## **Snippets and OWs in the News**



The following e-mails were received from OWs with news either of themselves or fellow OWs.

### **Margie Worthington-Smith (1979)**

Margie was an event speaker at the Circle of Excellence Celebration 2012.



**Margie Worthington-Smith:**  
Executive Director,  
Allan Gray Orbis Foundation

**"The Fellowship as a platform for the development of significance as a key element in activating high impact leadership"**

Bianca Fourie (2004) [Bianca.Fourie@za.ey.com](mailto:Bianca.Fourie@za.ey.com)



Bianca's mom, Jean, wrote in about Bianca....

"My daughter Bianca Fourie, appeared in a magazine where she mentions Westerford. Bianca won the National Young Tax Professional of the year competition and was 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up in the international competition that took place in Boston.

Thank you Westerford for educating my daughter."

Michelle Naude (1961) [gnaude@aimint.net](mailto:gnaude@aimint.net)

As you will probably remember, our classmate, **Jonathan Asherton**, whom many of us met up with at our 2011 reunion, died in a car accident in March 2012. A few of us were able to attend his funeral. There were hundreds of people there, paying tribute to a man who had made a big impact in many different spheres of life and whose death was a real tragedy.

It is Jewish custom to consecrate the tombstone of someone who has died about a year after his death. The consecration was on Sunday 17 February and his two sisters, Merle and Dorothy, have travelled from USA to be here for this.

## Reunion contact details

### Old Westerfordian Association

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Teacher in Charge of OW matters

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Margie Hiscock (1979)

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## 2013 Events

### 1973

40<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Alexander (Sandy) Foster

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### 1983

30<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Julian Segal (1983)

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### 1988

25<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Astrid Gibbon (née Chaplin)

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### 1993

20<sup>th</sup> Reunion

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### 2003

10<sup>th</sup> Reunion

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### 2008

5 year reunion

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### OW Winter Sports Day

Saturday 7 September 2013



## 2014 Events

### 1959

55 year Reunion

Peter Reece

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### 1964

Founders Day and Summer

Sports Day

6 March 2014

Lecia Bartmann

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### 1969

45<sup>th</sup> Reunion

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Verna Baguley (née Wallin)

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Saturday 6 September 2014