



### Cultural Day.

July 31. One of the most anticipated days at Westerford this year... 31 July was Cultural Day. It began with a bang, quite literally, with a magic show where the whole school was kept on the edge of their seats as cards appeared in lemons and boys hung in mid-air, propped up by a single broom stick. It was the perfect way to begin a fantastic day.

Following the magic show pupils split up and went to workshops that they had chosen. The workshops ranged from ballroom dancing, kung fu to hypnosis, run by experts in their respective fields. Pupils got to enjoy two workshops of their choice and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

The workshops were followed by a market day, with different societies holding various food stalls, and after the workshops pupils could be seen relaxing on the field celebrating the sunniest day this whole winter, while others could be seen showing their friends the various dance moves they had learnt accompanied, by **Jeremy Phillips** and **Nick Geffen** who were performing on the field to loud applause.

This perfect day ended with everyone filing into the final assembly to find that each chair had on it differently coloured plastic pipes and sticks. There were many puzzled glances as pupils proceeded to cause a huge racket by banging the sticks against the pipes. The use of the pipes soon became apparent, however, as the school was taught how to bang the differently coloured pipes at different times and soon a beautiful sound, like singing, echoed throughout the school as pupils and teachers alike came together and found the rhythm, ending Cultural Day on a high note.

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- **Kalia Barkai** and **Tanya Richards** wrote the HSK Level One of Standard Mandarin Chinese proficiency for non-native speakers last term. They both achieved over 87% for the test..
- **Fatima Docrat**, **Jack Calland** and **James Speechly** participated in the International Public Policy Forum. In this competition they debated the topic of Mitigation of Climate Change through a series of essays. They made it to the top thirty-two in the competition - one round away from qualifying to go to New York. Together with **Luke Borain**, they will be competing again this year.
- **Mujahid Hendricks** has been selected to represent WP in the U16 Basetball team to tour to Johannesburg and participate in the Ballworks Tournament.
- **Caitlin Pinheiro (Gr 11)** and **Catherine Vowles (Gr 12)** achieved Honours for their Performance Final Grade Modern Dancing exam as well as the Medal Test.
- **Tasha Ainsworth (Gr 9)** achieved Honours with Distinction for Prelim Junior and Final Grade, as well as the Medal Test. She has also been selected to dance in the Jump Convention in Las Vegas in December this year.



## Forum Discussion

On Wednesday night, a team of five Westerfordians travelled out to Parklands College to participate in the qualifying round of the SACEE (South African Council for English Education) Forum Discussion Inter-school competition.

A Forum Discussion is a less formal style of a debate, where a team of five speakers is given a topic on which they are meant to engage within the format of an engaging conversation on stage. Ten minutes are allowed for preparation, and ten minutes of presentation. **Luna Manson, Cathryn McDougall, Jack Calland, Fatima Docrat and Laurent Balt**, were placed first in a competition at Wynberg Girls' last year under the guidance of Mr Graham, and were excited for their second competition on Wednesday evening.

Mr Graham was the MC on Wednesday evening, where Westerford competed against The Settlers, San Souci, Abbots Claremont and current champions, Parklands. The topic for Westerford was "The Modern Age of thinking spoonfeeds us and has robbed us of creativity and originality." The team engaged thoroughly with the statement on stage, and came to a general consensus that the statement was untrue.

During the judgement, the team was complimented on the level of intellect and content in their conversation, but were criticised for being too polite with one another for the style of a Forum Discussion. Thankfully, they still qualified for the Finals, where they will be competing against Rustenburg, Parklands, Herschel, Wynberg Girls and Sans Souci for both the shield and cash prizes for their school libraries.

*Cathryn McDougall*

## A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR REZA

The Sunflower Fun Run/Walk has become an annual event for the Westerford community. We began participating in 2011, entering over 500 participants, and we'd like to improve on that number in 2013.



Our reasons for entering into this event are twofold. Most importantly it is to show our support for a very special member of our Grade 10 group, **Reza Price**. Reza is living with a condition called Severe Aplastic Anaemia. After trying various courses of treatment, Reza's only option for recovery now is a bone marrow transplant. Although he loves being at school surrounded by his friends, he is less able to do so due to increased levels of tiredness and the time spent in hospital having blood transfusions. Each year though Reza looks forward to the Sunflower Fun Run/Walk, especially to see the support from the Westerford community which means so much to him.

***This year is a special one for Reza as his birthday falls on the same day as the Sunflower Fun Run/Walk, 15 September.***

Secondly, the R80 entry fee means that the Sunflower Fund can use the money to pay for bone marrow testing for those who do not have the funds to do so themselves. The Sunflower Fund is desperate to increase the number of bone marrow donors on the registry. To become a bone marrow donor and to be listed on the South African Bone Marrow registry you have to be between the ages of 18 and 50. At the moment the registry has just over 64 000 volunteers, which isn't many, and because of shortages you are even more precious as a donor if you are male and of black, asian or mixed ethnic backgrounds. For more information on becoming a donor please go to [www.sunflowerfund.org.za](http://www.sunflowerfund.org.za) or phone the Sunflower Fund on 0800 12 10 82.

Please invite family and friends to join us for the morning to support Reza and the Sunflower Fund.



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The medical costs for the family exceed R40 000 per month and we will be selling t-shirts, designed by Reza, for R50. The proceeds will go to the Price family as a small gesture towards their costs. If you buy a t-shirt we would like you to wear it to the Sunflower Fun Run/Walk so that we are identified as a group.



### THE WESTERFORDIAN 2013



Our annual school magazine, *The Westerfordian*, aims to cover the tours, activities, clubs, teams, events and people who have featured through the course of the year.

***This year will be a bumper Diamond Jubilee edition!***

To do justice to this special year, we would be grateful for sponsorship. At the cost of only R100 you can sponsor a page (or more) and this will be acknowledged at the foot of a page.

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# AUGUST 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8	9 National Women's Day	10
11	12 Blood Drive	13	14 Classical Pops	15	16 One-Act Play scripts in	17
18	19	20 Practical Cats—Gr 8	21 Matric Mock Exams Start	22	23	24 Fairmont Derby (away)
25	26	27	28 Gr 9 Subject Choice evening 19h30 NTH	29 Careers Evening	30	31



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A somewhat plump fairy-godmother has lost her wings and needs to find them again. If you have a **second-hand stationary exercise bike** that might need another (fairy) home, please phone **021-6894468**.

The fairy godmother (a.k.a **Mrs Sharland**) will be very happy to negotiate with you.

### **How about being a guest at your own gourmet function?**



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Join Netzer at 18:30 on 17th August at Wynberg Temple Israel for "**Netzer Night**", our annual Variety Show and Auction, hosted by the hilarious **NIK RABINOWITZ!** We will begin with a Netzer Havdallah service. Entrance tickets will get you great food and company as well as an evening of brilliant entertainment.

Adults: R40, children (under 18) and students: R20. Raffle tickets R10 for a chance to win a one-night stay for two in a Protea Hotel! For more information contact Sofia (082 855 5199 or [director@netzer.org.za](mailto:director@netzer.org.za)).

*RSVP essential for catering purposes.*

### **MUSICAL PARENTS –WOULD YOU LIKE TO SING IN A CHOIR?**



The SYMPHONY CHOIR of Cape Town is looking for new members – Sopranos, Tenors and Bases. We have just started working on Brahms' *Requiem* to be performed in October so it is a perfect time to join. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings in Rondebosch.

If you are interested, please call **Anthea Pinheiro** on 083 571 8003 as soon as possible.

### **PIANO Lessons and English and Afrikaans tutoring**

Experienced teacher in piano and theory – all levels and ages welcome. Exams and for pleasure.

I also teach both English and Afrikaans to pupils who need extra assistance. (BA HDE Tefl) I live in Observatory.

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