



## Principal's Newsletter – June 2015

Dear Parents

As we approach our mid-year break please take note of the following:

1. Second Term Reports:

You will have received your child's first full report of the year.

Please scrutinise the report carefully, take particular note of the subject comments and if comparisons need to be made use the grade averages. If personal contact is needed with particular teachers please feel free to contact them via email; alternatively, take note of the opportunity to meet teachers for brief five-minute meetings on the following PTA dates next term:

Grades 10, 11 and 12:                      Wednesday 29 July from 17:30 to 19:00

Grades 8 and 9:                                Monday 3 August from 17:30 to 19:00

2. Pass Requirements: (just a reminder)

According to the CAPS regulations the promotion requirements are as follows;

In Grades 8 and 9:

Firstly all pupils **must** offer the following nine (9) subjects:

- Home Language (HL) i.e. English
- First Additional Language (FAL), i.e. Afrikaans or Xhosa
- Mathematics
- Natural Sciences (Physical Science and Life Sciences)
- Social Sciences (History and Geography)
- Life Orientation
- Technology
- Creative Art (or Music or Drama)
- Economic and Management Sciences

In addition at Westerford we also require a Second Additional Language (SAL) i.e. French, Italian, Xhosa or Chinese.

Secondly the actual promotion requirements are as follows:

Home Language	Level 4, i.e. 50%
FAL	Level 3, i.e. 40%
Mathematics	Level 3
any three (3) additional subjects	Level 3
any two (2) additional subjects	Level 2, i.e. 30%

In Grades 10, 11 and 12:

Home Language	40%
any two (2) additional subjects	40%
any three (3) additional subjects (this <b>includes</b> Life Orientation)	30%

To obtain a Bachelor's Pass (university acceptance requirement) the following:

Home Language	50%
any three (3) additional subjects (this <b>excludes</b> Life Orientation)	50%



### 3. Second Term Top Achievers:

Grade 12	Grade 11	Grade 10	Grade 9	Grade 8
Meshaan Adelhelm	Jo Ackermann	Tamsyn Arendse	Luca Bell	Amin Banderker
Farhaan Allie	Claire Baissac	Yuri Behari-Leak	Samantha Boting	Rameez Chicktay
Rizaan Behardien	Jacques Blom	Leila Chin	Tess Derrick-Sleigh	Nicola de la Harpe
Kirsten Bloomer	Nitesh Dayar	Sarah Cranko	Anneke Eberhard	Kia Gibbs
Jessica Bourn	Miguel Garcia-Naudé	Gina Cridge	James Falconer	Laura Granelli
Grace Brain	Lelie Hannam	Anna Dalgliesh	Chris Gautschi	Tallulah Graziani
Tasneem Chicktay	Hannah Harrison-	Helen Dugmore	Liam Gurney	Zac Hasenfüss
Susan Clarke	Saayman	Rebecca Edmunds	Jaeyoon Kim	Nuraan Ismail
Christine Court	Katherine Hartzeberg-	Iman Gamiendien	Andrea Laubscher	Uri Naidoo
Dominique de	Aeroe	Laeqah Kassiem	Aileen Lee	Nadia Odendaal
Villiers	Saara Ismail	Nicholas Lambrecht	Hannah McDougall	Kayur Ranchod
Olivia de Villiers	Aneesa Kathree	Allison Morton	Alexandra Moors	Lucas Rosenfield
Aminah Emeran	Shriya Naidoo	Jessica Nicklin	Megan Pinder	Erica (Molly) Ryan
Gina Hendrickse	Casey Nevin	Abedah Pastor	Samuel Pottinger	Jemima Short
Sarah Lay	Alexandra Newlands	Thuraya Pastor	Nina Shapiro	Mila Strickland
Uzair Manack	Alexandra Pottinger	Alyssa Schäfer	Hanaa'Khanyisa Toefy	Niki Tarr
Cara Noble	Sanjiv Ranchod	Mia Todd	Simon van Riel	Jean van Zyl
Caron Rademan	Lara Slabber	Pia Truscott	Sarah Woolard	David White
Julan Ranchod	Jenna Smith	Kirsten Welp	Dalya Zimblar	Alice Wood
James Robertson	Cayley Tarr	Lucy Wills	Gabriel Zühlke	Sian Wood
Luke van Schaik	Mu-aath Upadhey	Sadie Wiseman		
Shea Walls	Ella Wesselink	Angela Yeo		

### 4. Farewells and Welcomes:

At the end of this term we unfortunately say farewell to two of our teachers. Firstly, **Mrs Sarala Majudith**, who joined us in Jan 2012 as Chief Librarian. She takes up a senior librarian position in the provincial administration in the Boland. Then, secondly, **Miss Liezel van den Eijnde**, who has been with us since January 2009.

We thank both these teachers for the enormous contribution they have made to Westerford and wish them everything of the best in their respective new ventures.

At the same time we welcome two new teachers. Firstly, **Miss Jessica Jenkin**, who has a Post Graduate Diploma in Library Services and who is presently completing a Masters Degree in Language and Literacy Studies. And secondly, **Mr Matthew Pearce**, who is presently busy with his Masters degree at UCT, will be assisting in the Science Department until the end of the year whilst the post is being advertised in the WCED Vacancy List later this year. We trust that they will be extremely happy at Westerford.

### 5. Deputy Principal Post:

As you are no doubt aware, Mr James Bissett retires at the end of this year, after 37 years of loyal service to Westerford High School. After a rigorous process of interviews the School Board of Governors has nominated, and the WCED has approved, the appointment of **Mr Steven Anderson** to the position of Deputy Principal at Westerford High School, effective from 1 January 2016. Mr Anderson is presently a Deputy Principal at Hudson Park High School in East London, is married to Marion, a medical doctor, and has two daughters, Kate, a student at UCT, and Amy who is in grade 10 this year.

We welcome the Anderson family to Cape Town and to Westerford in particular.



Mr Anderson joins Mr Anthony Cain, who will replace Mr Bissett as the Senior Deputy Principal, and Mrs Joyce Lamont on the School Executive.

6. Cabaret:

Because of the timing of Ramadan this year we have deemed it necessary to deviate from the normal dates for Cabaret this year. "Traditionally" Cabaret has always been held during the last week of the second term. This year it will be held during the first week of the third term, i.e. on the nights of Thursday 23, Friday 24 and Saturday 25 July. Grade 11 parents - please take note of a separate circular in connection with Cabaret.

7. Borneo:

A group of 30 of our Grade 10 pupils, accompanied by Mr Daniell, Miss Makhoabenyane and Miss McLaren, leave in early July on a very interesting adventure trip to Borneo. Their expedition will include an extended trek in the rainforests and mountains of the Crocker Range, community service in a remote village and a visit to an orang-utan sanctuary.

8. Classical Pops:

Over the years Classical Pops has become a wonderful and very popular "show-piece" of the musical talents at Westerford. This has prompted us, for the first time, to repeat the performance on a second night. As usual it will be held at the City Hall on the nights of Wednesday 19 August (for Grades 8, 9 and 10) and Thursday 20 August (for Grades 11 and 12). Tickets will be on sale shortly at R80 for adults and R40 for non-Westerford children.

9. ICP 2015 – Helsinki:

Early next term I have the distinct privilege of attending the 12<sup>th</sup> Convention of the International Confederation of Principals (ICP) which is to be held in Helsinki in Finland. It is an extreme honour for me to represent my school and my country at a convention of this nature that attracts over 1500 delegates from all over the world. My sincere thanks, in advance, to our Board of Governors for affording me the opportunity to attend.

10. Ramadan:

The season of fasting has just begun. We wish all our Muslim friends "Ramadan Kareem".

Finally, I trust that you will have most enjoyable and relaxing holiday with your children.

Yours sincerely

Rob le Roux  
Headmaster

26 June 2015

## Parent Network Group

**PNG Meeting in the staff room on Tuesday 28 July at 7 o'clock.**

**All welcome.**



## SJA hosts Rabbi Greg

On Thursday 11 June SJA hosted Rabbi Greg to speak on ethical dilemmas and how to approach them, with emphasis on Jewish teachings. The event was open to everyone and the venue was packed with pupils representing Westerford's eclectic mixture of religions, races and ethnicities. Rabbi Greg brought up four moral dilemmas – a gun store being opened in a large shopping mall, a mother publicly shaming her children to prevent them from smoking, a Jewish lawyer defending a man accused of anti-Semitism and the accountability of two boys convicted at the age of ten of the torture and murder of a two-year-old baby.

Instead of a lecture it was far more of a group discussion. The group chose to focus on the last two cases. Rabbi Greg posed some general questions and pupils responded, not long afterwards all were involved in their own views and feelings. After this Rabbi Greg explained a bit about Jewish teachings and how Judaism would approach the issues. The majority of the audience was non-Jewish and rather than “preaching” he explained in layman's terms. The event provided a fantastic space for the discussion of real-life issues whilst learning about a religion with which many were unfamiliar.

Although just a small event in its own way it epitomised what is so good about Westerford – pupils from such varying backgrounds being prepared to give up their breaks to discuss serious ethical issues with the desire to learn about new ways of thinking. How many other schools can boast about that?

*Gabrielle Mublberg*



- **Allison Morton**, Grade 10, is flying to Durban to compete at the SA Mountain Bike Cross Country Cup Race at the Cascades Mountain Bike Park in Pietermaritzburg.
- **Simone Faulmann**, Grade 12, has been selected to represent the Western Province Cycling Association: Schools. The riders will participate in the Western Cape Cycling Championships and also the Oudtshoorn Youth Festival 2015 where all provinces are invited to participate in this wonderful Cycling competition.
- **Matthew Widelko**, **Niki Tarr** and **Liam Dugmore**, all Grade 8, have been chosen to represent Western Province at this year's Squash Inter-provincial tournament.
- **Megan Thebus**, Grade 10, has been selected for the SA National Youth Orchestra in Johannesburg during the school holidays.
- **Katherine Hartzenberg-Aeroe**, Grade 11, competed at the Cape Town Modern Dance Eisteddford, where she won the 15-16 years, pre-amateur Modern Straight Set Dance.
- **Sanjiv Ranchod** and **David Broodryk**, both Grade 11, have been selected to represent South Africa at the International Mathematical Olympiad in Thailand in July.
- **Robert Cheesman-Hooper**, Grade 8, is also cycling in Oudtshoorn for Western Province.
- **Zac Hassenfuss**, Grade 8, and his band, *The Stoked*, played on Espresso Morning Show on Thursday 24 June.
- **Bronwyn Carr**, Grade 12, has been selected as part of the Western Province SANESA horse-riding team.





# WESTERFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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## Music Department

### Music stand covers (see photo)

Since our Orchestra and Concert Band have grown such a lot, we do not have sufficient stand covers for concerts. If any parent is interested in making some for us, please contact Mrs Penny at [bp@westerford.co.za](mailto:bp@westerford.co.za). We would prefer covers with the school badge, rather than the plain covers.



### Orchestra, Concert Band and Big Band Eisteddfod

Please diarise Thursday 6 August, late afternoon/early evening. Details will be given at your rehearsals.  
Venue: Hugo Lambrechts Auditorium, Picton Street, Parow

### Classical Pops rehearsal schedule

In addition to the usual rehearsal times, members of the Choir, Orchestra, Big Band and Concert Band must please keep the following times available for combined or additional rehearsals. Most pupils will not be needed for the full times given. Exact schedules will be given closer to the time.

Saturday 1 August 13:00-18:00 NT Hall  
Saturday 15 August 13:00-18:00 NT Hall  
Monday 16 August 17:45-21:00 NT Hall  
Tuesday 17 August 17:45-21:00 NT Hall  
Wednesday 18 Aug 19:00 for 19:30 Performance City Hall  
Thursday 19 Aug 19:00 for 19:30 Gala Performance City Hall

## HCA's Conspiracy Theories Game

Have you ever wondered if the government is run by lizard men? Or if Westerford High School is secretly part of the black market for human organs? Or maybe that Area 51 is where Hitler was kept after he supposedly "died"?

Well, none of us had wondered about any of these things either, but this didn't stop an enthusiastic bunch of pupils from using their creativity to think up some imaginative conspiracy theories at the History and Current Affairs Society's Conspiracy Theories Game last Thursday.

With prizes such as *The Most Creative Conspiracy* being given out, this event was one filled with chuckles and grins as some of Westerford's brightest used their own knowledge of the world to create a whole new world in which nothing could be taken at face value.

*Alexandra Pottinger*

## The Rhino Shout Out Challenge

Westerford High School has been nominated by Wild Heart's Bronwyn Laing to create a video entry in which the pupils and staff of the school will be able to show their support against rhino poaching. On Friday 26 June, ARA will get the whole school involved in the Rhino Shout Out Challenge, where everyone in the school will shout the phrase "Save The Rhinos", in order to show the school's unwavering stance against the unforgivable crime of poaching rhinos for their horns. This seems a wonderful and empowering way to end off ARA's term of rhino-themed events concerning the dire predicament regarding the treatment of these endangered animals, and will certainly help raise awareness in others. More information on Wild Hearts and the Rhino Shout Out Challenge can be found on Facebook.

*"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated"* – Mahatma Gandhi

*Cara Noble*



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## NELSON MANDELA DAY



Please help to keep people warm this winter.

Knit a few squares which will be made into a blanket – wool will be supplied.



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Cllr. Ian Iversen's ward office  
021 801 6554

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### Blankets

Knitted blankets were handed over to Councillor Iversen for their Nelson Mandela Day appeal.

### Another thank you!

Yet another beautiful blanket was received from Maureen Letch, grandmother of Liam Mackenzie.



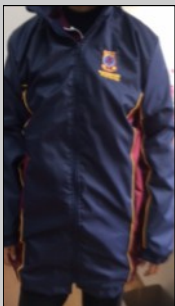
**We need more squares please. We now have no stock..**

### Matric annual French-speaking competition.

The Matric French class is planning their annual French-speaking competition on 30 July 2015 and they would appreciate contributions of prizes. The pupils always enjoy competing for the awesome prizes.

Please contact Dr Eisenberg if you are able to help. [DE@westerford.co.za](mailto:DE@westerford.co.za)

### WHS Merchandise



We have new Westerford supporter jackets for R300, fleece-lined, hood, inside pocket.

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## July 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
19	20 School opens	21	22 Matric PTA Jubilee Hall 19h30	23 Cabaret	24 Cabaret	25 Cabaret Classical Pops rehearsal 13h00-18h00
26	27	28 Early closing PROGRO	29 PTA Gr 10-12 NT Hall 17h30-19h00	30 French Evening	31	



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(Mr Allan Adriaanse is the WHS Maintenance Manager)



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