



Westerford Landline

Apologies! There has been cable left in the area surrounding Westerford and all the school's landlines have been affected. The problem has been reported. Please communicate with the school via email

Traffic:

There is a lot of traffic congestion around the school, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day. All traffic should proceed down Mount Road so that you can stop on the correct side of the road and exit onto Main Road.



The 3 entrances/exits are used by staff; please do not block them or stop or wait on RED lines.



Please could you park and drive considerately keeping our patient neighbours in mind, as well as setting a good example to our next generation of considerate drivers !

Tickets for Classical Pops 2015 on 19 and 20 August

Tickets are available for Classical Pops from Mrs H Mather's classroom, Room 28, during second breaks, until the performances.

R80 adults, R40 children

Cabaret 2015

After two long weeks of hard work, bright lights and late nights, the Grade 11s of 2015 presented their Cabarekt extravaganza to the school on 23, 24, 25 June. Cabaret is an annual event presented by the Grade 11s of each year where the grade showcases their talents and creative abilities, while bonding with each other along the way. The show was spearheaded by Ms van den Eijnde and assisted by Mr Voerman and Mr Buwalda. These Grade 11s chose a different angle to present Cabaret. For many years the Grade 11s used a continuity act as the link between group skits and solo performances. Cabarekt opted for no continuity, but introduced two MCs, Ryan Hand and Catherine O' Connor, who appeared between acts to keep the show flowing with their comedy and repartee.

This year's Cabaret showcased the Grade 11s' talent, with extraordinary musical and dance ability incorporated in approximately seventeen acts. These included a vibrant Bollywood dance number, an enrapturing Burlesque number, comical and rhythmic rapping and a synchronised gumboot dance performance. These were complemented by a large number of band and group performances, such as *A Boy Named Sue*, *Dead Green Bottles* and *Gay Pirates*. The audience was also serenaded by musical duets such as *To Build a Home* and the *Disney Medley*. A star-studded selection of acting skits filled the hall with thunderous laughter and applause while a few masterful stop-motion films delighted the audience.

Cabaret is an important project for the Westerford pupil body as it serves as a catalyst in the social cohesion and inclusion of the Grade 11s. It unifies a wide diversity of pupils across race, class, religion and background. The key strength of Cabaret is its ability to get the entire grade to work together to plan, co-ordinate and execute the show, with nearly everyone in the grade being involved in some form or other.

The jury's out on whether Cabarekt upstaged Cabarets of the past at Westerford. One thing is certain: the Grade 11s put on an exhilarating show, keeping audiences fully entertained and engaged. We look forward to next year's Cabaret, when the present Grade 10s will attempt to fill the shoes of the Grade 11s...and hopefully break the leather.

Yuri Behari-Leak



WESTERFORD HIGH SCHOOL

- **Allison Morton**, Gr 10 achieved first place in the tough 42km Burger Mountain Bike race on Sunday 2 August 2015.



Cultural Day - 5 August 2015

Say goodbye to your Maths books and get away with forgetting to do your Accounting homework - for one day only, school is all about fun (not that Maths and Accounting aren't fun of course, but Cultural Day is a more 'obvious' sort of fun). Ever wanted to get your Ju Jitsu up to scratch? Hone in on your Gumboot Dancing skills? Perfect your poker face? How about belly-dancing? Or traditional German cooking? Or wood sculpting of course?

Instead of learning about numbers, transitive sentences or the French Revolution... Westerfordians will be examined on their cultural prowess. The day will start with the excitement of the "Opening Extravaganza", progress to one of over 40 different workshops, have a short break to catch some breath, followed by workshop number two, then a break filled with 'undisclosed' activities and, finally, the "Grand Finale"!

What else is there to say but, get excited. Very very excited.

Gabrielle Mühlberg

Interact Bread Buddy making event

In the light of Mandela Day which took place on 18 July, Interact held a mass Bread Buddy making event on Tuesday 28 July which was Interact's way of giving back to the community and the underprivileged.

Interact supplied the bread and the spreads for making the sandwiches, while some pupils brought their own supplies. Many eager pupils gathered outside the hall on Tuesday morning at 07h30, ready to make delicious sandwiches for the children of Ummangaliso Primary School in Kayelitsha. After all the sandwiches were made the pupils helped clean up before heading to class.

The event was due to Mandela Day. However, Westerfordians should not be limited to giving back to the community only once a year: Westerford pupils are encouraged to bring a sandwich to school every Tuesday. The sandwiches collected are then donated to various underprivileged schools. Together, we can make every Tuesday a 'Bread Buddy making' Mandela Day!

Aminah Emeran

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Hours:

Tuesdays 12h30-13h00

Thursday 15h00-15h30



Lexi Minutelli Attends Rhino Summit in Kwazulu Natal

In the June holidays, **Lexi Minutelli**, a Grade 11 pupil at Westerford, was chosen to attend the WYRS World Youth Rhino Summit in Kwazulu Natal from 2 - 5 July. This event aims to create youth conservation leaders through education in wildlife conservation and protection strategies. Its objective is to empower the delegates so that they may become local, national and even international ambassadors for wildlife conservation and rhino protection.

Lexi is grateful for the unbelievably inspirational experience and for the opportunity meet such motivational people:

"There are not enough words in our world to express my amount of thanks that I have for the amazing experience that I had this past holiday. You people are all my heroes. I can say that I will be content with life if, by the end of it, I have done something like you."

Lexi was also able to address and thank the famous Mozambique politician, conservationist and Executive Director of the Joaquim Chissano Foundation, Dr Leonardo Simão, on live television. Lexi feels very passionately about the subject of rhino poaching and she is going to do everything in her power to stop it:

"I knew I had immense love for animals but this experience has just pushed that love to a level I never thought possible. We all know that the rhino is being poached for its horn, which holds absolutely no medical value whatsoever. The youth of today is the determining factor; we will decide whether these gentle giants will live to see another decade or not. They have survived ice ages and meteoroids but can they survive greed of the human being? The answer to that question is yes. If we give them the chance to.

What can we do regarding school? Learn about it! Push for it to be a law that information as well as consequences and the myths of rhino poaching be implemented in all private and government school syllabi. We can make a change only if we are aware. It's got to a stage where I feel as though actual footage of a rhino stumbling around with half of its face hacked off in a pool of blood with its unknowing baby calf frantic next to it, is the only way we are going to draw attention to it.

Over the past few years the black market for illegal wildlife trade has sky rocketed. I am determined to throw my all into this matter and I'm appealing to everyone out there to do the same. I cannot explain the feeling I experience when an animal looks me in the eye after knowing what they have been through and seeing that glimmer of happiness they get; it's as if they know we are trying and that to me is reward enough. Speak up and be heard; together we can do so much."

#LetOurVoicesBeHeard

Rebecca Edmunds





Report back on Greenpop tree plant in Zambia

Greenpop is an organisation that regularly plants trees in Cape Town. They aim to get people to live an environmentally friendly lifestyle in a fun and interactive way. In addition to tree planting, Greenpop also holds fun educational workshops for both children and adults to learn how to live a “greener” life. Their aim is to connect people from all around the world.

Zambia has one of the highest deforestation rates in the world; Greenpop recognised this problem and came up with the *Festival of Action* which is held yearly in Zambia between June and July. At this festival, Greenpop connects students from around the world to plant lots of trees, learn and get active in bringing about environmental change.

On 28 June four Westerford pupils went to Livingstone, Zambia to attend Greenpop’s *Festival of Action*, for one week.

When we arrived in Zambia, the atmosphere of the Zambians were phenomenal. The Greenpop leaders were all very friendly. At our campsite we had an opportunity to meet and work with pupils from Washington DC in USA, Johannesburg, as well some schools from Cape Town.

We spent four days of the week tree planting with different local farming organisations and local schools which included St Mary’s School for girls, Sons of Thunder and the Julana Farming Co-operative. It was very tiring digging holes, mixing compost, carrying water in buckets and collecting mush, but it was worth every minute. The locals were very welcoming and funny. It was really fun connecting with not only the Zambians but the other students as well. We were fortunate to be given the privilege of planting trees right next to the Victoria Falls.

In addition to planting trees, we attended two eco-workshops. We learnt about charcoal mining in Zambia and saw an actual charcoal kiln. Charcoal mining is one of the main contributors to Zambia’s deforestation. We were taught how to start-up and have an environmentally friendly business and learnt about “up-cycling”, which involves turning waste or damaged items into something practical, like an eco-brick or clothing.

A lot was also learnt about the Zambian and American culture and new relationships were built. Living in a green village, where even our food was solar cooked, being surrounded by bush and rural area and eating local Zambian cuisine was quite a cultural shock, but all added to the experience.

The people that we interacted with in the towns and on the farms, were fantastic. They live in severe poverty, in hand-made mud houses, with no waste collection services and with limited malls and technology.

Another highlight of our trip was seeing elephants and wildebeest roaming next to the roads. All in all, it was a successful week spent in Zambia and, we planted a total of 584 trees.

Tara Davids



The Westerford Greenpop team. **Tara Davids, Hope Edwards, Jodi Vink and Jessica Leach**



The entire Greenpop team, including volunteers after a big plant day at Sons of Thunders.



Planting right next to The Victoria Falls, was a phenomenal experience!



The charcoal kiln that we visited, on the first day in Zambia.



Jodi Vink and **Jessica Leach** bungee jumping off the bridge at the Victoria Falls!



Hope Edwards and **Tara Davids** interacting with the locals and learning more about **Zambian** culture on their cycle ride.



Meeting and connecting with all the volunteers, in a crazy and fun way.

Reminder



Due date for forms is Friday 7 August 2015.

See Westerford Newsletter 22 for all the details.



Prodigy develops mobile app for matric learners

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To assist the matric class of 2015 succeed in their exams and achieve a higher pass rate than their predecessors, educational publisher Oxford University Press South Africa (OUPSA) commissioned 17-year-old programming prodigy **Jacques Blom** to develop flippit, a study app aimed at helping matric learners study.

Launching at the start of the third school term, flippit comes at an opportune time when matric students start biting down ahead of their mock and final exams.

Blom, a Grade 11 student at Westerford High School in Cape Town, together with fellow high school student and programmer **Sanjiv Ranchod**, collaborated with OUPSA to design the app, which is available to download free from the Google Play Store. It consists of digital flashcard "decks" for 14 subjects, which allow students to learn content, test themselves and compete against other students, making it fun and easy to study before tests and exams.



"We realised that there is a definite need for technology that facilitates learning on the go, especially for tech-savvy matric students who are at a critical stage in their school careers," says Steve Cilliers, OUPSA MD.

"Working with Jacques has been great as he has ensured that the app is relevant and suitable for the user - the swotting 21st century student. He thinks from the perspectives of both the developer and the user, so we've been able to get the best of both worlds to ensure that flippit helps learners study."

Blom has been working with technology his entire life. He started programming when he was just five years old and now runs React Technology, a web and mobile app development company, in partnership with Ranchod. He was named one of the Top 200 Young South Africans by the Mail & Guardian in June this year and is an example of how South African youth are positively shaping the educational landscape.

"As a high school student, I understand how frustrating it can be to study for exams, because you're never sure exactly how and what to memorise. This solves this problem by letting you study in a flashcard format, making it fun and interactive," says Blom. "It's convenient, too: once a subject deck is downloaded, the app can be used offline, so a student can study for a few minutes when they have free time, wherever they are. I hope that flippit makes it much easier for matric students to do well in their exams."

"In 2015, OUPSA celebrates its 100th year of publishing for South African teachers and students. To celebrate this milestone in part, we want to make flippit as accessible as possible to students across the country. The app will always be free, while the flash cards will be freely available for the matric class of 2015," adds Cilliers. "We've poured considerable resources into developing an engaging and accessible study aid. We hope that students will engage with flippit and give us feedback to ensure that we can help the current and future generations of South Africans ace

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August Focus : Supporting and developing an Entrepreneurial mindset in your teenager



Unlike previous generations who spent many years of dedication and long hours of hard work to achieve financial success, the current generation of young entrepreneurs is rewriting the rules when it comes to how wealth is generated and who generates it.

Why do we need to develop an entrepreneurial mindset in our teenagers?

- 1) Recent statistics have indicated that 56% of current matrics will not get jobs
- 2) University graduates are not guaranteed jobs.

In a country where 'jobs' are not in abundance and in our current global economic climate it is vital that we be proactive and help our youth look at alternative ways to gain independence and to help them thrive.

What is the key to being a successful entrepreneur?

- 1) The ability to open up to the adjacent possibility
- 2) The Trifecta – knowledge, personality and publicity

Lydia Zingoni (Founder and Director of SA Teen Entrepreneur Foundation) has created a platform for the cultivation and promotion of an entrepreneurial culture in all our teens in South African and beyond. The foundation provides valuable support, information, workshops, online business tools, networks and mentorships for teenagers looking to develop their entrepreneurial skills.

My recent blog [Supporting and developing an Entrepreneurial mindset in your teenager](#) was inspired by one of the Awaken the GIANT in your Breakfast series talks put on by the SA Teen entrepreneur foundation. <http://teenentrepreneur.co.za/>

Should you wish to sign your son / daughter up for a 6 week career coaching process please contact me on careercoach@carolmillar.co.za or 0724239064

August 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9 Women's Day	10 School Holiday	11 Gr 10 LScience To Kirstenbosch	12 Gr 8 Practical Cats	13	14	15 Pinelands Derby @WHS Classical Pops Rehearsal
16	17 Classical Pops Rehearsal 18h00- 20h30 NT Hall	18 Classical Pops Rehearsal 18h00- 20h30 NT Hall	19 Classical Pops - Gr 8-10	20 Classical Pops - Gr 11-12	21	22 Groote Schuur Derby @GHS
23	24 Matric Music concert 19h00	25 All grades Art exhibition 19h00 Mock Matric Music	26 Gr 9 Subject Choice mtg 19h30 Mock Matric Music	27	28 Mock exams start	29 Fairmont Derby @Fairmont
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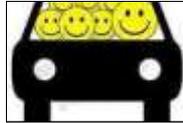
Section (for Westerford parents and OWs to Westerford Parents)

Contact Margie

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