

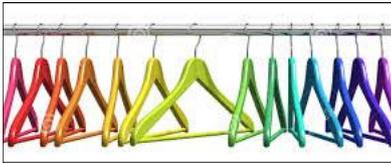


From the Office....

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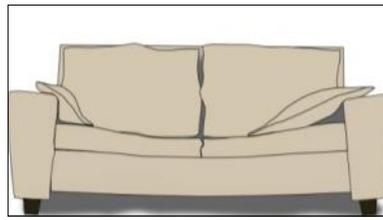


- The Second- hand Clothing Shop is in need of more hangers.



Please drop off any extras that you may have at the Office.

- Second-hand couches
We are still looking for some couches for the workers tearoom.
Collection can be arranged if you have any to donate.



Please contact Mr Cain ac@whs.wcape.school.za

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Communications Week

Over the last week the prefects have been holding Communication Week which is aimed at getting students off their phones and going back to a bygone era where people talked to each other face to face. The sudden surge in social media in society makes this initiative very relevant and brings across the extremely important issue of how people communicate, or rather, the lack thereof. The fact that this was the final event this year's prefects organised made it even more special and caused the Matrics in particular to get involved.

The week consisted of a variety of different events ranging from speed dating, to board games to a Snapchat event where Click Club took your picture, printed it and then sent it to the person you requested. The pupil foyer was also decorated with tons of multi-coloured speech bubbles with greetings in different languages. And if that wasn't enough, three boards, designed to act as Facebook walls, were put up around the school so people could physically write posts as well as stick little "like" stickers next to other people's post.

This initiative saw the whole school come together, with people from different grades and social groups socialising and communicating without the help of social media. It was a very successful week that the prefects of 2014 will be remembered for.

Kelly Williams



Congratulations!

- **Caitlin Hutchison**, Gr 8, made it through to the Western Cape Junior Magician's Championships. She performed on the Baxter stage with her sister Emma. On Saturday 30 August they also performed in the TDA U19 Ballet Eisteddfod finals, with the same act combining ballet and magic, and they received a diploma for the act.
- **Ridah Parker**, Gr 10, and **Megan Bowers**, Gr 11, participated in the Karate Championships in Gauteng last weekend, both bringing home medals.
- **Chelsea Van Coller** and **Keetah Konstant**, Gr 9, performed in the Shakespeare Festival at the Artscape Theatre. Chelsea played the role of Lady Macbeth and Keetah performed as one of the Macbeth witches.
- The team **Wade Ashton**, Gr 9, was part of, Royal Cape Yacht Club sailing academy, came 2nd overall in the Lipton Challenge 2014. *The Lipton Cup is one of the oldest sporting events in South Africa and is the ultimate event to win in sailing. Teams enter from Walvis Bay to Maputo and it has been held for the last 105 years.*
- **Sanjiv Ranchod**, Grade 10, has been selected for the 2014 Computer Olympiad Finals.

Sunflower Run

Sunday 14 September is the annual Sunflower Run. The Sunflower Run raises funds for the South African Bone Marrow Registry so that children diagnosed with leukaemia or other life-threatening blood disorders can find donor matches as quickly and cost effectively as possible. This is an event which is very close to Westerford's heart as one of our very own pupils, Reza Price in Grade 11, is fighting his own battle against leukaemia. The 7km run/walk starts at 10h00 at the Mouille Point Lighthouse. Registration costs R80 and it includes a Sunflower bandana. A Reza T-shirt is also available at R50 and these funds will go towards Reza's family and assist with medical costs. Pre-registration closes on 5 September so get your money in as soon as possible for this really good cause. If you miss the deadline, don't stress, because you can still enter on the day.



Every year, through rain, shine and gale force winds, you will see smiles on the faces of all participants. So come along and show your support for Reza and the Sunflower Fund.

"Share a little, save a life."

Kirstin Bloomer

GSI CIVVIES DAY

The Green Schools Initiative (GSI) is a society at Westerford which aims to improve and create awareness around the environment. During the second term, GSI invited musician Jeremy Loops to speak about his organisation, Greenpop, a green company involved in tree planting in places that have been polluted or are in underprivileged areas.

In conjunction with Greenpop, GSI held a civvies day for the entire school to raise money to plant a number of trees at Westerford's sister school, Inthlanganiso. All pupils in civvies contributed R5 towards this tree plant and were encouraged to dress as 'green' as possible, and the 'greenest' dresser won a prize. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to this great initiative.

Alex Newlands



HCA "Crisis in Ukraine" Talk Tuesday 26 August 2014

On Tuesday HCA hosted Dr Sara Pienaar to talk about the political conflict in Ukraine. Pienaar is an expert in Eastern European history and politics and former head of the SA Institute of International Affairs. Pienaar made use of her teaching background and literally went right back to the history of the region and then progressed to modern day Ukraine.

Covering over a 1000 years of history in about 40 minutes was a great feat. She explained how, until the fall of the USSR, Ukraine had never existed as a separate country. It was an area that had been invaded by everyone, it had suffered the most from some of the 20th century's greatest calamities and ended up as a mismatch of language and ethnic groupings united in hating the USSR. The greatest division is between Russian speakers (approximately 1/3 of the population) and Ukrainian (2/3). Sadly, since the end of the Cold War the country has managed to fall from one bad leader to the next, and in the past 20 or so years it has not managed to unify or develop sufficiently.

The current crisis started when the former leader Petro Poroshenko signed a deal with Russia for gas, increasing Ukraine's absolute dependence on the Russian economy and ignored the wishes of most Ukrainians which was to sign a treaty with the EU to improve trade, economic and social relations. This refusal ultimately led to his ousting from office and the overthrow of the old Ukrainian government. Unfortunately this had a knock-on effect and only weeks later Crimea (which had historically always been part of Russia) called for a referendum to join Russia. This then led to uprisings in the eastern parts of the county which has now turned into a civil war between the Ukrainian government backed by Western nations and separatist rebels backed by Russia. This conflict has since led to thousands of Ukrainians being killed, millions displaced and, of course, the downing of flight MH17. The talk was absolutely fascinating and, for most, it explained the crisis properly for the first time. It was further evidence of how history always has, and always will, shape our present.

The Parent Network-
ing Group
(formerly the Parent Support Group PSG)

The PNG are organising a café style evening of Laughter and Music on Thursday 2nd October @ 19h00.

We are still looking for lucky draw prizes, please contact Louise at the front office to offer your donations.

Tickets for the function are available from the Front Office for R50.

They are selling fast so please book to secure your place.

Tickets will be numbered, with lucky draws during the course of the evening.

The event is not open to children.

Snacks will be provided but please bring your own liquid refreshments. Glasses will be provided.

**ONE-ACT PLAYS 2014**

This year's One-Act Play Festival took place on Tuesday, 2 September and featured five very diverse productions. The three comedies were; "Who's the Man?" written by Yuri Behari-Leak "Marry the Family" written by Stephen Cupido and "He loves me, she loves me not" written by Rizaan Behardien. The remaining two plays were dramas "Black Cross" written by Sophie Schmidt and "In-Focus" written by Daniel Rossmeisl.

Apart from the high standard of all the productions, another accomplishment of the One-Act Plays was the massive student involvement. More than 100 students played some sort of role in making the evening a great success whether as actors, directors, backstage crew, ushers, sound, lighting and media, as well as many other roles. A big thank you must also go to the three adjudicators, Mr Duncan Buwalda, Mr Patrick Jordi and Ms Bawcombe; to Mrs Shelley Ainsworth and her helpers who provided some refreshments during the intermission, as well as the two masters of ceremony for the evening, James Speechly and Daniel Newton, who amused the audience between the plays.

A thoroughly impressed audience anxiously awaited the judges' decision after the conclusion of the plays. The 14 different awards were allocated as follows:

- BEST COSTUMES – **Black Cross**
- BEST TECHNICAL DESIGN – **In-Focus**
- BEST CAMEO PERFORMANCE – **Greg Nevin (Who's the Man?)**
- BEST ONE-LINER – Byron Pretorius (**Who's the Man?**)
- MOST PROMISING YOUNG ACTRESS – **Chelsea van Coller (In-Focus)**
- MOST PROMISING YOUNG ACTOR – **Wesley King (Who's the Man?)**
- BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS – **Meshaan Adelhelm (Marry the Family)**
- BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR – **Cameron Dallas (Black Cross)**
- BEST ACTRESS – **Grace Brain (In-Focus)**
- BEST ACTOR – **Joshua Wells (In-Focus)**
- SPECIAL AWARD FOR ENSEMBLE ACTING – **He loves me, she loves me not**
- BEST SCRIPT – **In-Focus (Daniel Rossmeisl)**
- BEST DIRECTOR(S) – **Sophie Schmidt and Stella Buley (Black Cross)**
- BEST PRODUCTION – **In-Focus**

The One-Act Plays were organised by Dr Herman Kitshoff, Ms Lynne-Marie Vorster and Mr Adrian Voerman.

September 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 September	16 September	17 September	18 September 3rd Quarterly music concert	19 September Mock Matric exams end Matric Dance
22 September	23 September Jubilee Hall opening Winter Sports	24 September Heritage Day	25 September	26 September



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