



## From the Office....

- Please donate your **Sunflower bandanas**, old and new, for various Outreach Projects across the Western Cape. (ie: duvet covers, Christmas bags filled with goodies) There is a collection box at the front office. Your contribution and support would be much appreciated!

- **KNITTED SQUARES**

Over the past 3 years, an initiative by one of our girls to collect knitted squares which are sewn up for blankets and distributed to the needy has been ongoing. She matriculates this year. The PNG parents have agreed to continue with this initiative. Please continue knitting your squares and sending them to the office. Helen Wills has volunteered to oversee the sewing or crocheting of the squares into blankets, and together with our Interact Society, will ensure that the blankets are received by those in need.



Those parents, grandparents, aunts or friends who would like to help making up the blankets, please contact Louise ([lb@westerford.co.za](mailto:lb@westerford.co.za)) at the Front Office to collect a bundle of squares to put together.

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## **GENEROUS DONATION BY OW IN LONDON**

We have been delighted and encouraged to receive £5000 donation from an Old Westerfordian currently retired in London. He ensured that all taxes and charges involved both in the UK and on our side were covered by him, so the full amount has been credited to our account.

He has been inspired by the foundation of Claremont High School and Westerford's vital and ongoing role in this new state school. Accordingly, he requested that the gift be shared fifty-fifty between the two schools.

Murray Gibbon (also an OW) is the Principal at CHS, and has responded warmly to this significant and heart-warming gesture.

The donation was formalised at the London OW reunion last year. Each school has benefited to the tune of R43 457. At Westerford, we are investing the donation in a wonderful photographic display, which is to be part of the new Diamond Jubilee Wing (opened on 23 September).

Claremont High School are holding onto the donation until next year, when they will be (hopefully) acquiring more land. See Murray Gibbon's letter in this newsletter.

It is believed that this is the largest single donation ever made by a past pupil to Westerford. It is his second such donation, and we are deeply appreciative of his warm, generous and practical support, and his endorsement of all for which Westerford stands.

But, very typically, this matriculant of the seventies wishes to remain anonymous.



- **Megan Thebus**, Grade 9, as part of the Cape Town Philharmonic Youth orchestra will be performing with Miri Ben-Ari at the opening of the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates 2013 on 13 October in Cape Town. Megan is also privileged to be part of the international film shoot (with Charlise Theron and Sean Penn) on 23 October at the Cape Town City Hall, once again playing with the Cape Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

- **2015 Prefects**

Meshaan Adelhelm	Abdud-Dayyaan Badroodien
Molly Anderson	Rizaan Behardien
Jessica Bourn	Mano Boraine
Grace Brain	Thando Calana
Rhiannon Changuion	Maz Chernotsky
Ayesha Chikte	Cameron Dallas
Emily Daries	Brandon Fair
Emma Grover	Ameer-Ali Sayed
Gina Hendrikse	James Speechley
Jacana Redcliffe	David Sturrock
Sophie Schmidt	Luke van Schaik
Larissa Titus	Conrad Woermann
Shea Walls	

### **English Society's Chubby Bunny**

English Society held a Chubby Bunny event on Thursday, adding their own English twist by using mini-scones instead of marshmallows. The idea was an extension of their annual Game of Scones event, where the object of the game is to eat the scones the fastest. The game consists of eight players and each participant has to put as many marshmallows, or, in this case, scones in their mouths and still say "Chubby Bunny". The winner is the person who can fit the most marshmallows in and still say it. This year also included a boss round between the winner of the student round and Mr Voerman. Overall it was a very successful event, attracting many students.



Needless to say it was a very messy event with pieces of scone flying everywhere. Most of the participants' mouths were so full that they couldn't even swallow all the pieces of scone afterwards. The overall winner managed to fit ten scones in total in his mouth and also ended up beating the notorious Mr Voerman in the boss round. The society members then handed out scones to everyone who was watching and even provided them with cream. The event was very successful and, thanks to good advertising, attracted many people. Even though it was cold and rainy, it was good to see such a great turn out and show of Westerford school spirit.



*Kelly Williams*



### **HCA hosts Lara Foot- Newton on Thursday 18 September**

This Thursday HCA hosted esteemed playwright, Lara Foot–Newton, CEO of the Baxter Theatre, writer of numerous South African plays (most notably *Tshepang* and *Karoo Moose*), director of many others and winner of dozens of awards. She came to speak about her experiences as a playwright in South Africa.

Inspired by the play *Born in the RSA*, she acquired a love for drama as a teenager and started to question the status quo of South African politics. Her career has spanned the height of apartheid to the modern day but her style of focusing on South African issues has remained constant. *Tshepang* is one of her most famous and controversial pieces. It is based on the horrific gang rape of a nine-month-old baby in 2001 (the play recently incited more controversy last year when the Matric drama paper asked pupils to describe how to portray the rape scene). Her daughter was only a few months old at the time and the incident had such a profound effect on her that she chose to base the play on it. Lara Foot-Newton spoke passionately about her experiences and her enthusiasm was almost palpable. To both those interested in her take on politics and those interested in drama, she was an inspirational speaker.

*Gaby Muhlberg*

### **Zithulele Hospital Drive**

During the September holidays, the Grade 11 Xhosa class will be embarking on a ten-day hike to the Transkei in the Eastern Cape. This year they will be spending time helping out in various educational facilities as part of their journey as well as helping out at Zithulele hospital. Currently, 10 OWs are working at Zithulele and Westerford undoubtedly hopes to strengthen our links with this hospital.

As part of this, an appeal has been made for any stationery, i.e. rulers, pens, pencils, Maths sets, playing cards, workbooks as well as other basic stationery, which will be given to children at the educational facilities and at Zithulele hospital. An appeal has also been made for any children's clothing, specifically for children under the age of five, to be given to the maternity wing at Zithulele. All donations will go to those in desperate need of it and any help in this regard will be greatly appreciated. There is a box in the Front Office for these donations.

*Abdud-Dayyaan Badroodien*

### **THIRD QUARTERLY CONCERT**

On Thursday 18 September, the Music Department held the third Quarterly Concert in the Noel Taylor Hall. The audience was entertained with outstanding performances from the Concert Band, the Big Band, and a wide range of solo musicians. This was once again a highly successful event, and showcased the large amount of musical talent that Westerford has to offer.

*Alex Newlands*

### **Interact and ARA: DARG Visit**

On a very sunny Saturday, 20 September, Interact and ARA (Animal Rights Advocates) took a group of eager volunteers to visit DARG in Hout Bay. The DARG centre was buzzing with activity and it was great being able to see the support they were receiving after nearly having to close down due to a lack of funds. DARG has managed to pay outstanding bills until mid-December 2014, but then what?

The group interacted with the dogs and cats for much of the time; the cats were rather timid and shy but the puppies and dogs were vibrant and full of beans! The Westerfordians took a number of adorable puppies into a large field where they were free to bound around, sniff all the interesting scents and even bark at a very scary looking cow that was checking them out. The puppies were all eager for treats and many received slobbery kisses from appreciative pupils.

At 15h00, very red-faced, dog-and cat-smelling Westerfordians jumped into their parents cars, beaming with smiles. It was an exciting experience filled with loads of fun and the support was wonderful to see. Hopefully there will be many more visits in the near future!

*Kirstin Bloomer*





# October 2014

S	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Final Matric Music Practical Exams	2 PNG function NTH 19h00	3 School Closes	4
5	6 <b>H</b>	7 <b>O</b>	8 <b>L</b>	9 <b>I</b>	10 <b>D</b>	11 <b>A</b>
12	13 School Opens	14	15	16 Celebration	17 Valedictory	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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The function on Thursday, 2 October, is all but sold out. Those attending, please note that parking will be available, weather permitting, on the Top Fields. If it rains and the fields are really wet, sadly you will have to park in and around the school.

The function will start promptly at 7.30. Snacks and glasses will be provided, but please bring your own refreshments. The Italian Society will be selling tea, coffee and soft drinks. Remember to bring your tickets to participate in the lucky draws.

Those moms who will be assisting with the set up, please remember to be at school anytime from 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.



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