



WESTERFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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FRIGHT NIGHT

What better way to celebrate Spooktober than with Library Committee's annual Fright Night. On Friday the 26th of October, a group of Westerfordians gathered in the library for an evening screening of the movie IT, a film based on the bestselling book by Stephen King.

A table laden with popcorn, chips, sweets and cake greeted the excited moviegoers. Being able to eat in the library was a first for many and they relished the opportunity.

The creepy decorations hung all about the library brought the movie to life, making the evening especially spooky.

All in all, it was a highly successful evening which was greatly enjoyed by those who attended. I believe I can speak for everyone when I say: we can't wait for next year!

Kiana Christodoulides, Grade 9



Photos: Ben Mallinson

WORLD SCHOLARS CUP

Two Westerford teams went to Curro Century City to take part in The World Scholars Cup, an international competition that takes place annually in many different countries. It is a competition designed to promote new and interesting ways of learning. There are several stages to the competition with one regional round leading to two further rounds elsewhere in the world, and then the final which takes place at Yale University. The two Westerfordian teams that took part comprised of a senior team, of **Holly Johnson, Kayleigh Charman and Keagan Larkin**, and a junior team of Grade 8s: **William Everett, Erin Potgieter and Caris Barnes**. **Joel Tyler-Scott** competed in a mixed team – with pupils from other schools – and went through to a further round in Durban where they did exceptionally well.

The junior team – competing against pupils up to three grades above them – came 18th. Our senior team was announced as the regional winners!



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CONGRATULATIONS!

- **Mia Hattingh, Grade 9**, with her dance group (TAPA) came second in SA in their division (Teen hip hop/urban dance group) and the next day she danced her solo piece, and came second in South Africa, scoring 89.67%, just missing Gold



WESTERN CAPE CHINESE TEACHING SYMPOSIUM



Delegates at the Western Cape Chinese Teaching Symposium, Stellenbosch University.

Ms Jin (our new Chinese teacher) and **Mr Brookbanks** represented the Westerford High School Confucius Classroom at the recent 'Western Cape Chinese Teaching Symposium', hosted by the Stellenbosch University Confucius Institute. The purpose of the symposium was to share teaching practices amongst Confucius Institutes (universities) and Confucius Classrooms (schools).

WORKERS' FUND 2018

Please donate money to the Workers' Fund, either via the Karri App, the box at the Financial Secretaries' office, or through placing any extra cash into the box at Dacks.

We would like to raise a minimum of R 30 000 so as to give back to the workers of our school who work tirelessly to clean and maintain our beautiful grounds and buildings.

Lucas Rosenfield, Grade 11

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PLUS TALK

Plus, Westerford's society for the LGBTQIA+ community, hosted Mziyanda Malgas - also known as Queen Lohanda - during second break on Tuesday 30 October.

Mziyanda, 21, addressed many topics, focusing on toxic masculinity present in same-sex boys' schools and elaborating on how he 'navigated his queerness'.

Throughout his prep and high school career, Mziyanda dealt with varying levels of bullying. Being flamboyant and not conforming to the stereotypical and 'acceptable' norm present in his school led to his peers making assumptions about his sexuality, before he had even had the opportunity to discover it himself. He found that he was changing himself to fit in to the dynamic and expectation at his school, and wondering what he was *doing wrong* to be called gay.

Mziyanda spoke about the relief of coming out, and being able to accept who you are and not caring about anyone else's opinion. He does not claim to be an activist, but someone who is tired of the injustices and imbalances queer people suffer from day to day. He encourages people to 'champion their queerness'.
'Queer is not a caricature'

Mziyanda's experience has been trying, but has taught him how to 'navigate his queerness' and provides inspiration and solace to current high schoolers.

Ella Pike, Grade 11



Photos: Tessa van Schaik

DATES TO REMEMBER

Main Events - Term 4 2018		
	November	
Thurs	1	Blood clinic / School Council @ 17h30 in Seminar A Gr 8 2019 welcome party 15h30-18h00
Mon	5	Exams start
Thurs	22	Last day of exams
Tues	27	Carols @ 19h30
Wed	28	Final assembly
Fri	30	Staff Braai
	December	
Wed	12	School Closes (Pupils)
Fri	14	School Closes (Teachers)

CLASSIFIEDS

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