

CHRISTIAAN DE WET

NEWS LETTER/NUUSBRIEF

NOVEMBER 2019

DUX LEERDER/LEARNER – 2019

Nathan Hay span die kroon op harde werk deur by die onlangse prysuitdeling as die DUX – leerder van matriek 2019 aangekondig te word. Dit beteken dat hy akademies die eerste posisie beklee uit 'n klas van 54. Nathan has been announced as the DUX learner of the grade 12 class and thus received the School Governing Board- Cup for having achieved the highest academic score over three terms in grade 12. Among the 54 learners, Nathan is also characterised by a witty sense of humour and a fascinating personality. Baie geluk, Nathan! Mag jy in die toekoms voortbou op hierdie prestasie.



'HOPE' IS THE MEANING OF THE NAME TSHOLOFELO

She definitely lives up to her name. Not only did Tsholofelo Moroe receive the cup for the **most versatile learner** in grade 12, but also the prestigious Jakes Gerwel Fellowship **Scholarship**. Her versatility and commitment to excellence on cultural, sport and academic terrain, combined with exceptional leadership, have characterised her school career. The Jakes Gerwel Fellowship identifies and tests innovative learners with a passion for education. Tsholo was selected from among 500 learners country-wide to be one of the eighty-six candidates who were interviewed for this bursary. Then she had to attend the final selection camp where they were tested in an incredibly demanding way on a variety

of aspects. She passed with flying colours and thus will be receiving this full university scholarship that provides extensive mentoring and leadership development for top learners. We can envision her leading the kind of change that our educational sector so desperately requires. **Hope** is what we need... you go, all out, Tsholofelo! You did your school and Dewetsdorp-Morojaneng Community proud and you have been a **head girl** in the true sense of the word.



SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2020

Congratulations to the following learners who were elected to lead their fellow-students next year:



Back: Karun Migwi, Tefelo Ramohomane, Realeboha Ramarou, Mbongwa Moeti, Sylvester Thejane, Dali Fikizolo Khotso Kgosibodiba, Bobo Khaka, Nthabeleng Letsaba

Front: Phokoane Sepitla, Kelebeletsoe Chaka, Nati Morrison, Ntsatsi Maseatile, Nthabiseng Majela, Seithati Sello. Absent: Aobakwe Matlala, Phoka Litsiba, Bonolo Tsuene

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a true leader.” – JQ Adams

We are convinced that this team will be a **team of true leaders**.

“PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW” – Shakespeare-

Not only has she been an extremely efficient Accounting teacher, but also so good to look at! **Ms Rozelle van Tonder** has been teaching at Christiaan de Wet for the last eight years. Her dedication to her work paid off time and again with excellent matric results and her netball teams were either runner-ups or winners in the league. Thank you, Ms Rozelle, for having invested in our school and learners. We will miss you, but we are happy for you to experience an exciting new season in your life! Ms Van Tonder will be teaching at a Bloemfontein school next year.

Ms Bianca van Tonder – our English teacher, grade 7 – 11, is also leaving for Bloemfontein to be with her husband.

Our loss will be Bloemfontein High School’s gain. Ms Bianca, thank you for your heart which was always welcoming, empathetic and eager to help. You saw and conveyed more than academics and your classes were fun-filled and exciting!



WYSNEUSIES WAAI KOEBAAI VIR HUL GELIEFDE SKOOLHOOF



Mev. Marcia Hoffman was nie net 'n briljante kleuterskoolonderwyseres nie, maar ook 'n uitstekende skoolhoof van Wysneusies Kleuterskool vir die afgelope 5 jaar. Sy het die kleintjies se harte gesteel en hulle met absolute liefde voorberei vir die groot skool. Ms Marcia organised many a fabulous concert, graduation ceremony and fun-filled excursion to the city for her little ones. Thank you, Ma'am, for your unconditional love, your energy and the very competent way in which you prepared us for the big school! We love you very much and will really-really miss you!!! May you have a blessed time on the farm with your family. Hugs and kisses...

KOLSKOOT KEER OP KEER

Ons eie PROTEA! Christiaan de Wet is baie trots op ons skerpskutter, Annelize Pieterse, wat Nasionale Kleure verwerf het in Jaggeweerskiet. She participated in the international test match in Namibia for hunting rifle shooting and so obtained her Protea clothes.

During the competition in Namibia, the Protea ladies' team, of which she is a member, won the *Sven Ahrens* competition! Well done to our beloved English grade one teacher.

Annelize is ook 'n kolskoot-onderwyseres wat berge versit met die wyse waarop sy haar graad eens voorsien van 'n voortreflike grondslag vir hul skoolloopbaan!



*Vrou uit een stuk
Blouwit diamant
Tydlose elegansie
Oneindige grasiae ...*



So beweeg Juffrou **Carroll van den Berg** al vir 38 jare by die skool. Almal se kinders is (genadiglik) deur haar wyse teenwoordigheid gevorm en geskool. Waar sy vat, bly die blou afdruk van kundigheid en insig. Jy het generasie op generasie gevorm. Ons is baie armer sonder jou, juffrou Carroll!

Krisis, tranes, emosie en drama laat haar nie skrik: wiltduinbloedjies hou sy onder haar duim en neem hul onder haar vlerk. Tande trek sy sonder 'n 'scene'. Honderde funksies, eetgoed en skooluniforms hanteer sy met gemak. Trompoppies, atletiek, netbal, debat vir dekades lank... Dié dokter, tandarts, terapeut, mamma, ouma is eintlik 'n lewensafrieter ... 'n verskilmaker ... 'n Juffrou duisend!

Sy laat 'n leemte van onmeetbare ondervinding. 'n Spanmaat soos min, 'n leier in haar veld. Ons sê baie, baie dankie, juf. Carroll. Jy is so kosbaar. Mag jou nuwe lewe vonkel, borrel, bruis uit 'n nuwe fontein... jou eie fontein.

Ms Carrol van den Berg is retiring at the end of the year. The solid foundation she has laid for so many learners in grade 1 is evident in many successful adults' lives today. She looks forever young, but has **really** been teaching at Christiaan de Wet for thirty-eight years! Her graceful presence will be dearly missed. We wish her the joy of using her creativity to the benefit of her own household and grandchildren. May she be blessed in abundance with special me-time- moments and wonderful adventures. We truly love and appreciate her. Ons salueer ons JUFFROU!



NEEM ASSEBLIEF KENNIS / PLEASE TAKE NOTE

- **RAPPORTE** word uitgegee op 4 Desember 2019 vanaf 08:00 by die skool
- **REPORTS** will be handed out on 4 December 2019 as from 08:00 at the school.
- **E-MAILING OF SCHOOL REPORTS:** If you need your **child's end of the year school report** to be e-mailed to you, please send an email to admin@dewetsdorp.co.za before 28 November 2019 requesting the report. Please make sure that you mention the name, surname, grade and class of the learner. For example: **John Smith Gr 8 B**. We will then reply on your email and send the report. In the past the learners wrote down the e-mail addresses, but they made too many mistakes. The only way we are sending the report, is if you request it via email.
- Die skool open op WOENSDAG, 15 JANUARIE 2020 OM 07:30 vir die leerders.
- The school re-opens on WEDNESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2020 AT 07:30
- The **hostel** will be open on TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY AS FROM 13:30 and the school's office will be open as from 13:00.
- **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Thank you to all the parents who have paid their school- and hostel fees in full for 2019. **Unfortunately there is still a large sum of fees outstanding. We make an urgent appeal to parents to pay the fees on or before 30 November 2019. Hostel fees in arrears will jeopardise the hostel learners' places in the hostel for 2020.**
- **FEES FOR 2020: HOSTEL:** R28 500 PER YEAR, THAT IS R 2 850 PER MONTH OVER 10 MONTHS. **SCHOOL:** R4 500 PER YEAR, THAT IS R450 PER MONTH OVER 10 MONTHS. **SKOOLGELD VIR 2020:** R4 500 PER JAAR, D.W.S. R450 PER MAAND OOR 10 MAANDE.
- **PRIMARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS MEETING:** 24 January 2020
- **PRIMÊRE SKOOL ATLETIEKBYEENKOMS:** 24 Januarie 2020
- **HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS MEETING:** 23 January at Jimmie Roos for those who qualified.
- **Out-weekends:** 31/01 2020 AND 28/02/2020. SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR FIRST TERM: 20/03/2020
- **Alternative accommodation** for grade 1 -6 school learners is available in town. Contact SHEILA at 078 530 4527 for more information.
- **Stationery:** Please provide your child with the necessary stationery. Paper to cover books, as well as quality plastic and enough cello tape are very important. Each child has received a list of necessities with his/her report. Stationery packages are for sale at the school (see the list attached). These packages are compulsory.
- **Skryfbehoeftes:** Voorsien asseblief u kind van die nodige skryfbehoeftes, asook gehalteplastiek en kleeflint. Skryfbehoeftepakette is beskikbaar by die skool en is verpligtend vir elke kind. Sien die aangehegte pryse.
- **Full summer wear: Boys:** grade 1-6: grey pants, grey short sleeved shirt, grey socks (5 pairs) and black school shoes with laces.
Boys: grade 7 -11: long grey trousers, short sleeved grey shirt grey socks and black school shoes with laces.

Maroon windbreaker and maroon school jerseys or pull-overs available at school.

Maroon school track suit, maroon short pants, blue golf-shirt available for sport.

Girls: maroon skirts, white shirts, white socks and black shoes.

Volle somersdrag vir eerste kwartaal: Seuns: gr 1 -6: grys kortbroek, grys kortmou hemp, grys sokkies en swart skoolskoene

Seuns: gr 7 – 11: grys langbroek, grys kortmou hemp, grys sokkies en swart skoolskoene met veters

Dogters: maroen rompie, wit kortmouhemp, wit sokkies en swart skoolskoene.

Maroen "windbreaker", maroen trui en moulose trui beskikbaar by skool.

Sportdrag: maroen kortbroek, blou golfhempie, maroen skoolsweetpak, beskikbaar.

SEE THE PARAGRAPH ON SCHOOL UNIFORMS IN THE HOSTEL NEWS LETTER FOR PRICES

THE PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL ONCE AGAIN HAD A FANTASTIC CONCERT AND SANTA CLAUS ALSO VISITED THEM THIS WEEK TO THEIR ULTIMATE DELIGHT!



PANORAMA HOSTEL

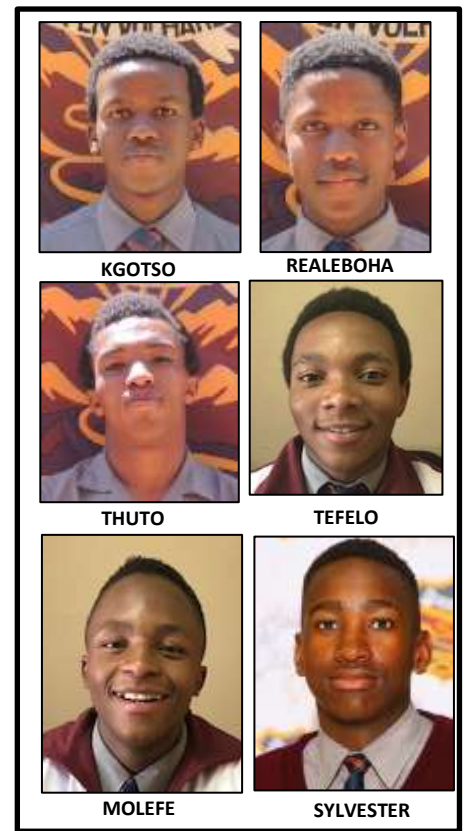
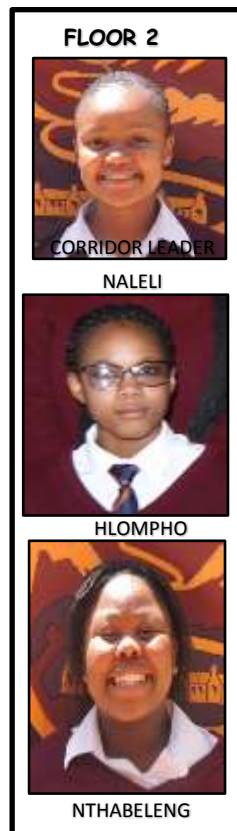
LEARNERS AND THEIR PARENTS

We have reached the end of 2019!

Let's start with **congratulating** the new Hostel Prefects for 2020! These are a strong group of learners whom we trust will lead the way for the hostel learners! The Head Boy and Girl will be announced at the beginning of 2020. These learners will also participate in a leadership camp taking place on 22 to 24 November 2019.

GIRLS

BOYS



OPENING: The hostel will open on **Tuesday, 14 January 2020 at 13:30**. The school office will be open from 13:00. A **parent meeting** will be held at **17:00** in the school hall.

PAYMENTS: Parents please take note: January's payment of R2850 must be made into the **hostel account via EFT** before the school re-opens. All learners must first report to the school office for confirmation of payment for January. They will get a letter to allow them to enter the hostel. **No learner** will be allowed into the hostel without this letter. Please send your child to the school with **proof of payment** to prevent a stressful or embarrassing situation. Please also see the notice elsewhere in this newsletter regarding school accounts that is in arrears. For your convenience we give the hostel account details again. Make sure you use the correct reference!!

ACCOUNT NAME: PANORAMA HOSTEL:
ABSA ACC NR: 4076745694 BRANCH: 334632
FNB ACC NR: 52070006154 BRANCH: 231432

CELL PHONES: All learners' cell phones will be collected every day from evening study until after lunch the next day. During weekends the cell phones are collected at 20:00 and returned after breakfast. If your child does not comply with this and a phone is found in their possession, the phone will be confiscated. Your child brings a cell phone to the hostel at their own risk. Cell phones get lost, stolen or damaged all the time. We suggest that you buy your child a cheaper phone to reduce the risk of losing or damaging a very valuable item. The hostel staff take the utmost care to prevent this but will take no responsibility for lost or damaged phones. We strongly suggest that you send your child without a phone because they can use the phone in the school office or the hostel father and mother can also help in cases of emergencies.

CODE OF CONDUCT: During the first out- weekend the *Hostel Code of Conduct*, within the Rule Book, as well as a breakdown of the disciplinary process will be sent home with your child. You, the parent, together with your child, must acquaint yourself with the contents of this book. The parent and child must sign this document and your child must bring their rule books back after the out- weekend. The learners will need this book for the cell phone collection as well as for applying for late study, if needed. If a child loses their book a new one must be bought immediately as every hostel learner must have these books at hand at any time.

ROOM ALLOCATIONS: Every room must have their own broom, dustpan and brush and small dustbin. Learners must decide amongst themselves who will bring what item. These items are compulsory for every room. Please **mark** these items clearly. Every child in every room will also receive a "damages form" to complete on the first day of arrival. All breakages or damages must be reported on the form. All breakages that happen in the room after that will be put on the learner's account. We will hold learners accountable for all vandalism or damages to school and hostel property. A lot of learners use a "waskom" to bath in their rooms. Please use a **bucket** to bring water to and from the rooms as this waskom is too heavy when full of water and learners spill water in the corridors.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: Our learners' uniforms are really not very neat. We have a big problem with learners' uniforms that do not fit well and some that are torn or the seams are out. Boys have the tendency to stitch their school pants legs off so that it is tight fitting around their legs. This is not allowed and we will deal with such learners in a strict manner. Boys must also wear long, grey school socks!! You as parents must see to it that your children have the correct and also neat uniform. With the girls the problem is too tight and too short skirts! They will also be forced to buy new, proper fitting skirts. We will not hesitate to call the parents if your child does not have the right and proper school wear. Over the past few years the overall neatness of our

learners has deteriorated **BUT from 2020** we will enforce a no tolerance policy for learners with untidy or incomplete uniform. A lot of learners have written on their school shirt collars and or sleeve cuffs, they will also not be allowed to wear these shirts anymore. It is **allowed** to wear a track suit top with the school uniform. Wearing sport clothes to school is only allowed for primary school learners on Monday and Tuesday. High School learners who have PT or LO must bring their sport clothes in a bag to school to put on for that specific lesson. Sport Bags to buy are available at the school. The school now also have caps available and no learner will be allowed to wear any other cap or hat with their school uniform or sport attire. The cost of the clothes available to buy at the school is as follows for 2020:

TRACKSUIT: R480

TIE: R50

NETBALL SKIRT: R180

SPORTS BAG: R250

C DE WET T-SHIRT: R140

SHORT PANTS: R150

CAPS: R90

RUGBY SOCKS: R50

ELECTRIC DEVICES: Only matric learners are allowed to have kettles. In the rooms it is only cell phone chargers and camping lamps that will be allowed. Irons will be supplied by the hostel for the use of learners in the TV Rooms.

WATER SHORTAGES: Because of the country wide drought and also some unforeseen reparations to municipal pumps and pipes, we do run into water shortages from time to time. This is an unfortunate situation that we handle to the best of our ability. We installed extra storage facilities to the capacity of 200 000 litres. We also have tanks where we gather grey water to use to irrigate the lawns and this water will also be available to use for the toilets in case we experience shortages again. The boilers that supply hot water to the hostels are switched off in the instance where no water flows into it. Unfortunately it takes up to 8 hours to re-heat. It then happens that there is water, but no hot water.

ELECTRICITY OUTAGES: It is general knowledge that ESCOM is not a very reliable source of electricity anymore. We have been lucky so far during the exams that we did not have a lot of load shedding. Unfortunately this is the school and hostel's only source of electricity. We have looked into the probability of solar power, but the cost of this kind of system is just too high at this stage. We do recommend that learners bring their own rechargeable lamps. The school can order these lamps for your purchase at R200 each. It is a led lamp, with a torch as well as a **USB port** for charging a cell phone. These lamps can be charged with electricity as well as with solar power. This lamp is bright enough to use to study with in the event of a power outage. If you want to make use of this offer, we will take orders during the first week of next year.



SAFETY OF HOSTEL LEARNERS: Your child's safety and wellbeing is of the utmost importance for us. We have rules and regulations in place to enforce this. The rules are necessary for their safety and protection and we are certain that you would agree to these measures to keep them from harm. Unfortunately accidents happen despite our best efforts to keep them out of harm's way. It is therefore essential that you have a **medical aid** in place for your child for an emergency or also for general illnesses or if your child gets sick and needs to see the doctor. Where possible we suggest a South African Medical Aid Scheme as not all Lesotho Schemes pay medical service providers in South Africa.

Another problem that we encounter at the hostel is that hostel learners leave the hostel premises without permission during times that they are not allowed to. At these times we can also not take responsibility for their safety! These learners will also be dealt with very seriously and parents will be informed about such events. Boys entering the girls' hostel and girls entering the boys' hostel at any given time, will also face a very serious offence and it will not be tolerated at all.

A Zero tolerance policy for Alcohol and Drug abuse is also in place! Learners who are guilty of such offences will from now on also face criminal charges with the SAPD.

MEDICATION: We are reminding you again that the hostel does NOT have medication for learners anymore, only an emergency First Aid Kit. Send your child with their **own basic medication** to the hostel. Put it in an empty ice cream tub with their name on for safe storage in the hostel office. They will have access to it under the supervision of the hostel duty staff. If they have any chronic medication it must be reported to the hostel mother or father so that it can be followed up with them if they are indeed taking it regularly.

We are looking forward to 2020 and believe wholeheartedly that it will be a great year! It is always a pleasure to work with well-disciplined children and we also believe that there is a strong correlation between good discipline and better academic performance! We strongly believe that you, as parents, also want excellence for your child and that the school and hostel, by working together with the parents, can help your child reach that.

Please contact the hostel parents for any enquiries or in cases of emergencies. We will help to the best of our ability.

Hostel Father for the boys: Mr Gawie Grobbelaar 082 578 0479

Hostel Mother for the girls: Me Elize Minnaar 082 643 4664

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May GOD bless you and your family during the festive season and keep you all safe to embrace a wonderful 2020.