

St. Matthews High School

News Letter

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SCO Opening Function

Forte' Revamp School Library



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Message from RCL President

Be a Leader Not a Boss!!!

When I was a child,
I talked like a child,
I thought like a child,
I reasoned like a child
but now I am no longer a child,
So I have put my childish ways behind me and focus on showing the surroundings the enormity of St Matthews.



I know and I am willing to overcome the impediments of this journey. I am not interested in propaganda so all I have to do is to enforce you to play by my rules because for this short period of time I am a leader.

If I command and you decide to contravene I will also castigate you. Have discipline so that you can prioritise your future.

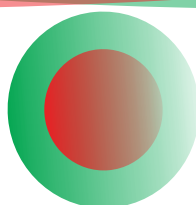
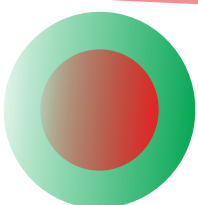
The greatest philosopher once said, “The greatest results in life are usually attained by simple means and the exercise of the ordinary qualities, use your common sense and persevere”.

We all have to know that there is a difference between school and life, at school you are taught a lesson and then given a test but in life you are given a test that teaches you a lesson.

Happy are those who aspire dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true.

My last words are “read your books and be a leader of tomorrow, be lazy and never succeed.”

I thank you.
-LRC President Nontando Sodzeme



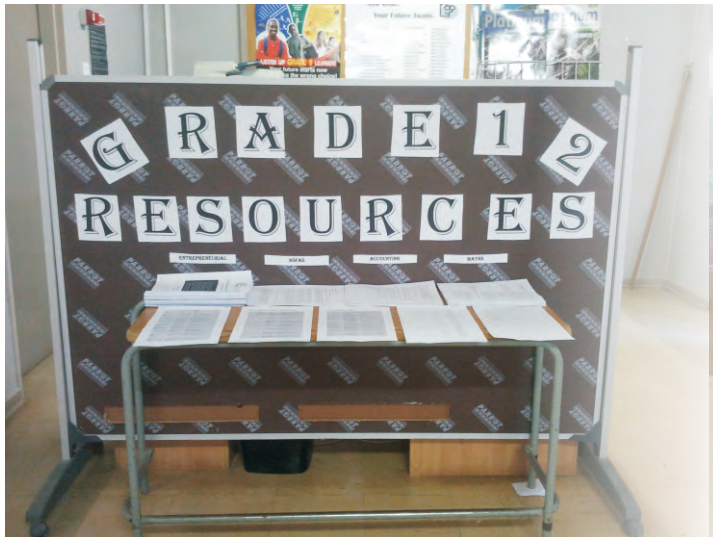
School Developments



**Principal with UFH
Library Team**



Ms. Nangu and Mr. Jekwa



Grade 12 Resources



**UFH Library Team
Shelving**



Academic Corner

Speech Competition

Reported by: Miss Nangu

On 8 March 2013, our debate and literacy Society, held its first speech Competition. This is an educational event aimed at motivating our learners in public speaking, as it is a life long-long skill which they can apply after they have left the school. The junior classes have shown enthusiasm and determination towards the event thus allowing us to categorise the group into Junior and Senior teams.

It was amazing to discover that the learners have done some extensive research on the topic they were to give their speeches on. The passion, the insight and the confidence that was there is something I will never forget. What excited me most, is that this was a platform for our learners to show case their public speaking talents, so as to be able to motivate other learners who fear expressing themselves in public.

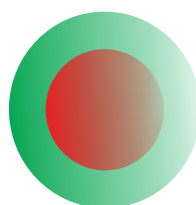
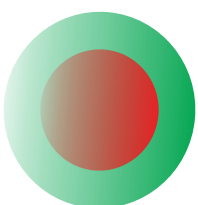
Interesting and sensitive topics were deliberated on and at the end of the day, the winners were announced by the panel of judges that was tasked with the difficult duty of choosing the best presentations, using the assessment criteria/procedures. This left educators with a huge task of ensuring that we need to motivate our learners in public speaking especially in English, as it is the language of learning and teaching.



St. Matthews Student



Ms. Nangu



Entertainment/Functions Corner



SCO Opening Function

Reported by: Andisiwe Vena

Our annual S.C.O opening function was held on the 15th of February 2013, in our school hall “Terberer Hall”. To bless us with the word of God as our guest speaker, we invited Mr & Mrs Ndukwana, a couple and both pastors at the “Word of Life Ministry”, based here in Keiskammahoek. This couple is so blessed that on this particular day they brought their daughter, who is a keyboard player. It was so touching to see the whole family united in the word of Christ.

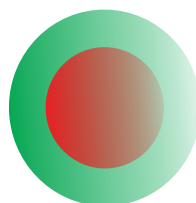
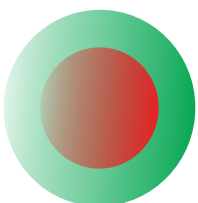
Mrs Ndukwana, our guest speaker, delivered a very powerful sermon, citing the importance of living under the Lord's shadow and doing the will of God, not doing or living as how other people or our friends expect you to live. She reminded us of the suffering and persecution that our Lord Jesus went through, alone and the wonderful outcomes, which the “Salvation of our souls.”

This was indeed a “spiritual workshop” which left us young people with a lot to think about. We wish that occasions like these, would take place more often and we pray that the Lord will keep on blessing us in our quest for His Word.



St. Matthews Junior Choir

| Guest Speaker: Mrs. Ndukwana





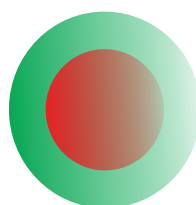
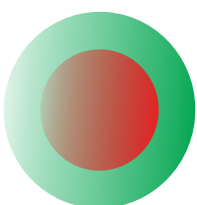
Sports Corner

Reported By: Siboniso Gcilitshana

As years go by, so does the development of sports at St Matthew's. In all the sports event that have been held here at school or our learners went and participated on, we haven't lost even a single game. Last term, our athletes went to participate in East London for the district level (Khanya Makhunga who plays the discus and Lavisa Nompumuza who is running the 400 metre race). As usual, as the sports program in St Matthew's is at a state that can get any athlete as far as she wants to reach, they both won and proceeded to play for the provincial level in East London once more. Unfortunately the completion got too tough and couldn't win but, they wouldn't have gone that far if it weren't for self-determination and good training.

Furthermore we had a friendly sports event against a nearby school (Phakamisani High School) that was held in our sports ground. Judging from what I have witnessed and the scores of the games, it was a piece of cake. Thanks to the sports masters of our school for such trainings that makes us look at our opponents seem like jelly beans when we stand against them on the ground. Lastly but not least, the school's sports program caters for all, from the hyper active learners to the nerds. The school has bought more chess boards to enable all learners who are interested in mind sports (so that all may have a board to play)

In conclusion, the standards of the sports program in St Mathew's is improving annually to make all new comers of the school feel welcomed and have a category in which they can fit in.



Fun Games

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the missing letters.

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2. b r _____ n _____
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4. h _____ r s _____
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12. l _____ n g h _____ r n

TIP:

bandana, cattle, bull, chaps, boots, lasso,
longhorn, spurs, cactus, bronco, horse, chili.

