

St. Matthews High School

News Letter

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Celebrating 160th Anniversary

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“Educating the mind, heart and Hand to its maximum potential”



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Message from LRC President

To me this year came as a year of improvement, progress and change, but if we are not careful with how we manage our time all of this will come as false proof. It said that “time is the most valuable thing” now we all have to use it efficiently by using those seconds in minutes as if they are not hours. As period of this year goes it will be better it what we will reap.

Now we all have to utilise our present and don't be afraid to dream for the future. I have heard a talk about a ladder and levels, it is said that when climbing up a ladder one has got to be patient, attentive and very focused for so they will not miss a step and goals will be achieved.

When we were taught vowels at pre-school they were just meaningless letters. But today they are the driven force to climb the ladder, if we only look at them in this way:

A= accountability: we must all be accountable for our doings.

E= excellence: excel in all that you do because all is possible.

I= integrity: be honest with who you are and your dreams to achieve.

O= obedience: obey those who are above you and willing to support in every way.

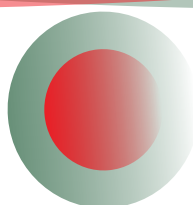
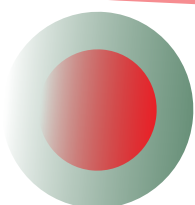
U= unifier: try to unite in all that you do because we are a team.

“My dream is not mine but ours to fulfill”



THANK YOU,

LRC President Luyolo Maweza





Report from School Management

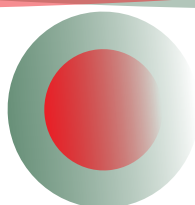
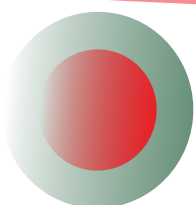
2015 has arrived, and we started the year on a high note. By the time the classes recurred on the 21st January, we were set and ready. As a “historical school” St Matthews belongs to the historic schools project, which was an initiative by Archbishop Ndungane of the Anglican Church, to revive the background and development of such schools.

Annually we do meet their Board of Directors to share with them, our challenges and achievements. On the 22nd January, Sindy Lungela of the historic schools project visited St Matthews. Her main interest was on the 2014 performance of our learners, as well as to check up on how we are doing as the school.

She met the management and the staff of St Matthews School. She was kind enough to give us word of motivation, not to despair because of the poor performance of our learners.

Her visit, coupled with her words of wisdom, lifted our spirit, and received the passion of teaching which we already have.

By: Ms. L.X.N Nangu



School Developments

Eco-Schools Project

It is a promising project indeed. This agricultural project is an important aspect which will benefit the economy of the school and the community of Keiskammahoek at large because the vegies will be sold in months to come. ST. Matthews high school was one of the chosen schools, all hail to that!!!

As learners, our part is to dedicate our time and work together in taking care of the plants and improving the standard of this eco-school's programme. If we hold hands together and also be optimistic, committed and determined then we will surely and firmly succeed.

All thanks to Amathole Municipality, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the school Principal Mr. M. Gquma

By: Nonceba Mahola



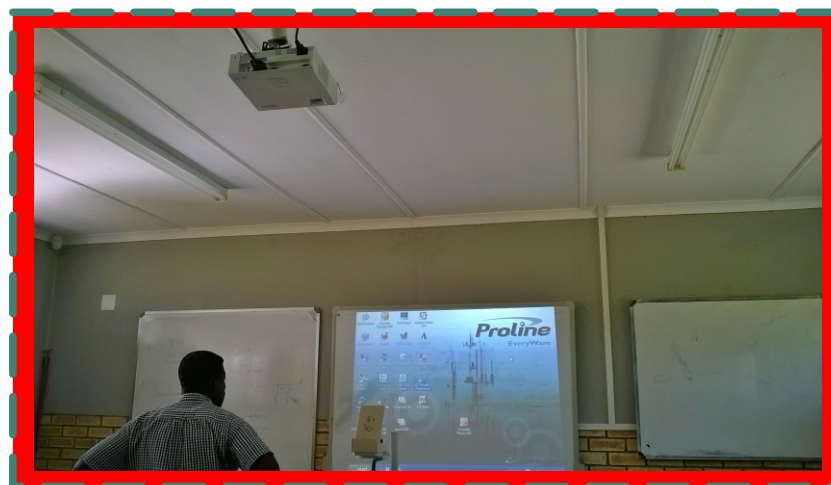
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School Developments

Installation of new Trellidor's at the Library, Media Centre, Computer Room and White Boardroom to strengthen schools security



Installation of new Projector in the White Boardroom





Academic Corner

Grade 12 Life Sciences Class of 2015

The aim was to observe a plant cell(Onion). This Practical's investigation really elaborates on how the plant cell is structured. We used a chemical called Iodine Solution in order to see the organelles of the cell. We prepared the specimen with Babalwa Yekelo and myself Jemsana Siphosethu, assisted by our educator, Mrs. Tengende

By: Siphosethu Jemsana

Grade 12 Life Sciences Class of 2015(Models)

The novelty of having such an inspired mind to create models as accurate as some of us may put it. Because our school lacks state of the art resources, however against all odds we have managed to produce these remarkable models.

It is then true that where you come from should not determine where you are going. Only one's focus, discipline, hard work and inspiration should take you to your future. If Siya Xuza did it, so can we.

By: Sibonise Gcilitshana

Grade 12 Physical Science Class of 2015

The lesson was on organic Molecule. The aim was to do the models of Carbon bonding with other elements forming long chains, branches and rings. The structures that were formed are:

- Methane
- Pent-1-ene
- but-2-ene

The learners were also learning to form single, double and triple bonds.

By: Babalwa Yekelo

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Young Academics Club

The school crisis of having a shortage of learners who's averages range from 80% and above. it is for these attributes that we saw the need to start a club which goes by the name YOUNG ACADEMICS, which focuses on a learner to learner style of interaction of a tutorial assistance.



This will combat the weak spots of the learner concerned. The main founders of the club are PRESTIGE BLAZER OWNERS (Gcilitshana Sibonise and Makehle Zenande). Of course this will not benefit commerce learners so we will also recruit matriculants who have averages of 70% and above to also be tutors.

This will be highly beneficial to our matriculants as they will also be revising the work they did in previous grade (of which it is examinable in matric). A mutually beneficial relationship which encourages active citizenship, the act of selflessness and putting other people's needs before your wants in order to play an integral part in the success of someone's future.

By: Young Academics Club - YAC

CAMI Awareness and CAMI Clubs Launch

Introduction of CAMI Clubs during the CAMI Awareness Day a success. To read more about CAMI Clubs go to www.stmatthewshighschool.com/clubs.html and click Access the mini report of the launch.



Entertainment/Events Corner

Hosting State of The Nation Address (SONA) 2015 Live Screening

When I hear the word “Youth” only two words come to mind, those words are “Today” and “Future”. The decisions that our government takes should have the youth's input thus it is imperative, for the decisions taken today without our, (the youth's consent) will not affect today's adults, but the adults of tomorrow.

Watching the State of the Nation Address with the Mayor and counsellors provided us a formidable platform to question government on matters we are dubious about until we're satisfied. I'm very enthusiastic and oddly overzealous about this State of the Nation Address.

Ms. T. Ngqunge from Government Communication & Information System (GCIS) said, “Your Support and cooperation is very much appreciated and will certainly go a long way in developing our communities going forward as well as putting St. Matthews High School on the map in our district and the province in general”.

By: Sibonise Gcilitshana





Sports Corner

Sifunda Kunye Sport Tournament

The main motive for sporting is social networking and nurturing hidden talents of High School players. It is for those attributes that this tournament was held.

It served as a platform for development and improvement for all those who took part from the St. Matthews High School family thus the following consecutive game we had which was hosted on our home grounds, we did exceptionally well as compared to the previous game during the Sifunda Kunye sports tournament.

We are forever grateful and wish to express our profound gratitude to the Sifunda Kunye initiative. May its partnership with St. Matthews have the fortitude, tenacity and the continuity to reach the crescendo it ought to have reached.

By: Sibonise Gcilitshana



School Image Gallery



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Fun & Games

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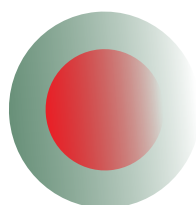
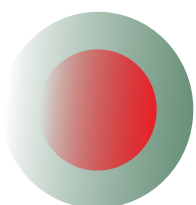
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TIP:

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

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St. Matthews High School Vision & Mission

VISION

To become a High School of excellence in the fields of Culture, Mathematics Science and Technology and also to help all children realize their dreams and to develop to their maximum potential.

MISSION

- To graduate independent, critical and forward thinking intellectuals.
- Grounded in culture, ethics and family values.
- Equipped with life-long and practical skills.
- Be capable of making positive contribution to their community and to the nation.