

BLOMPLAAS

RUGBY WORLD CUP
WHO TICKS
YOUR BOKS?

LEADERS
2024

La Rochelle's Culture Showcase: A Night to Remember

- Erin Meyer

If you were to take a stroll through the corridors of La Rochelle in the afternoons, you would immediately notice the sounds within the school. In addition to any metallic intercom announcements or sunlit extra lessons, the average passerby would be drawn towards the area around the school hall, from which multiple melodies intertwine.

On Monday afternoons Mrs Conradie is treated to her own private concert when the muffled sounds of choir practice glide under the crack of her office door. Any staff member still around on a Wednesday evening is sure to hear the Con Spirito hard at work, singing until even the night lends an ear. Wednesday mornings are an early one for our orchestra girls, as they greet the dawn with birdlike woodwinds and honeyed strings. The drama girls bring the house down every Tuesday with their mesmerising performances, and one seldom walks past the music block without hearing a student honing their craft. The art girls are seldom at school in the afternoons, working painstakingly on their next projects at the Art Centre, but their impact does not go unseen, from artworks wrapping the walls to cheerful doodles lining the corners of classrooms.

These threads were finally woven into a tapestry on Monday the 16th of October, when the various cultural disciplines of the school were united under one roof in a concert evening for the books: La Rochelle's first annual Culture Showcase! The Old Tannery in Wellington was transformed into a hybrid performance area and art gallery, where the hard work of many of our Culture Larries was proudly displayed.

The choir and Con Spirito both performed their full repertoires for the year, with the choir performing eleven pieces and the Con Spirito performing five.



Both groups showed an endless dedication to their craft and embedded their music with heart and soul. Our drama girls took to the stage to deliver side-splitting comedies and poignant contemplations, showing exceptional skill as they did so. The orchestra lit up the room with lively renditions of popular songs, from 'Beauty and the Beast' to 'Bohemian Rhapsody'. The music students showed off their talent with the grade 12 ensemble piece, and a vocal solo. Ms Gerber, Mrs Richter, Mrs Maree and Ms Nel joined together to sing 'Thank you for the music'. The choir joined them in this heartfelt performance, with many learners delighted to hear their teachers sing. The audience was in awe after every item, and there were few dry eyes in the room when the matric choristers sang the blessing 'Ukuthula' for the very last time.

Aside from the stage, the Tannery was also filled with wonderful sculptures, paintings and sketches from our many art students. During interval the audience admired them, as well as the work of our photography club members, which was strung along the wall. Interval was also the time when our hospitality girls graciously assisted the guests at the harvest tables. The Culture Showcase, along with many newly-introduced cultural events like 'Cultivate' and the culture assemblies, usher in a new era for our culture department, giving our girls more opportunities to demonstrate their abilities, while also encouraging many new Larries to join the fun. At La Rochelle the corridors will always be full of harmony, for spirits dance together and our hearts beat as one.



Drama: Auntie Sosiaal

-Lamees Dulvie

La Rochelle GHS was honoured to showcase Jean-Marie Lambaard's energetic and comedic play, Auntie Sosiaal. The ATKV-gold winning play deals with the pressures of social media on young girls of the 21st century. La Rochelle's Drama Department found the play suitable for entry in the Silwervaring Toneelfees in Bastion Primary, Brackenfell.

Seven incredibly talented Larries, accompanied by Ms Nel and the drama team, worked hard in preparation for the festival. They were awarded a silver at the Silwervaring Toneelfees and were met with much praise from the judges. They received several comments on the deeper meaning of the play and the judges were especially impressed with the different characters' online-personalities.

The concept of social media is always a very tough conversation to have, as its effects go deeper than just a screen. Auntie sosiaal tackled this ideology by perfectly portraying how dependent people have become with their social media presence. Meisie, the protagonist of the play, played by Carla Viljoen, represents the social challenges and personal struggles accompanied by an online persona.

We were privileged to experience this vibrant play at our annual Culture assembly. Here the girls were struck by their fellow Larrie's talents as the hall echoed with laughter. Many commented on the relatability of the performance, while others were simply fixated on the accuracy of "TikTok's" cringey character. It is incredibly important to highlight and appreciate our young stars' talents. After dedicating long hours to the production, the actors concluded that they would not trade it for anything else. According to Ms Nel, the everlasting friendships made throughout this journey served as one of the many special and important moments of their performance journey.



Form left: Mekayla Griffiths, Lizelle Abbot, Luanne Du Plessis, Lamees Dulvie, Marli Liebenberg, Likony van der Poel and Cala Viljoen.

Bokke Brought Back the Spring in our Step

- Kara Martins

After four years of anticipation and preparation leading up to it, the Rugby World Cup arrived, and boy, were these past few weeks exciting!

The RWC is a rugby union tournament where international rugby teams play a series of matches, competing for the Webb Ellis Cup and the Rugby World Cup title. These games are tense, fast and dangerous. The 2023 RWC took place in France over the course of 51 days, featuring 20 teams and a total of 48 nail-biting matches.

Leading up to the World Cup, there were a few interesting campaigns and advertisements. Suddenly teenagers were interested in Hilux-bakkie advertisements, and adults were interested in Bokke themed swimwear. South Africa, being the enthusiastic nation that we are, supported our Springboks in every possible way, buying anything and everything resembling the South African flag, causing sales of Faf-speedos to soar.

People came together all over the world, flaunting their South African flags and proudly parading down streets.

I have sung so many songs honouring the lean, mean and green, also known as the “bokmasjien”. Loufi made it clear that we “play rugby, not soccer”, and Early B quickly convinced us all to “back die Bokke, hoor”. I will never forget the memes referring to Faf as ‘the giant slayer,’ and the next time I watch the Springboks, I will be sure to refer to my favourite players as “Elizabedi” and “Handre Pressure Pollard”.

It was certainly a first to listen to our National Anthem in a grocery store at nine o'clock on a Saturday morning. Nothing shouts South African pride like singing our National Anthem, in the snack-aisle at Checkers!

This World Cup also had a psychological effect on supporters. It is scientifically proven that hormones like serotonin and oxytocin increase the likelihood of people being agreeable, and acting with more dominance. These hormones, along with dopamine and endorphins, are the same happy hormones released when socializing and interacting with friends. These chemicals influence your social behaviour and maintain your general health. Who knew having a braai could be so rewarding?

These past few weeks have brought an extraordinary sense of unity. People stood together when they had nothing in common but the team that they supported. I saw patriotism and pride in our country that only the Springboks could have ignited. With the slogan Stronger Together, South Africans made a point of supporting and celebrating the Bokke, together.

After a challenging few weeks of putting our faith in Rassie – a South African rugby mastermind - and enduring a few one-point-wonders, our Bokke ended at the top, and they received the well-deserved title of Rugby World Cup Champions.

This was a much-needed victory for the whole of South Africa, reminding us of the power of sport and support. It reminded us that there is beauty in a nation that stands together, and that where there is unity, there is hope.

‘Rugby shouldn’t be about pressure. It should be about giving people hope through the way you play. It should be about bringing people together and getting them to forget their problems for a while. It may not be our responsibility as rugby players to do that, but it is our privilege.’

- Rassie Erasmus, 2023

WHICH BOK TICKS YOUR BOKS?

FAF DE KLERK



- Hair Hygiene
- Gymnast on the field
- “Giant Slayer”

SIYA KOLYSI



- Team Captain
- Family Guy
- Attended Grey College

EBEN ETZEBETH



- 2,03m Tall
- Strongest Springbok
- Steals Line-ups

CHESLIN KOLBE



- Runs 100m in 10,7sec
- Watch Collector
- Philanthropist

Nuwe vuur vir Larries se kultuur

-Kara Martins



Een van die onlangsste toevoegings tot die Larrie-familie, is ons splinternuwe kultuurhoof, me. Melina Smit.

Op skool het me. Smit se belangstellings wyd gestrek, maar sy het wel haar liefde vir kunste tydens haar skooljare ontdek. “Ek het op skool, so die laaste jaar of twee, begin belangstel in drama,” sê juffrou Smit. “Ek het in ’n huis groot geword waar ons baie lief is vir musiek.” Juffrou Smit verduidelik hoe sy en hulle bure se dogter in graad 7 met masels gediagnoseer is. Elkeen kry toe ’n kitaar om die paar weke by die huis vinniger te laat verbygaan. Sy sê dit was “wonderlik”. Sy het kitaar leer speel en ’n liedjie geskryf. Later het sy dieselfde liedjie vir ’n kompetisie ingeskryf en ’n tweede plek in die kompetisie behaal.

Na hoërskool het juffrou Smit regte aan die Universiteit van Stellenbosch begin studeer. Sy het egter op die Drama-departement verlief geraak, en is aan die einde van haar eerste jaar een van vyf studente wat gekeur is om BDram te studeer. Sy het haar honneurs in Drama voltooi en het ook ’n graad in Sielkunde verwerf.

Toe ek vra: “Hoekom La Rochelle?” het juffrou Smit vertel dat sy huiwerig was om haar klein-dorpie-lewe te verlaat. Sy het egter geweet dat haar keuse reg sou voel en het haar instink gevolg. Dit was definitief ’n aanpassing om van die rol van vakadviseur na personeellid te gaan. “So, dis hoekom ek swaar weggegaan het, want jy is nou nie meer in 300 skole nie. Jy gaan nou kies om in een skool te wees.”

Alhoewel haar kring van invloed kleiner geword het, glo ek dat sy steeds ’n gróót impak op ’n klein groep mense kan hê. Dit was asof alles net maklik in plek geval het. Sy sien uit daarna om deel te wees van die Larrie-familie.

Juffrou Smit het met passie vertel dat ons ’n uitsonderlike spesiale groep dogters is, en dat ons, ongeag die effense cliché, werklik die toekoms vir die wêreld is. “So, dis vir my ’n voorreg om deel te wees van ’n nuwe generasie van leiers.” Haar hoop is om ons voor te berei om daardie rolle te vervul. Sy glo daarin dat die kosbaarste vaardighede aangeleer word deur ervaring, en dat leerders in alle aspekte van die lewe opgevoed moet wees - nie net in teoretiese kennis nie.

Juffrou Melina Smit is mal oor die kunste, maar haar grootste passie bly mense. Sy beskou dit as ’n voorreg om elkeen van ons te help om ons volle potensiaal te bereik. Sy gaan nog diep spore in ons Larrie-harte trap.

Interskole: Larries neem die leisels

-Elena Kritzinger

Op 28 en 29 Oktober het die ruiter-span van Hoër Meisieskool La Rochelle aan die jaarlikse "Showjumping" interskole-perdrykompetisie deelgeneem. Die span is algeheel tweede geplaas en het 33 punte tydens die kompetisie verower. Hierdie posisie is na afloop van 'n nuwe kompetisie met Hoërskool Hugenote, en 'n puntsverskil van twee punte behaal.

Die ruiters het in verskeie afdelings van die kompetisie presteer.



Die volgende ruiters behaal elk 'n eerste plek in die 50 cm-spanitem: Lara Myburgh (Mystery), Lauren Strauss (Sparky) en Rebecca McCarthy (Capitol Rouge). Lara behaal ook 'n eerste plek in die 50 cm en 60 cm individuele klasse sowel as 'n vyfde plasing in die 50 cm individuele klas.

Twee ope-spanne het deelgeneem. Die span wat die eerste plek verwerf het, bestaan uit die volgende ruiters: Katharine Malan (Capella), Courtney Kypriotis (Rex) en Caitlin Robinson (Orakal). Katharine behaal ook 'n tweede plasing in die 80 cm individuele klas, sowel as 'n vierde plasing in die 60/70 cm-spanitem met Capriole. Caitlin behaal 'n eerste posisie in die 90 cm individuele klas. Die tweede span wat ingeskryf is, het 'n derde plek verwerf, en bestaan uit die ruiters Juliette Stock (Riverdale Grand Affair), Mizaan Scheepers (Shinga B) en Jani Dreyer (Legacy Zoroaster). Juliette behaal ook 'n vierde plek in die 80 cm individuele klas.

Verskeie Larries presteer verder met die volgende prestasies: Sophia Malan (Comet) behaal 'n tweede plek in die 60 cm individuele klas. Summer Jardine (Ice) behaal plasings in die 60 cm en 70 cm individuele klasse en Emma Meyer (Alzu Omaru) behaal plasings in die 40 cm en 50 cm individuele klasse. Die "novice"-span neem deel en sluit die ruiters Rebecca McCarthy, Lara Myburgh en Lauren Strauss in.

Hierdie skouspelagtige kompetisie was beslis 'n plesier om te beleef en reflekteer die talent en toewyding van elke ruiter aan Hoër Meisieskool La Rochelle. Die ruiter-span het die naam van die skool hoog gehou.



Grade 11 Camp

-Miecke Collins

The Grade 11s of 2023 started their first day of spring excitedly awaiting what seemed to be the highlight of their year: The Grade 11 Camp in Kleinmond. After all the learners had said goodbye to their loved ones, some of whom were helped to carry luggage packed for a cruise rather than a two-day trip, the soon-to-be-seniors embarked on their journey.

As all high school students already know, Grade 11 is the year in which your plans for the future start to take shape. From applying to universities, to planning your Matric Farewell, while also facing the underlying uncertainty of what being a senior in La Rochelle truly means, the Grade 11 Camp was a breath of fresh air. The overt seminar, held by Mrs Naudé, gave the Grade 11s some critical guidance on everything expected from them in their Matric year, as well as words of encouragement to ease their timorous expressions. Mr Swart, Mrs Basson and Ms Saaiman directed the "fun" part of the camp, and their efforts ensured that every learner came home with a funny story to share.

For most of the Grade 11s, these fun stories include the various games we played, including running into rusty-brown water, trying to fill a tub with a bucket full of holes. This seemed like an impossible task, until The Bomb Squad Team showed us the importance of strategy and teamwork when their tub overflowed with water. The Sunlight Liquid Team taught us the importance of "Being calm", as they were the first team to accomplish the task of lowering their bamboo stick to the ground without it falling once. The Grade 11s had to dig through sand to find different coloured buffs, each one representing its discoverer's identity. The karaoke and blind dancing truly highlighted the outstanding spirit and talent of the Grade 11s of 2023. All these games, strategically designed by Mr Swart, Ms Naudé and Mrs Basson, did not only create bonding moments for the cheerful Grade 11s, but each had a hidden lesson to assist the learners in their final school year.



"They are the most prepared group socially, emotionally and academically. There is a certain positivity surrounding the Grade 11s, a sisterhood, that can lead them to new heights in Grade 12. This group could be pioneers for La Rochelle, with the potential to create unity amongst their fellow learners."

-Mr Swart



Larrie Leaders



The trailblazers of our school

-Leigh Adams

The student council plays a crucial role in fostering a sense of community, leadership, and representation within the school. They serve as a bridge between the student body and school administration and provide a platform for students to voice their opinions and concerns. The student council is comprised of talented young girls, all chosen because they were recognised for their remarkable sense of responsibility as individuals to whom everyone can look up. Freshly elected, without even a second to soak in their newly acquired positions, our student council and hostel prefects were thrown into a whole new world filled with trees, non-functioning toilets and no Wi-Fi.

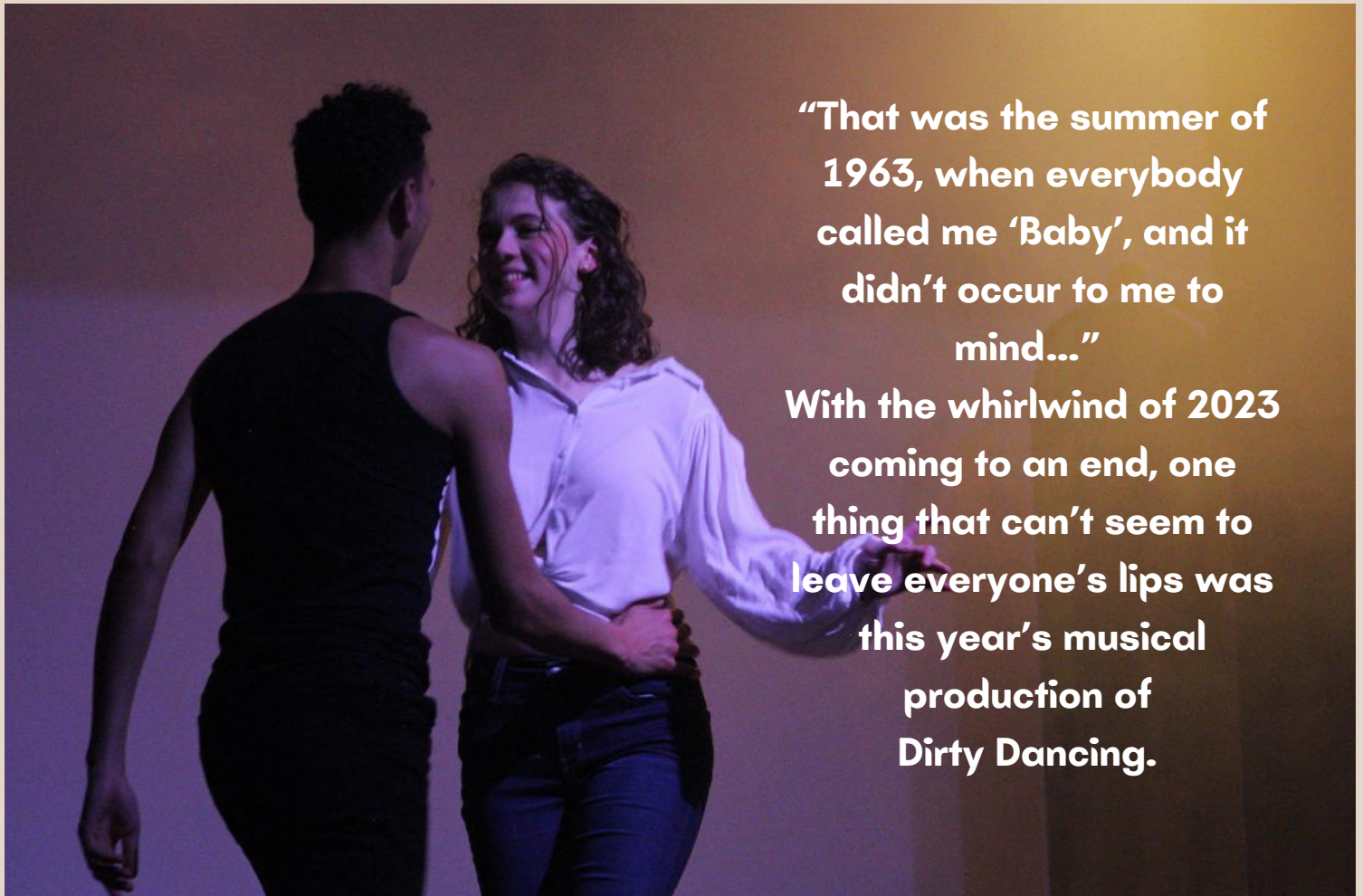
Back to Basics is a place where all your pride is shattered and everything you ever knew about yourself is destroyed. It is a place where you learn to be patient, humble and trust one another. It is also a place where nearly half our student council and hostel prefects ended up hunched over a toilet. To say the bathroom was a nuclear war site would be an understatement.

A friendly 'neighbour' decided to join the girls as they sat in the tent and welcomed them to the outdoors. Waking up with a giant spider in front of your face would be anyone's worst nightmare, but these girls did not think twice before safely removing their little friend (Fred) and depositing him outside, showcasing exactly why they were chosen as the leaders of La Rochelle.

From scraping their knees and getting splashed in the face on an obstacle course, to trying to balance on a beam while the instructor tries to trip you and loosen your shoelaces, the girls worked together and found a sense of unity and teamwork. From there on, the girls knew what to do. Using one another's strengths and knowing one another's weaknesses, the student council and the hostel prefects were able to breeze through many activities, shocking even the instructors with how fast and smart they were.

As daunting as the daytime activities were, they didn't even come close to the nightly activities. Being left alone in the middle of a forest with only black rope tied around trees to guide them, this was probably the most frightening activity our leaders had to face. However, they were Larries and they walked through that forest with determination. When asked about their experience, all they could say was that it was a little frightening in the beginning, as they did not know what to expect. Once they started walking, they felt calm, as one thing kept playing through their heads: do not let go of the rope! Our leaders challenged themselves tremendously throughout that camp, but the malva pudding made it all worth-while. Coming back home, the girls were ill and aching for their warm beds, but knew they were united in that sense of longing and that they had made several new friends during the camp.

Leadership isn't about the shiny badge, the title or the privileges. It's about being able to follow rules set out even if you're uncomfortable, taking responsibility and owning up to your mistakes. Being a leader is about putting in the effort 24/7 and being the voice for our school and we can undoubtedly say that Nalene and Ayesha and the rest of the student council live out these values. We look forward to the changes they will bring in 2024.



“That was the summer of 1963, when everybody called me ‘Baby’, and it didn’t occur to me to mind...”

With the whirlwind of 2023 coming to an end, one thing that can’t seem to leave everyone’s lips was this year’s musical production of Dirty Dancing.

Everybody’s favourite

-Damienne Greenhalgh

Term 4 has brought a new sense of perspective, and everyone seems to be reminiscing the four magical nights of the dazzling production that took place in August. With a cast of over 100 people, vibrant, transformative costumes, one of the most iconic movie soundtracks of all time, and a lot of hard work - the Larries put on a production like no other, and made memories that would surely last a lifetime. Which is why we asked girls from each grade to let us know who their favourite lead role in the production was. It came as no surprise that the girls’ favourite character was Frances ‘Baby’ Houseman, played by Iris Saunders. Baby and Johnny epitomised the ideal summer romance, and created a love story that would last much longer than the singular summer of 1963. With her gentle heart, and passion for doing the right thing- Baby easily steals the hearts of the audience. She shows true character development over the course of the production, learning to stand up for herself and for others, and desperately wants to show her family that she’s not the “baby” anymore (despite what her nickname may suggest), and that she is capable of conducting herself as the young woman that she is - a struggle for independence which many teenage girls can relate to. With all that being said, Baby brings an element of innocence, and perfectly manages to encapsulate the journey of girlhood, while still creating the perfectly cheesy love story that is filled with lighthearted fun. While it may have been a couple of months since the final curtain closed, we’ll always remember the girl who stole our hearts (as well as Johnny’s), who could never be put in a corner.

Neatness at La Rochelle GHS

-Danielle Carr

Neatness at school is not merely about cleanliness and organisation. It's an environment that fosters productivity, learning, and well-being. Not only does neatness show your respect towards our school and it's rules but you also represent La Rochelle once you have your uniform on outside of school.

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Neatness regarding school clothes are the following:

We are all well aware of the new clothing trends floating around and our students would love to keep up with these trends, but it is important to keep the school rules in mind when wearing your school uniform.

Your dress or school skirt may not be shorter than a palm above your knee, or in other words, it may not extend past 14 cm off the ground.

Only school shoes with white socks, no secret socks, may be worn with your school uniform. No tekkies, sneakers or rain boots (not including the La Rochelle rain boots) may be worn.

Your jersey is only to be worn when a blazer is also worn, Matrics are the only exception.

Only navy elastics may be worn with a navy lint, Matrics are allowed to wear yellow lints with navy elastics. The collar of your dress must be over the collar of your blazer and all badges must be worn on the left side of your blazer before it moves over to the right (La Rochelle badges only)

Nails should be short, clean and neatly trimmed. No cutex, french tips or gel.

Small gold or silver earrings may be worn. No rose gold or diamonds. Matrics are allowed to wear Pearl earrings.

No jewelry such as nose rings, tongue piercings, bracelets or any other earrings are allowed to be worn with your school uniform. Earrings may only be worn in your first piercing hole.

Your hair should be clean and should always be tied if it extends past your collar. Your fringe should be out of your face and eyes.

No make-up should be worn at any circumstances (this includes mascara, lash lifts and extensions)

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No visible tattoos are allowed.

Hair may only be dyed if it looks natural and should be regularly maintained.

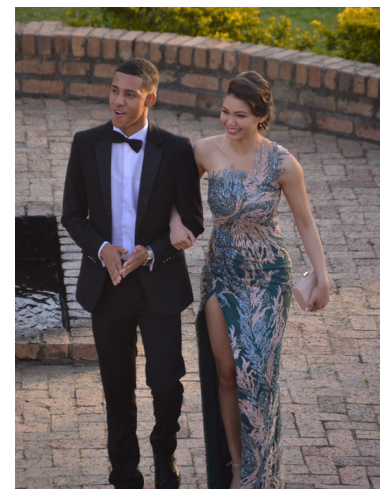
DRIE UITSONDERLIKE MATERIEKAFSKEID-UITRUSTINGS:



Sian Frankfort dra 'n sagte pers in hare vir 'n magiese voorkoms.



Hanaa Toefy spog die aand in 'n elegante, satyn rok met 'n sluier.



Miclynn Africa skitter in haar blou en goud. Haar keuse van haarstyl komplementeer die neklyn van die rok.

TEACHER'S PETS

-Danielle Carr

Guess the owner

R Saayman, M Muller, L Lusse, C McFarlane, L Maree, A Malan, C Marais, L Oosthuizen, S Maree, E Conradie



SKULPIE

Skulpie is a colorful Green-Cheeked Parakeet parrot. She definitely knows how to throw a few moves once she hears some music and loves taking her morning baths to keep herself fresh and clean. Her favorite color is orange she and enjoys eating anything orange, this includes her orange ladder! She barks along with dogs and loves taking walks on her leash.



COOPER, AYLA, EVA & MILAT

These 4 are cute Bengal cats. They respond to their own 'meow' that this teacher calls with. Cooper and Ayla are the eldest, Eva and Milat are the youngest. Everyday they playfully fight for the spot on, what they call, the throne (op part of their scratch post). Milat, the youngest, is seen as the boss in charge!



MAX

Max is an adorable Miniature Dachshund with a big personality. He goes crazy for cheese (even eats carrots and nknaks) and loves playing with socks. He's terrified of long haired dogs. Rumor has it, the reason behind it is because he got a bit too close to the famous Queenie. He's described as an extremely friendly dog and loves playing with his two friends that are also Dachshunds.



FIEFIE

Fiefie is a cute little Yorkie. She loves playing with her ball and bouncing or flicking it with her nose! She's such a romantic and loves taking long walks on the beach. Her favorite treat is ice cream, more specifically chocolate ice cream. She enjoys driving in her grandpa's bakkie and is overall a cute cuddly doggie.



STELLA

Stella is a big loving, 4 year old, Boxer dog. Graduating top of her class in puppy training, she loves digging holes in the garden and receiving cookies from her owner. Sometimes she can be a bit naughty but overall she's a loving pup who loves showing affection by sitting on your lap.



SASHA

Sasha is a gorgeous Italian Cattle Dog who loves playing with chickens, taking a dip in the pool and loves cuddles. She likes to lay on top of everything, especially tables. Described as a dog with bat ears, she is a very crazy but gentle dog. Her owner doesn't see her very often but once the holidays hit, Sasha gets all love and attention.



LAIKA & LILY

Laika and Lily are both Africanis rescue dogs. Laika was picked up from the streets at 4 weeks old and Lily was adopted from the SPCA. Both are extremely strong dogs. They love laying on the grass and enjoying the mountain views with a breeze. They enjoy indoors and this teacher considers them his children According to him, they sort of act like humans. This would explain why they don't like dry foods.



CHOPPIE

Choppie is a very friendly and funny little cat who loves any sort of affection. Her unique name was given to her after this teacher's children named her after their favorite food. She's extremely scared of doves or pigeons and runs away from them once they come close. Her favorite thing to do when it's cold is to lay in the fireplace's ashes when it's still warm!



RAMSY

Ramsy is a Boerboel Schnauzer and is most definitely this teacher's husband's favorite child. She enjoys swimming, especially on her own, getting biscuits as a treat and gets the most excited when this teacher comes home. Running is her favorite activity but after a few hundred meters, she's like an anchor behind you.



SAM & JAZZY

Sam and Jazzy are gorgeous Seal Point Siamese cats. Sam is a talkative cat and is the sweetest, most cuddly cat out of the two. He's overall a huge teddy bear but according to this teacher he can be a bit lazy. Jazzy is described as a 'tough cookie'. She enjoys hunting and loves catching leaves and branches. She's so proud of her hunting skills that she places her leaves and branches in her feeding bowl!

Grade 11 Q&A

-Kaitlyn Wolhuter

With the end of year exams approaching, the Grade 11 girls have become very aware that their matric year is around the corner. Aside from thinking about their futures, taking on more responsibilities as the oldest in the school now and saying goodbye to the current Matrics, the Grade 11s have given an insight on their thoughts and hopes for the upcoming year.

Question: What would your slogan for mx '24 be?

Rachael Vassilatos: One day at a time.

Jenna Van Wyk: 2 cool 4 school.

Teagan Mourries: Everything happens for a reason.

Question: What are you the most nervous for?

Damienne Greenhalgh: All our "lasts" and everything coming to an end. There's so much pressure to live in every moment because it's your last.

Likony van der Poel: Exams.

Mila Malherbe: Ons laste 4M.

Chloe West: Messing up and not being a good enough Milady and example for younger grades as well as the pressure of life after school.

Question: Which "matric event" are you the most excited for?

Danielle Carr: Matric Ball.

Lara Pretorius: 40 Days.

Likony van der Poel: Meeting my Daisy.

Question: What do you have admired from the matrics of this year?

Likony van der Poel: Hulle het altyd 'n glimlag op hulle gesigte en was altyd oop om raad te deel.

Teagan Mourries: The bonds they have with one another.

Jenna Van Wyk: The "vibes" that they had.

Damienne Greenhalgh: Their sense of togetherness. The way everyone mingled with people from "other groups" is something I'd really love for us as a Matric class.

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Mila Malherbe: Getting on the GK.

Iris Pieterse: To have the most fun possible and do well academically.

Jenna Van Wyk: Academic half colours.

Damienne Greenhalgh: To seriously embrace everything. I really want to find a healthy balance between work and having fun.

Question: Which moment would officially make you feel matric?

Chloe West: Receiving a Daisy.

Danielle Carr: Getting our Matric jersey.

Likony van der Poel: Wearing the yellow ribbon/pearl earrings.

Question: How does it feel knowing you'll have a Daisy soon?

Iris Pieterse: Scary but exciting. We'll have the honour of making them feel at home in Larries as our Miladies did with us.

Jenna Van Wyk: I'm so excited! I know we'll have such a good relationship and my Daisy sisters will be besties.

Damienne Greenhalgh: Terrifying but super exciting. Knowing that I have a hand in shaping a young girl's life is scary but I really want to be someone she looks up to and I hope she'll be like a built-in little sister at school. I hope she takes part in debate or choir.

Rachael Vassilatos: Nervous but excited.

At this year's camp, the Grade 11 girls had the best time with karaoke and have helped me to compile a playlist that reminds us of the camp and that describes how we feel our matric year will be like. We are a grade that always seems to be most united when we listen to music on Fridays at breaktime or during "Gees Week" leading up to 4M and we hope that this continues next year with full force.

**TEACHER'S
PETS
ANSWERS:**

Skulpie: Ms Malan
Max: Ms S Maree
Stella: Ms Saayman
Laika & Lily: Mr Lüsse
Ramsy: Ms Mc Farlane

Cooper, Ayla, Eva, Milat: Ms C Marais
Fiefie: Ms Muller
Sasha: Ms L Maree
Choppie: Ms Conradie
Sam & Jazzy: Ms Oosthuizen

BLOMPLAAS: Die blomme en die boere

-Mari Joubert

Nelia het gegooi, Nienke het geswaai, Anja het gedraai. Ons knip nog net ons oë en Kylie staan reeds by die eindstreep en waai. Kiki het gespring. Die skare het gesing om aan die atlete hulde te bring.

Juffrou Wanri het afge kondig, die son het ons gebrand. By die volgende verspring-uitdunne vermy ek maar eerder die kombinasie van sonblok en sand. Die strikke het gewaai, die gesigverf en tutu's was tog te fraai en die boere het te lekker met hul diep stemme laat waai.

Die eerste Blomplaas-byeenkoms van Hoër Meisieskool La Rochelle en Boland Landbouskool is vanjaar op 16 Oktober by Brugstraat gehou. Hierdie byeenkoms se doel is om die atletiek by beide skole te verbeter en meer samehorigheid tussen die twee skole te bewerkstellig.



Die gr.11's moes reeds by hierdie byeenkoms as leiers optree en saam met Boland Landbou die drie kleurspanne aanmoedig om op die pawiljoen te sing. Die skool is in drie groepe verdeel - wit, navy en geel. Elke groep was ewe vol energie en afwagting. Ons toekomstige geeskomitee moes hard dink om die gepaste liedjies te onthou.

Aan die begin was dit 'n skamerige storie op die pawiljoen, maar teen die einde van die dag het al die Blomme en Boere "oukei" geantwoord en hul "biscuits" geskud.

Die aankoms van die koshuisbrakkies se middagete het ongelukkig vir die geeskomitee groot frustrasie 'n leë pawiljoen beteken. Uiteindelik was almal se stemme maar hees. Dit word toe tyd vir die pryse, medaljes, bekere en gees. Tyla se nuwe treffer, "Water", is die liedjie wat steeds in almal se koppe neurie. Ons was almal geskok toe Wit as die winners aangekondig is, maar kon toe kalmeer met die wete dat dit net vir gees was. (Onthou, hulle sê mos die geesbeker is eintlik net die troosbeker). Geel het koning van die atlete gekraai by die eerste Blomplaas-byeenkoms. Miskien stap Navy volgende jaar met 'n beker weg.

