



Newsletter 11, 4 September 2015

Dear Parents

TALENT SHOW

We were very happy to see so many parents accompanying their youngsters to the Talent Show. That really is the kind of school we want to be – a school of healthy, supportive families! We had approximately 300 appreciative people in the audience.

Even our SGB chairperson, Ms Alweedaat Omar had roped in parents to help with the tuckshop sales. Talk of a team effort – proudly Oude Molen.

We were treated to a professionally polished variety show of fifteen acts! From an exciting drum solo at the start, through break dancing troupes, instrumentalists of various kinds, a stirring dramatic monologue, rappers and singers of ballads. Let's not forget the front of curtain comperes (Abdulla Watara, Alex Sefoor and Ghandi Mukiza) who flawlessly linked the various items.

Oude Molen needs better lighting and sound equipment to do full justice to our talent. Even so, Mr Mikyle Smith and his team ensured silky transitions and quick turnaround times.

The great lesson in the Talent Show is that artists make things seem so easy, so natural, so brilliant because they rehearse and rehearse until their talent sparkles and shines. Remember the guy who gave up? No-one does. And that's the truth about every aspect of life. We were so moved by an artist who heard on Friday that her grandfather had passed away, and she continued with her relatives hearing her singing item by telephone. We and her family are very proud of her!

Special thanks are due to Ms Nadine Reeve and Ms Roxanne Jurd whose tireless efforts created the opportunities for our youngsters to shine.

The three winners were

3. Zintle Mpande (Grade 8) – dramatic poetry
2. Lance Diergaardt and Riedwaan Lekay (Grade 12) – narrative break-dancing
1. Toufeeq Booley (Grade 12) – piano.

Congratulations and gratitude to everyone involved. We look forward to a larger number of acts and even more people in the audience in 2016. We have so much talent!

GRADE 12 PRELIMINARY EXAMS

Our Class of 2015 started their Preliminary Exams on Thursday. Their year has passed so swiftly. After 10 weeks in Term 1, six weeks in Term 2 and seven weeks in Term 3, our matrics have all but completed their academic preparation for the Final Exams. Grade 11 is an important year because most work for Grade 12 starts there.

We wish our Grade 12 families well during the following weeks of preparation for the exams. No doubt there will be some anxiety and special efforts to ensure a welcome outcome. The exams should take priority above all else. So much in the future depends on a good result for each candidate.

OPEN DAY

We ask you to help us to invite the smart Grade 6 and 7 learners in your community to visit Oude Molen tomorrow morning from 09:00 to 12:00. It's a smart school!

FET SUBJECT CHOICE

Our current Grade 9 learners will have an opportunity to choose their subjects next term for 2016. The choice for Grade 10 is as follows:

Compulsory subjects:

English Home Language

Afrikaans First Additional Language

Life Orientation

Engineering Graphics and Design

CHOICE: ONE IN EACH CATEGORY

Grade 9 performance will be the deciding factor in the choices.

1. Mathematics or Technical Mathematics
2. Physical Science or Technical Science
3. Civil Technology (Construction) or Electrical Technology (Heavy Current) or Mechanical Technology (Fitting and Turning)

Mathematics and Physical Sciences are a combination. Technical Maths and Technical Science are a combination.

We are happy to discuss subject choices with any families who may wish to have more information. Clear guidelines will be available at the Subject Choice Meeting on **Monday, 19 October 2015.**

Best wishes, *Tony Marshall*