



# EDENVALE HIGH SCHOOL

FROM GOOD TO GREAT

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## NEWSLETTER

As we enter Edenvale High School in Grade 8, we are given a small Spekboom as a gift. The purpose is to give a seedling back to the school in our final year – Matric.

A Spekboom is a very unusual plant, and has been deemed a miracle one by many. Furthermore, it is a most attractive plant in full bloom, with a mass of soft pink, nectar flowers.

### What makes a Spekboom so special?

- It helps to fight climate change and air pollution - it removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by acting like a carbon sponge, thereby improving the quality of air that we breathe.
- It is easy to grow - it does not need formal planting.
- It is water-wise and a super-resilient, low-maintenance plant that can survive on as little as 250 – 350 mm of water per year!
- A spekboom can live up to 200 years! This plant propagates easily; a broken branch tossed onto the ground by a grazing elephant will grow roots and create a whole new plant.
- It is high in basic nutrients, especially Vitamin C, and a perfect addition to a salad. If you find yourself surrounded by this incredible plant on a hike and you're feeling a little tired, make sure to break off a piece and try it. Filled with moisture, it can even treat exhaustion and dehydration.

This small gesture of getting a Spekboom, binds us as a community of learners and teachers. How can we grow as a school community?

- Spend time with and get to know yourself and others around you. "Get to know" opportunities arise within and outside the school, for example, someone sitting alone can likely do with a chat.
- Build, create, plan, and solve problems together – in a Maths class, help those who battle, if Maths is your strong point.
- Commit to learn with another person AND from one another by creating study groups.
- Respect each other's "bubble" – we all need some space.
- Go beyond your own classroom walls to inspire and support others – this is not easy when we are all racing around.

Together we can grow our school community by supporting and, most importantly, by respecting each other - just like our very special Spekboom.

*Mrs I van der Ryst*

*HOD: Mathematical Literacy*

### Important dates



**Mon 11 Sept** Normal classes resume, Day 1

**Thurs 28 Sept** Colours Assembly 18h00

**Fri 29 Sept** Afrikaans Paper 3 final exam  
Grades 10 – 11

**Fri 29 Sept** Afrikaans Test Grade 8 – 9

Note that if a learner is absent for assessments, a doctor's note must be produced - otherwise zero will be given.

### AGM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Parents will be held on Wednesday 18 October 2023 at 18h00 in the hall. The Acting Principal and Governing Body members will report back on the current year and the way forward, and the budget for 2024 will be discussed. In the event of a second meeting being necessary for any reason, such meeting will take place at the same time and venue, namely at 18h00 on Wednesday 8 November 2023. Should this be necessary, you will be informed about this on 19 October 2023.

### ATTENTION PARENTS

One of the school's projects is to feed the sterilised feral cats that live on the school property. We would appreciate any donations of tinned or dry food. Donations may be handed in at the front office. All contributions are gratefully accepted.



# SPORTS AND CULTURAL RESULTS

## Boys Soccer

U16 vs Reddam Helderfontein won 5 - 0

vs Sutherland High

- ◇ U14 lost 1 - 2
- ◇ U15 drew 0 - 0
- ◇ 2nds lost 0 - 1
- ◇ 1sts won 1 - 0

Quarter finals

- ◇ U14 vs Keshiva lost 1 - 2
- ◇ U16 vs Krugersdorp lost 0 - 1
- ◇ 1sts vs Nick Diedricks won 2 - 0

Congratulations to Keagan Baptista and Gabriel Habelgraan, who have been selected to play in the North Rand U15 district team competing in the District tournament at the end of September.

## Girls Soccer

- ◇ U16s & 1sts vs Waverley Girls lost
- ◇ U17s vs Crawford Sandton lost
- ◇ 2nds vs Willowmore lost
- ◇ 2nds vs Boksburg High lost

## Interhouse Girls Hockey

- ◇ 1st Falcon & Kestrel
- ◇ 3rd Harrier
- ◇ 4th Eagle

## Fast 5 Netball

Well done to the U15 & U17 Fast Five Netball girls on their performance at their tournament this weekend. The U15s were placed 3rd in their pool.



The U17s were placed 1st in their pool and progressed to play-offs, where they made the bronze final and were placed 3rd out of 24 teams. They will progress to the Gauteng Champs, taking place 9 September 2023.

## Athletics Prestige results:

- ◇ Junior girls 800m Emily Norman bronze
- ◇ U14 boys 200m Dylan Mostert-Wright bronze
- ◇ U15 boys 400m Menzi Nkabinde silver
- ◇ U15 boys relay silver
- ◇ U16 boys relay silver
- ◇ Open boys relay bronze

## Interhouse Netball

### Juniors

- ◇ 1st Harrier
- ◇ 2nd Falcon
- ◇ 3rd Kestrel
- ◇ 4th Eagle

### Seniors

- ◇ 1st Eagle
- ◇ 2nd Harrier
- ◇ 3rd Kestrel
- ◇ 4th Falcon

## Senior House Plays

- ◇ 1st Harrier
- ◇ 2nd Eagle
- ◇ 3rd Falcon
- ◇ 4th Kestrel



Best Actor - Mutsa Momberome

Best Actress - Knox Peetham

Best Supporting Actor - Ntsako Matshabana

Best Supporting Actress - Lerato Maake

Best Cameo - Skyla Okafor



## Reading Relay:

Five juniors participated in a READING RELAY and came 2nd out of six teams. The following learners have progressed through to District Level: Ruth Langley, Ashton Ninaber, Christian Chinyanga, Calista Painano and Daena Le Seuer.



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