



# NEWSLETTER

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## EDITORIAL

*Empathy can be learned, and it is the right of every child to be taught empathy in order to break the cycle of violence in our society.*

With the lovely addition of Wendy to our school, I would like to shed some light on a particular project that benefits our canine friends, society and children in our country and hopefully inspire some students and people in our society. The Underdog Project is an initiative that pairs rescue dogs with at-risk teens, changing the lives of both.

All the dogs that are part of the Underdog Project, are rescue dogs from the Domestic Animal Rescue Group (DARG) and the trainers are at-risk youth who have been identified as potential beneficiaries of the animal-assisted therapy and humane education offered by The Underdog Project programme.



‘This is not just about training dogs, this process changes the lives of both the dogs and the trainers’, says lead facilitator Anya Hollands. The term “at risk” means that these young people are likely to fall into the cycle of crime as result of circumstance, peer pressure and a lack of resources.

Experience has shown that intervention at this point can change that outcome, which is where the idea of pairing the adolescents with rescue dogs arose. Many of the dogs are not adopted due to their behavioural problems, and the students are trained to work with these challenges. ‘We hope to create a mutually beneficial relationship, in which the trainer and dog learn from each other at all times’

One of the trainer’s main objectives is to create an opportunity for a dog to become more socialised and therefore, more adoptable. The training routine involves the student and dog pairs mastering the five basic techniques: sit, down, crawl, roll over and paw – which is not an easy task with dogs that are easily distracted due to previous maltreatment.

‘Beyond the training and life skills lesson, the relationship that develops between the child and dog is where the magic happens. The bond that forms between them is empowering and improves their sense of self-worth,’ says Anya ‘If their dog is anxious, angry or scared because it has been abused or neglected, the teen often relates in a deeper way to their own emotions.’

Since the start of the programme, many previously abused and abandoned dogs have found owners, thanks to the students' patience and hard work. Every time a dog is adopted, the Underdog team throws a party to show that, while it is a sad goodbye it's also moment to be celebrated. A graduation ceremony is also held for the students.

'There has been a great change, particularly at Silikamva High School Hout Bay where graduates have become peer mentors at their school and a positive shift has occurred in their attitude and behaviour.

Source adapted: Fair Lady Magazine May 2017

[www.underdogproject.org](http://www.underdogproject.org)

May this story serve as a reflection of hope and a clear reminder to our students at Edenvale High as to how privileged we are to have Wendy as part of our staff and the role she fulfils, but also that there is hope and that you can change your circumstances for a positive end result, grab every opportunity and make the best of it.

Mrs G. van Rooyen – HOD Business Studies



## A NOTE TO OUR PARENTS

One of the school's projects is to feed the sterilised feral cats that live on the school property and which help to keep our premises free of rodents. We would appreciate any donations of tinned or dry food. Donations may be handed in at the front office. Thank you to those parents who help us feed these cats. All contributions are gratefully accepted.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday 24 October:** Annual General Meeting and budget discussion for 2020  
Time: 18h00  
Venue: Hall

**Wednesday 23 October:** Examinations begin for Grade 8 – Grade 11.  
The timetable (dated 09/10/2019) is on the Communicator.  
Please refer to exam arrangements and rules below and on the next page.

### PRIZE-GIVING

Please note that Prize-giving for Grade 8 to Grade 11 will be held on  
Tuesday 3 December 2019 at 18h30.

We will notify parents of prize winners by phone. However, we will only be able to do so much closer to the time, when all marks have been processed. We therefore appeal to parents of top achievers (i.e. those in Grades 8 and 9 who attain 85% or more for a subject, and those in Grade 10 and 11 who attain 80% and above) to diarise this date.

### REPORTS

These will be issued on Wednesday 4 December 2017 from 07h30 – 10h00 only.

Reports must be collected by parents and will only be given to pupils if they have a letter signed by their parents/guardian granting them permission to collect the report.

#### Venues for collection:

- Grade 8: G7 and G8
- Grade 9: G9 and G10
- Grade 10: G1-6 and G1-7
- Grade 11: G1-8 and G1-9

No reports will be posted.

Reports not collected will be available for collection on 13 and 14 January 2020.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS EXAM ARRANGEMENTS AND RULES – NOVEMBER 2019

### **1. ABSENTEEISM**

- a. Learners must attend school for all timetabled sessions.
- b. Any pupil who misses an exam must produce a doctor's certificate to cover the absence. Failure to comply with this ruling will result in a mark of 0%.
- c. Should there be a valid reason not relating to health (e.g. a funeral) parents are requested to contact the Headmaster in writing to arrange leave of absence for the pupil. Pupils will not be allowed to write an exam on another day.



## 2. TIMES

- a. NO exam will be written except at the designated time. There will be no exceptions for early departures or late arrivals etc.
- b. Pupils must be at school, and seated in the exam centre, for the duration of the session.
- c. Pupils are to be seated 10 minutes before the start of the session to allow for administrative duties.
- d. Pupils who are late will not be admitted to the exam room during the first 10 minutes or during the] handing out of papers.
- e. Latecomers are to go to the front office to collect a late note. This note is to be given to the invigilator. No special consideration will be granted to latecomers in respect of time for the exam.
- f. Session one will not end before 10h00.

## 3. UNIFORM

Full school uniform is to be worn to school at all times; this includes learners coming to school for extra lessons, to collect notes etc. Normal regulations will apply to hair, nails, jewellery, shoes etc. Non-compliance will result in 5 demerits being issued.

## 4. BEHAVIOUR

- a. Pupils – ensure that you have NOTHING with you in the exam centre that could incriminate you in ANY way. This includes cell phones, i pods, MP3 players, etc. These will be confiscated and must be collected by parents only. If a pupil is caught with a cell phone in an exam venue, it will be treated as cheating. The pupil will receive 15 demerits.
- b. Should a pupil be caught cheating, the Education Department policy requires that all written scripts be removed. The candidate may then re-write the exam in the time that remains (even if it is only 10 minutes). The matter will then be investigated by the Headmaster.
- c. There is to be no communication of ANY kind once the exam process has been started - ie. from the handing out of the first paper, until the last paper has been handed in.
- d. No chewing, eating, drinking or Tippex allowed in exam centres.
- e. All cell phones must still be handed in at the front office and are NOT allowed in the exam centres.
- f. No games of any sort are permissible on the sports fields during the exam period including break and after school.
- g. Pupils must leave the school property when they have finished writing for the day.

## 5. PUPILS

- a. Make sure, the night before, that you have everything you need for a specific exam the next day as no borrowing will be allowed: eg. Geography, Maths instruments, colour pens/pencils, ruler, eraser, calculator.
- b. Bring an extra pen to school!!
- c. Write only in blue.
- d. Never use any red pen on your answer script.
- e. All stationery must be in a see-through plastic bag.

## 6. STUDY CENTRE

Every day a venue will be available for those pupils who will be at school and wish to study. The Study Centre (A4) is to be QUIET. Teachers will be on duty to control this.

Parents who would like their children to attend school when they are not writing must return the reply slip below. Parents who allow their children to stay at home take full responsibility for their child during such periods.

EDENVALE HIGH SCHOOL

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ would like my child/children  
\_\_\_\_\_ to attend school when not writing an exam.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## COLOUR AWARDS

### ATHLETICS

*Half Colours:* Christian Anyimadu, Bradley Gomes, Tristan Gorie, Alexandra Meimaris  
*(Re-award):* Kellan Pershouse, Joshua Simpson  
*Full Colours:* Luke Mackeand, Saskia Rabie

### DEBATING

*Half Colours:* Dennis Jyh-Shiuan Huang, Gage Nott, Chase Wentzel

### DRAMA

*Half Colours:* Nelisiwe Munyai  
*(Backstage):* Leonard Brits, Gareth Sheldon  
*Full Colours:* Connor Rowe  
*(Backstage)*

### FIRST AID

*Half Colours:* Lesego Pitso  
*Full Colours:* Marlene Govender

### MAJOR PRODUCTION

*Half Colours:* Carey-Ann Boshoff, Oratiloe Letlokoa, Jewraine Pillay  
*(Backstage):* Tendai Choga  
*Full Colours:* Nicole Campher, Katia Goncalves, Esona Tanya Mbedla, Polokego Mohlala, Katelyn Smit.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

*Half Colours:* Caitlin Baia, Aidan Chernis, Megan Holland, Zama Ngcobo, Malaika Peters  
Saskia Rabie

### SOCCER BOYS

*Half Colours:* Praisegod Emenike, Jarrod van Heerden

### SOCCER GIRLS

*Half Colours:* Taylor-Ann Berkovic, Erin Curtis, Candice Molifie,  
Keryn-Leigh Netto, Jordyn Wright



## VALEDICTORY ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following Matrics who received the premier awards at the recent Valedictory Assembly:

- Anzac Cup for sporting ability (boy): Kyle Letley
- Morkel Trophy for sporting ability (girl): Robyn Bull
- Merit award for service and loyalty: Shannon Toland, Mishka Kaminski, Tinashe Hongwe, Jewraine Pillay, Kyle Letley, Katelyn Smit, Robyn Bull, Simphiwe Benya, Angelo Napoli, Tanya Mbedla, Nhlanyiso Mkansi.
- Staff award for the pupil who has best represented the school: Shannon Toland
- Bill Vincent Trophy for the most public minded pupil : Ilham Habib
- Harvey Trophy for the learner who best encompasses the vision of the school:  
Torong Motsepe
- Headmaster's award for loyalty: Katelyn Smit
- Harmer-Janssen Prefects award: Tanya Mbedla and Nhlanyiso Mkansi
- Portuguese Trophy for effort, leadership and involvement in school life:  
Keoneilwe Mogashoa
- Esprit de Corps Trophy: Kyle Letley
- Proxime Accessit for academic achievement: Savannah Rabie
- Coleman Trophy for academic achievement: Mahesh Mahadeo
- De Lange trophy for endeavor: Mishka Kaminski
- The Grobler trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Cultural Sphere: Jewraine Pillay and Katelyn Smit.
- The Da Silva Trophy for Spirit and Passion to Drama: Katelyn Smit
- EM Davies Trophy for Public Speaking: Shannon Toland



## SPORTS RESULTS

### St Peter's Festival:

**Soccer Girls:** The first team soccer girls lost their semi-final and came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 30 schools.

**Tennis Boys:** The first team tennis boys came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 6 schools.

**Netball 1<sup>st</sup> Team:** The netball girls lost in the final to St Dunstan's and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 20 schools.



Congratulations to Tanner Mundy in Gr. 10 who recently attended the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA. We are extremely proud of Tanner for representing her country at such a prestigious event where 45 000 scouts from over 152 countries participated. Tanner was awarded her Springbok scarf and International Girl Guide Scarf.



Congratulations to Leonard Brits who participated in the Rainbow 10km half marathon run and came 4<sup>th</sup> in the junior category with a time of 39:01.



### Swimming results:

1<sup>st</sup>: Edenvale High School 340

2<sup>nd</sup>: King David Linksfield 324

3<sup>rd</sup>: Benoni 316

4<sup>th</sup>: Greenside 76

### Tennis Boys:

Congratulations to the A boys team vs Heronbridge 54-27





### Need Extra Maths?

Master Maths Edenvale offers tuition using an interactive computer system. Continuous assessment and support are provided. Learners are able to work at their own pace.

Grades 3 - 12 are welcome!

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For queries, please contact us on: (011) 453 8866  
edenvale@mastermaths.co.za

### MATHS TUITION 2019

- Maths Core offered for Grades: 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12
- Cost = R300 for 2 hours
- Lessons on Saturdays and Sundays

Contact Sue on: 074 180 2097 / [sue@confidentteens.co.za](mailto:sue@confidentteens.co.za) / [www.confidentteens.co.za](http://www.confidentteens.co.za)

Qualifications: BA(Honours); UHDE (University Higher Diploma in Education); PDA (Personal Development Analyst); Assessor / Moderator  
Experience: Over 20 years



### ORTHODONTIST

Dr Lionel Milstein BDS MSCDENT ORTHODONTICS (WITS)

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