Spekboom Hedge - a Legacy!

At the beginning of this year, Bastiënne Babl (Grade 12) started rooting Spekboom twigs in the Terbodore biodegradable coffee cups bought at our Coffee Shop. This project has now come to an end and Basti has planted out hundreds of her Spekboom plants along the borders of the Founders’ Walk pathway.
Why Spekboom? Spekboom, is a succulent tree native to the Karoo region of South Africa. Also known as Portulacaria Afra or Elephant’s Food, Spekboom trees grow to between two and five metres tall and can live up to 200 years. The plant is easy to grow and is very resilient. This wonder plant can survive frost, drought, and fire.

As with most trees, Spekboom absorb carbon from the air to make plant tissue. Unlike most trees, however, is the degree to which this little plant can reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere - studies show that one hectare of Spekboom plants can remove up to 4.2 tonnes of CO2 per year and that Spekboom is about 10 times more effective at reducing carbon than tropical rainforest trees. It's even 100 times more effective than a pine tree of the same size!

Other fun facts about our wonder plant? It's beautiful, edible, high in basic nutrients, and can treat dehydration. Clearly, Spekboom isn't just any plant - it's a wonder plant. (https://www.wonderplant.co.za/)

200 years! Well that is a legacy that will be very hard to beat. Well done, Bastiënne!

Bastiënne would now like to start a fynbos garden at Bridge House. If anyone would like to help her with plants – or by buying one of her rooted spekboom plants, you can contact her through the school.

Mr Dave Fuller
WWW - Week Without Walls

Two weeks ago, while the Matrics were hard at work writing their preliminary Matric examinations, the rest of the College was immersed in an eclectic mix of experiences taking them beyond the walls of the classroom and into a world full of curiosity, wonder and exploration.

One of the Grade 8 activities was a project set by the Afrikaans Department where they had to make green environmentally friendly hearts.

The Grade 8s also had a Cultural Day where they visited the Conserve and Drama Department at Stellenbosch University, watched an Art film at Pulp Cinema and saw the wonderful interactive Singing Rocks and beautiful mosaic art at Spier, where they had a picnic lunch.
The Grade 8s played the Banango’s simulation game. All the pupils were divided into teams, to compete against one another for the highest profit. In each round, the teams had to make important pricing, marketing and purchasing decisions. These decisions were then fed into a computer programme designed to recreate a “real life” market environment, producing instant results. Based on their results, each team had to make adjustments to their strategies for the following round. Well done to all the Grade 8s who took part! A special mention must go to the winning team after four rounds – see below.

Mr David Sutcliffe

From left to right: Jordan Smith, Daniella Aplas, Tiago Rodrigs, Benjamin Clode, Aidan George, Laura Mabin
One of the activities for the Grade 9s during WWW was a hike linked to Integrated Studies where they went into the mountains and alongside the dam just a short walk from the school. Being above the clouds and surrounded by this incredible beauty right on our doorstep was an uplifting experience for the group.
The World Languages Department organised a multi-lingual challenge for the Grade 9s which produced some interesting artworks out of recycled materials.

The Grade 10s enjoyed the valuable learning opportunity of discovering social entrepreneurship in our local community. Over three days, they were exposed to guest speaker entrepreneurs, visits to informal businesses and facilitation via Lead4Life. Their own social entrepreneurship ideas and ventures were presented on the fourth day in a ‘Dragon’s Den’ environment.  

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Some of the land art seen around the campus last week. These installations were done by the Grade 10s for a project set by the Afrikaans Department during WWW.
International Exchange to Peru - Report from Lloyd Philips

My senses were bombarded from all sides as I walked out of the airport on a still, warm night in Lima. Car horns everywhere, what felt like a million cars all around me and the constant sense that I was finally here. Finally, I was in Peru after months of excitement and expectation. Driving down La Costa Verde, I realised how much of a step into the unknown this was and also how ready and excited I was for it. Before long I realised three things about Lima. Unlike in Franschhoek where you can have all four seasons in one day, there is no need for a weather forecast in the winter. Every single day you awake to grey skies, no clouds, no sun, and 16°C with no wind. The traffic is horrible and on a positive note the food is “buenaso”. From quinoa to exotic potatoes, bananas, sushi, beef’s heart and guinea pig they have it all. As a growing male teenager, this was more than I could ever ask for. When I haven’t been eating or stuck in traffic, I have spent my time doing all kinds of activities such as surfing, playing football and frisbee.

This past weekend I was treated to an amazing experience in Cusco and the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We went quad biking and mountain biking and visited beautiful tourist attractions such as the Maras Salt Mines, Huaypo and the Inca ruins of Moray and Sacsayhuamán. The beautiful snow covered Andes mountain range provided a stunning backdrop. Visiting the capital of the fallen Incan Empire was an incredible experience and one I’ll never forget.
**Condolences**

We extend our sincere condolences to Head of the Pre-Primary, Sandra Boyes and her family. Sandra’s mother passed away this week. You are in our thoughts at this sad time.

College pupils are encouraged to buy a Tope and wear it on 21 September in support of the Sunflower Foundation, which gives hope to people with blood diseases such as leukaemia.

**Maths**

Congratulations to Tanya Britz who was included in the Western Province team as a reserve for a Maths Competition which took place last weekend. Tim Vermeulen competed for Boland.

**English**

SACEE Challenge – results hot off the Press. The first place winners go through to the finals.

Grade 8: 1st Lizete Viljoen – 90%; 2nd Phoebe Lanz – 87%; 3rd Zoe Boyd – 86%

Grade 9: 1st Luke de Villiers – 96%; 2nd Rachel Bourn – 88%; 3rd Luyanda Ndebele – 85%

Grade 10: 1st Benjamin Barclay-Loggie – 95%; 2nd Tanya Brits – 94%; 3rd Toby Lyne – 88%

Grade 11: 1st Jacob Truswell – 94%; 2nd Sebastian Farrell – 90%; 3rd Alana Graham – 89%

**Music**

Adam Sendzul (left) took part in the Paarl Valley Eisteddfod and achieved a Silver Award. Well done!

**Break Up Day**

School breaks up for the holidays next Friday 21 September. This term, the Prep finishes at 11h45 and the College at 12h00 in order to stagger the traffic. Term 4 begins on Monday 8 October with the boarders returning on Sunday 7 October.

**Reports**

Reports will be emailed out over the course of the weekend.
**Reminder – Pre-paid Fee Offer**

You are reminded that if you would like to pre-pay your 2019 fees and qualify for a 3.5% fee rebate, you need to complete and email the pro-form request to Lezelda Truter leztru@bridgehouse.org.za before **Thursday 20 September 2018**. The second cut off date for a 2.5% rebate is 14 November.

**Bridge House Mile**

We are pleased to announce that the 2019 Bridge House Mile proudly sponsored by Standard Bank South Africa will be held on Saturday 2nd March at York Dam on the Boschendal Estate. Entries will open on Monday, 16 October 2018.

Our beautiful new venue allows us to re-introduce a single loop mile swim. Expect our regular distances of 800m, 400m, 200m and the newbie distance of 100m for the little ones.

Keep an eye on our website for updates & entry details.

[www.bridgehousemile.co.za](http://www.bridgehousemile.co.za)

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**Sports Update**

**EQUESTRIAN**

Good luck to Nicole Stubbs who will be traveling to Johannesburg during the holidays to represent Western Cape in the SANESA inter-provincial competition.

- **NO COMPULSORY SPORT NEXT WEEK**
- **VOLUNTARY FITNESS AND CONDITIONING SESSIONS FROM 15:00 – 16:00 ON MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER AND THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER WITH COACH JEREMY IN THE GYM.**
- **THE COLLEGE TERM 4 SPORT PROGRAMME WILL BE SENT OUT WITH THE THIRD TERM REPORTS AND ALSO PUBLISHED IN RESOURCES ON D6.**

**ATHLETICS MEETING AT STELLENBOSCH HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**

All the best to Fabiano Truda (Grade 8), Erin Turner, Guillaume Yed and Christiaan Cloete (all Grade 11s) who will participate in an athletics meeting at Stellenbosch High School on Wednesday 19 September 2019.

**INTER-HOUSE BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY FINALS**

This will take place on Friday 21 September 2018 at 08:15. The names of the athletes who have qualified for this event will be published in resources on D6 on Monday 17 September 2018.

**Past Pupil News**

Nicola Moerman, a Bridge House past pupil from the class of 2013, graduated from UCT with her honours in Theatre and Performance. She entered a play-writing competition held by Artscape called *The New Voices Festival*, and is one of 4 people to be selected to have her play produced.

Her play *The Third Force* will be performed at the Artscape Arena Theatre from 2-6 October 2018. Nicola will also be acting in this play. Bookings are available at [http://www.artscape.co.za/event/the-third-force/](http://www.artscape.co.za/event/the-third-force/).
Meet a real astronaut this Monday 17 September at Bridge House Theatre @ 18h30

Awesome prizes and signed copies of Dr Don Thomas’s book available. Tickets for the 2018 Living Maths Space Tour with support from Protea Marriot Hotels, still available online on Quicket on this link https://www.quicket.co.za/events/54613-living-maths-space-tour-2018-bridge-house/#/
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Tickets from Koelthoem Nackerdien at Bridge House College Reception
021 874 8100 or koenac@bridgehouse.org.za
Tickets and tables will only be reserved once payment has been made.

You will have to be there to catch the auctions for a week at 3 incredible
destinations (Clifton Beachfront, Mauritius Villa & Bush Lodge)!
Looking for House to Rent

Sean & Michele Willard (Grade 3 teacher) are looking for a 3 bedroomed home to rent long term from Dec/Jan in the Franschhoek area. It must be safe/secure and be pet friendly (the 2 dogs and cat are part of the family).

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**Odwa Bongo Benefit Concert**

For those of you who don't know, Odwa matriculated at Bridge House in 2013. Many of you will know his Mom, Mama Bongo, who is a legend at Bridge House having taught many, many of our children in her time in the Pre-primary and Junior Primary. Odwa's funding to complete his music qualification has dried up and the Bridge House Music Department is putting on a concert of fabulous music to help Odwa with some of his tuition fees.

Please bring a picnic and join us at this concert next Wednesday. Tickets at R100 per adult and R60 per student are available from Koelthoem Nackerdien koenac@bridgehouse.org.za at College reception. If you would like to make a donation, please email Gill gilmal@bridgehouse.org.za for the account details.
Cathy Milner, a well known and experienced art teacher will be hosting an art workshop in Nieu Bethesda.

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30 September

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Book your tickets and stand chance to win one of 10 seats at an exclusive wine tasting with Arno (presented by Franschhoek Cellar winemaker Ryan Puttick). 1 lucky winner will also win a luxurious night for 2 at the 5 star Franschhoek Country House and Villas. T&C’s apply.
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