



2022 at a glance - a word from the Rustenburg Alumnae Committee

The Rustenburg Alumnae Committee welcomed three new members to our committee this year and I believe that we are now far more representative of age groups and diverse cultures. Their perspective and energy are wonderful assets to add to our committee as we embark on adapting new ways of doing things to strengthen our relationships with Rustenburg Alumnae.

The Committee has embarked on a joint project with the Junior and High Schools whereby we have appointed an Alumnae Relations Officer to the team. We envisage more alumnae interaction on the Alumnet portal, fundraising, newsletters and social media pages. In this process, we are also updating our databases, a project that we would like each member to assist us with by editing their profile and staying in contact with us.

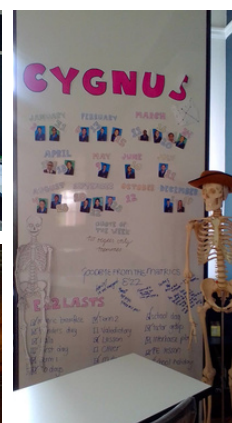
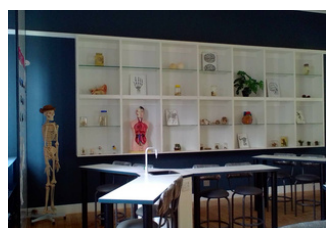
It has been a blessing to return to the interactions of normal life after the covid19 restraints where we had to rely on our social media platforms to stay connected with alumnae. I would like to thank Mrs Petersen, Mr Gates and the Committee for all their support, discussions and decision-making over the years. We have seen some positive changes while retaining our core values and maintaining our bursary offerings.

Wishing you a happy and safe festive season, see you in 2023.

June Watson (Tribelhorn)(E1971)
Treasurer

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS - SCIENCE LAB UPDATE!

Thank you to all Rustenburg Alumnae who made a substantial donation towards refurbishing the High School Science Room. One of the highlights this year was the unveiling that took place at the AGM in February 2022. We are so grateful to the those who contributed to this project and for their support and continuous development of our school. Named in honour of all of the alumnae, the Alumnae Science Room is a symbol and a reminder of how alumnae will always play a role in the present school environment.



Save the Date

Rustenburg Girls' High School
129th Birthday Celebration



Friday,
03 Feb 2023



Rustenburg Girls High School
44 Campground Road,
Rondebosch



10:00AM



Book here



For more information email Asonale Kotu at kotua@rghs.org.za

SCHOOL REUNION

REUNIONS

Do you have a reunion coming up? You can join us for the 129th Birthday Celebration.

Please get in touch with us to arrange your reunion. We can help share your dates on our social media pages, Alumnet and school websites you can contact Asonale Kotu at kotua@rghs.org.za

OBITUARIES

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Uma Patel - Class of 2011** and **Annemarie Martinson nee Marx - Class of 1954** who passed away this year.

Our deepest sympathy and support to the family and friends. May you find peace, courage, comfort and love in this time. Let the memories you carry give you the strength to move forward.

*Our thoughts
are with you*

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR & HIGH SCHOOL

RUSTYBUGS PERFORMING IN THE NUTCRACKER

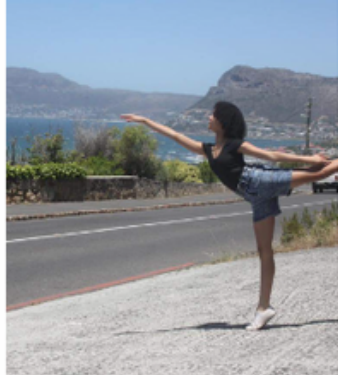
Congratulations to the following Rustenburg Girls High School & Rustenburg Girls Junior School learners who were selected to dance in the Nutcracker from 7-23 December at the Artscape Opera House:

Kai Damon (Grade 8) – lead role as Clara (pictured); Sophia Muller (Grade 8)– Snowdrop and Angel; Sophie Walters (Grade 8)– party girl; Lucy Walker (Grade 8)– snowdrop and Angel; Samantha van Coeverden de Groot (Grade 9) – lead mouse; **Lila Numanoglu (Grade 7) - lead role as Clara & snowflake/angel (pictured)**

The Nutcracker ballet – which celebrates its 130th anniversary this year – is one of the most popular classical ballets. 120 dancers have been selected through national auditions.



Kai Damon - RGHS Grade 8



Lila Numanoglu - RGJS Grade 7



RGHS SHOE DONATION - FAREWELL E2022s

Congratulations to the matriculants of 2022 who recently completed their NSC exams a few weeks ago. As you transition from your high school life into the world of into the next steps of your careers, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

You might have left your shoes behind in true Rustenburg Girls tradition but your footprints will always be imprinted in the history books and memories of our school. Welcome to the Rustenburg Alumnae community, we look forward to being a part of the next steps of your journey.



CONGRATULATIONS CARLA du TOIT E2012



Congratulations to **Carla du Toit E2012**, who will be taking up the position as a research fellow in the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Cambridge in March 2023. Her fellowship is from the Royal Society and Carla has been accepted as one of their Newton International Fellows. This photo is of a 17-year-old Carla on a trip to Cambridge with her late dad in 2011, where she fell in love with the city and beautiful university campus.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: PALMAM MERUIT AWARD 2023

Since its inauguration in 2016, the Palmam Meruit Award has been presented by the Rustenburg Alumnae Committee and the school to a past pupil who has accomplished a noteworthy, impactful and incredible achievement within the last three years in any area or industry they excel in. The award symbolizes and celebrates the hard work, triumph and dedication of our alumnae in various spaces where they are making a difference in their communities and the world. This can be in sports, culture, philanthropy, business, technology, medicine and basically anything under the sun. We want to celebrate alumnae and the contributions they bring to society. We would like your assistance in identifying these amazing women. This call for nominations is open until **6 January 2023**. The recipient will be invited to receive the award at the upcoming 2023 RGHS Birthday celebration on 3 February 2023. Click below to submit your nomination.



**Submit your nomination
before 6 Jan 2023**

Inclusivity, Diversity and Transformation



In our quest to become inclusive and diverse schools for all. A Transformation Equity and Belonging (TEB) Committee was formed in May 2022.

The committee comprises of various stakeholders (learners, educators, support staff, parents and alumnae) including the Rustenburg community.

Furthermore, an Inclusivity, Diversity and Transformation (IDT) plan has been put in place alongside the development of a tool that will measure the IDT implementation since February this year.

Since the beginning of the year, the Rustenburg Junior School has hosted staff diversity training sessions to drive conversations to help increase awareness and understanding of our differences. This will help us reflect on our behaviours and actions to become more aware of creating safe spaces of belonging for all.

We look forward to sharing more updates and learnings on this as it impacts all of our stakeholders; past, present and future.

Belinda Peterson
RGJS Principal



RGJS - KALEIDOSCOPE OF COLOUR

In November, Rustenburg Junior hosted their first full music concert since 2019. A Kaleidoscope of Colour included all Junior School music students, the Rustenburg Girls junior & senior choir and for the first time, the **Rustenburg Alumnae Chorale** consisting of parents at RGJS and Rustenburg Alumnae.

The Alumnae Choir rehearses every Tuesday evening from 19h00 - 20h00 during the school term. New members are most welcome and can sign up [HERE](#).

Please click on the videos to enjoy their performances.





Michael Gates
RGHS Principal

SAVING OUR TREES FOR A "GREENER" CAMPUS

The "Green" campus we have at the High School is significant in making a safe and beautiful space to learn and play. Our learners are fortunate to have such a lovely place to come to each day, as are the staff. Unfortunately, this year we have lost a few of our old Stone Pine Trees due to various reasons, one of these trees dating back to the 1930s. We spoke to Mr Gates our resident "Tree Hugger" touching on issues around the preservation of trees and climate change.

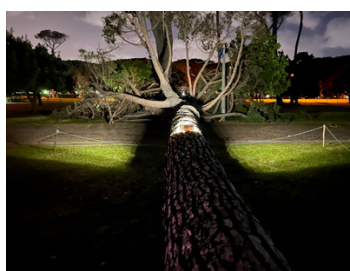
How important is the preservation of the school's history concerning where the school is today and the vision going forward?

So much can be learned from our history, it is after all what has shaped us. We do, however, have to move with the times as we prepare learners for an ever-changing world. So we work hard to hold onto what is good like core values and some traditions that give significance to events and ground us, but we also want to embrace the future.

Planting trees is part of the solution to climate change, how do they play a critical role in both mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change on our planet?

The Earth children's society raised money and bought 9 trees that have been planted around the High School grounds. I am a "Tree Hugger" and want to preserve our trees, we have made it a norm with our ground management team to ensure that new trees are frequently planted and that our campus is kept "green". This year alone we planted 4 big new trees near the Tuckshop, then two Norfolk pines to replace two Stone Pines and a Yellowed one to replace one yellowed damaged by the falling stone pine.

In the fight against climate change, trees are a vital tool, as they can capture carbon from the atmosphere and store it for generations.



Happy holidays, see you in 2023!



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We would appreciate any news of alumnae, updates and interesting stories, please send them to Asonela Kotu - alumnae@rustenburggirls.org.za for inclusion in future newsletters.