

REDDAM HOUSE
UMHLANGA



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FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

Our Matric students have started to write their Trial examinations which conclude on the final day of the Third Term. They will return to the classrooms for just four days next term before tackling their final IEB examinations. In last Friday's virtual assembly, we paid tribute to the Matric students who, despite the demands of their final academic year, and in spite of the disruption to their final year of schooling, have led the school by example in various leadership capacities this year.

At Reddam House Umhlanga, we believe that every student possesses leadership potential and deserves the opportunity to show their leadership potential. We also believe that every student can play a leadership role in steering the direction of our College and should, at the end of their Matric year, leave the school proud in the knowledge that the College is a little better because of the role that they have played in its leadership. Almost every member of our Matric Class of 2020 can take enormous pride in having played their part in leading the College through their involvement in the leadership portfolios and extramural activities both before and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic this year. Last Friday provided the Chairpersons of the leadership portfolios with an opportunity to report back on what their portfolios have achieved in this unprecedented year. I am grateful to the Class of 2020 for having led with confidence and compassion - never seeking to exercise power or privilege. By their example, they have lived out our motto of "We Shall Give Back."

Click here to watch the Friday 21 August virtual assembly:

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One of the consequences of the impact of the pandemic has been the postponement of our annual Grade 8 to 11 leadership camps this term. Whereas plans are already being formulated to facilitate the all-important Grade 11 leadership camp early in 2021 to determine next year's leadership portfolios, we were able to take a break from our normal timetable on Tuesday 25 August to focus on aspects of leadership for our Grade 8 to 11 students. This was yet another example of our teachers finding innovative ways to deliver curriculum development initiatives despite the disruption to our usual school calendar of events. A simultaneous physical and online programme consisting of presentations and workshops facilitated by leadership experts provided us with an opportunity to expand our educational offering and inspired our students to think of their future leadership roles: international leadership expert, Dave Allen, facilitated an interactive workshop on effective leadership strategies; motivational speaker and social entrepreneur Phoka Mchunu spoke on youth leadership while local psychologist Paul Bushell presented on inclusive and participative leadership; comedian and *Spud* film star, Aaron McIlory, provided a video for light relief containing an appeal for leaders to continue to make use of comedy to connect people.

Despite their stoicism and generally positive demeanour, it is clear that the anxiety caused by Covid-19 infection rates around the country; restrictions of the lockdown measures and its associated frustrations as well as the stresses associated with a 'normal' Matric year have most certainly had an impact on our group of Reddam House Umhlanga Matrics. It remains our intention to provide a meaningful conclusion to their last year of secondary schooling and to provide some degree of hope and celebration in a year that, at times, has involved disruption

and disappointment. We are therefore excited to announce plans for the hosting of the Valedictory ceremony in the Mini Theatre on Friday 9 October as well as the Matric Dance in the Muir Auditorium on Saturday 10 October. All necessary COVID-19 restrictions will be observed. At the same time we would like to share these milestone moments in a Matric student's life with the wider Reddam House Umhlanga community. A live stream link will be made available for all members of our Reddam House Umhlanga family to watch the Valedictory ceremony as well as the students' entrances at the Matric Dance from the comfort of your homes.

This week saw our students returning to wearing the school uniform and, with it, an understanding of the need to return to normal school routines as much as possible. This is borne out in the fact that every week sees an ever increasing number of College students returning physically to the College building. I am incredibly proud of how adaptable and sensible our students have been in their approach to the safety protocols whilst remaining positive in their outlook. I would like to pay tribute to our phenomenal staff who continue to encourage our students to find joy and purpose through various online extramural creative collaborations and physical challenges. This has helped, to a large degree, in overcoming the fears and anxieties associated with the pandemic. We look forward to the return to our College building of more students in the coming weeks.

ADAM ROGERS
HEADMASTER

GENERAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Staff News

We wish to congratulate **Mr James Taylor** on his permanent appointment as Deputy Headmaster (Operations) from 1 January 2021. An IEB-experienced and creative teacher of Geography, Mr Taylor has, in his role as Acting Deputy Headmaster since 1 April, successfully supported the implementation of online and hybrid teaching structures; the introduction of novel online extramural activities; on-going community service initiatives and chaired the Colours Committee responsible for all extramural awards. His promotion is just recognition of his exemplary work ethic, initiative and loyalty to our College.

We are also excited to announce the appointment of **Ms Natasha Samuel** as teacher of Information Technology, Coding and CAT from January 2021. Ms Samuel is currently Head of Information Technology at Clifton College – a position that she has held since 2013. She is currently the IEB Regional Portfolio Moderator for IT; senior sub-examiner of the IEB IT theory and practical examinations as well as the IEB KZN IT cluster leader.

Uniform & Hair Regulations

With the return to the wearing of the school uniform, we appeal to parents to assist us in maintaining the highest standards of appearance of our students. We therefore draw your attention to the following:

- The “step out” uniform is to be worn every Friday. The blazer is a compulsory component of the “step out” uniform and should be worn when arriving at school. Please ensure that your child is wearing a tie before leaving home.
- The regulation Reddam House short ankle-length white, striped socks form a compulsory component of the PE kit. No other colour socks may be worn. Students are to wear closed shoes (ie: “takkies”) with the PE kit. Slops or sandals are not permitted.
- The Reddam House tracksuit may be worn over the PE kit. Reddam House hoodies; soccer jerseys or any other sports kits are not allowed.
- Some of our boys' hair is incredibly long and Grade Heads will be informing the parents of these boys to get a haircut.

Return to Sport

We are acutely aware that our students are desperate for all components of school life to return to normal. However we have to act in a manner that ensures the safety and physical well-being of our students and staff under the current Covid-19 guidelines.

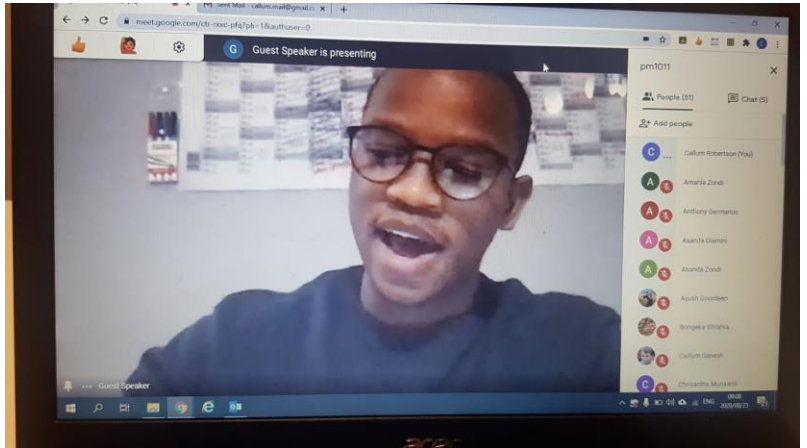
As an independent school we are still expected to follow the guidelines set out by the Department of Basic Education. Currently, all events at schools (including sport, choral eisteddfods or choir rehearsals, arts and other cultural festivals) remain suspended until a date determined by the Minister or an official delegated by the Minister, after consultation with the Cabinet.

Despite the limitations imposed by the government we have begun the planning process for the fourth term, in the hope that we can offer physical sessions on our campus. As these sessions will have to comply with the COVID-19 regulations, they will not be sport specific or involve teams but rather focus on the physical conditioning of individual students.

ACADEMIC NEWS & INFORMATION

Leadership Day

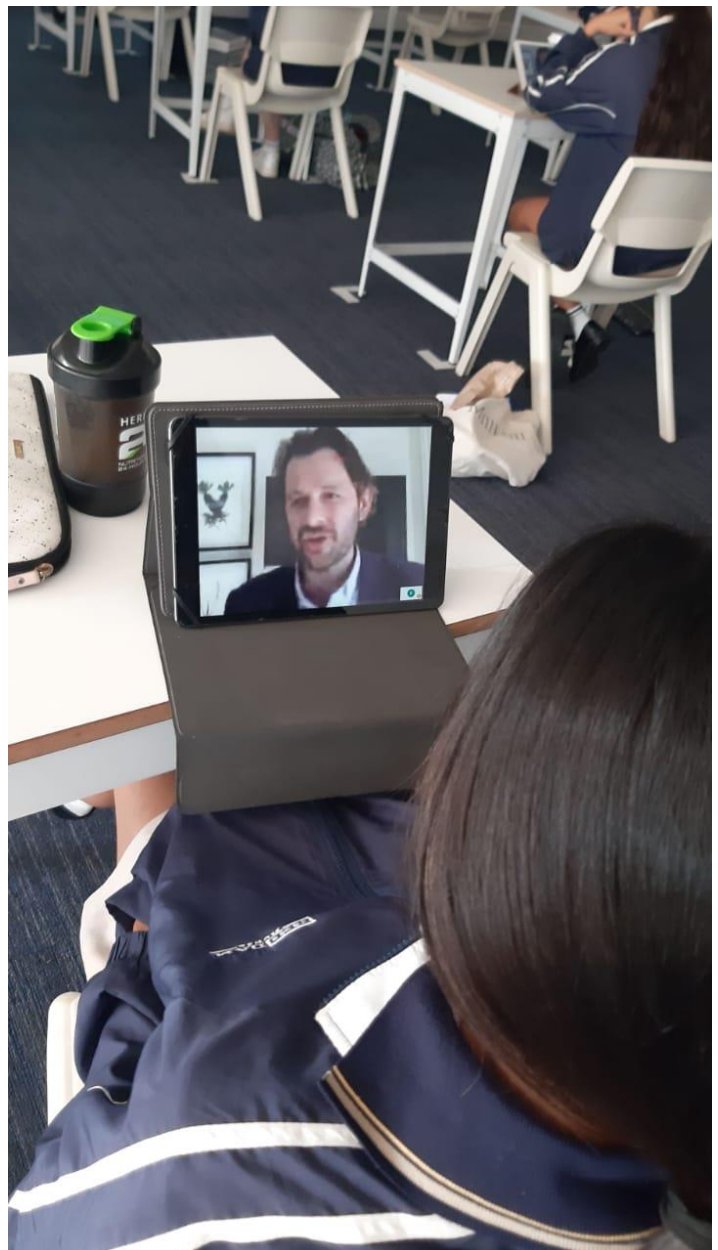
Our third Curriculum Development day of the term focused on Leadership and was held on Tuesday 25 August featuring leadership expert, Dave Allen, motivational speaker Phoka Mchunu, psychologist Paul Bushell and comedian Aaron McIlroy.



Visual Art

After the success of the inaugural Reddam Drawing Competition last year (2019) Reddam House Umhlanga Visual Arts Department decided to rehost a drawing competition aimed at high schools in the second school term of 2020. Unfortunately due to the COVID 19 lockdown, this competition had to be postponed to the third term of this year. This competition was prompted by the lack of art competitions for schools in Kwazulu-Natal at present, and to promote drawing skills in general. This year, the competition went national and we received submissions from Cape Town and Johannesburg.

The competition was judged by two local artists, Michelle Davidson and Ana de Vlieg. We are pleased

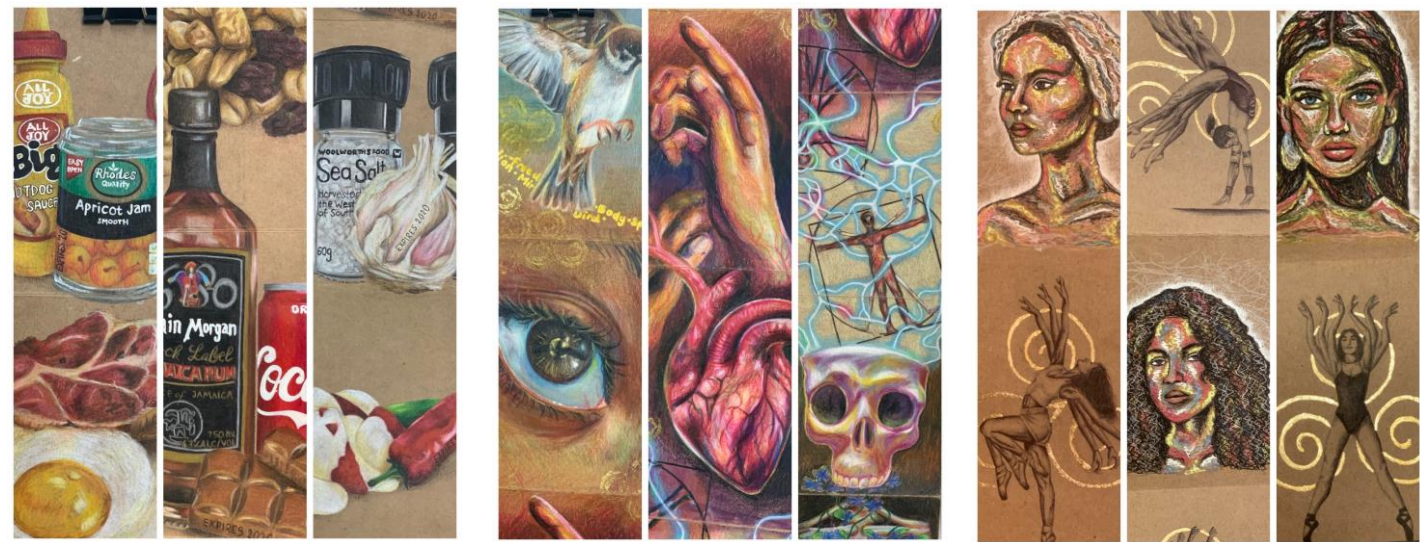


to announce that after a few hours of selecting, debating, and reading of the artists' statements, herewith the overall winners of the competition:

Grade 10 - 12

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| 1 st : | Hannah Oxenham (Our Lady of Fatima) | Grade 11 |
| 2 nd : | Te'Jal Rajoo (Durban Girls' High School) | Grade 12 |
| 3 rd : | Tyra Fenger (Reddam House Umhlanga) | Grade 11 |

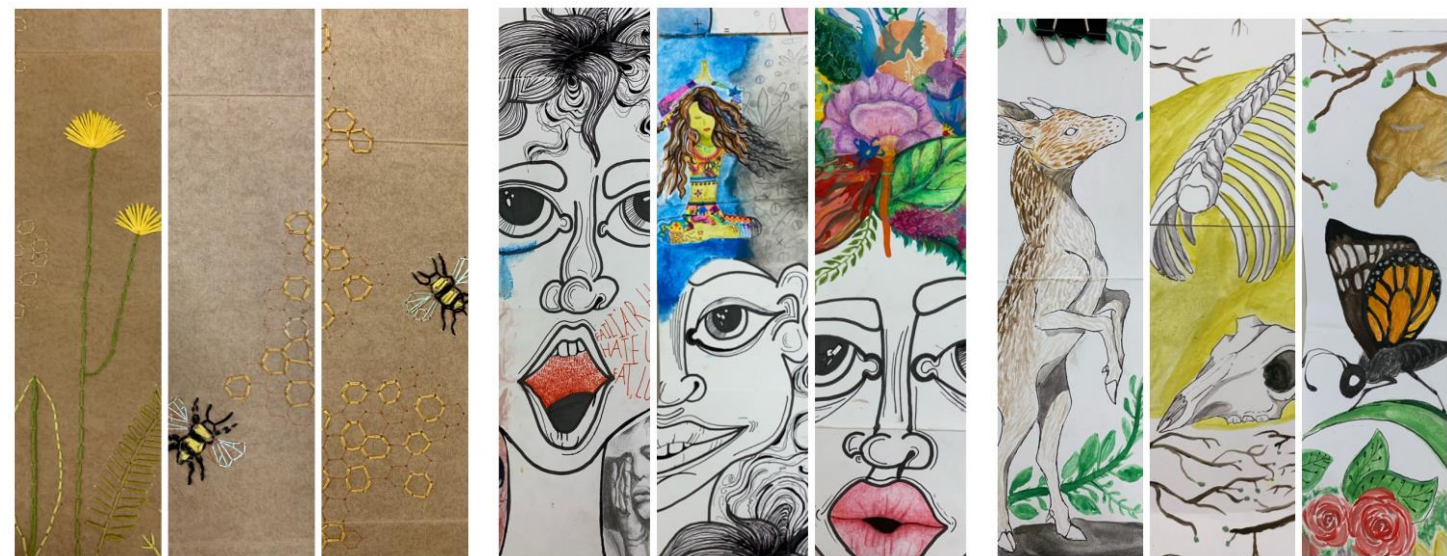
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Grade 8 - 9

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| 1 st : | Swan Robertson (Grace College) | Grade 9 |
| 2 nd : | Lexi Goss (Ashton College - Ballito) | Grade 9 |
| 3 rd : | Giulia Daw (Ashton College - Ballito) | Grade 9 |

(The images below represent the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively)



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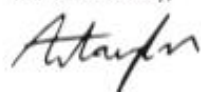
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University of Kent), attendees will gain further understanding of the UK and the opportunities available to students both during and after graduation. It will also be a chance to highlight the unique opportunity that students will have from January 2021 right here in South Africa as well as the evolving working opportunities they have after studying in the UK.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Straughan
Regional Manager
(Africa and the Middle East), NCUK

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BOARDING NEWS & INFORMATION

Return of International Students

We have been trying to facilitate the return of the Mavimbe twins from Mozambique since the beginning of Term 3. After much planning from both the Independent Schools' Association of South Africa, the borders were opened to allow for the return of Mozambiquean students to South African boarding schools. Mr Skinner was dispatched to meet Freddie and Melba at the Lobombo/ SA border and following a 1735km round trip, personally transported them back to their Reddam House Umhlanga family.

Following their mandatory quarantine period where they continued to learn online, Freddie and Melba returned to physical lessons on Friday 21 August – their 18th birthday! Reddam Res was ecstatic about their return, with our Res students visiting Freddie and Melba every afternoon. The twins went into their isolation and attended online school until they were cleared to attend school on their 18th birthday.



Freddie Mavimbe and Melba Mavimbe with Mr Hadyn Skinner

CULTURAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Interhouse Visual Art Competition

In this challenge students were asked to create an artwork that was a portrait of a famous artist or a reproduction of a famous work of art by their chosen artist.



Interhouse Art (2) Winners

ABOVE LEFT: IST YUSUF ALLY
ABOVE RIGHT: PAIGE SLATER
RIGHT: IMAN MOODLEY



See the other entries below:



Interhouse Debating Competition

The second round of the interhouse debating competition took place online on Thursday 20 August at 6:30 pm.

The motion was: "This House would prevent China's current collaboration with Iran."

The winning team was the Blossoms, who opposed the motion. The team consisted of Kival Singh, Dylan Kriel, and Kushiv Singh.

Best Speaker was Gianna Reddy.

The meeting was chaired by Tiaan Walters.

Unathi Nkala and Shayur Bansee were the timekeepers.

Adjudicators: Cassie Meyer, Shayur Bansee and Tanisha Vaid.

The final round is scheduled to take place online on Thursday 27 August at 15:45 (load shedding willing) and the motion is: "This House would support Black Lives Matter."



Interhouse Music & Interhouse Play Competitions

Although our musicians and dramatists will not perform on the physical stage this year, our new virtual platform has encouraged creativity and 'out of the box' thinking.

We are excited to introduce our new YouTube channel entitled Reddam Events. Our online showcases will premiere on our channel.

Interhouse Music Competition

Tuesday 8 September @ 19:00	Electronic Song
Wednesday 9 September @ 19:00	Original Composition
Thursday 10 September @ 19:00	Required Song
Friday 11 September @ 19:00	Announcement of Results

Interhouse Play Competition

Tuesday 15 September @ 19:00	Ohlanga
Wednesday 16 September @ 19:00	Thongathi
Thursday 17 September @ 19:00	Umdloti

Come Dine with Me Reddam Competition Winners

Our final Mystery Box Challenge was set by South African Master Chef winner Roxi Wardman. Our young chefs took to the kitchen to re-create Roxi's famous donut recipe. Roxi will now judge our final menus and the overall winners will be announced towards the end of the term.

A huge thank you to Mrs Giselle Prinsloo who has been our judge for the Mystery Box Challenges for the last 5 weeks.

Mystery Box Challenge Winners Week 5

Junior Chefs:

1 st :	Sriya Mungal
2 nd :	Nahav Reddy
3 rd :	Thongathi Team 1
Bonus points for best video: Keisha Moodley	

Senior Chefs:

1 st :	Brogan Rolfe
2 nd :	Kayla Hendricks
3 rd :	Rachel Duvenhage
Bonus points for best video: Daniela Roberts	

Grade 12 Cultural Trophy Winners

The following trophies were 'awarded' at the Grade 12 Sport & Cultural Activities Prize giving Ceremony held on Friday 21 August:

Vocalist of the Year:	Sarah Donkin
Overall Contribution to Music:	Carrie-Anne Govender
Music Ensemble's Instrumentalist of the Year:	Carrie-Anne Govender and Lerato Mudau
Pianist of the Year:	Carrie-Anne Govender
Best Senior Dramatist of the Year:	Sarah Donkin
Senior Artist of the Year:	Thoraya Bonnin
Best Senior Dancer:	Jaime Bowring
Senior Photographer of the Year:	Diya Lutchman

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*Best Senior Dramatist of the year
Sarah Donkin*



*Instrumentalist of the year
Carrie-Anne Govender*



*Senior Photographer of the Year
Diya Lutelman*



*Vocalist of the year
Sarah Donkin*



*Senior Artist of the Year
Thoraya Bonnini*



*Senior Dancer of the Year
Jaime Bowring*



*Pianist of the year
Carrie-Anne Govender*



*Music Ensemble's
Commitment Award
Lerato Mudau*



*Music Ensemble's
Commitment Award
Carrie-Anne Govender*

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS & INFORMATION

Community Service

The Grade 12 Outreach Portfolio would like to thank each and every student who was able to help with the recent canned food collection. This collection allowed Reddam House Umhlanga to hand over a bakkie-full of food to The Association for the Aged (TAFTA). This food will go a long way in helping many elderly people who have suffered from food shortages in recent months.

Coming up:

Ecobrick Collection (1 brick = 2 hours) on 4 September.

Plastic Bottle Top Collection (35 tops = 1 hour) on 11 September.



Left to Right: Kelly van der Vyver, Sarah Harding, Caitlyn Fincham

WELLNESS INFORMATION

Emotional Wellness

In these unprecedented times, we need to work extra hard to manage our emotions well. Expect to have a lot of mixed feelings. Naturally we feel anxiety, and maybe waves of panic, particularly when seeing news headlines. A recent article by stress scientist and Vice Chair of Adult Psychology Elissa Epel (2020), PhD, outlines the psychology behind the COVID-19 panic response and how we can try to make the best of this situation. She talks of how our anxiety is helping us cope, bond together from a physical distance, and slow the spread of the virus. So our anxiety - while uncomfortable - is a good thing right now, especially if we manage it well.

At the same time, we must prevent panic contagion and create periods when we can be screen-free and calm, engaging our attention in normal daily activities. Seize opportunities to share lightness and humour. Laughter right now is a relief for all of us. For more information, contact school councillor, Ros Lowry on ros.lowry@reddam.house

Physical Wellness

The move to lockdown level 2 came with a lifting of many restrictions and has meant that more people could be exposed to public spaces. Visits are now allowed between families and friends, gyms and many other industries have opened. It is a crucial time for us to uphold the COVID-19 regulations of sanitizing frequently, keeping a distance of at least 1.5m and always wearing a mask. Maintaining these regulations will play a significant role in preventing an increase in positive COVID-19 cases. Individuals are still encouraged to stay home if they can, to exercise at home and only go out if necessary. The coronavirus is still infectious. You still need to boost your immune system, exercise and practise good hygiene. For more information and assistance please contact school nurse, Tandeka Yakobi, on tandeka.yakobi@reddam.house

SPORTS NEWS & INFORMATION

Interhouse Fishing Competition

The 'In Da House' fishing competition took place on the weekend of 15 and August. Well done to all the fishermen and fisherwomen who took part. Herewith the overall placings:

- 1st: Marco-Lee Sachse (52 points)
- 2nd: Samuel Pienaar (8 points)
- 3rd: Kyran Taylor (6 points)
- 4th: Ruan Potgieter (5 points)
- 5th: Divya Venkatsen (2 points)

Physical Fitness Challenge Winners

U14 Girls

- 1st: Nikita Maharaj

U14 Boys

- 1st: Suvarn Devan
- 2nd: Pirash Baijnath

U16 Girls

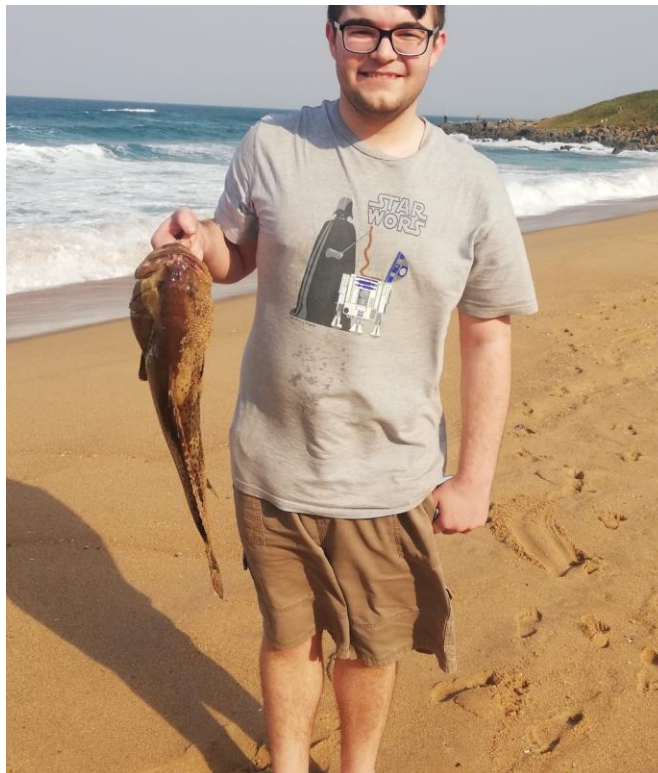
- 1st: Kristen Lea
- 2nd: Anke Booysen
- 3rd: Rebecca Holloway

U16 Boys

- 1st: Joshua Houston
- 2nd: Kieran McAlery
- 3rd: Anthony Germanus

U17 Girls

- 1st: Kari Kriel



Marco-Lee Sasche



Kyran Taylor

2nd: Tyra Fenger:
3rd: Michaela Ehrich:

U17 Boys

1st: Jordan Maehler & Roarke Bartlett
2nd: Josh Collin
3rd: Cameron Le Roux

U18 Girls

1st: Taryn Jabour
2nd: Megan Parry
3rd: Melba Mavimba

U18 Boys

1st: Daniel Peter & Luke Gardiner
2nd: Matthew Temlett
3rd: Freddie Mavimba

Grade 12 Sports Trophy Winners

The following trophies were 'awarded' at the Grade 12 Sport & Cultural Activities Prize giving Ceremony held on Friday 21 August and were based on the past 2 years' performance:

Cross Country Runner of the Year:	Taryn Jabour
Boys' Indoor Hockey Player of the Year:	Luke Gardiner
Boys' Outdoor Hockey Player of the Year:	Kunzi Dlamini
Girls' Indoor Hockey Player of the Year:	Taryn Jabour
Girls' Outdoor Hockey Player of the Year:	Taryn Jabour
Girls' Outdoor Hockey Player of the Year:	Bronwyn de Sousa
Boys' Soccer Player of the Year:	Matthew Temlett
Girls' Soccer Player of the Year:	Georgia Mackay
7's Rugby Player of the Year:	Daniel Peter
Swimmer of the Year:	Sarah Brewer
Boys' Waterpolo Player of the Year:	Jamie Sindt
Girls' Waterpolo Player of the Year:	Sarah Brewer



*Outdoor Hockey Player
of the Year
Taryn Jabour*



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Taryn Jabour*



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Matthew Temlett*



*7's Rugby Player of the Year
Daniel Peter*



*Cricket Player of the Year
Luke Gardiner*



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of the Year
Luke Gardiner*



*Boys' Outdoor Hockey Player
of the Year
Mdlankunzi Dlamini*

PARTNERSHIP NEWS & INFORMATION

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Our new on-line store will be up and running soon. You will be able to find all your pre-loved uniforms available for ELS, Prep and College. In the meantime, please contact Karen on 076 811 6878 who will assist you with your requirements. We have been very busy over the past two weeks and urge parents to please contact Karen if you have any uniforms in good condition which your children have outgrown.

All pre-loved items will be put into stock and once sold on your behalf, an EFT will be made to your bank account. The sellers form can be found on the Reddam House Umhlanga App under 2nd hand Uniform shop. Please complete the form and include it with the items to be sold.

SPONSORSHIP NEWS & INFORMATION

My School Card

We encourage parents to please remember to swipe their My School card when shopping at any of the affiliated stores. These stores include Woolworths, Walton's, Engen, Flight Centre and Loot. The full list of affiliated partners can be found on the My School website. A portion of your spend is given back to the school and these funds will be utilised towards the beautification of our school grounds as well as the purchase of books for the library.



DATES TO DIARISE

29 AUGUST

07:00 Interhouse Surfing Competition

8 SEPTEMBER

19h00 Interhouse Music – Electronic Song

9 SEPTEMBER

19h00 Interhouse Music – Original Composition

10 SEPTEMBER

19h00 Interhouse Music – Required Song

11 SEPTEMBER

19h00 Interhouse Music – Announcement of Results

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