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BULLETIN

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Learning to lead A spirited group of Gr 6s had the honour of participating in a leadership camp last week as part of the selection process for the prefect body of 2027.

GENIES HIGHLIGHTS

- SACEE success
- Culture news
- Sport results

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Dear Parents and Guardians

I once heard a story about a very ill child. Doctors gave him little chance of survival and prepared his parents for the worst. Among the visitors who came to the hospital to encourage the patient was one of his teachers.

She chose to take him something simple yet profound: a lesson on the difference between a verb and an adverb. The child showed interest and the teacher returned again and again.

Slowly, the boy's health improved until he made a full recovery. Asked later whether he'd known how close he'd been to death, he replied: "But a teacher would never teach verbs and adverbs to a dying child!"

You see, even the smallest acts – when carried out with care – can inspire hope and make a difference.

In 1 Samuel 3 we read of the young Samuel, who served the Lord under Eli's guidance. Although just a child, Samuel faithfully carried out simple tasks in the temple. Those ordinary acts of service led God to entrust Samuel with an exceptional purpose.

This is evident at Gene Louw Primary every day – excellence in the ordinary creates extraordinary outcomes.

Thank you for your continued support. By striving for excellence, we help our children build a strong foundation for success. May the rest of the term be productive.

Upcoming assessments

With our final assessment period now just around the corner, our staff are working diligently to ensure that all the learners are thoroughly prepared. Comprehensive revision programmes have been incorporated into the term planning, and we remain committed to helping each learner achieve their personal best. We look forward to celebrating the rewards of consistent effort, perseverance and hard work.

Staff news

Congratulations to **Mr Johan van Zyl** (Gr 7A3), who has been appointed deputy principal at Hermanus Primary School. He is due to start there in January next year, so we're not quite saying goodbye yet...

A warm official welcome to **Ms Andrea Faiers**, who has taken over the reins in Gr 4E3, and **Ms Minka Olivier**, who has joined the Foundation Phase as an assistant. We wish them both success and happiness, and hope their journey at our school will be long and prosperous.

Fast company Our athletes dominated the BD's Top 10 meet in Bredasdorp last week, beating 57 other schools to claim the title of best performing school according to ASA tables and bringing home trophies galore.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

The summer sport programme has kicked off on a high note: our school has already racked up excellent results in athletics, tennis and cricket at recent meets and tournaments. Congratulations to these achievers and their parents, as well as the dedicated coaching staff involved. We look forward to seeing what the remaining two weeks of this action-packed season holds.

RESULTS Click here for the latest **athletics**, **tennis** and **cricket** results, as well as the last of the **netball** results.

Gift of the gab Public speaking dynamos Luan Kruger, Hendré de Jongh, Ernst Vosloo and Joshua Ferreira showing off yet another set of medals after their recent sweep at the final round of the Con Spirito competition.

WORD UP

Every year, the South African Council for English Education (SACEE) presents several programmes, competitions and challenges aimed at promoting and improving written and spoken English in schools across the country.

We were thrilled to learn that **Lené Gey van Pittius** in Gr 7 (below, left) has been awarded bronze in the council's Short Story Competition, whereas **Cherie Taylor** in Gr 4 (right) has been placed second nationally – among 6 000 entrants – in the Language Challenge. Way to go, girls! ■

Culture corner

Public speaking On 13-15 October our Gr 6 and 7 public speaking team took part in the ATKV-DigiSpanPraat competition in Buffelspoort and ended among the top five school teams countrywide. Well done!

Afrikaans spelling The final rounds of the Vonk Met Woorde spelling contest took place on 26 and 28 October. Of the Gr 4 finalists, Estienne du Plessis took first place, Maritz Stadler second and Hilda van Dyk third. The Gr 5 winners were Alma du Plessis in first place, Shani Fookwe second and Carlynn Joubert third.

Music concerts We can't wait for the Foundation Phase and Intersen Phase music concerts, staged in the hall on 9 November at 18:00 and 19:00 respectively. All are welcome; feel free to join us for a special celebration of musical talent.