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LEAVE YOUR PRE-CONCEPTIONS AT THE DOOR!

An exhibition of work by Hannes Olwage was opened at the NSA Gallery on the 26th May 2010 by the renowned sculptor and lecturer Willem Boshoff.

What is immediately evident about Hannes' work is his obsession and passion - from the collection of objects that interest him all the way to his use of imagery and colour.

A fascinating element of his approach to art-making is his intense involvement in the study of the ancient pre-Christian Germanic Runic language.

A strange mystery shrouds the work as the viewer is confronted by the unusual writing within it.

There is a special bond between Mr Boshoff and this artist which dates back more than 10 years. Hannes studied art at the Wits Technical College and then continued his studies at the Johannesburg Art Foundation in Saxonwold.

There certainly is nothing conventional or orthodox about Hannes' interests and work. It requires the viewer to set aside pre-conceived ideas of what qualifies as 'good art' in order to reach inside the work.

THANK YOU

The NSA wishes to extend its thanks to all the parents, educators and learners for their hard work this term. Without your dedication the NSA would not be one of the top schools in our district as well as being Africa's leading Art School. Thank you.

DANCE DEPARTMENT

What an exciting long holiday we have ahead of us! It is a time to show our support for Bafana Bafana in the hope that we get to the World Cup Finals and a time to show the world what a great country we have. During the holidays, the Dance Department will also have an opportunity to impress as *Dance Spectrum 2010* returns for a second season to entertain audiences at the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown. We believe this is an excellent opportunity to showcase the quality of talent at the NSA. There will be learners rehearsing during the holidays in preparation for the show in Grahamstown. All this hard work should not go unnoticed – if you and your family are near the Festival we encourage you to book a ticket and watch the show. Our performances will be between June 29th and July 4th with up to two performances a day.

A reminder to the Grade 12 learners about their Choreographic piece which must be ready for the first week of Term 3.

Prelims will also take place in Term 3. Although we have not yet received the final timetable – there is no time to waste! While revising all your work from Grade 10-12 in preparation for the examinations, you must stay fit and keep training.

Grade 12's are also reminded about the performance in August – *Frames - which* will be performed at the State Theatre with hundreds of other schools! The dates will be confirmed in the 3rd term.

The dance department wishes all staff and learners an enjoyable and unforgettable holiday. Enjoy the World Cup as much as possible – but try not to neglect your books entirely!

NSA Debate Team takes on United Nations Security Council!

Bokamoso, Kay, Makoma, Matsi, Neo M. and Obett – mostly Grade 11 History learners participated in their first United Nations Security Council Debate at the South African Institute for International Relations at Wits on Saturday the 29 May 2010.

Representing France, the event concluded five long months of tough preparation. During that time, they were expected to carry out professional research arrange meetings with their allies, the USA and Britain as well as the French Embassy and their tutor, a Wits student in International Relations.

The competition included 13 other schools and the topic was a make believe conflict between Somalia and Somaliland. Resource rich Somaliland wants independence from Somalia and our school, France, had to decide on whether they would support Somaliland or Somalia. The debate became heated as Egypt, represented by St. Benedicts, tried to steal the show by insulting the infidels (Britain, France and the USA) and proposing greater Arab leadership! Unfortunately as in real life, no decision was reached on the matter.

Instead of awarding a first second and third prize, the judges gave three best speaker prizes to Britain (Jeppe Boys), Russia Federation (St Mary's School for Girls) and Kenya (Orlando West High School). The prize for the Best Position Paper was also snatched up St Mary's School for Girls.

Our team was congratulated personally by the organizers for their excellent work and could not believe that it was Bokamoso, Kay, Makoma, Matsi, Neo M. and Obett's first time participating in the event. The team is very excited for next year's debate and are all considering a career in International Relations.

For more information on the United Nation Security Council Debate, you can talk to Mrs. Lucas.

NATURAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

Collect-a-Can operates regional and national school competitions in South Africa. Schools can raise funds for themselves as well as stand a chance to win monthly and annual prizes, while environmental awareness is being created.



CAN CRAZE Competition: Be creative! Create your own Superman or Barbie doll using discarded beverage cans. Let your imagination run wild - you can create anything, a television set or your favourite cartoon character. The Eiffel tower was designed by Parktown High School for Girls, who won this competition in 2009. Collect-a-Can will reward your creativity with many exciting prizes. Competition opens: 1 June 2010 and closes: end September 2010.

Our sources confirm that Parktown Girls has already started building their entry, so NSA has to get cracking!

In order for us to do this we need cans, and lots of them! So please collect as many as you can at home, school, wherever. Then bring them to school and hand them in to any one of the science or biology educators. In addition to the cans we need learners who are creative to help us design and build a structure that would win us the competition.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

June	1	SGB meeting
	9	School Closes
July	11	SWC winners announced
	13	Term 3 begins
	16	Reports Issued
	16	Finance Committee meeting
	22	Governing Body meeting
	26	MIP, Grade 9 and Grade 12 Parents' Evening
	26	2011 Grade 10 subject choice meeting for 2010 Grade 9 learners
	27	Grade 8, 10 and 11 Parents' Evening



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You can find us behind the Parklands Centre in Rosebank across the road from the Rosebank Library.

Finding your Unique Voice

When you sing does your unique character colour every note – or are you mimicking someone else? When you interact with the world, are you playing a part? Are you the person you want to be? Finding your Unique Voice is a programme for young adults and teens with an equal emphasis on both vocal and self discovery. Join Heidi Conradie (Clinical Social Worker) and Carroll Foster (Professional Musician and Vocal Coach), on a two day journey to discover your Unique Voice.

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