

# THE CANARY



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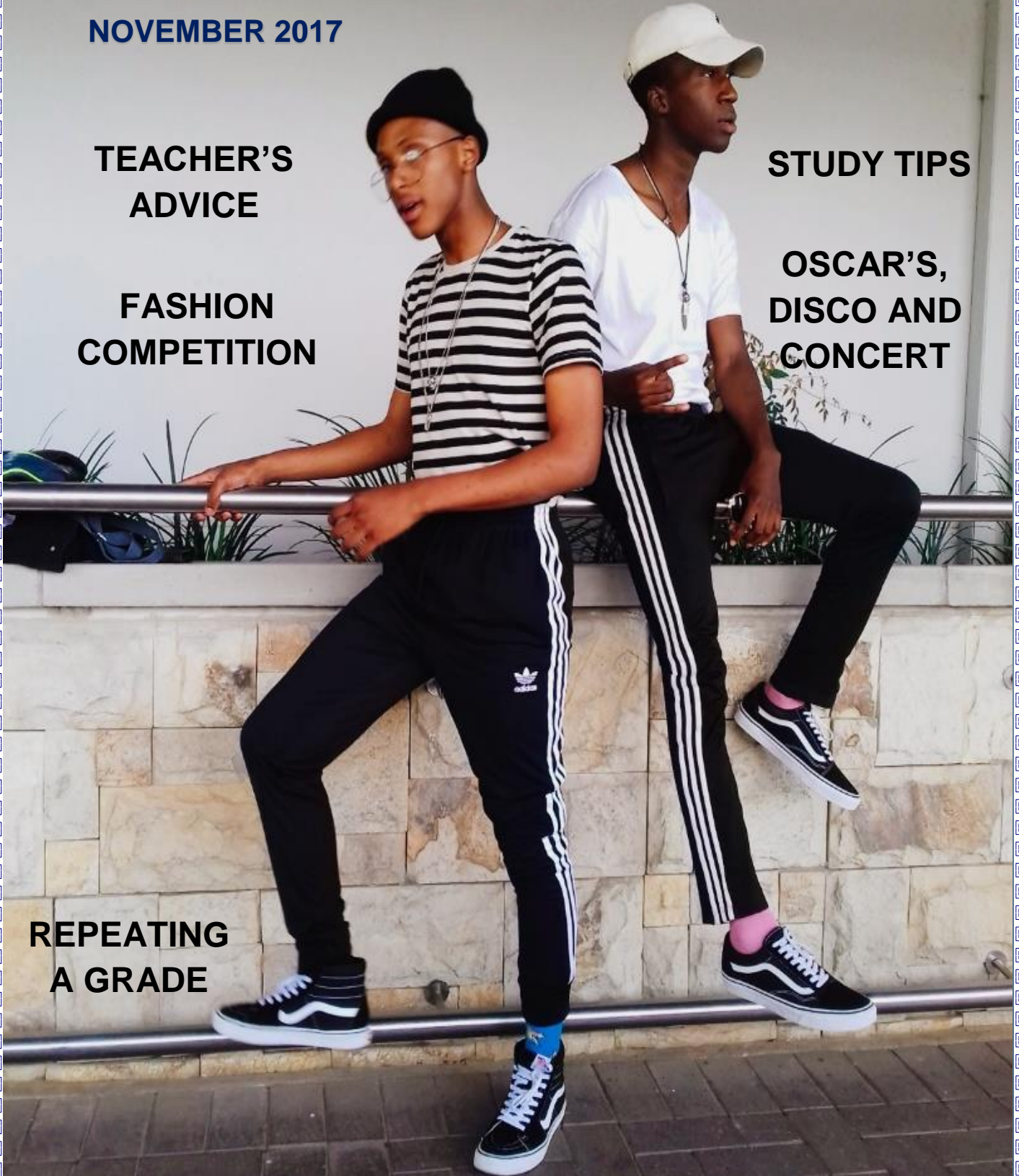
**TEACHER'S  
ADVICE**

**STUDY TIPS**

**FASHION  
COMPETITION**

**OSCAR'S,  
DISCO AND  
CONCERT**

**REPEATING  
A GRADE**



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## Editor's note

The beginning of the last lap: the last quarter of 2017's journey. For some this might have been a productive year and for others not. Nonetheless, there is still time for change. With the end of year examinations ahead of us, there is still a chance to make the best of it.

Love, money, fashion... the Canary has indeed managed to maintain its mandate. This issue is the pre-eminent resource of quality reporting and will most certainly leave everyone with a gasp. From the Disco, Talent Show to our couples' stories, you have it all from the Canary's chirping.

Good luck with your exams, have a spectacular festive season. Hoppppaaa!!!



## Teachers' Advice Column

Ndoni Tuswa

A word of advice and motivation from Welkom High School educators to our learners.

Study hard! Don't lose notes, especially grade 10s

– **Mr Wheeler**

You can do better, if you want to. (Behaviour and marks walk hand-in-hand)

– **Mrs Du Plooy**

Stop settling for mediocrity! Do your utmost best – You might just surprise yourself!

– **Mrs Greyling**

Never stop believing in yourselves. It is never too late. Push hard and study with understanding. Stop procrastinating

– **Ms Khomotsoana**

You will only fail the day you stop trying, the rest is just practise

– **Ms Cloete**

If you fail to plan, you plan to fail

– **Ms Hinckemann**

Failing does not mean you are weak, but to put more effort and make sure you do not repeat the same mistake

– **Mrs Thebe**

With dedication, positive talk and good behaviour you can achieve good results. Work hard and make us proud. Study!! Study!! Study!!

– **Mrs Mokeretla**

Time lost is never regained, use it in the best possible way, you do not know what the future holds. STUDY HARD!

– **Ms Motsapi**

For you to succeed in the grade you are in, you need to start preparing in the beginning of the year

– **Mrs Mofokeng**

Try opening your books for once!

– **Mrs Lategan**

## And the winner is...

KamoheloSelikoe

Head up, chest out-now do the catwalk. Welkom High was the place to be at on the evening 12 May 2017 as the school held its wonderful annual 'fabricated sport' Face of the year.

The hall was transformed into a breathtaking gala event and the competitors down the ramp into pageant queens and kings as they strutted with poise and confidence. Amazing grade 8's all the way to matriculants participated in the pageant. The theme they rocked was "funky and savvy" and they surely did rock! They made the rest of the hall feel underdressed when they graced us with the oh-so-elegant dresses from sexy lady boutique.

The winners were announced at the end of the night

Miss Welkom High: Naledi Mntwaphi

Miss Welkom High 1<sup>st</sup> Princess: Emily Sehlabaka

Miss Welkom High 2<sup>nd</sup> Princess: Patience Mabotha

Miss Welkom High Jnr: Neo Tladi

Miss Welkom High Jnr 1<sup>st</sup> Princess: Rethabile Monyane

Miss Welkom High Jnr 2<sup>nd</sup> Princess: Elihle Mifi

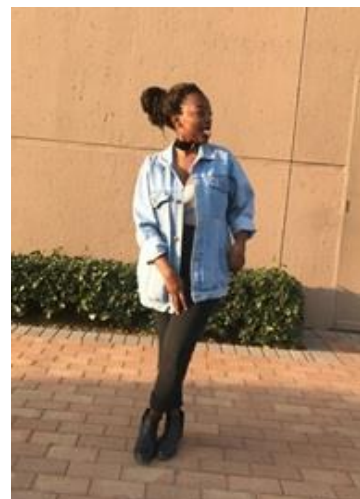
Mr Welkom High: MphoRamoji

Mr Welkom High 1<sup>st</sup> Prince: LesegoMoreng

Mr Welkom High Jnr: TshepangHlatywayo

Congratulations to the winners and everyone who took part. The competitors weren't the only ones who gave of their best that night. The entertainers were out of this world.

A big thank you should be given to everyone who made the event such an amazing one. The cold wind on the night was easily ignored with the stage in flames. What a success!



## Here's to our slay kings and queens!

Simthandile Nomandla

The Canary had a competition on Facebook whereby the contestants had their pictures posted and the contestant with the most likes got to be crowned Welkom High's very own slay king or queen.

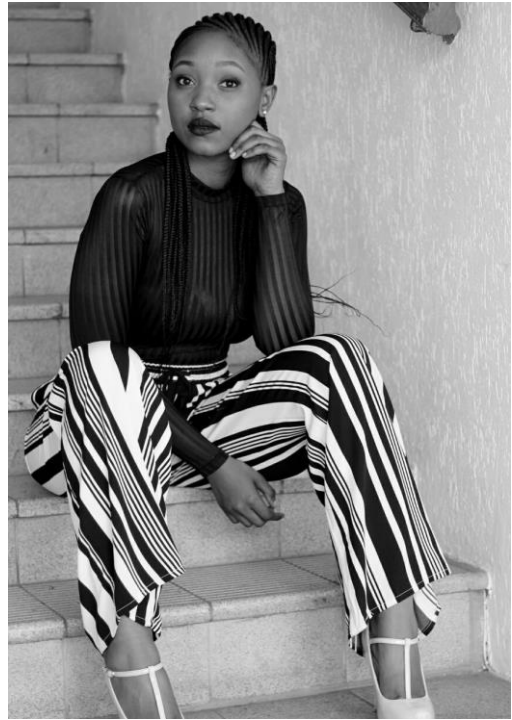
Although it seems pretty easy to take the crown, trust me it wasn't.

The competition was really stiff! With contestants such as:

Shammikkah Malumise and her amazing fashion sense, the forever classy Kamo Selikoe, Karabelo Lenong and her impeccable taste, Thato Mantje the lowkey fashionista, Phethisang Shelile with the perfect body and Sihle Mafutha with her winning smile, it was almost impossible to pick a favourite. Luckily it wasn't up to me to decide.

Even though they were all deserving, unfortunately only one could be crowned queen and that was **Karabelo Lenong**.

For the guys, the contestants were: the stylish Mpho Ramoji, the fashion forward Raymond Mdiza, Remi & Moreki the cool and casual guys, and our very own Mr Welkom High Mbajwa Mashinini. Of course they were all very handsome, as expected, but Remi & Moreki slayed them all and they were crowned kings! Congratulations to our slay queen and slay kings, own your throne!



## Good Study Tips

Thato Semela

Make studying your priority!!  
Embrace your work with these helpful study tips.

### **DO'S:**

1. Chose a place that is free from distractions.
2. Organise your workspace according to what you will be studying first.
3. Create a study time-table that you will understand and stick to.
4. Summerize your work after reading to ensure you understand the topic.
5. Make use of words that you do not understand in everyday examples.

### **DON'TS:**

1. Procrastinate (tell yourself you will do it later).
2. Lose concentration or focus on what you are doing.
3. Be negative about your work.
4. Take longer breaks than your study time.
5. Avoid possible questions that you might have for teachers.

Education is success. You have the key, which is studying to the best of your abilities.  
Improve your studying skills and be the A student you've always wanted to be.



## Grade 8 Concert 2017

Tshidi Seapi

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2017, the grade 8's hosted the annual concert called 'Blast from the past'. It was held in the school hall. The theme was titled 'Back in the days'.

The concert consisted of all the grade 8's of Welkom High. The main characters were the following; Charthrine Klue 8D, Karabo Magheti 8D, Bonolo Mokne 8G, Diolean 8A, Tholane 8A and Kamohelo 8A. It was really a blast from the past as the music was really old school. We had Beat It from the grade 8A, Special Stars from 8G, Sarafina from 8D and Kwela Kwela from 8B just to name a few.

To be really honest, the grade 8's have a good sense of fashion. The dress code was on point. The grade 8A's wore all black, the grade 8B's wore black and white, the grade 8C's also wore black and white, the Grade 8D's went back to their roots as they wore their traditional attires. What really topped the costumes up was the G class's umbrella skirts, long sleeved shirts, bow ties and All Stars. They were really on fleek. They reminded the audience with the old school some sense of fashion.

They showed us that they are indeed talented. Their dance moves were really on form. It shows that we might end up having future Shmateo and Kida the great.

WELL DONE TO OUR GRADE 8'S AND WELCOME TO THE FAMILY.

## Kim and Kanye

*Thato Mokoteli*

In a relationship, you can't just do what you want, you always have to think about the other person and that is what people don't understand, more especially teenagers, high school lovers to be specific. However, there are two couples that have been spotted. These couples have been pursuing difficult roads full of bumps and turns and have overcome the difficulties that come with it and this is what I believe is the perfect manifestation of a love that is true. How do they do it? Well there is only one way to find out...

### **How long have you been dating?**

**Katleho and Karabelo:** 6 months so far.

**Byron and Khahliso:** We have been dating for 5 months now.

### **What brought you together?**

**Katleho and Karabelo:** We met through the RCL. At first I was attracted by her beauty, but as we went on I was charmed by her brains (Katleho). I was drawn to him by his sense of humor and his carefreeness (Karabelo).

**Byron and Khahliso:** Love brought us together as boyfriend and girlfriend and gave each one of us a best friend.

### **What has been the most challenging experience in your relationship?**

**Katleho and Karabelo:** We both agree that trusting each other enough to open up to each other has been a challenging aspect in our relationship. We are, however, glad to say there has been rapid progress.

**Byron and Khahliso:** Communication. A few months that we have been together hasn't really been enough for us to read between the lines, understand each other's moods and memorise our likes and dislikes.

**Where do you see your relationship a few months or years from now?**

**Katleho and Karabelo:** We're still in high school but we imagine ourselves going on until varsity through God's help, regardless of what we may encounter, He is in the driver seat.

**Byron and Khahliso:** We can't say for sure what the future holds, but right now we don't want to be without each other. Boyfriend and girlfriend going steady, a committed couple- whatever you want to call it, count us in.

**Is there any advice that you would like to give to the couples out there?**

**Katleho and Karabelo:** Third parties in relationships are dangerous. Find a person who you can trust enough not to allow people to influence your relationship negatively. Stop looking for the perfect partner and create one.

**Byron and Khahliso:** Keep social media out of your relationship.

Byron and Khahliso



Katleho and Karabelo



# Valentine's Oscars and Disco 2017

**Bulelwa Mazinyo**

Lights, incredible music, great performances, jaw dropping outfits and, most of all, a fantastic atmosphere. It was a night like no other. If you missed it, well... that is a pity. The Oscars were phenomenal with the different play or rather mix in the outfits.

**Ko  
Mafifing**

There were some unexpected wins and losses, so to say. The categories that stood out for me were as follows:

Queen Kotini - Palesa Tsoeute

Most Camera Friendly - Thato Mpatane

Sexy Legs - Pule Mohlabane

Most Wanted - Lerato Tsatsane and

Kim and Kanye - Segomotso Motang and Katleho Motete

Thabo Hlalele 11B and Disema Majoro 11E (Dynamic Duo) stole the show by closing the Oscars with an impromptu and superb performance. They led the way to dancing the night away. People were on their feet having a blast. The night was extremely jam packed. What would the night have been without the audience? They made the night. One word to describe the night? SPECTACULAR! If you missed out on this year's Oscars and Disco, be sure not to miss them next year.



## Cindarellas and their Prince Charmings shine at matric dance

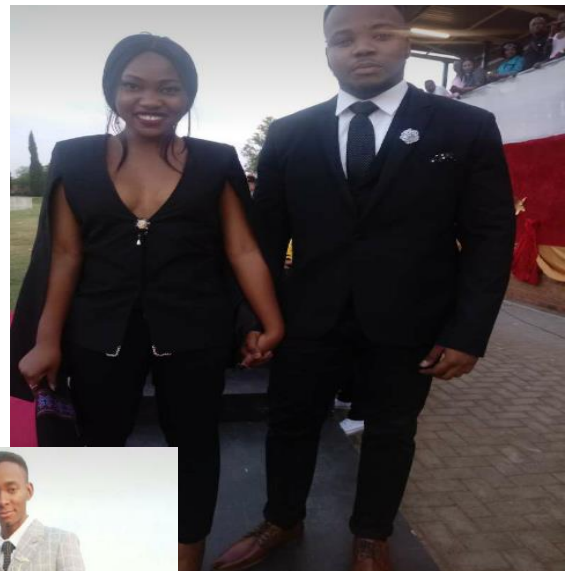
*Thato Mokoteli*

The second most anticipated occasion in the last year of high school- besides the release of those all-important final results- is the matric farewell.

It is the night young ladies and gents dream about the entire year, and is usually filled with glitz and glamour. The build up starts long before invitations are issued, with fundraising, finding a date and finally, many hours of shopping for the perfect outfit.

Despite the load shedding that tried to ruin the night for a moment, the event was a success. This year's theme was emojis, believe you me the hall was jaw dropping.

Goodbye matriculants of '2k17'.



# New Faces in Welkom High School

**Lutho Nteleza**

We welcome Mrs Potgieter, Mrs Khitsane and Mr \* to the Welkom High School family. Let us find out more about them.

## **What kind of learner were you?**

**Mrs Khitsane:** I was a bright student. I was always number one in my grade.

**Mrs Potgieter:** Very quiet- an average student. I always did my homework.

## **Where did you study?**

**Mrs Khitsane:** Teachers College in Vaal Triangle and I did an extra year at Potch.

**Mrs Potgieter:** The University of the Free State.

## **Was studying easy or were there challenges?**

**Mrs Khitsane:** For me, studying was simple.

**Mrs Potgieter:** My parents did not force me to work. I was always focused, but studying was never simple, because of all the late nights and assignments.

## **Was teaching your initial career?**

**Mrs Khitsane:** Teaching was not my initial career, I had to teach because of financial problems. Later I enjoyed it especially working with the RCL and the Junior City Council.

**Mrs Potgieter:** Yes, when I left university my goal was to become a teacher. I have a B.Ed (4 years) and a BA (3 years) plus PGCE (1 year).

## **Which school did you teach before you came to Welkom High?**

**Mrs Khitsane:** I taught at Oziel Selele in Bothaville and Unitas High School.

**Mrs Potgieter:** I taught at Petunia High School, Central Primary School, Brebner High School and Tsholetsang Intermediate School.

### **What made you decide to teach at Welkom High School?**

**Mrs Khitsane:** I love how everybody is willing to help and I love the team spirit.

**Mrs Potgieter:** It has the same atmosphere as my previous school and I love how the school has a lot of pride, how disciplined it is and how amazing the staff is.

### **How has Welkom High School treated you by far?**

**Mrs Khitsane:** They have made me feel at home. It is very relaxed and the educators just make you feel wanted.

**Mrs Potgieter:** The staff is awesome, the learners are super friendly and the school offers a lot of opportunities. I love my grade 8's.

### **Which subjects do you teach? What is the response you are getting from the learners?**

**Mrs Khitsane:** Afrikaans and Life Orientation. The learners are eager to learn.

**Mrs Potgieter:** Grade 8 and 9 Afrikaans. The learners look forward to seeing me more than learning my subject. I do miss teaching Mathematics, though.

### **What can Welkom High School learners expect from you?**

**Mrs Khitsane:** I want them to get good grades, to be multi-lingual and to be able to express themselves well.

**Mrs Potgieter:** I can be a 'clown' but I am very serious about my work. I prefer to teach them tricks rather than content to help learners get through the subject. Learners never know what to expect in my classes.

### **That one thing that you would love to add on Welkom High School?**

**Mrs Khitsane:** Involvement and ownership.

**Mrs Potgieter:** Every Friday we must all wear pink socks.

# Northern Free State Hockey

*Thato Mokoteli*

Hockey is life, and the rest are just details.

A few of our hockey players trialed for the NFS team earlier on this year, but unfortunately only two learners made it on the team and they are McDonald Koloti in Grade 12 and Lesedi Phara in Grade 8. We have been privileged enough to have an interview with one of them, our hockey star, Mac.

This is how the boat sailed...

## **When did you start playing hockey and what inspired you to go for hockey out of all sports?**

**Mac:** I started playing hockey last year, 2016. Honestly, there was no inspiration that led me to hockey but the responsibility taken by the school in cases of accidental injuries taken into consideration unlike other sports.

What position(s) do you play?

**Mac:** I am a left and right forward player.

## **What are some of the traits and skills a hockey player should acquire to make it to the provincial team?**

**Mac:** For a person who has only played hockey for a year, I honestly can't say much but I think that in order for a player to make it to the provincial team, he or she requires basic skills such as ball handling and accuracy and above it all, a player has to be disciplined and determined.

## **Besides it being fun for you, what else is enjoyable about hockey?**

**Mac:** Well, what I enjoy the most is making a new family instead of a team. A family with love, support and understanding.

## **How many injuries have you suffered from?**

**Mac:** I have suffered from 4 injuries during the season.

Well, in a nutshell, there you have it. From his experience to his opinion of an accomplished hockey player. All the best fellow.



# On your marks, get steady, GO!!!

Tshepang Hlatwayo

Welkom High hosted it's annual Interhouse Athletics day earlier this year. Learners were grouped into various groups which are the Seagulls, Flamingo's and the Kiewietjies and this might have been an amusing experience for many Welkom High learners and the atmosphere had good vibes, the music was played to everyone's liking and pretty sure it was a joll for everyone even though it was slightly in vain as some learners were fuming with excitement and ran through the field wholeheartedly and some weren't enthusiastic enough as they were taking a slight jog around the field and didn't even bother running with strength.

## RCL Induction Dinner

**Palesa Malebo**

A selected few managed to go to the Athletics Meeting and came back home with 1 silver and 2 bronze all in total, 3 medals. We thank these athletes for their hard efforts and dedication.

In January 2017, Welkom High School held their annual induction dinner for the newly elected RCL members. All the leaders had to bring along their parents to witness their children take an oath of loyalty to the school.

All leaders had to formally promise to uphold the school's 7 core values and promise to lead by example. Their executive duty is to serve as a voice of the learners of the school to the teachers and Governing Body (SGB).

Karabelo Mareka stated that ever since she had joined the council in 2015, the Induction Dinner has felt like a new experience every year. They never know what to expect, from Mrs Brummer's marvellous decor which was white with a touch of royal blue and the scrumptious platters they served to the House Captains' war cry.

It is quite clear that the House Captains are given tasks to showcase what they promise to bring to the Welkom High Sports table in the year ahead of them. At the dinner, the House Captains dared each other to win the Overall Best House Trophy at Prize Giving. The principal normally gives words of wisdom to the council and this year's words were that they should soar high like eagles. Then the new chairperson, Nombulelo Ntakakazi said, "Our motto for the year – 'Witness the greatness'."

The dinner may sound formal but it is a really fun even. All the parents leave with smiles on their faces and bursting with pride that their children have taken an oath to become loyal leaders.

# Our Leaders of Tomorrow

*Thato Mokoteli*

Finally, our leaders of 2018 have been elected. After hectic weeks of applications and voting, the council of 2018 has been elected. The RCL of next year looks very promising, surely our learners looked at the most important qualities when voting and have entrusted very good leaders with these positions.

This year, the executive applications were open for all Grade 11's, new and old members. The interviews were held on Wednesday, 18 October, and the executive was announced at the most exciting ceremony- the annual prize giving.

The Top 10 executive for 2018 is as follows:

Chairperson- Nothemba Tuswa

1<sup>st</sup> Deputy chairperson- Thato Mokoteli

2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy chairperson- Lawrence Mahabo

Secretary- Piti Lengoabala

Kiewietjie House Captains- Kgosi Molatedi and Bongiwe Phasiwe

Seagull House Captains- Katleho Lara and Ongolani Maswangani

Flamingo House Captains- Jeremiah Molibeli and Elorm Agbenyegah

Congratulations to the council of 2018, we really hope you will be the game changers. All the best.



# Repeating a Grade

Lawrence Mahabo

It's never easy starting something over, especially a grade.

What's even worse is when you start thinking about what went wrong.

The moment you do an analysis of previous mistakes that could've been prevented.

"You reap what you sow".

All you have to do is rise to the occasion, that's all that's expected from you.

Stick to your plan, it's the only way to emerge victorious. Nobody said it's going to be easy, it's never easy.

So what do you do when you find yourself in such a predicament?

The worst thing you can do is to contemplate about the negative aftermaths of repeating a grade. Take it easy on yourself, but don't be reluctant on rectifying your mistakes. See it as a stepping stone to something greater. It's another chance to fix your errors, to build on what was previously broken and strengthen what's weak.

The most successful people have failed their way to the top. You are not the first, but you most definitely do not have to give up and be another statistic of what could've been. You are in charge.

If you ever find yourself in a situation of failure, beyond school, remember that failure is another chance to win. That's how much the Lord wants you to win.

You are not alone.

# Sage Competition

Nomoya Makhoba

Plan an entrepreneurial activity or competition and you are sure not to miss Welkom High. The interest has sparked at an unstoppable pace, which one is sure not to complain about. The school yet again competed in the annual SAGE (South African Global Entrepreneurs) competition.

Many hopefuls entered but only three teams made it to the nationals. The Herottles (non-profitable) lead by Thato Mokoteli, backing her: Raizien Dimpane, Mzwandile and Dineo followed by Jeancycling (profitable) lead by Tumisang Hlehlethe, Amahle Thejane, Karabelo Mareka and Elorm Agbenyegah and lastly not forgetting Tilogo (profitable) lead by Thato Mantje with her Lesego Mothlale and Vennie Maswanganyi.

If you thought they only have to compete once then you are clearly in the dark. The teams did not only battle at the nationals but also had to fight for a spot there firstly at the provincials held at the Welkom technical school herottles came first and following behind with jeanecycling as well as and tilogo. the three teams qualified for the nationals in Bloemfontein from the 30<sup>th</sup> of june to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of july, battling for a chance at international level in Ukraine. They were accompanied by Mrs Mokoteli and Mr Mpotle where they arrived the university of free state campus.

Friday was booked for games, fun and meeting fellow competitors the competition stated early saturday morning and after a lengthy day unfortunately no team qualified to the international competition herottles came close scaring 2<sup>nd</sup> place. With claims of exhaustion and fatigue they had to pump up their energy for a gala dinner that ended at midnight after a very eventful weekend the teams got on the bus Sunday morning and went home.

The participants had plenty of fun and gained experience including skills they might apply for years to come which will someday see welkom high school produce the best entrepreneurs to date. Congratulations to all.

# The silent thoughts of the worms

Tshidi Seapi

As the Canary staff, we decided to ask a few of our Grade 8's random questions regarding our school and here are some of their opinions.

*The school rule I usually break is being punctual.*

**IF I WAS A CHOCOLATE, I WOULD BE A KIT  
KAT.**

**THE MATRICS ARE ANNOYING.**

*The person I admire most is Nombulelo Ntakakazi.*

**The scariest thing about high school is failing.**

**I AM IMPORTANT TO WHS BECAUSE I WILL SHINE.**

*The best thing about primary school was not getting a lot  
of homework.*

**I HATE IT WHEN THE TEACHERS READ OUR  
MARKS**

# The Wessel Maree Night Series

**Karabelo Mareka**

The annual Wessel Maree Night Series was held from 28 February to March 2017.

Unfortunately, Welkom High had only one team to represent us at the night series- our 1<sup>st</sup> Team. The team felt that this year's Nigh Series left a bitter taste in their mouths in various ways. We only obtained 3 wins and 6 losses. They were greatly dismayed as the previous years' u/16's had taken the trophy home. "We did not expect tough matches and even some losses because we were aware of the immense gap in the level of play between an u/16 and a 1<sup>st</sup> team. However, this year's lss was beyond us," said one of last year's u/16s, Monique Martin.

The team played against seven schools: including Unitas, Thotagauta, Wessl Maree u/18A and B, Goudveld, Hentie Cillers, Theunissen and Riebeeckstad High Schoolu/18A and B.

The girls still have to adjust to playing at a 1<sup>st</sup> team's level. That is not going to happen overnight. They need consistency, dedication and commitment in order to bring in trophies for Welkom High.

# WELL DONE, MATRICS!

Karabelo Mareka

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of January Welkom High School was drenched in pride as a result of 3 former WHS students – MantubaHlahane, KabeloMolatedi and Junior Bancram. The sight of the committed learners served as inspiration for most learners. One could see awe, admiration and yearning blanketed on our learners' faces. The hall was full of uproarious cheers as the academics ascended the stage. Mrs Morrison gave out statistics of distinctions obtained in 2016 and praised the rest of the top 10 academic achievers in their absence. In order to receive the trophy of excellence, one must attain a minimum of 4+ distinctions.

Position 3 was Mantuba Hlahane, the wallflower of the school. This was quite a shocker, even for her, because Mantuba was not well-known and has not been in the top 3 in her entire school career. She proved to us that prolonged persistence, perseverance and hard work pays off. The fruit of her labour was a remarkable set of 5 distinctions. Hlahane mentioned that the thought of being graced with such prestige never crossed her mind.

Position 2 was the gorgeous Kabelo Molatedi, who was also the Representative Council of Learners chairman. Anyone in Welkom High knows that when Kabelo ascends the stage the school goes unbelievably wild. The oh-so-great Kabelo carried the Molatedi surname with deserving pride as he went to deliver his speech after also bagging 5 distinctions in Physics, Mathematics, Life Science, Life Orientation and Accounting. Molatedi mentioned that the wish to make his mother exceptionally proud was what fuelled him to soldier on.

Then came the moment the learners were all vehemently anticipating since they stepped inside the hall. Even though most learned the news of Junior Bancram having 8 distinctions to his name prior to the assembly, everyone looked forward to hearing Mrs Morrison actually saying the words "8 distinctions". The school was in awe as to how he managed to obtain 8 distinctions while learners are still heavily struggling to even get 3. Junior got an 89.9% aggregate and the school cheered on as to acknowledge his hard work.

This was a great way to start the term! Pumping tons of inspiration and motivation into the students of WHS was exactly what the school needed. Now everyone has their eyes zoomed in on the Class of 2017. The bar has been raised extremely high. Could they possibly raise it higher?

# Youth Enterprise Society Function

NDONI TUSWA

A group of dedicated Welkom High School Learners have reached the highest point of the entrepreneurship ladder.

News Flash – “Welkom High School’s Youth Enterprise Society won first place in the final round of the Simama Ranta Entrepreneurship Competition at the Nationals! – October 2016

On 27 January 2017, Welkom High, received a cash prize which they obtained in winning the Simama Ranta Entrepreneurship Competition. Honourable guests who were involved in the funding management from Education with Entrepreneurship Trust were present to share the unforgettable moment with the champions. Nombulelo Ntakakazi( former Y.E.S Deputy Chairperson) was given the honour of being programme director and Tebejane Hlalele (former Y.E.S Secretary) was the welcoming speaker.



The function started off with a hymn and prayer. Thereafter, each of the honourable guests had an opportunity to congratulate Welkom High School on the remarkable achievement. Mr Mpotle, co-ordinator of the Youth Enterprise Society at WHS, also took to the platform on behalf of all the other Y.E.S Advisors at WHS: Mr Rametse, Mrs Mokeretla, Mrs Mokoteli, Ms Khomotsoana, Ms Tsipane and Mrs Thebe. “Without the efforts that my team of advisors and the hard work our Y.E.S members put in, we could not have made it this far,” said Mr Mpotle.

After the congratulatory speeches, the WHS choir performed on stage singing like birds and dancing to the rhythm of the songs.

Then, the moment everyone had waited for finally came, where Mrs Tshedi, project manager of Y.E.S, handed over of the cash prize of R100 000. All the hard work and sleepless nights had ultimately paid off. The function ended off with a word of thanks from Mrs Morrison.



# Maree Awards

**Katlego Kere**

The annual awards ceremony that left people smiling with the joy of achieving the greatest, some even left with extra cash in their pockets for their outstanding performance. This year's Maree Awards ceremony was a great celebration of our sportsmen-and-women's success. Wonder how that happened?

Welkom High School is a field filled with fresh, wild, rare, enthusiastic, well performing crops. We rewarded greatness with certificates, trophies, half-colour scrolls, full-colours scrolls and cash prizes. We rewarded merits, half-colours and full-colours. Award hand outs went to all indoor and outdoor sports and activities – in other words all extra muralactivities –debating, ILO etc. Learners were also rewarded for being the most dedicated in the team, the most improved, most promising etc.

If you are lucky, you can clear the shelves like Kealeboga Nomsa Mnisi. The short, young lady who received an award for Victrix Ludorum Senior, Joel de Lange Trophy – Best Senior Athlete, Best Cross Country – Senior and Most Promising Girl in Sport. It is even hard for some people to even receive two awards, she has really held up one of our core values being excellence.

Welkom High School is surely the school that plants the best grapes in their vineyards!



# **Witnessing the Greatness**

**Venny Maswanganyi**

Hard work, dedication and perseverance, the values that are very often ignored or forgotten. They are often ignored because they require one to sacrifice their time, heart and soul in pursuit of them. At Welkom High School, we have such beings that are committed to being excellent at all times.

We came together to honour, celebrate and say thanks to the faithful learners of our school at the annual prize giving. This annual ceremony is a night of appreciation and inspiration. 2017's prize giving was one to be remembered.



During the night of such high calibre, we witnessed the last few moments of our Nombulelo Ntakakazi on stage as she encouraged and said goodbye to the school. We were inspired by Dineo Xhamfu, Thato Mokoteli, Mzwandile Mothobi and Raizien Dimpane who received bursaries to go study for a business course at the University of the Free State. The grade 10's certainly achieved a lot but we have to admit, the grade 11's took the show home and amazed the house.

It is quite evident that our school is filled with geniuses and intellects. Congratulations to them all.