



# NEWSLETTER

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## EDITORIAL

Edenvale High School has had a year with a difference, but we stood firm and resolute in the midst of the pandemic, and watched as the world tried to save lives and find a cure or vaccine for Covid-19.

The national lockdown has forced us make many changes since 17 March 2020, and we have navigated our way through uncharted territory in ever-changing situations. I am proud to see our EHS students, families and staff taking steps every day to keep each other safe and healthy. Our school has continued to be safe, in spite of rising Covid numbers throughout our province and country. I am pleased that our Grade 12 learners resumed classes as soon as we were given the green light for them to do so.

A survey of EHS learners revealed a 94% online and virtual learning platform. The rest of the school continued with online learning, and my staff were exceptional in adapting to this new method of teaching. Learners demonstrated diligence, motivation and dedication as they worked to the best of their ability and followed new instructions; eventually, they returned to school and finished the academic year. I say, 'Thank you and well done' to our educators, learners and parents.

As the end of the year draws near, despite Covid-19 and the ensuing restrictions, we need to remember the wonderful and new things that happened to us and to our school, in a year filled with new learning experiences and accomplishments. We learned to be more responsible, empathetic, healthy and safe. We learned that goodwill still exists in South Africa, as soup kitchens sprung up and communities rallied together. We learned that the corrupt amongst us are utterly shameless, and will stop at nothing. We learned that some of our children suffered from prolonged poor nutrition, due to schools closing. We learned that between 2009 and 2019, South African created 2.4 million jobs, and in the past six months somewhere between two and three million jobs were lost.

We learned that being with family, friends and colleagues in person - not on Zoom or video calls - is the key to happiness. Making more time for others and expressing affection when together is also something we have learned; whilst we cannot hug, we can look each other in the eye and connect in that way.

We have learned to show gratitude to teachers and essential workers (those in the medical profession, food suppliers, delivery people, and so on). Showing gratitude will help build our country into a kinder, more compassionate society. We learned to live with less material things than we think that we need, and found out that food, clean water and good health are much more important than beauty treatments or buying new clothes. We can become happier by creating a healthier society, by consuming less and giving more. Finally, as we suffered through this difficult time, we learned that there is much that must be done. Not everyone has good health; there is massive poverty; some people have to work despite the risks - but as a school, a country and a nation, we must look with new eyes at what has been learnt, as what needs to change is certainly enlightening.

As the year draws to its end, I find myself reflecting on the contributions made by those with whom I am privileged to work. Words can never truly express how sincerely I appreciate the work done on a daily basis by my deputies, Mr van Zyl, Ms McGrath and Mrs Lunt. Thanks to the three of you for your ongoing support and for your extraordinary commitment, both to me personally and to our school.

To the Senior Management team (Mrs Bezuidenhout, Mrs Blom, Mrs Boggenpoel, Mr Johnston, Mrs Maharajh, Mr Pratten, Mrs Smit, Mr Swart, Mrs Taylor, Ms Toerien, Mrs van der Ryst and Mrs van Rooyen): thank you for the tremendous job done throughout the year.

To my staff: in the words of Tina Turner, 'You're simply the best, better than all the rest, better than anyone I have ever met' (all right, the rest is a bit soppy, but you get the idea!) – thank you.

To my Board of Governors: it is an absolute pleasure to work with all of you. A special word of thanks to our outgoing Governing Chairman, Lucio Trentini, who has led the Board for six years as Chairman. Lucio: I have been able to manage this fine school with your incredible assistance. Grazie mille and va bene. To Ken Anderson and Peta-Lyn Pope, who have served on the Board for four years): thank you.

To our ladies in the front office and admin offices: thank you for holding it all together; you make my job so much easier. To Mr Licence and his assistants: a very big 'well done' on maintaining the school and assisting with the sanitising of all the classes every day, as well as general daily maintenance.

To conclude, my thanks go to everyone who is associated with Edenvale High School. Well done, learners: you have shown Edenvale High spirit in fighting this pandemic, and I am sure you share my sentiments when I say: Let's get back to what we know in the class, and on track, stage and field.

May we aspire to greater heights next year - Live, Learn, And Grow.

Dr L.P. Harmer  
Principal





## ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2021

- ▶ **Wednesday 27 January:** pupils to be at school 07h45. Register class lists will be posted onto the Communicator next year, to indicate your child's register class.
- ▶ **Times for 2021:**
  - ▷ In Term 1, school will close at 14h00 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and at 13h20 on Thursday.
  - ▷ While under COVID protocols, Grades 8 and 9 will finish school 15 minutes earlier (i.e. at 13h45 or 13h05).
- ▶ An **Afrikaans test** for Grades 8 -12 will be written on **1 February 2021**. This is compulsory for all learners. Learners who are absent must produce a doctor's note; otherwise they will receive zero.
- ▶ **Block-testing period** will be from 9 March – 17 March for Grades 8 and 9, and from 9 March - 19 March for Grades 10 and 11.
- ▶ **The Enrichment Excursion** for Grades 8 and 9 will be from 18 to 19 March. This is compulsory for all Grade 8 and 9 learners.
- ▶ **Grade 12 English and Afrikaans orals** will be held on 18 and 19 March.
- ▶ All learners will write a **Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy assessment on 31 March 2021**. This is compulsory for all learners. Learners who are absent must produce a doctor's note; otherwise they will receive zero.
- ▶ Please take note that it is the school's practice to schedule a **Formal Assessment Task** on the **last day of every term**. Please do not make arrangements for an early departure for your holiday. This will not be accepted as a valid reason to miss the assessment and your child will be awarded zero, thus compromising his/her School-Based Assessment mark.
- ▶ Please note that all parents need to download the **d6 communicator**. This is the school's means of contact for all information. Note that the office will not print exam timetables and absentee note templates for learners.
- ▶ If you need to correct any information pertaining to a change of address, contact number or email address, please send this information to **Mrs Enell at [jenell@edenvalehigh.co.za](mailto:jenell@edenvalehigh.co.za)**. The school works from one main central database. Any updates done to details linked to your d6 do not carry through to SMART. The school must be contacted directly.
- ▶ **Parents may not drop off lunch, projects, items left at home at the front office**. The admin staff are unable to collect and distribute these for learners. Learners must take responsibility for any item left at home.
- ▶ **If a learner is feeling ill, he/she must see Mr Johnston in G10** before contacting his/her parents – a detention will be given if this process is not followed.
- ▶ **No learner is allowed to have a cell phone** in his/her possession during school hours. If seen, the phone will be removed and will have to be collected by a parent





## PRIZEGIVING - 2020

### PREMIER AWARDS



**FAITH MUKWEVHO TROPHY** - Awarded to the top academic learner in Grade 8:

**RYAN HARRIS**



**HEADMASTER'S TROPHY** - Awarded to the top academic learner in Grade 9:

**TAYLA DU PLESSIS**



**THE DUNVEGAN AND GLENDOWER RATEPAYERS TROPHY** - Awarded to the best learner in the Natural Sciences in Grade 11. The learner must take Mathematics, Life Sciences and Physical Science, and have the highest average of these subjects in the Natural Science Field:

**KISHAN HARILAL**



**THE TRENTINI TROPHY** - Awarded to the top academic learner in Grade 10:

**RUHI MAHARAJ**



**THE GOODALL TROPHY** - Awarded to the top academic learner in Grade 11:

**DENNIS HUANG**



# MEDAL AND COLOUR AWARDS

## BRONZE MEDAL AND HALF COLOURS:

### GRADE 10

Catia Neves

Ruhi Maharaj

Samir Sankar

Kay-Leigh Triegaardt

Erin Curtis

Mfanfikile Khumalo

Reece Welgemoed

Natasha Simoes

Skye Van Schalkwyk

Nicholas Pres

Daniel Harris

Shanay De Klerk

Nicoletta Betsi

Caitlyn Roos

Jade Hopcroft

### GRADE 11

Kirsten Van Niekerk

Chelsea-Lee Mottian

Bronwyn Neale

Dineo Maake

## SILVER MEDAL AND FULL COLOURS:

### GRADE 11

Caitlin Baia

Alessandra Ramos

Carreyann Boshoff

Dylan Wade

Yuh-Jye Haung

Kishan Harilal

Iren Chen





# MEDAL AND COLOUR AWARDS

## SILVER MEDAL AND FULL COLOURS CONTINUED:

### Grade 11

Devon Kerr

Dennis Haung

Ami Hyslop

Lerato Bambo

Megan Holland

Genique Kriek

Nicole Leighton

Arshia Mahadeo

Mbuso Mokoroane

Ricardo Jesus De Pinho

Caitlyn Ross

Emma Strydom

Keabetsoe Sebotha

Alexandra Meimaris



**The White Blazer was presented to Saskia Rabie for  
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