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## Principal's Report 2018

In an effort to be environmentally friendly and financially savvy, we have decided to join the generation of on line reporting by placing the principal's report on our website. This report is a compilation of the valuable input of the management team, administrative team, educators, therapists, houseparents and facilities maintenance and cleaning team. I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each member of staff as well as those parents and other members who have given of their time to serve on our governing body.

The end of the first term saw the retirement of Mrs Beryl Campbell as principal as well as the election of a new governing body. We thank Mr Joe White for accepting the role of chairperson. We are also very grateful to the other parent representatives for their time and commitment: Mrs Patsy Clinton (treasurer), Mrs Maxine Deans (secretary), Mr Mark Bauer (who makes the trip from Greytown for every meeting), Mr Derrick Theron and Mr Andries Van Vuuren. The school was effectively in the hands of the "newbies" and I am delighted to say that everyone rose to the challenge.

### Staff Matters

Other than the retirement of Mrs Campbell and later in the year Mrs Mandy Morris, whose ready smile is sorely missed, we have also had a number of resignations. Mrs Hannelie Snyders and Miss Maritza Snyders left in August to relocate to Johannesburg and Mrs Jo Silva and Mrs Sunita Mahadev will both be leaving us at the end of the year to become full time moms. All these staff members will be greatly missed as they added great value to the school.

Ms Osman, Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Le Roux became proud mummies during the year and Mrs Thorpe's locum Miss Ingle and Mrs Le Roux's locum Mr Mahase proved great assets to the school and will be continuing in different posts in 2019.

Mr Ryan Lalthpersad joined us for a short while to assist us and will also be moving on at the end of the year.

The principal's post will hopefully be filled by the end of term 1, 2019 and we will be able to introduce you to your new school principal. In the meanwhile, I will continue in my acting capacity.

### Learner Matters

Fulton is a family and every single child is much loved and carefully considered, unfortunately it has been a particularly difficult year for us as a family. In July one of our past learners, Jason Brown unexpectedly passed away and then in October another precious learner Jennifer McMillan also passed away. The school mourns with the families for the loss of these two precious young people.

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It is rare in a school to have children from Preschool to High School contained under one umbrella and the infectious joy of the little ones is often just the right medication for the confusing years of teenage hood.

## **Phase Matters**

### Foundation Phase

The educators and children have had a busy and productive year. The year started with the opening of the new Sensory Room, this facility is as a result of a number of amazing sponsors and the end result has been wonderful. As always the end of the first term is celebrated by an exciting Easter egg hunt.

The children participated in a number of educational and Deaf Awareness outings and events this year. It has been a wonderful joy to see our learners integrating with learners from a number of other mainstream schools in the area. This has proved a very valuable experience for both our learners and the learners from the other schools. The visit to Kranskloof Nature Reserve was also a valuable and educational time. Learning through Play has been a key philosophy in the Foundation Phase.

The end of year Christmas lunch at Spur followed by the school party ended off the year with great joy.

### Intermediate Phase

A busy and exciting year was had by the educators and learners. They visited the Assagay Coffee Farm and gave an excellent report back at assembly. They also had fun and educational visits to Tala Game Reserve, Pietermaritzburg Museum and Paradise Valley. Their educators also made sure fun was had by visiting Spur, the Durban paddling pools and The Chicken Run and ending with a Christmas braai.

Many of the Intermediate Phase learners were involved in the volleyball teams as well as cycling events and the volleyball coach and cycling coach are enthusiastic about these learners growing in their skill.

Brother and sister duo, Migel and Leah Moodley won the junior victor and victrix ludorum at the annual swimming gala.

The Good Fellowship award for this phase was one by Ntokozo Myeza.

### Senior and FET Phase

A productive and busy year was had by our senior learners and teachers. The most important event was the first ever SASL as home language examination for Grade 12. This was an exciting but stressful event and we are very happy to say that it all went off without any problems.

The Vocational Learners were assisted by the KZN Floral group and some beautiful arrangements were made by the group.

The annual Matric dance was a glittering affair and fun was had by all.

### General Extra- Curricular

The signing choir was once again involved in a number of festivals and choir events. The Grade 3s were invited to perform at a special event at the Royal Show in conjunction with the KZN Deaf and Blind Society. Their final event was a beautiful evening of Christmas Carols at St Benedict's School.

One of the popular regular events at school are our Market Days. The first was the Foundation Phase Mother's Day Market Day and was extremely well supported by Highbury School. The annual Christmas Market proved once again proved to be a great success.

All the children and educators made items, sold food or painted faces. The Foundation Phase from Winston Park were very eager customers and great fun was had by all.

Our cycling teams participated in a variety of events and we continue to be grateful to our coach Mr Mkhize for his valuable help and encouragement.

One of our main sporting outlets is volleyball led by the coach Mr Govender, four of the girls were selected to represent the province, one of the girls selected was Jennifer McMillan, she was an excellent player and always offered great motivation to the team. The remaining three girls chose not to participate in the event as a tribute to Jennifer. Jennifer's sparkle on the field will be sadly missed.

### Speech Therapy

I cannot believe we are already at the end of the school year, it sure has gone by fast! We end the year on a positive note with a fruitful speech therapy program within the school. There have been individual as well as group therapy sessions across all phases in the school. These therapy sessions include both Aural Rehabilitation and Language Therapy. A "Live-English" session is carried out three times a week with groups of High School learners, which has been fun and invigorating. One of the most noticeable changes this year has been that the learners have more confidence in their voices as well as in their general communication skills. The extra-curricular speech program which is focused on the learners in the foundation has been a great success in providing extended opportunities for vocalisations.

In conclusion we wish everyone a peaceful and blessed festive season and look forward to seeing everyone in 2019.



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**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

