



THE ROEDEANIAN

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ROEDEAN SCHOOL (SA)

INSPIRING A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE

Aerial and eye-view images of the Senior School Amphitheatre for the upgraded Sciences Laboratories.



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HEADMISTRESS'S REPORT



Mrs Mary Williams:
Executive Headmistress

Mark Twain is said to have made the following comment:
"It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so."

One would be forgiven for automatically placing Twain's opinion into the context of this age of exponential change and uncertainty. It certainly fits with everything that we are constantly reminded of and warned about: the future is completely unpredictable, and, in order to survive and be successful, we must have the ability to adapt to a constant state of flux.

To this end, good schools do focus on the efficacy of their teaching and learning and must be able to give an assurance that their pupils will be provided with an optimum environment that will equip them to realise their dreams and aspirations in the years after school. If you consider the congratulatory note to the girls from the Matric Class of 2014, there can be little doubt that we are providing an excellent, all-round education.

Good schools, however, cannot just be about results, be they academic, cultural, or sporting. Good schools are as dependent on the communities they serve, as those same communities are dependent on them. To foster community spirit, one makes the assumption that there is a shared interest and commitment to the work and focus of the organisation. Roedeian is fortunate to enjoy the support of so many parents who have a high regard for the work done in the name of education, and who also understand the history and ethos of the school. A community grows strong when it is built on shared values.

I recently had reason to reflect on the Twain observation and its resonance in current school life. As part of our IT Strategy, we are about to begin the roll-out of our curriculum-driven inclusion of devices for all the girls. The roll-out will commence with the MV girls. We have spent a great deal of time in preparation to ensure that teaching and learning are enhanced by the use of the devices. Simply replacing a page in a text book or a worksheet with a screen is not what constitutes true integration or the kind of usage that justifies to parents the expense of the devices.

My realisation recently about "what I know that just ain't so" is the awareness of the need for girls to be responsible and accountable for the appropriate use of social media; both in and out of school. As a teaching fraternity, we devise and plan programmes and interventions that we presume will educate the girls about some of the dangers that arise from the misuse of social media. Parents and girls acknowledge the content of the various Codes of Conduct and Rules that apply to the use of the Roedeian network and devices. Our policies and our Code of Conduct are underpinned by the values on which Roedeian was founded 112 years ago: "Truth, Honour, Freedom, and Courtesy". I would be surprised if there were girls in the Senior School who were totally ignorant of these values, and how they are applied to all aspects of pupils' lives at Roedeian. As a committed staff, we take comfort in the assurance that we share with the girls and you, their parents, the same value system. It is very disheartening when, on occasions, we are confronted with the stark reality that, perhaps, the values that we hold so dear are not respected by a few. Over many years of teaching and learning, I know unequivocally that the happiest and most successful pupils are those whose parents work in partnership with the school. Again, Roedeian is strengthened by a parent body who also represents all that is valued in a really good education.

WE ARE PROUD OF THESE ROEDEAN GIRLS

Roedeian is extremely proud of the fact that such a large number of its 2014 achievers gained acceptance at top international universities. The fact that so many Roedeian girls qualify for admission to the best of the world's universities is a tribute to the level of excellence that remains consistent at Roedeian. The students' successes make Roedeian teachers feel "proudly South African", for South African education still can, and does, inspire and nurture the very best.



Isabella Kriegler:
Edinburgh University,
Scotland



Wilmien Janse van Rensburg: Trinity Labal Conservatoire of Music and Dance, London



Jessica Jones: National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, India



Franci van Rhyn: Harvard University



Isioma Umunna: Stanford University, and Cornell University, USA



Joan Hofmeyr: the Juilliard School of Performing Arts Conservatory, USA



Mazvita Chanakira: Pace University School of Performing Arts, USA



Phiola Kayumba: Edinburgh University, Scotland.



Susan Cossa: Smith College, USA.



Megan Quan: RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia



Emma Kruger: Harvard University, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Vanderbilt University, Emory University, and Georgetown University



Alexa Clark: Brown University, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University and New York University



Nomfundo Kwini: University of St Andrews, Scotland



Elene Behrens (LV) and **Alexandra Levor (LV)** were placed 2nd in the Tour de Maths competition.



Kayla Gild (M) qualified for the finals of the prestigious Speech and Drama College Individual Speakers' Trophy Competition. Her topic was "*Laugh a Defiance: Feminism and Me Today*", and her speech was highly praised by the adjudicators.



Christie Reeves (M) was one of two winners of the National Francophonie competition - Grade 12 category. She won a trip to France!



Cate Mitchell (MV) and **Aliyah Bulbulia (MV)** won the Grade 9 Multilingual Quiz. Participants were tested in Afrikaans, Zulu, and Sotho vocabulary and spelling.



Jiaqi Ke (AM) has been selected to participate in the third and final round of the Mathematics Olympiad.



Lisa Nauta (LV), **Kara Ranwell (LV)**, and **Mieke Nauta (LV)** all competed in the Junior Afrikaans Home Language Olympiad and were placed in the top 100 nationally.



Afia Akosah Bempah (MV), **Hannah Freed (UV)**, and **Radiyya Mohamed (UV)** won Second-Best Delegation Model UN Debate. Afia Akosah Bempah also won Best Position Paper.



Thando Msimang (UV), **Siphokazi Khuzwayo (LV)**, and **Sandra Ndlovu (UV)** received certificates for finishing 80% or above at the Isizulu Olympiad, and will participate in the final round in September.



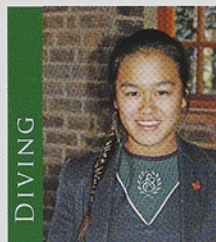
The following Roedeian water-polo players were selected to represent the U18 Gauteng Team at the Water Polo National Competition. **Emily Cotterrell (M)**, non-travelling reserve, **Alexandra Bantock (M)**, **Zandi Nduvane (M)**, **Lauren Harper (AM)**, **Andrea Maree (M)**, and **Sarah Benn (AM)**. **Alexandra Bantock** has also been selected to participate for the SA U20 Water Polo team, which will be competing in Volos, Greece in the 11th FINA World Women's Junior Water Polo Championships.



Ana Trninic (MV) and **Nthatsi Mota (MV)** were selected by the Gauteng Water Polo Committee to participate in U16 SA trials. Ana Trninic was selected for the SA U16 team as a non-travelling reserve.



Claudia Govetto (M) participated in the 15th World Gymnaestrada in Helsinki, Finland.



Ashleigh Stöger (M) was selected to represent the U19 Central Gauteng Squash team at the Inter-Provincial Tournament and her team won a Gold Medal at the tournament.



Ling Huang (LV) was selected for the Central Gauteng Youth Diving Team and the Central Gauteng Senior Diving Team. She was also selected to participate in the South African Nationals Competition.

Samantha McNicol (LV) has been selected to represent her club at the SA Level 1 Regional Age Group Swimming Championships. Samantha took part in 8 events, and she won 4 Gold medals and 2 Bronze medals; she also qualified in 2 events, which enabled her to go to Level 2.





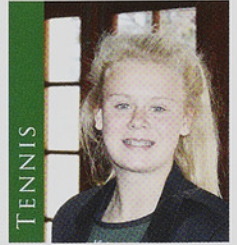
NETBALL

The following girls have been selected to play for the D13 Netball Team: **Logan Bate (MV)**, **Tumi Moliko (MV)**, **Helena van Eeden (LV)**, and **Jade Lightfoot (MV)**. **Logan & Jade** have also been selected to play Indoor Provincial.



EQUESTRIAN

Lucie Brooks-Francis (UV), **Amy Moses (UV)**, and **Sylvia Dixon (UV)** have been selected to represent Gauteng at the Horse of the Year Show.



TENNIS

Helena van Eeden (LV) U/14 came third in the Gauteng East U/18 Tennis Tournament.



NETBALL

Lerato Motau (LV), **Mieke Nauta (LV)**, **Angel Ogounga (LV)**, **Lisa Nauta (LV)**, **Florentine Vangu (LV)**, **Tiani Ngobeni (LV)**, **Helena van Eeden (LV)**, and **Marieka Kritzing (LV)** of the U/14 A Netball Team won the Pool B D13 Netball League, and also qualified for the play-offs.



HOCKEY

The following girls have been selected for the D9 Hockey teams: **Priyanka Nair (M) U/18B**, **Tyla Jacobs (M) U/18B**, **Skye McMahon (UV) U/16C**, **Cara James (LV) U/14A**, **Natasha Tenderini (M) U/18B**, **Francesca Gnodde (LV) U/14B**. **Francesca Gnodde** and **Skye McMahon** were also selected for the 1st round of the Provincial Hockey Trials.



KARATE

Rafaella Lipschitz (LV) won two Silver Medals at the BKL SA Karate Championships. **Rafaella** has been selected to represent South Africa at the World Championships in Japan.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Aiden Erwin (Upper IV) was awarded the Anne Cleaver Scholarship, and **Boati Motau (Upper IV)** was awarded the Sports' Scholarship to the Senior School for 2016.



RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

Isabella Prozzi and Sophie Herr (Form III) have been selected to represent the Central Gauteng Rhythmic Gymnastics Team, earning their Central Gauteng Colours.



SQUASH

Megan Stöger and Rebecca Sinner (Upper IV) were selected for the U/13 Central Gauteng Squash Team and travelled to Pietermaritzburg to play in the Squash IPT at the end of June. The team members were awarded bronze medals.



TENNIS

Hayley Tsuen (Upper IV) represented the Gauteng Central Tennis Team at the National Championships in Bloemfontein.



FENCING

Bianca Wessels (Upper IV) won the U/13 and U/15 Épée Fencing Gauteng Ranking Competition and competed in the Nationals in Bloemfontein in May.



DANCING

Tiasha Reddy (Upper IV) achieved 1st place in Latin Dancing and 1st place in Ballroom Dancing at the Gauteng Championships.



HOCKEY

Sophie Holtus, Zaahra Bodiati, and Beatrice Wharton-Hood, (Lower IV) were selected for the U12 D9 Gauteng Hockey Team, and **Boati Motau (Upper IV)** was selected for the U13 D9 Team.

Sophie Holtus (Lower IV) has been invited to join the South African Mirror Sailing Team. She has also been selected to represent South Africa at the 2015 Optimist African Championships in Algeria, followed by the 2015 World Championships in Poland later this year.



WATER POLO

Boati Motau and Francesca Sennett (Upper IV) were selected for the U 13A Central Gauteng Water Polo Team, and participated in the SA Schools' Water Polo National Competition in December, 2014.

FOUNDATION DAY 2015



Mrs Mary Williams & Natasha Tenderini



Ms Gillian Boltman & Penelope Gruwez



Foundation Day 2015 proved, yet again, to be one of the most exuberant occasions on the school calendar, with 804 girls revelling in the annual celebrations at the beginning of March!

The event began with a combined Senior School and Junior School assembly in Founders' Hall. Photographs of our 112-year-old school in its early days were shared and observed in wonder and disbelief – the untouched buildings and oddly familiar pathways (amongst the then newly planted trees) inspired gasps of awe. All pupils were intrigued by the similarities

between the present-day Roedean and the Roedean that existed more than century ago.

The festivities that followed were jubilant – including the picnic on Pleasaunce and singing the beloved school songs. The girls' love for and pride in the school were obvious! Knowing that it was the last time the Matrics would sing "The Best School Of All" in uniform at Foundation Day, caused many of us to shed a sentimental tear during the song.

The following Saturday, the Matric class

had the honour of meeting some of the Old Girls and hearing many stories of their time at Roedean. It was inspirational to listen to the joyful laughter and see the unbroken bonds among all the classes.

There can be no doubt that attending Roedean is a privilege and a phenomenal experience, filled with opportunities and challenges. The Foundation Day celebrations continue to acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional school that Roedean is, and forever will be!

Natasha Tenderini: Head Girl



SAORA

I was privileged to spend Friday morning with the 60-Years-On group. These indomitable ladies came to Roedean to share some of their stories and have a tour of the school. They are a dynamic group of women, who epitomise the Roedean girl, strong, independent, intelligent, and driven, displaying the qualities we all strive for of Truth, Honour, Freedom, and Courtesy, and leading a life of significance. I asked them how they all look so remarkable and the unanimous answer was *keeping fit*.

Philippa Crichton: President SAORA



Sue Leuner, Mary Williams, Sally Milton, Phillida Kingwill, Philippa Crichton

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- International
- Democracy
- Environment
- Adventure
- Leadership
- Service

THERE IS MORE IN YOU THAN YOU THINK.

As Global Members of Round Square, we continue to provide enriching experiences for the girls. Young Round Square was launched in the Junior School, and a group of Junior School girls represented Roedeian at the Young Round Square Conference in Namibia.



Members of the Young Round Square Committee meet their Senior School counterparts.



Junior School girls represent Roedeian at the Young Round Square Conference in Namibia.

All Senior School girls are encouraged to engage with the Round Square IDEALS, through listening to talks and reflecting on them, and through participating in meaningful, in-depth discussions in small groups called Barazas. In the first term, Section 27, an NGO committed to educating South Africans on The Constitution, spoke passionately and meaningfully to the girls.

We were privileged to attend the African Regional Round Square Conference for 14-15-year-olds. It was hosted at Stanford Lake College in the beautiful Haenertsberg District of Limpopo. The theme was *Dream and Do*. Both the girls and staff enjoyed the adventure challenge of zip-lining. The speakers challenged us on issues from poaching in the Kruger Park to using social media.



Roedeian staff and girls arriving in Nairobi for the 2015 Senior Conference.



Red Sock Day at Stanford Lake College

The African Regional Round Square Conference for 16-18-year-olds was held at Starehe Boys' Centre and School in Nairobi, Kenya. Not only did the girls and staff benefit from the activities and speakers, who engaged with the theme **Live to Serve**, but they also embraced the diversity of delegates from many African Countries.

We look forward to attending the International Round Square Conference in Singapore this year. We will be welcomed as Global Members by King Constantine of Greece.

Our exchange programme grows as we have sent girls on reciprocal exchanges as far afield as Germany and France, and we await our Australian and Indian exchanges in the second half of 2015. The girls report on the value of broadening their horizons, and incoming students remark on the warmth and hospitality of their host families and of the Roedeian community.



Eemaan Nassiep (left) spent six weeks at Birkelhof, Germany. Marlene Munz (second from left) reciprocated the exchange. Johanna Kaa (centre) joined us from the founder Round Square School, Salem, Germany, and was hosted by Ella Feldner-Busztin who enjoyed her visit to Salem. Sigrid Smith (far right) comes from St Philip's College, Alice Springs, Australia. Jessica Martin (second from right) visits her in July.



Nina Jacobson, (left) spent her exchange at the Ermitage School in Paris where she was hosted by Jeanne Rouot (centre). Nontutuzelo Fuleni joined us from Tiger Kloof School, Vryburg, North West.



Ella Feldner-Busztin

CHALLENGING YOUNG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

The slogan of the President's Award programme, *Challenging Young People Everywhere*, continues to appeal to the girls' desire to set goals that allow them to grow through their wilderness adventures, their service, and their sports and hobbies.

In the first term of 2015, we celebrated the successes of seven girls achieving their Gold Awards, seven girls gaining Silver Awards, and four girls gaining their Bronze Awards.

Chameleon Adventures continues to facilitate our Adventurous Journeys: six girls completed the Magoebaskloof Trail for their Silver and Gold, and 72 girls completed the Bronze Adventure in the Ezemvelo Game Reserve.

Ezemvelo Game Reserve



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INTERNATIONAL AWARD

In South Africa

Street School adds great value to the President's Award Programme through arranging trips to India. For four years, groups of girls have travelled to Dharamsala and engaged with the Tibetan monks in exile. All these trips have had a profound impact on the girls, especially the two occasions on which they were fortunate enough to meet the Dalai Lama.



Street School touring girls meet the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala



Magoebaskloof

MAJOR PRODUCTION & FRENCH HOMESTAY



ELIZABETH: ALMOST BY CHANCE A WOMAN

Elizabeth: Almost by Chance a Woman is a farcical take, by Italian playwright, Dario Fo, on Queen Elizabeth I's life and reign. The play, directed by Avril Cummins, focuses on Elizabeth's putative love-life, her extreme vanity, and her desperation to retain power. Faced with two mad beauticians (Anele Mahamba and Hannah Goldblatt) and a vengeful assassin (Georgia Theron), Elizabeth (Brittany Vinnicombe) stood little chance of retaining her dignity during the show. The play was brought to life by a talented cast, also featuring: Georgina Grubb, Julia Kinghorn, Boipelo Moagi, Tebello Moloi, and Tumelo Moliko.



Anel Natali: H.O.D. Dramatic Arts

2015 FRENCH HOMESTAY VISIT

Train rides along the Mediterranean, blue skies, some rain, the stillness of a Matisse chapel, lilac and wisteria, picnics on the beach, skipping stones, le barbecue, cobbled streets, cheeses and olives, le marché provençal, shopping bags, baguettes, ice creams from Fennochio, the bustle and quickstep of le métro, nutella crêpes in Montmartre, the intellectual treasure trove of Shakespeare and Co, memorials to the fallen, and sobering reminders of man's inhumanity to man, sung mass in the Sacré Coeur, lots of French, much walking, some history, some art, new friends, long twilight evenings ...

Twenty-eight girls from the Ante Matric and Matric French classes, accompanied by Mrs Alison Williams and Mrs Lise Gordon, spent an unforgettable two weeks in April, exploring the French Riviera and Paris.

In Antibes, the girls were welcomed by their French host families for the week. Language classes in the morning were followed by afternoon excursions to the nearby towns of Grasse, Cannes, and Nice. The second week, the girls stayed in pairs with a host family in Paris, catching the Metro to school, for a second week of language enrichment. All their textbook knowledge came alive with visits to the theatre, to Notre-Dame, the Musée d'Orsay, the Louvre, and the Eiffel Tower.

Billed as an opportunity for language enrichment and cultural discovery, the Homestay Visit is so much more. Inevitably, the girls return with a sense of independence, a wealth of memories, and a greater confidence in their ability to speak and to understand French. My thanks go to all my travelling companions for their sense of humour and, especially, their resilience!

Mrs Lise Gordon:
Head of French Department



FASHION SHOW



ARTISTIC LICENCE

The Roedean Fashion Show and Design Competition is an event that showcases the phenomenal artistic talents of the Roedean girls. This year our theme was "Artistic Licence". The girls were expected to choose an art work and use it as inspiration to design and sew a garment that depicted striking aspects of their chosen piece. This year, we invited three judges to assess the designs: Anthony Bila, a style photographer and blogger; Anthea Poulos, a Roedean Old Girl, who won the Best Street Style Award in 2013, and who is a youth-culture specialist and blogger; and Rozanne Immerman, owner of the popular store, Rozanne & Pushkin.

The girls completed the challenge with great enthusiasm and we were excited to see some creations inspired by the art of Matisse - **The Snail**, Pablo Picasso - **Cubism**, Van Gogh - **Starry Night**, and a number of others. The overall winner was Palesa Lombard. Her inspiration was a self-portrait by Frida Kahlo.

The highlight of the evening for the Ante-Matric girls is the chance to take to the runway and model popular brands. This year, we were fortunate to feature brands like Express, Cotton On, Rozanne & Pushkin, Somerset Jane, and Sissy Boy. For the first time, we invited five boys to join us on the ramp, allowing us the opportunity to model beautiful gowns from Lipsy with the boys in suits from T. M. Lewin. We were also fortunate to model striking silk gowns from the 2015 range of a talented South African designer, Joel Janse van Vuuren.

This was an extremely successful fundraiser for the Matric Dance Committee and an enjoyable evening for all!

Akhona Madlala:
Co-ordinator of the Design Competition



MATRIC DANCE



WANDERLUST - THE DESIRE TO TRAVEL

This year, our Matrics were teleported to many travel destinations along a romantic, softly lit, golden walkway, adorned with a touch of vintage styling.

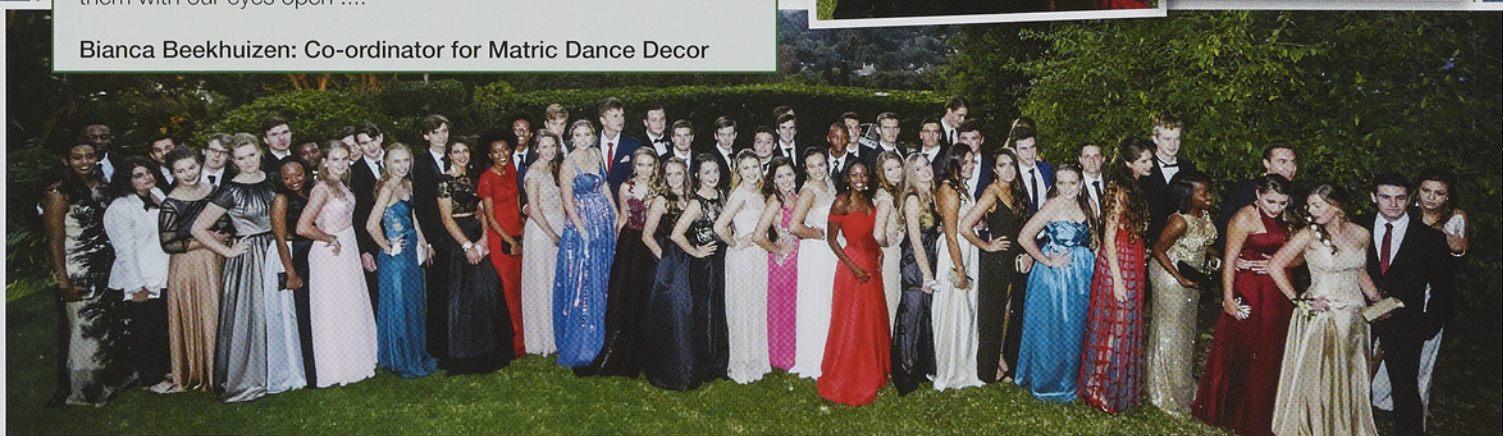
The girls and their partners were greeted by travellers about to embark on their journey in two vintage cars. Hundreds of sparkling candles and fairy lights enticed the couples down the pathway, through Italy on a Vespa, to a quiet moment under the Eiffel Tower, past beautiful kimono-clad ladies, surrounded by cherry blossoms, to sit alongside a red phone-booth beside the Thames, before heading off to the colourful and extravagant markets of Morocco to take tea with a sumptuously costumed Moroccan queen.

Windswept cotton drapery, detailing the ceiling, suggested sails from an ancient ship; two enormous brass chandeliers illuminated the scene below. Vintage suitcases, long retired from travel, adorned the stage; an ivy-covered arch dominated the horizon, and model planes were suspended from the ceiling. The tables cleverly emphasized the excitement of travel with globes, candles, moss, flowers, and origami planes. The effect was so enchanting that the Matrics certainly felt that they had been transported out of this world in order to explore it.

Through the collaborative efforts of the entire Ante-Matric Grade and under the expert guidance of Madam Kenny, we were able to give our Matrics a night to celebrate. We left them all with a taste of Wanderlust!

"We live in a wonderful world full of beauty, charm, and adventure. There is no end to the voyages we can have, as long as we seek them with our eyes open"

Bianca Beekhuizen: Co-ordinator for Matric Dance Decor





During the April holidays, 32 Roedean girls, ranging from Middle V to Matric, set off on a trek halfway around the world to fuel their geographical and biological infernos. After 19 hours of flying and 2 stopovers, we finally reached the city of Quito, located in Ecuador in western South America. The 4 nights spent here were used to experience South American city-life, as well as the country's terrain. The city tours included a visit to the Government Palace, La Compañía Church, the Winged Madonna, and many other iconic Ecuadorian heritage sites. Ecuador allowed the girls two opportunities to shorten their bucket lists. The first was a trip to the Equator Line, where we had a chance to stand in both hemispheres simultaneously, and to investigate the "clockwise/anti-clockwise toilet-swirling" myth. The second was an opportunity to cycle around an active volcano. It was not just any old active volcano, but the second highest active volcano in the world: Cotopaxi Volcano, with a summit at 4500 m.

The Ecuadorian Amazon provided us with the opportunity to experience native Amazonian tribal life by tasting a traditionally brewed drink and to practise our hunting skills by blowing poisonous darts through a reed at wooden cut-outs. The friendly local guides also pointed out to us the important flora and fauna of the Amazon Forest, and we were fortunate enough to see macaws, an anaconda, and the strange-looking tapir. After our adventuring in the wilderness, much needed relaxation time was spent in the hammocks of our hotel overlooking the Napo River.

The Galapagos Islands, to put it simply, are every geographer's and every biologist's dream. The 13 volcanic islands forming the archipelago vary in landscape, formation, fauna, and flora. Geography students were intrigued by the varying landscapes and vegetation of each island; some are covered in volcanic rock, while neighbouring islands are bordered by white sands and blue oceans. Biology students were fascinated to be visiting the islands which inspired Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution and to learn first-hand about the Theory of Natural Selection. Each girl fully absorbed the beauty of the islands and marvelled at the giant tortoises and iguanas we got to see. This tour was dubbed the "Trip of a Lifetime", and is nothing less than that. We've grown together as Roedean girls, while broadening our horizons. On behalf of the girls who journeyed on this tour, I would like to thank Mrs Williams, Mrs Hope, Mrs Ray, and Mrs Riley for allowing us the "Trip of a Lifetime".

Lushmika Morar: Matric



YAMAHA / Lovemore Competition

The Music Department, with the generous support of Yamaha and Lovemore Music Centre, hosted its 12th annual Music Competition in June. Invitations were extended to surrounding schools, and we received over 110 entries from 30 different schools. Four instrumental categories could be entered- Piano, Woodwind Instruments, Brass, and String Instruments – and the competition also offers a vocal category. The prizes in each of the five categories consisted of: First Prize: R3,500; Second Prize: R2,000; Third Prize: R750.

The three adjudicators, Marian Friedman (Piano), Hanli Stapela (Voice), and Pienaar Fourie (Orchestral Instruments) had a difficult time choosing the finalists, who performed and received their prizes at the prestigious Gala Evening on Friday, 5 June.

Nell Bowen: HOD Music

THE RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Woodwind:

- 1) Amy Stessl
flute Kingsmead College
- 2) Zachary Bowditch
clarinet St John's College
- 3) Andrew Fletcher
saxophone St John's College

Piano:

- 1) Louis Nel
St Alban's College
- 2) Mieke Nauta
Roedebeek School (SA)
- 3) Jimmy Qiu
St Stithian's College

Brass:

- 1) Tamlin Love
trombone St John's College

Strings:

- 1) Andrew Gilbert
violin St John's College
- 2) Inge Lubbe
viola St Mary's DSG
- 3) Danielle Jarvis
harp Christian School of the Arts

Voice:

- 1) Bernard Boekkooi
Randburg Hoërskool
- 2) Andrew van Vuren
St David's Marits Inanda
- 3) Lucas Enslin
St Alban's College



Amy Stessl



Andrew Gilbert



Bernard Boekkooi



Louis Nel



Tamlin Love



Yamaha Lovemore Finalists

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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Roedean Senior School (SA) is involved in twenty-three Social Responsibility programmes, all aimed at helping to assist, uplift, and improve the lives of those less fortunate than Roedean students. The Social Responsibility Programme is based on putting Roedean's core basic principles into practice. The critical analysis and thinking it promotes are part of a holistic approach to education. The vision upholds the notion of responsible citizenship, in which one cannot exist in isolation from the community in which one finds oneself.

The community in which Roedean is located is diverse and dynamic, creating unique opportunities in which pupils are able to engage with a variety of community-based organisations. Formal partnerships are nurtured with all groups with whom the pupils interface, and ensure that there is joint ownership of the project outcomes. Projects are designed within a social-development model, as opposed to that of charity work, emphasising the importance of sustainability, effectiveness, and impact on the community. The Social Responsibility Programme is determined to continue to drive meaningful transformation in South Africa by identifying and supporting development initiatives that sustainably empower communities.

The Children's Communication Centre, affiliated to the University of the Witwatersrand's Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, has recently become one of Roedean's community partners. Roedean will be supporting the centre in Term 2 through the Social Responsibility periods, Tekkie Tax Day, and the UV Service Learning Project.

Afrika Tikkun, in partnership with the Johannesburg Junior Council Roedean representatives, will guide the pupils through the LIKE CHANGE (<https://youtu.be/uD6Ge93lrgs>) initiative. It is exciting to witness the use of social media as tools for raising awareness and inspiring immediate social action.

The Weekly House Projects remain a highlight for the volunteers. The voluntary Upper Junior School Programme continues to develop the pupils' understanding of development work and the value of building meaningful relationships with Roedean's community partners.

The Grade 10 Life Orientation Service Learning Project enhances the pupils' understanding of project development right through to actual implementation. Emphasis is placed on working as a team, making decisions in a group, and exploring the strengths and weaknesses each pupil brings to the group.

The Social Responsibility Board, an elected group of senior leaders, builds awareness in the school through various initiatives and through commemorating important days: **Youth Day, Women's Day, World Aids Day, Human Rights Day, Mandela Day 67 Minutes, Peace One Day**, etc. The Social Responsibility Board also makes one-off volunteering days available to the pupils.

Roedean has recently been recognised as an International Round Square School. Such recognition provides an opportunity for our pupils to participate in International Round Square Service Exchanges, which will certainly render the Social Responsibility Programme even more meaningful.

In the build-up to **Women's Month**, pupils will be encouraged to participate in various activities in solidarity with women in South Africa and across the continent, creating an opportunity for the Roedean community to make a stand against the continued prevalence of gender-based violence in our communities.

The theme, **'Women Working Together for Social Change'**, will be the focus of the annual Ante-Matric residential project with our community partner, Phedisang, in semi-rural Limpopo. Preparations are well under way for another positive reciprocal-learning experience in the August holidays.

The challenges of working with our partners are often overwhelming, but, through ongoing monitoring, sound implementation, and support, the 'magic' and opportunities are alive, and it is then that we know that our projects are not just about 'being the right thing to do', but rather about 'doing what is right'.

Charlotte Hulley:
Co-ordinator Community Service



Easter Egg Christchurch



Flying Children Work Day



Flying Children Easter Eggs



The Link



NOAH



Work-day Flying Children



Recycled Bottles as Planters



Christmas Carnival



Jabulani

Human Rights Trees



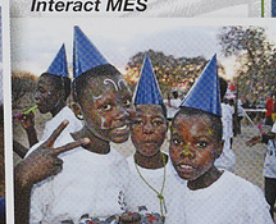
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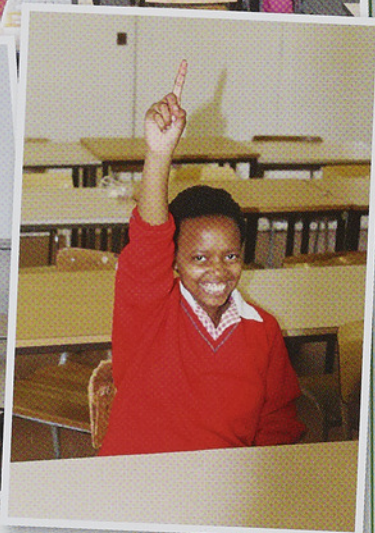
Phedisang Leaders

The Roedean Academy is an initiative, spearheaded by Mary Williams and Sandra McCallum, that relies on donations to fund its vision of providing additional, excellent tuition to students from under-resourced schools.

Launched in 2009, The Academy operates every afternoon and provides tuition in Mathematics, Physical Science, and English for Grade 8-12 pupils from the neighbouring Barnato Park High School and from Masibambane College in Orange Farm.

We have had a very exciting start to 2015, and the Academy continues to flourish. We now have 102 pupils, who come to Roedean School (SA) on various afternoons every week. Our focus is still on additional tuition in Mathematics, English, and Physical Science, but we have now added Accounting tuition as well.

Sydney Harris said, "The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows," and, at the Academy, we aim to broaden our girls' experiences and create new and exciting opportunities for them. One such experience was a trip on the Gautrain for the Grade 11 Barnato Park girls – a wonderful opportunity, sponsored by Regiments Capital.



During the second term, all our girls underwent eye-testing and then psychometric testing for the Grade 11 year. The Grade 8s and 9s attended a mini careers-afternoon to try to expose them to new career opportunities and to assist them with subject choices.

Our bursary girls are doing well: Sibongile Zwane is now in her third year of a BSc Environmental Science; Angella Zwane is in her second year of Actuarial Science, and Chiedza Mudima is in her first year, studying Chemical Engineering. This is our first year of partnering with Hollard, and we have two girls doing Insurance learnerships, and, by all accounts, they are doing extremely well. In addition, our three 2014 students who are doing internships are loving their positions, and we have had very positive feedback about them.

We are proud of our Academy girls – they are hard-working and appreciative and determined to make the most of this opportunity. We try to teach them life-skills along the way, simple lessons like being punctual, remembering to say thank you, the importance of "Thank You" letters, and the importance of being neat and tidy.

We are thankful to the Roedean staff who teach the girls, to the support staff who assist in so many ways, and, most important, to the donors who make all this possible.

Sandi McCallum: Academy Director



ANNUAL U14 HOCKEY AND NETBALL FESTIVAL

Roedeans hosted an U/14 Netball and Hockey Festival for the second year running, and, as always, both the U/14A and U/14B represented Roedeans very successfully, doing exceptionally well! The Roedeans teams showed remarkable skill, endurance, and strength. This tournament was a good opportunity for the teams to get to know one another and to strengthen their relationships as team-mates and as friends. What was more impressive was the players' display of good sportsmanship! The quality of netball and hockey was also outstanding. Friendship, fun, and a shared love of the game ensured that the event was a genuine triumph for all concerned.



INTERHIGH GALA

WATER POLO

SA Schools' Water Polo National Competition was held in Johannesburg, from 12 – 16 December, 2014. Roedeans' water-polo players participated in large numbers in various age groups. Roedeans is very proud of successfully hosting the U/14 age-group in its pool.

Congratulations to all girls on their hard work and dedication during both the preparation and the actual competition.



Old Mutual Water Polo



Standing Back Row: Ana Trninic (Captain), Eemaan Nassiep, Emily Gewer-White, Sarah Benn, Kirsten Graves, Fabiana Katz, Alexandra Bantock, Emily Matterson, Emily Cotterrell, Jessica Smith, Anya Fries, Kathleen McLaughlin, **Second Row Sitting:** Nthatisi Mota, Andrea Maree, Georgia Williams (Vice Captain), Lauren Harper, Zandi Nduvane, Ciara Morley, **Sitting on Ground:** Megan Wilkins, Anastasia Tambo, Ané Müller, Tiane Parris, and Brooklyn Bousfield, **Absent:** Georgina Chappel and Charné Vermaak

JUNIOR SCHOOL: A REFLECTION

I used my first year as Headmistress to observe, unobtrusively, the functioning of the Junior School, and to assess some areas that I believed needed to be addressed. I noticed that stress levels amongst the girls were very high. We decided that the girls needed more 'down time' to enjoy all that this wonderful school has to offer.

Learning carries on way beyond the classroom, which is why we have developed a well-balanced and broad curriculum. Great teachers fill the vessel, and don't just show pupils how to get full marks in next week's test. Music, art, sport, personal growth, Social Responsibility, and adventure are integral to the curriculum; thus, we have dedicated an activity hour each week to exposing the girls to a variety of enriching experiences.

Adventure camps, school plays, leadership, and Social Responsibility programmes, like Round Square, all contribute to more balanced learning. It is important that the girls think beyond their exam-based syllabus; that's where lifelong learners are made.

Gillian Boltman:
Junior School Headmistress



Terry Morris, Father Jeremy Jacobs, and Gillian Boltman look on as Emmie Kruger cuts the ribbon



The Tree of Knowledge

Flexible spaces



Terry Morris reading from *It's a book*

Entering the Zone



THE NEW DISCOVERY ZONE

The Discovery Zone was officially opened on 23 February, 2015, by Mrs Emmie Kruger, Chairman of the Roede School (SA) Board. The girls enjoyed listening to our guest speaker, Mrs Terry Morris, MD of Pan MacMillan, South Africa, who introduced them to her favourite books, which she then donated to the library. We are now happily ensconced in this beautiful new facility, and what a joy it is proving to be! The layout is compact, elegant, and user-friendly, offering flexible areas for working, researching, online discovery, group presentations, relaxing, or just losing oneself in a book. The facilities are state-of-the-art, yet timeless, and much of the treasured traditional library has been retained.



Admiring the cake

ADVENTURE CAMPS

The girls enjoyed wonderful adventure camps early on in the year. The Form 11s had a fabulous time interacting with wildlife, including elephants, tigers, cheetahs, leopards, and lion cubs. Their stay at Ukutula Lodge in North West was enjoyable, interactive, and a wonderful resilience-builder. The Form 11s travelled to Konka Camp in the beautiful Magaliesburg, where they participated in exhilarating, yet challenging activities which taught them the importance of perseverance and team-work. The Lower IVs visited Camp Simba at Kwaggasrus in North West, and participated in a variety of exciting educational and team-building games, with an emphasis on using various strategies and habits of mind to develop team-work, enhance friendships, and encourage co-operation. The Upper IV camp at Luiperdskloof in Eastern Gauteng afforded the girls many opportunities to hone their leadership skills and to apply their cognitive skills, which were a prerequisite for some of the demanding tasks.



Form 11s at Ukutula



Lower IVs at Kwaggasrus



Form 11s at Konka Camp



Upper IVs at Luiperdskloof

JUNIOR SCHOOL: A REFLECTION



Alexia, Thandeka, and Allyce
in front of the Independence
Museum in Windhoek



Roedeian girls with other
Round Square delegates



Aiden and Mrs
Haig trying out
Mopani worms



Alexia gets
hands on

YOUNG ROUND SQUARE

Roedeian Junior School is enjoying its first year as a member of Young Round Square. Our Leadership Programme in Upper Junior is based on the six ideals of Round Square: Adventure, Leadership, Service, Environment, Democracy, and Internationalism. There are six committees, each focusing on one of the ideals. Every Upper IV girl belongs to a committee, and ensures that these principles are filtered through to the rest of the school through various activities, including our Wednesday activity hour and assembly presentations. The Junior School was delighted to participate in its first Young Round Square Conference in Namibia from 12 – 16 May. Our delegates, Allyce Chung, Rebecca Sinner, Wandile Nduvane, Thandeka Warren, Alexia Davies, and Aiden Erwin, together with Mrs Vogt and Mrs Haig, proved to be wonderful ambassadors for Roedeian, as they spread their wings and interacted with pupils from around the country in a variety of service activities.

SPORT



ANNIE

The production of *Annie* by the Upper IV and Lower IV girls, with the Upper IVs taking the leading roles, was a wonderful learning experience for the girls and the teachers. The musical was the product of commitment, focus, much practice, and boundless enthusiasm by all involved. It was truly a memorable and joyous event, with the sounds of *Tomorrow* and *Maybe* echoing through the beautiful Roedeian heritage buildings long after the final curtain had fallen.



ST MARGARET'S LIFE

GRADE 0



Grade 0s having fun with the autumn leaves.



Picketing in the parking lot during Road Safety Week.

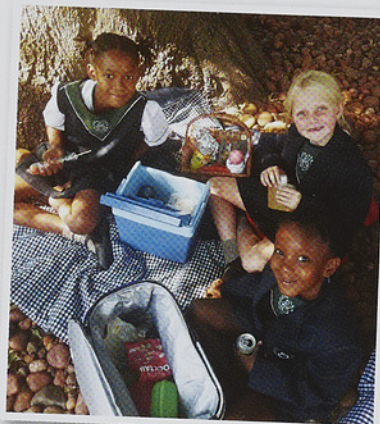


The Grade 0s enjoyed Civvies Day sensory play with rainbow-coloured 'goo'.

GRADE ONE



A colourful crowd of Grade 1s in their pretty dresses and bonnets for the Easter Parade.



Grade 1s enjoying a delicious picnic on Founders' Day.



We put on our green thinking hats to create our own photo frames.



The Grade 1s use 'Creating, Imagining, and Innovating' to find a new way to build an original mode of transport.



Grade 1s doing group work in the garden, practising different parts of speech.



Enthusiastic Grade 1s trying to improve their mental addition.

GRADE TWO



The Form 1s are researching space. Wow! Look at all the planets I can see with the apps on an iPad.

FORM ONE



Learning fractions with sweets makes learning a delicious experience!



Form 1s wearing thinking hats for their Thinking Assembly.

The PTA is enormously grateful to Dina Maree, the outgoing PTA Chair, for her dedicated service to the school over many years, and all members of the PTA are glad that she will be around to offer help and advice, as I take over the position of Chair for the next two years. We have welcomed a number of new members onto the PTA Committee, and we look forward to their energy and enthusiasm in service to the Roedean community.

The highlight on the PTA calendar, so far, has undoubtedly been the hot-saffron-themed Mother and Daughter Lunch held on 16 May this year. The doors opened at noon and the grannies, aunts, godmothers, and daughters delightedly entered the gym hall, transformed by the smell of spices and the bright colours of the East. Guests were treated to a show of the Matrics in their ball gowns – a graceful procession of colour and beauty that awed the audience.

The girls' comments were certainly of interest. "Beautiful! It takes me back to my special memories of colourful and exciting India", said Georgie Sennett and Gemma Williams. "Sense of vibrancy... the last bit of Joburg sunshine channelled into a beautiful mother-daughter celebration" was Alex Breckenridge's comment. Kate Stucke said: "We were transported to India for a Saturday of fun and amazing food."

There were prizes for the best-dressed guests and raffles filled with delights! Heartfelt thanks to our sponsors, including Acrobranch Melrose, Sinead Brook Photography and Style Studio, Wyckedd Fun Food, Bright Liquid Light Photography, Cocoon Hair, The Saxon Hotel & Spa, Pan MacMillan: South Africa, and Reckitt-Benckiser.

We look forward to supporting many more Roedean community events throughout the year.

Maria Solé: PTA Chair



FOUNDATION DAY 2015

Foundation Day, celebrating our 112th birthday, took place on Saturday, 7 March. We were blessed with beautiful weather this year, and, as always, the reunion groups gathered on Bears Lawn for photographs and drinks and to reconnect with long-lost friends. We were very privileged to be able to host June Smith from 1939 (76 Years On), Bridget Barnish from 1944 (71 Years On), two ladies from 1948 (67 Years On), one from 1952 (63 Years On), and 16 ladies from 60 Years On, and 7 ladies from 50 Years On. On the other end of the scale, we were also very excited to have 14 girls from 5 Years On and 30 from 10 Years On. This shows us that the girls want to revisit sooner.

The tennis and squash matches played in the morning were won by the Old Girls, while the water polo was won by the school.

This year, Foundation Day was celebrated in Canada and England at the same time. We would like this initiative to grow and more countries to join in next year.

Sasha Martalas, on behalf of SAORA, handed over our fund-raising efforts from the 2014 Blooming Affair, and R75 000 was given to Roodean, and R10 000 to a school community partner, the Flying Children.

In our endeavour to instil a sense of pride in our girls and to expose them to some of Roodean's heritage, we held our second SAORA Croquet Challenge with the Form 1s in February. It was a successful and enjoyable morning, with Lawrence winning the trophy, and it ended with the singing of a few of the school songs and the cutting of the beautiful cake.

Please continue to support our Kuppel Coffee Initiative, which has been running since May, 2013, and has raised significant money to support another bursary.

Our school shop goes from strength to strength, under the exceptional management of Denise White. Please support us! You will find the prices excellent and our range continues to grow. We also encourage you, please, to donate all uniforms that your daughter has outgrown to the shop, even if their condition is not great. All money raised in the shop goes to our bursary fund. All clothes not good enough for resale go to SOCC (Schools Outreach Caring for the Community), in association with African Bank, and under the guidance of Sue Boyce and her family.

Philippa Crichton:
President
SAORA



Foundation Day 2015 Canada - Nerissa Lee, Amanda Elgar & Fiona Lifman



NETWORKING BREAKFAST AND BOOK LAUNCH

On 22 May, SAORA had the privilege of hosting Carey Haouach and Lindsay McTeague at a Networking Breakfast and Book Launch. They were in Johannesburg to promote the biography of their mother, Sheena Duncan, co-founder of the Black Sash. They chatted to us about the recently published book, but their focus was more on what it was like growing up with such a remarkable mother as Sheena and on her extraordinary contribution to our country. What remarkable Old Girls the Duncan ladies were and are! These women are true examples of 'Inspiring lives of significance'....

Helen Chappel, Gille de Vlieg, Mevagh Glyn, Saki Macazoma, Marj Brown
Front Row: Carey Haouach and Lindsay McTeague

