

Namibia Media Holdings School Newspaper Project

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- Circulation and frequency of the newspaper or reach of online site: **36000 per edition (school newspaper)**

A one-sentence description of the project: **The NMH School Newspaper Project aims to educate and equip a new generation of newspaper and media lovers through the establishment of scholar editorial, design, and multimedia teams that are responsible for their own publications under the leadership of the project manager.**

Target of project: **15-18 years**

1. Description of project and rationale

1.1 Description

- The NMH School Newspaper Project aims to encourage a younger generation to embrace print and online media through creating their own media platforms.
- Eight schools in Windhoek are currently involved in this project. Each school has its own editorial, design, multimedia, and design teams that are responsible for creating content, copy editing, the design of their papers and multimedia engagement with their audiences
- Each school has the opportunity to compile, design and print their own newspaper three times a year.

1.2 Goals

- The goals of the project:
- Expose students to the various career possibilities within the media field
- Empower and equip students with key media skills such as content creation, ethical journalism, copy editing, design, photo journalism and multimedia journalism.
- Teach students the importance of a free and fair media through their own practical experience of printing their own newspapers.
- Educate and empower students to see their world with new, investigative eyes.

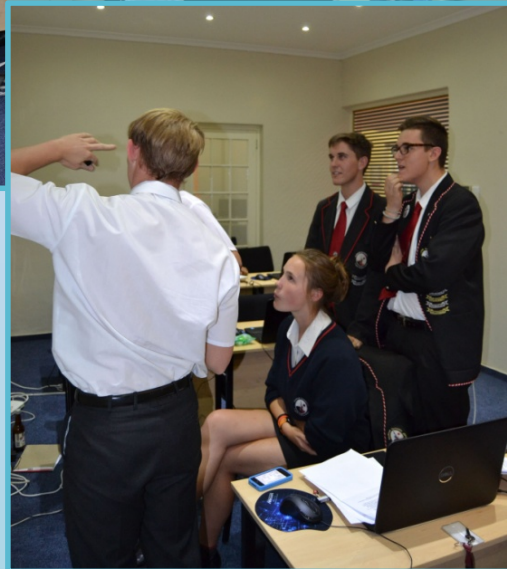
1.3 Target Audience

- The target audience of the editorial and design teams are students that are between 15-18 years old.
- The target audience of the readers are the youth as well as parents and community members.

1.4 Relevant examples and work produced

- Photographs of training and design meetings are included.
- Photographs of a visit to the printing press is also included. Each school has the opportunity to visit Newsprint on the day that their first edition is printed.
- Images of the first eight front pages produced by the respective editorial and design teams are included in this presentation.
- The PDF as well as digital versions of the first edition of all eight school newspapers are available online at <http://www.schools.com.na/>

Getting training and doing the layout of their papers



Going to the printers





WHS is 'n stem van hoop

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Lees wat sê ons nuwe onderwysers

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"Sterre tref 100-kerf"

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Die Blou Kudu

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WHS presteer op die krieketveld

Tiaan Steenkamp, Warren van Wyk en Motjarije (Mushe) Honga van Windhoek Hoërskool was deel van die Namibiese o/19 krieketspan wat kwalifiseer het vir 2016 Wêreldbekertoernooi.

Hul opmars, begin in Zimbabwe waar hulle 'n opwarmingswedstryd speel. Vandaar vertrek hulle na Dar Es Salaam, Tanzanië vir die kwalifiserende toernooi. In hulle eerste wedstryd teen Tanzanië, het Namibië 180 lopies

aangeteken, teenoor Tanzanië se 73 lopies. Met hierdie vertoning het Namibië reeds sy stempel afgedruk. In hul tweede wedstryd teken Namibië 342/6 aan en boul Nigerië 103 uit. Nog net een hekkie het voorgelê om te kwalifiseer. Namibië wen Uganda met 15 lopies. Hulle verloor egter teen Kenia. "Dit was vir ons moeilik vanweë die hoë temperatuur, maar dit was juis in tye soos hierdie wat ons uithouvermoë getoets," sê Tiaan Steenkamp.

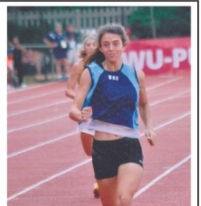
Verder sê hierdie drie seuns dat die toernooi goeie voorbereiding was om die oog op die Wêreldbekertoernooi wat in Bangladesh vroeg volgende jaar gaan plaasvind.



Atletiek glorie vir Kristien

Kristien Kruger was by vanjaar se Afrika Junior Kampioenskappe wat in Ethiopië plaasgevind het. Sewe en dertig lande was teenwoordig by hierdie O/20 byeenkoms. Sy het aan die sewekamp deelgeneem wat bestaan uit sewe items wat in 'n sekere volgorde oor twee dae, plaasvind. Naamlik: 100m hekkies, hoogspring, gewigstoot en 200m. Die volgende

dag is: verspring, spiesgooi en laaste die 800m. Elke prestasie in 'n item tel 'n sekere aantal punte wat volgens 'n internasionale tabel uitgeleë word. Die atleet met die hoogste hoeveelheid punte na al sewe items is die kampioen. Kristien was oor die algemeen tweede met 4641 punte. Dit is ook 'n nuwe Namibiese rekord.



Meet our wonderful new teachers

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Take a glimpse of what we have to offer

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"Fun at the interhouse athletics"

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ST GEORGE'S HERALD

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Thursday 2 April 2015

Fun at the Round Square conference of 2015

Every year there is a trip for seniors and juniors who participate in the Round Square conferences, to a different country. The conferences are for students to learn from other schools and establish international bonds with fellow foreign scholars. The conference also presents a platform for teachers to gather more information regarding teaching methods and helpful innovations. A perfect example is the "Basal Period" which was implemented for students to use a lesson within the day during the week, for studying or doing homework in order to have more time during the rest of day to finish other work or sport activities. The conference not only promotes the fundamentals of Round Square pillars such as environment, democracy, adventure, service, and leadership but it also provides a social learning experience that is unforgettable.

Once again, it was that time of the year. Certain individuals went missing, some parents got to sleep a little later in the mornings and watch news in the evening without being bothered about the latest news show playing at the same time and actually have lunch instead of rushing home to drop off the children. That's right, Round Square conference time is here! The younger pupils of St. George's College in grade 10, embarked on a trip to South Africa to learn and meet new people from different schools and have a great experience outside Namibia.

The junior conference which took place in South Africa, Limpopo once was a joyful trip filled with fun for

students, Leo Zhang, Alvin Chibeya and Luka Strauss. They were accompanied by St. George's College principal, Mrs Henekens and the newly welcomed as of last year, Mr Kruger, the Physics teacher for grade 9. Everyone had a great time doing fun activities. Upon arrival of the conference they socialised at Stanford Lake. They indulged in fun activities such as football, skydiving and swimming. There they got to meet and greet the other Round Square schools and began to get to know each other.



Dairfern College, Stanford Lake and St. Stikthans, St George's and more were all there with our own St. Georgeans.

"The trip was great, we had loads of fun and I cannot wait to go on the next conference."

-Luka Strauss
"It was really fantastic meeting other students from the different Round Square schools, definitely got to make new friends."

-Alvin Chibeya
"The performances were incredi-

ble, they were so fun and talented. The play about litter and a dance performance, as well as the activities abroad on the conference."

-Leo Zhang
The students upon return, spoke of their peaks of the trip, greatly expressing memorable moments such as the Zip-lining at Magoebakloof, that made them want the conference to last even longer. Absenting was not seen in such a wonderful light but rock climbing was great fun though. From embarrassing instances to vo-

lunteering and building a playground at Glenahiel. The students excitedly raved about their wonderful time abroad on the conference.

After a lovely, merrier Round Square conference, it was time for our St. Georgeans to come home and share their experiences. In the not too distant future, the seniors of Grade 12 will be going on the International Round Square Conference, to Kenya, Nairobi. We wish them all the best of luck, a safe journey and hope they have as much fun as the juniors did.



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We celebrate our top achievers

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Funny sock and hat day is a highlight on our calendar!

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We host our first interhouse athletics

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"Grade Ones? More Like Great Ones!"

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• Leadership

"With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility"

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• Sport

On your marks, get set, Kabuba!

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Amazing Times

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ST PAUL'S TIMES



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The LRC camp at Rock Lodge

Jerry Joe JOURNALIST

Some say leaders are born some say leaders are made. Ok! So the LRC went on a camp but this was no ordinary camp. Some would say that it was a waste of time but the experience and skills that were obtained were more than the anomaly. Rock lodge, a few kilometers from Okahandja is a camp that turns students into leaders provided that you are willing to serve with a truthful heart and a willing spirit. It was no coincidence that the LRC's went on this trip. The main object was for them to take up the challenges and find solutions. To settle disputes among young students, create a godly and a wonderful friendly relationship between LRC's. It was mainly to have fun and enjoy the beauty of life.

The first few moments were a little bit awkward as they were asked to climb the leopards mountain which was quite a challenge to some of the LRC's but as the saying goes "together we stand apart we fall".

Those who became short of breath were no strangers to those who were willing to give a helping hand. That was a sign of team building that was the most essential lesson that anyone could ever learn.

The higher they went the more atmospheric pressure was being exerted on them but there was no challenge too big for a strong team that were pushing each other and making sure that every member made it to the top of the mountain.

Descending the mountain was more or less the same but this required a strong leader that could

guide the team on the correct path and that could create path for the members to walk down. Eventually all the LRC's made it down and no one was injured.

Treasure hunting was the most daring task. The team was divided into two and were both given the same task to find clues and collect some souvenirs. The journey began very well after finding several clues that were in the wild. As time passed the sun had no mercy and the water in the bottles were diminishing and as they gasped for air and swept the sweat of their foreheads, some lost faith in finding more clues and taking the long path toward the target objectives. Several leaders arose and got the team back on their feet. Some had to cope with stress and be patient with the team.

Leader without followers is just a person taking a walk in the park. As they kept their eyes open and kept on marching they arrived at the dam and saw carcasses of the leopards pray.

They also saw the pond where the baboons and other game animals drink water. Climbing the mountain was not that much of a task but what was most important was what was written on the rocks. There are three crosses which represents Christ at the cross of Calvary.

Being facilitated by a true leader Uncle Kevin was wonderful. He shared a lot of information with the LRC's regarding leadership.

How to identify a leader and what kind of attributes a leaders should have and what things they should be aware of. The most effective tool a



leader should use with his people is communication.

A leader that do not communicate with his team will not prosper. A leader should be motivating and should help people. Leaders should always plan (think ahead) who, what, where, why, how, and when.

One LRC defined a leader as "a person who takes people from point A to point B where point B is a better place".

We hope to see new change in our LRC, because a leader never goes on vacation.



A heavyweight in the academic league

The dedication and passion of the teachers at St Paul's ensure that students get some of the best results in the country.



Jules Van de Port JOURNALIST

As a heavyweights when final exams are finished, St Paul's launches its matriculants into the big wide world. They leave equipped with one of the best, if not the best, educations in the country. St Paul's College was first founded in 1962 and believes it has set the standard for other top schools in Namibia. The College has regularly received top results at national level. St Paul's weighs in as a heavyweight in the academic league tables. They replicated their enviable results in 2014. How did they do it?

"In our matric class of 2014 we had 65 students and over 70% of their results were 1's and 2's - the highest grades attainable at NSCC Higher Level", explained Mrs Daniels, Head of the Higher Centre. "Of a possible six subjects, St Paul's students wrote an average of 5.4 subjects at Higher Level. In other words, 90% of all students' final exams were written at Higher Level. At our school we do select specific students to write the Higher Level," she continued, "rather we encourage all students to take their subjects on Higher Level, while some students do get to take a subject or two at Ordinary Level".

St Paul's claimed two places in the national top five. Jesslyn Bossau who came 3rd is currently studying Engineering and Katrina Le Roux who came 5th is doing Financial Maths.

Grade 11 students wrote the Grade 12 Ordinary Level Mathematics exam a whole year early and were ranked 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th countrywide. An additional five students scored highly, giving St Paul's 9 candidates in the national top 20.

"After they have finished, many students go to South Africa to study



Jonathan West DESIGNER OF PAGE

Matric class of 2014

and need matriculation exemption to meet entry requirements." Mrs Daniels proudly explains. "Over 80% of the 2014 matric class from last year achieved matriculation exemption. Such high matriculation exemption numbers are due to the students' hard work and teachers' skillful instruction, but St Paul's also ensures each student takes a subject package to meet the rigorous exemption demands".

So what is their recipe? Countless factors influence academic results, but the dedication and passion each

teacher has for teaching and the love and respect for the institution from both the pupils, parents and teachers are evident in the shortest of visits. A cursory glance through a classroom window shows students actively involved in lessons.

These qualities of the St Paul's community are the foundations of its success. They care. The multicultural school population develops a mutual tolerance and understanding visible on the sports fields, in friendship groups, extra-mural activities and classroom learning.

Academics are their main classroom focus, but the school continuously instills its values and ethos. As a Christian school, high moral standards, respect and a strong work ethic are stressed, while the motto "caritate fundati" (founded in love) encourages a sense of service to the community, Namibia and Africa.

St Paul's matric students will leave with both knowledge and wisdom. At the end of each year, St Paul's blesses them that they prosper, flourish and ultimately help to make Namibia and the world a better place for all.

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• **Kultuur**

"Werkwinkel vir kultuur-goggas."

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• **Sport**

Affies se jaarlikse inter-huis

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• **Akademie**

Ons is trots op dié prest-eerders

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• **Sport**

Quinton se droom leef voort

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• **Academic**

Hard work pays off

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Timmie the Gimme

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WAP spog met die mooistes van die mooies!



Juan-Mario Murro

Die van WAP se leerlinge het in Desember 2014 skoonheidskompetisies gewen – 'n bewys dat WAP werklik die mooiste meisies in die land het! Chani Rabe, ons eie Mej WAP, is bekroon as Miss Teen Namibia, Cari-Ané Malan is Miss Pre-Teen Namibia en Marselle Slabbert is ons land se eie Little Miss Namibia. Hier deel hulle met ons hul ervaring.

Water raad sal jy vir mense gee wat in jou voetspore sal wil volg?

Chani: WEES JOUSEL! Vind jou sterk punte, gebruik dit. Vind jou swakpunte, verbeter dit. Kry selftroue en aanvaar jousef soos jy is. Jy kan nie van buite af mooi wees as jy nie 'n mooi hart het nie.

Is die kompetisie gekoppel aan

leefladigheidswed?

Chani: Definitief, as Mej WAP werk ek en Mnr WAP, Ernie, aan 'n projek 'Royal Family Kids, waar ons kiere insamel om kinders te help wat uit n gebroke huishouding uit kom. As Miss Teen doen ek 'n paar projekte hierdie jaar in verband met SOS Childrens Village.

Hoe kan die gemeenskap bydra tot hierdie projekte?

Chani: Julle kan gerus help deur om van julle kiere wat julle nie so baie dra nie, te stuur na WAP sodat ons 'n groter verskik kan maak in jong kinders se lewens.

Wat het jy gedoen om voor te berei vir die kompetisie?

Cari-Ané: Ons moes heelwat beplan om die regte skoene, rokke, bykomstighede ens. reg te kry. Ek het ook vir Chani gevra om my so bietjie te help om reg te loop en daarna het ek baie ure op my hoëhakskoene deurgebring. Verder het ons vroege geogee om voor

te berei vir die onderhoud.

'n **Algemene miskonsepsie** oor modelle is dat hulle minder slim is as die gemiddelde persoon. **Wat dink jy van so 'n siening?**

Cari-Ané: Ek dink Rolene Strauss, die nuwe Mej Wêreld, bewys hierdie stelling verkeerd aangesien sy ook 'n mediese student is. Ons eie Miss Namibië, Luzaan van Wyk, het ook haar LL.B-graad voltooi.

Hoe kom het jy juis aan hierdie kompetisie deelgeneem?

Marselle: Toe ek besluit het om in te skryf, het gedink ek kan dalk iets niks leer en ek wou net weet hoe dit gaan voel om deel te neem en te geniet, al wen ek niks.

Wat het jy uit hierdie kompetisie geleer?

Marselle: Ek het geleer dat dit nie saakmaak hoe'n mens aan die buite-kan lyk nie – wat binne-in jou is, is wat saakmaak. Ek het ook nou baie meer selfvertroue as voorheen.



Cari-Ané Malan (links), Chani Rabe (regs), Marselle Slabbert (voor)



V.L.N.R.: Susanne du Toit; Sunette Botha; Francois van Straten; Hanjo Haasbroek; Pierre Bignon; Jandré Boshoff; Kelsey Alberts

'n Sotte-Sprokie



Eri Spies

Die Sottekonsert op 24 Februarie 2015 was 'n plesierige vermening van toneelstukke, dans en 'n klavier-solo. Bekende verhalers soos 'Hansie en Grietjie', nou met 'n Franse gans en vriendelike heks, en 'Boer Soek 'n Pou' was interessante en oorspronklike herskry-

wings. Aspoestertjie, hernoem na 'Aspoestertjie', het skokkend geëndig met die egotistiese prins wat Aspoestertjie se glas-skoen perongeluk laat breek! Daar was ook oulike nuutskeppings soos "WAP-kombuis" waar die onbekende sjef almal links en regs uitstel. "Verkeerde Bok" was 'n toneelstuk wat gesentreer het rondom enige ou se droom – 'n meisie met 'n geweer. "Is Ek Nog" het gehandel oor 'n fortuinverleer wat voorspel dat WAP die beste skool sal by. Natuurlik is geen Sottekonsert volledig sonder 'n parodie oor die onnie nie. Die akteurs in "Wie-Wat-Hoekor Onnies" het onderwysers op 'n baie interessante manier uitgebeeld. Die dans was ook betowerend met goeie gebruik van neongelike 'glowsticks'. Dan was daar die humoristiese gedig "Boesman" wat almal laster het. Elizmi Fourie se klavier uitvoering van Adele se "Someone Like You" was ook pragtig. Na al die vertonings is die aand op 'n hoogtepunt afgesluit met die Sotte se eie unieke Sotte lied wat hulle uit vollore gesing het. So 'n konsert is nie iets om mis te loop nie en ons nooi almal hartlik uit om volgende jaar, in WAP se skoolsaal, saam met ons te kom kyk of die nuwe Sotte hierdie jaar se vertoning sal kan oortre-



Tabo Sisohe

The spirit that lead to the annual interhouse kept everyone on the edge of their seats. The event started off quite smoothly with the a motivational message from pastor Eric van Zyl. He not only inspired the students not to give up, but also encouraged us to

do our best and always finish the race. The theme for the 2015 athletics was Apple Apps. The Guineas who were first to enter had an out-of-this-world theme. Literally! They went with StarWalk and blew the other teams away. However, this didn't derail the other teams. The Geckos were next with their Fruit Ninja choice and the highlight of their entrance was definitely the Fruit and Veg truck which fitted perfectly with their theme. The

Gurries - last year's champions were the last to enter and definitely did not disappoint. Their GarageBand theme was creative and had everyone dancing along to the different music genres. With the Guineas wanting to regain their title of having the most spirit, they left nothing to chance; the Guineas silenced the Geckos and the Gurries as they sang above the thunderstorm, taking home both the spirit cup as well as the theme cup!

However, what everyone focused on was who was going to be the overall athletics champions. It was a battle between the Geckos and the Gurries, and in the end, the undefeated champions took home the winning trophy. Additionally, there were no Gecko representations in the Junior and senior victor ludorum, hence the Geckos walked away as the underdogs. Better luck next time green team!

Trophies and achievements
Gurries - Athletics cup
Guineas - Theme and Spirit cup
Junior victor ludorum - Nico Horn
Junior victrix ludorum - Henryke Garbers
Senior victor ludorum - Frederick van Zyl
Senior victrix ludorum - Jessica Moolman

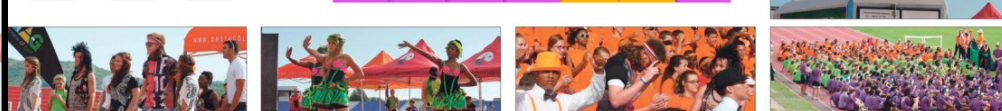
SECONDARY SCHOOL INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS

MICHAEL DEYZEL



Michael Deyzel

THE PERCENTAGE GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE ACHIEVED BY EACH TEAM FROM 2013 TO 2015



Winning once again

It was a great year for the Gurrie team, and an even greater year for Gimme athletics

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Augustineum shining like a bright star

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We show Namibia some love on Independence Day

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It is time for regionals!

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August Rush

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Augustineum is on the way to its glory days

Augustineum's secondary school is looking forward to its glory days. Augustineum was one of the best schools as a result of many successful people who came from this school such as doctor Etula and the president Hage Geingob. For some years back the school has been performing poorly but lately there was improvement

and people are expecting change. We want to bring Augustineum back to its glory days. Some learners feel that there will be improvement. Some learners say the principal is a man of order who doesn't tolerate laziness and some learners say it is not just about getting a new principal. Our principals committed and in shows the vision and

mission of team Augustineum! Our school will go back to its glory days if he continues to involve parents with the school activities and investing in their children. The principal must be the enemy of failure and he has already brought up the afternoon classes for the grade 9 and grade 10 students. Many teachers are very committed. Many

learners are attending classes seriously and full of strength and commitment and learners are working hard they say that this is the year to show people that they must not think low of this school. It is believed that this year it will be different from other years. Learners are organizing and preparing themselves to increase their academic per-

formance. It is also believed that this is a new generation of Augustineum learners that will take the school back to its glory days. Learners are full of courage and confidence to increase the prestige of the school and its overall performance. Watch this space! The learners and teachers of the school are more motivated than ever before!



Members of the LRC on their leadership camp. They were inspired to come back and change the school for the better



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Meet Dr Rudiger von Kleist

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Interhouse brings back team spirit

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Who is Dr. Christoph Hikuam?

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The first week of school



Mhudi Steens JOURNALIST

Mhudi captures the excitement of the first days in a new school year

Monday, the first day of school. I was extremely excited. I mean who wasn't? A new grade, meeting your friends after 42 whole days, and simply everything that comes along with the new school year. In spite of my messed up sleeping schedule, I got up early in the morning, got ready and getting more hyped up by the minute.

Finally I arrived at school and from the car I could already see some kids hugging one another. I could hear the screaming sound of girls uncontrollably squealing. Though I have to admit it got me even more excited than I was.

As soon as I entered the school gates I too went around embracing friends, laughing and looking for my classmates, immediately being enveloped by the sound of lively chatter, the smile

on each and every face in the classroom, the almost overwhelming surge of excitement going around and the start of a very long year. I cherish that moment because I promise you, all that will have been extinguished by the reality of the school curriculum after give or take 5-6 weeks.

Then there are the famous school assemblies in the Aula. Some learners hardly pay attention as they find themselves engrossed in conversations, others watch the new teachers introducing themselves. The "singing" of our school anthem never fails to amuse and liven up the time spent in the Aula. "That's DHPS, da fangt das Leben an!"

One other thing at school that also never disappoints is the big break. It will forever remain the most relaxing and refreshing 20 minutes of the entire school day.

The buzz and constant activity on

the school grounds, the familiar sound of hysterical laughter coming from every possible corner of the school ringing in your ears, learners playing soccer, tag, learners simply just sitting in a chilled circle having conversations or queuing at the kiosk - and I enjoy every minute of it.

As the first week briskly came to an end, I realized how much I missed the constant chatter in class, so loud and complex that it even seemed to reverberate through the walls as a bunch of teenagers try to make themselves heard. The energetic teachers who are far too enthusiastic after the long holidays, the sound of shuffling pages filling the room like a delicate rainstorm falling on dried leaves, and the most tangible stir of excitement hanging oh so nonchalantly in the atmosphere.

That is what made my first week of school this year not only another chapter in my academic years, but



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the place where I get to make many more character building memories and slowly climb up the colourful

building blocks to my future. DHPS - my school, my future.

Celebrating 25 Years of Namibian Independence



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Most Namibians will remember that day - that special day in the history of Namibia - Wednesday, 21 March 1990. What actually happened on that day? What has changed since then? We found out for you.

As most people will know, Namibia

(South-West Africa) was part of South Africa for quite a long time before independence, both officially and unofficially. The Namibian liberation struggle leading up to independence began in 1971, when South Africa's presence in Namibia was declared illegal.

The United Nations became involved. The conflict ended with the first free and democratic parliamentary elections in November 1988 and Namibia gained its Independence on 21 March 1990. This historic day has become a public holiday, with Namibians celebrating independence every year.

Dr. Sam Nujoma was the first president of Namibia and became known as the Founding Father of Namibia. As

the last part of Namibia under South African governance, Walvis Bay was handed over to Namibia in 1994.

On the Day of Independence itself, many Namibians watched President Nujoma solemnly swear the oath of office to UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar in the stadium of Windhoek.

Since Namibia has become independent, there have been no political wars. This is not the case in many African countries.

Therefore we are very lucky to live in this peaceful country. Altogether, Namibia is a great country to live and we are proud Namibians.



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