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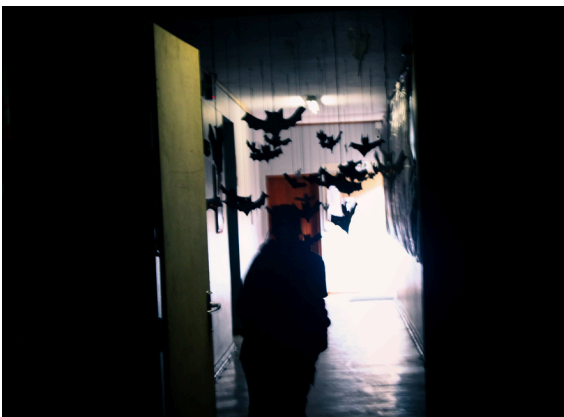
## CARNIVAL FUN 2025

BY SIPHESIHLE ZIBI



Mrs Roberts enjoying a tasty drink at the Carnival **PHOTO:** Elijah Gaunt

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing parents, staff and learners for making Friday, 28 February 2025 such a wonderful success! Your dedication - through setting up, running stalls, donating items, or offering a helping hand - played a huge role in making the event possible. A big shoutout as well to everyone who participated in our carnival raffle (biggest congratulations to those who won prizes) From delicious treats like burgers, vetkoek, curry and rice, pancakes and a cozy tea garden to thrilling activities like the jumping castle, pillow fights, ghost house, dunk tank, white elephant store (just to mention a few) - there was something for everyone to enjoy!



The grade 11s absolutely amazing haunted house **PHOTO:** Elijah Gaunt



Mr Makoni getting dunked **PHOTO:** Elijah Gaunt

# PREFECT CAMP

BY CAITLYN MUNRO

The leadership team of 2025 embarked on an exciting overnight visit to the Leaders In Life Camp at Addo National Park on 12 Jan - 14 Jan 2025. From fun icebreakers and team building exercises to

canoeing and a thrilling zipline, the prefects learnt 'what it means to be a leader'. "It was a good experience to say the least. I feel like it brought us closer as a team," shared Tagon De Kock.



The prefects braving the zipline  
**PHOTO:** Supplied

# 1ST ASSEMBLY

BY CAITLYN MUNRO

On the 16th January PAHS, joined by a handful of parents, had its first full school assembly of 2025. The assembly began with the school's growing tradition of having new learners, new teachers, and the grade 1s walk across the stage after ringing a bell - signifying the beginning of their journey at PAHS.

"be the change" that they want to see in the world.

Finally, the assembly came to a high spirited end as the new head prefects were announced - Sarah Schultz (head girl), Othandwayo Tukulu (head boy), Siyakha Coto (deputy head girl), and Liyoma Lumphondo (deputy head boy).



The prefects practicing team work around the fire  
**PHOTO:** Supplied

Upon officially receiving their prefect badges, the leadership team recited and signed their pledges to the school - surely a memorable moment for parents in the crowd.

Deputy Principal, Mrs Willemse, and Principal, Mr Adams went on to share inspiring words, of which focused on encouraging learners to



The prefects taking their oath to serve the school  
**PHOTO:** Elijah Gaunt



# GRADE 8 BABYSITTING

BY CAITLYN MUNRO

The grade 8s and the prefect team made unforgettable memories together at the mentee and mentor camp 18 January - 19 January. Each prefect and their mentees were grouped together while participating in activities like musical chairs, races, swimming, and more. The grade 8s, alongside the prefects, learnt about the school

badge and its significance; they also went over the school's rules. After a very late night the learners fell fast asleep, bringing their overnight stay at PAHS to an end. "The camp was great and taught us to listen and do physical activities," says grade 8 Onothando Matthews, "the prefects weren't easy on us though! I'll make sure to remember that..."



The grade 8s being tested to their limits **PHOTO:** Supplied



The late night affected a few of the students... **PHOTO:** Supplied

# LIGHTING THEIR WAY INTO PAHS

BY CAITLYN MUNRO



Grade 8 learners lighting their candles **PHOTO:** Mrs. Tyutyu



The high school packed into the hall to watch the grade 8s lighting ceremony **PHOTO:** Mrs. Tyutyu

The newest members of the PAHS high school, the grade 8s, were the centre of attention at their candle lighting ceremony on the 20th January 2025. This special assembly was joined by the parents of the grade 8s. The ceremony began with all the grade 8s walking onto and across the stage where they would receive a bookmark.

Before returning to their seats, the young learners would light a small candle - each little light representing a grade 8 and the high school experience ahead of them. The grade 8s went on to recite a pledge, lead by the grade 8 Grade Head, Mr Singh, to the rest of the high school. The assembly ended after a full-spirited performance from the high school of the school's war cry 'Die Leeu'.

# SPORT, SPIRIT AND FUN!

BY CAITLYN MUNRO

## Day 1 - Field Events

PAHS's annual interhouse athletics day was nothing short of fun! Day 1 kicked off with the much loved march through the school - a time for the teams to warm up their voices and get in the spirit. Enlivening the parade, Hobson House (blue) cheered alongside a blue beach buggy, Orffer House (gold) cheered alongside an ambulance and a herotel bakkie, and Harvey House (red) alongside a fire truck.

The teams made their way to their allocated spots on the pavilion where the sport activities officially commenced. A very excited Mrs Tyutyu took the responsibility of commentating the day, announcing the upcoming activities and cheering for everyone.

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Also bearing big responsibility, the 'sound guys' (Tagon De Kock, Benjamin Van Der Walt, and Sinothana Diko) kept the good vibes going, ensuring great music played and all speakers and microphones were in check. A huge thank you also goes out to the school's First Aid team who all worked tirelessly to make sure of the safety and physical well-being of the school. (First Aiders include Somila Nkunkuma, Hlumelo Mangwane, Amber Prince, Chumani Nyoka, Kay-leigh Adams, Uyathanda Vazi, Lihanna Cocker).

Day one came to an end with the scores as follows:  
 3rd place = Harvey House  
 2nd place = Orffer House  
 1st place = Hobson House.  
 Making note of the three point difference between first and second place, learners anticipated what athletics day 2 had to hold.

## Day 2 - Track Events

Starting once again with a march through the school (joined by the same vehicles) the three houses were buzzing to begin the day. Accompanied again by the 'sound guys' and the First Aiders, Mr Makoni took the role of the day's commentator.

Somila Nkukuman (grade 12, red house): "I am having so much fun. The kids are pushing themselves to their limits, we are so proud!"

Emma Helena (grade 6, gold house): "It was a magical day." "...very tiring and hot!" continued Lupawu Putana (grade 6, gold house).

Mr Murray (blue house) on what his favourite part of athletics day is: "I love the interaction between all the grades, grades 4 up 'till grade 12. I also love the gees!" - **Continued pg. 5**



Before announcing the 2025 interhouse winners, the teachers raced against the matrics in a relay race that the matrics won. Following the race, the matrics performed a dance for the school to the song 'Biri Marung'.

Finally, the scores were announced, concluding the 2025 interhouse athletics days. Congratulations to Orffer House in third place, Harvey House in second place, and -by three points- Hobson House in first place. A special round of applause for the high school for breaking a total of 15 records!



The Gees in the stands was unmatched **PHOTO: Elijah Gaunt**



Despite different houses, the friendship remained for the matrics **PHOTO: Elijah Gaunt**



Mr Chiwara enjoying the days out in the sun **PHOTO: Elijah Gaunt**



The first aid team hard at work saving multiple learners from heat stroke **PHOTO: Elijah Gaunt**



The multi-grade interactions Mr Murray loved **PHOTO: Elijah Gaunt**



Sprinting to the line **PHOTO: Elijah Gaunt**



The matrics rocking the best dance moves! **PHOTO: Elijah Gaunt**



Sine Mabece jumping 1.83m, breaking the school record **PHOTO: Elijah Gaunt**



# 2025 INTERACT INDUCTION

BY CAITLYN MUNRO

It was with much excitement and anticipation that the new interact board of 2025 was announced. On the 30th of January, the PAHS Interact Club (hosted in the school's clubhouse) had their annual induction. The event was joined by Ren Mouton (Rotary President), Mrs Tweedie (Head of Sports and Cultures),

parents and other honourable individuals. A final congratulations to the new Interact board, Bulelani Mkele (President and Communications), Elam Smile (Deputy President and Administrations), Lukholutho Boo (Treasurer), Inothando Funo (Project Manager) and Elijah Gaunt (Media Manager)!



New Interact President, Bulelani Mkele **PHOTO:** Elijah Gaunt



Honourary guest Mrs Crawford and Inothando Funo **PHOTO:** Elijah Gaunt

# BE THE CHANGE CONCERT

BY CAITLYN MUNRO

On Friday, 21 February the grade 8s put on a concert that held regard to the school's theme of the year, 'Be the change'. The grade 8s were split into groups, half of which performed short dramas whilst the other half performed dance routines. As mentioned by the Grade 8 Grade Head, Mr Singh, all of the performances were original pieces scripted and choreographed by the

grade 8s to be marked on for the subject 'creative arts'. From short plays encouraging kindness and anti-bullying to funky hip-hop dances, the concert made for an excellent night. When asked to express his thoughts on the concert, Mr Singh had the following to say: "We are very very very VERY proud of our grade 8s. They have worked hard

over the past few weeks and now it's their time to shine. We can see the progress it's made on their self-esteem which was part of the whole point of doing this. I'm glad there's such a good turnout!"



A skit on the consequences of bullying **PHOTO:** Elijah Gaunt



# MATRIC ORIENTATION

BY SIPHESIHLE ZIBI

The excitement was palpable as some of the Sarah Baartman District schools gathered on 05 March 2025 for their much anticipated matric orientation. This event, specially organised by the Department of Education, aimed to inspire, inform, and prepare the grade 12s for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in their final year of school.

The orientation began with a heartfelt welcome from Mrs Ntanga, who emphasised the importance of hard work, discipline and perseverance in this final school year. This was followed by a special address from Bishop Mbandana. In an inspiring speech, he reminded the grade 12s that the matric year is not just about academics but also about

personal growth and leadership.

The orientation wasn't just about speeches, it was a showcase of hard work that payed off. At PAHS excellence is not an option but rather a tradition. Our 2024 matric students obtained a 95,5% pass rate with 48 Bachelors, 14 Diplomas and 1 certificate.

# VALENTINE'S DAY



Grade 10 girls enjoying their valentine's gifts **PHOTO:** Liyabona Nduna



Head boy, OT, wearing a ribbon for valentine's **PHOTO:** Liyabona Nduna



The hall set-up was beautiful for the school valentine's dance **PHOTO:** Caitlyn Munro



Elijah Gaunt who ran a photo booth at the valentine's dance **PHOTO:** Elijah Gaunt



The matrics filling the hall for orientation **PHOTO:** Mila Neethling



Some of the ladies wearing red for valentine's day! **PHOTO:** Liyabona Nduna



# PI DAY CRAZINESS



The matrics playing a round of Rummikub **PHOTO:** Supplied



Jenga blocks falling on the grade 8s **PHOTO:** Supplied



The teachers getting involved in the Pi Day fun **PHOTO:** Supplied



Pi Pong for the grade 10s **PHOTO:** Supplied



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The grade 12 maths class owned the stage for Pi Day **PHOTO:** Elijah Gaunt

## BLOOD DRIVE



Matric learners donating their blood for a good cause **PHOTO:** Supplied



Mr. Murray creating an excuse to miss rugby practice **PHOTO:** Supplied

## MAKANDA CHESS TRIALS



PAHS Chess team at the Makanda Chess Trials **PHOTO:** Supplied



Mr Singh's watchful eye over the chess games **PHOTO:** Supplied



Seth Timms thinking about his next move **PHOTO:** Supplied



# PAHS SPORT & CULTURE



PAHS debating 1st team **PHOTO:** Supplied

Lithemba Tuko, Bulelani Mkele, Amahle Zulu, and Chaez Cannon represented Port Alfred High School at the debating Rhini League. They did incredibly well, securing a spot in the semi-finals, where they eventually lost to Graeme College - the overall tournament winners.



The 1st team rugby & netball kit handover **PHOTO:** Liyabona Nduna



The 1st team kits laid out on the table **PHOTO:** Supplied



The rugby boys posing with their kits **PHOTO:** Supplied



Thanking our sponsors for the kit **PHOTO:** Liyabona Nduna



The 1st team rugby kit **PHOTO:** Supplied



The 1st team netball kit **PHOTO:** Supplied



1st team rugby at Graeme Rugby Festival **PHOTO:** Supplied



1st team netball at Andrew Rabie Ratel Festival **PHOTO:** Supplied



Team work makes the dream work **PHOTO:** Supplied



# PINEAPPLE CRICKET WEEK



Shouts of 'HOWZAT?!' echoed over our cricket field throughout pineapple cricket week **PHOTO:** Elijah Gaunt



Amyoli Nela enjoying watching the cricket **PHOTO:** Elijah Gaunt

## LEARNER SPOTLIGHT



Alutho Ziqula who will be traveling to Sweden to grow his soccer talent **PHOTO:** Liyabona Nduna



Jason Palmer **PHOTO:** Supplied  
We at PAHS are proud to commemorate 16 year old learner, Jason Palmer for his incredible act of bravery - saving three lives from drowning on Saturday, 8 February.



Trinity Engelbrecht who was crowned Miss Eastern Cape at Miss Teen South Africa **PHOTO:** Supplied



Sikhonathi Booi taking 5 wickets vs Rainbows **PHOTO:** Elijah Gaunt



Elijah Gaunt who rode 109km for the Cape Town Cycle Tour on 9 March **PHOTO:** Supplied

## EDITORS' NOTE

We on the PAHS Media Team would like to thank you for reading our first 'PAHS News' publication! It is a great honour to be able to capture the school's proudest moments in words and pictures. Our team has worked hard to produce

this newspaper and are excited to begin working on next term's issue!

With appreciation, Caitlyn Munro, Elijah Gaunt, Liyabona Nduna, Mila Neethling, Anovuyo Khapa, Siphesihle Zibi, and Kyle Marais.

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