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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S OVERVIEW



Deputy Principal
- Mrs Jacky Saffy

Deputy Principal Report

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In an organisation as small as PCS, no one can ever see the entirety of all the work put in by teachers and produced by the students. That's a pity, because in fact, what the teachers do put in and what students in turn produce is often quite remarkable. We don't usually draw attention to the work of individual staff or students - we work as a whole.

But in this message to you I want to look at a few particular moments through the year where I have been especially proud of what has been achieved. And at the outset I want to thank you all, each and everyone, who has contributed to 2016 ending the way it has.

The year commenced with the Grade 8s, 9s and 12s venturing off on an equestrian camp. Grade 10s and 11s remained behind to fulfil community service hours. The annual inter house gala then took place, with the Dragons taking first place. The Grade 11s worked fervently and consistently throughout the year fundraising for the Grade 12 Matric Dance. Hosted along the mountain in Pretoria North, in May, this year's event formed the highlight for the Grade 12s. The Walkathon was a day that was also truly enjoyed by all. With Joshua Augustyn running the course well over the closing time - an impressive par was set for next year's serious runners.

The Music school opened its doors and the talent displayed by the likes of violin, piano, drum and flute players was nothing short of inspiring. PCS has talent re-iterated the raw talent this school possesses, with Molebogang Senoamadi winning the College section with her singing leaving chills down everyone's spines.

Grade 9 assessments were undertaken again this year. These help the Grades in making an informed all-important subject choice for Grade 10. This stressful situation - for both students and parents - was alleviated through an information evening where educators and an educational psychologist spoke, giving guidance and very helpful information. PCS has pride - the community based initiative for helping those less fortunate than us saw many grateful hearts filled this year. A feeding initiative was started and students built boxes to house and grow vegetables.

The College hosted the annual Christmas carols by candlelight evening in November - and what a success that was. Gifts were brought for less privileged children and stationery hampers or gifts for the aged were also collected. An enjoyable evening filled with the true spirit of Christmas prevailed. The sports on offer have been of the widest variety yet, with swimming, hockey, table tennis, basketball, soccer, athletics and netball in the fore. Although this year's achievements were not as good as previous years, participation rose and next year we hope to introduce two new sports to this array. The College boasted its first ever choir - with a staggering 87 participants. I look forward to hearing them at inter school concerts next year.

We bade farewell to several staff through the year, Mrs Hagen who immigrated, Mr Joubert and Mr Buchalter who moved to other schools are Mrs Preston who retired. With the new contingency of staff in attendance for 2017 - the year of the Rooster promises to be nothing short of being exceptional.

Mrs Jacky Saffy

HIGHLIGHTS VALEDICTION

A sad and tearful farewell was offered up to the Matriculants of 2016, on 6 October 2016.

The guest speaker was the dynamic and inspirational Fousia Abudulai, who also happens to be a parent at our school. Having mastered English, Afrikaans, Setswana and Zulu this admitted Attorney and Conveyancer of the High Court of South Africa inspired the Grade 12s.

The following awards were handed over on this prestigious day:

Hoonmin Cho

- Joint 2nd in Mathematical Literacy (72%)

Selycia Curwen

- Silver Award for The De Beers English Olympiad under the theme "A Journey into Darkness"
- 3rd place Afrikaans 80%
- Joint 2nd place in CAT 84%

Dylan Kranjc

- Silver Award for The De Beers English Olympiad under the theme "A Journey into Darkness"
- 3rd place in English 80%
- 2nd place in Information Technology (71%)
- Thabang Leshabane
- 3rd place in Computer Application Technology (80%)

Lauren Moos

- Silver Award for The De Beers English Olympiad under the theme "A Journey into Darkness"
- 3rd place in Geography with 71%
- 2nd place in Mathematical Literacy (72%)

Ismael Poopedi

- 3rd place in Business Studies with a mark of 76%

Kateryna Reva

- 3rd place in Mathematics with a mark of 80%
- Joint 2nd place in Physical Science with a mark of 80%
- 2nd place LO 89%
- 1st place in Visual Arts with a mark of 84%
- Top joint achiever in Business Studies 79%

For this achievement as joint top Business Studies student Kateryna is also awarded The Boston City Campus and Business College bursary to the value of R8000

Shaun Roos

- 3rd place in Life Sciences 84%
- 2nd place in Geography with 85%
- 1st place in Computer Application Technology (86%)
- 1st place in Mathematical Literacy with a mark of 83%

Jenna van Zyl

- 2nd place in Visual Arts with a mark of 71%

Judy Chan

- Joint 2nd place in Physical Science with a mark of 80%
- 2nd place in Computer Application Technology (84%)
- 1st place in Mathematics with a mark of 93%
- Top joint achiever in Business Studies 79%

HIGHLIGHTS

VALEDICTION

Connor Fenton

- Silver Award for The De Beers English Olympiad under the theme "A Journey into Darkness"
- 3rd place in Physical Science with a mark of 72%
- 3rd place in Life Orientation 87%
- 1st place in Information Technology (81%)
- 1st place in Life Sciences with 90%
- 1st place in Afrikaans (85%)
- 1st place in English with a mark of 92.5%

For achieving 2 B's in Physical Science and Mathematics and 6 A's in Chinese, English, Life Orientation, Afrikaans, Life Sciences and IT Connor Fenton was awarded FULL ACADEMIC Colours.

Claudia de Kok

- Merit award: Representing the PCS at Junior City Council
- Silver Award for The De Beers English Olympiad under the theme "A Journey into Darkness"
- 2nd in English by 5 of a percent with a mark of 92%
- 2nd place in Life Sciences with a mark of 85%
- 2nd place in Mathematics with a mark of 89%
- 2nd place in Afrikaans 83%
- 1st place in Geography 89%
- 1st place in Physical Science with a mark of 82%
- 1st place in Life Orientation 95%

For attaining 1 B in Mandarin and 7 A's in Mathematics, Life Sciences, Geography, Life Orientation, Physical Science, Afrikaans and English - Claudia was awarded FULL ACADEMIC Colours and the trophy for being placed First in the Grade.

The following special awards were then handed out:

The loyalty shield is awarded to individuals or an individual who has been a student at The Pretoria Chinese School since Grade R.

- This years' loyalty award was bestowed upon **Lusanda Mthembu**.

The fellowship award denotes an individual who is voted the friend of the College. Someone who builds positive relationships amongst their peer group.

- This years' fellowship award as voted by the Grade 12's went to **Thabang Leshabane**.

The Principal's Award is given to an individual who embodies the Olympic ideals – those of fair play, tolerance and empathy.

- This years' principal's award went to **Connor Fenton**.

The sportsperson award was introduced three years ago and is bestowed upon the student who complies with the vision and mission of the Pretoria Chinese School – that of participation. The student must participate in an array of sports, across the duration of the entire College career. The recipient – for a duration of 5 years has participated in: Basketball, Soccer, Being captain of both these teams, swam in galas and participated in athletics meetings. He also played volleyball and attended table tennis practices.

- This years' sportsperson award went to **Ismael Poopedi**.

A new award – rightfully introduced at this time when culture at PCS is rising – is the Cultural person of the year award.

The award is bestowed upon the student who complies with the vision and mission of the Pretoria Chinese School – that of participation. The student must participate in an array of cultural activities, across the duration of the entire College career.

HIGHLIGHTS VALEDICTION

This award goes to a student who participated in: the Chinese Culture club, represented the school at the 10/10 celebrations, at the BRICS convention and at Monte Casino and new year celebrations.

She was an active participant and director of house plays and danced in the 12 animal's 80th birthday celebration of PCS. She has participated in PCS has talent, quiz nights and achieved top 10 international status at the Chinese Bridge competition.

- The recipient of this prestigious award went to **Selycia Curwen**.

The language award is given to a student who is placed within the top 3 of all three languages offered at PCS. In line with this – a minimum mark of 80% must be achieved in each language.

- For a mark of 85% in Afrikaans, 94% in Chinese and 93% in English – the recipient: **Connor Fenton**.

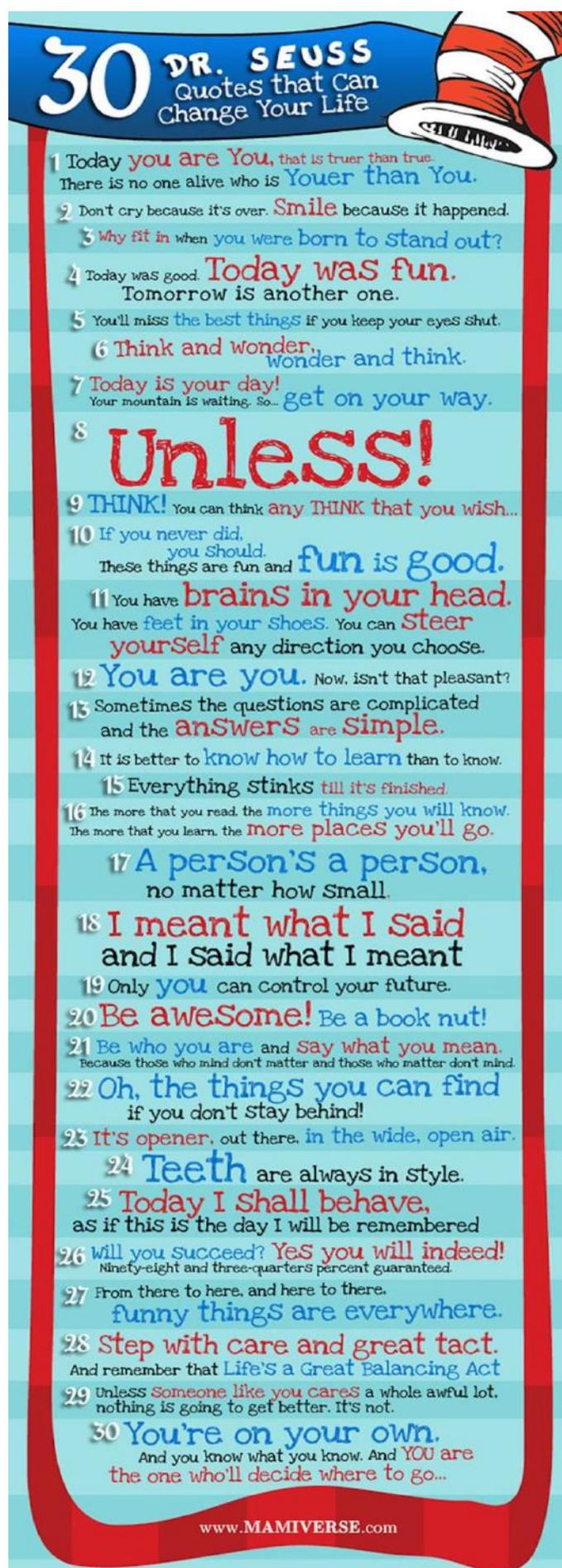
The Orchid Award is awarded to the top 3 students in the College phase, based on their averages of subjects that will be reflected in their final results. This very prestigious award went to the following:

- In 3rd place: with an average of 78,6% **Judy Chan**.
- In 2nd place: with an average of 82,6 **Connor Fenton**.
- In 1st place, with an average of 86,7% and Dux Scholar for 2016 **Claudia de Kok**.

The University of Pretoria award a bursary to the top achiever in Grade 12.

- This year's bursary and trophy for top Grade 12 achiever – went to **Claudia de Kok**.

Mrs Jacky Saffy



EXCURSIONS

BODY WORLDS EXPO

On the 16th of March 2016 the Grade 10, 11 and 12 Life Sciences students clambered into the school buses and made the long and treacherous journey through Johannesburg Central to the Discovery Sci-Bono Centre.

Along with Mrs Saffy and myself, the students were lead to the entrance of the BODY WORLDS EXPO. We were quietly ushered in to the first room of glass cases, where there were a multitude of preserved body parts and organs!

Many of the displays exhibited a diseased organ with the contrasting healthy organ to give us a realistic understanding of what certain illnesses do to our bodies.

We looked at the effects of smoking on the heart and lungs; we saw what an enlarged liver and spleen look like after a life time of alcoholism; we saw cross sections of full length bodies that gave us a very hard look at what effects obesity has on every organ system. We then had the option to walk through the pre-natal section to see different stages of embryonic development and how babies grow in the womb.

After exploring the exhibition and reading every last plaque of information, we climbed back into the buses to contemplate our mortality. We all had a very informative and thought provoking outing, where we now have more motivation to take better care of our bodies.

Miss Tara-Lynne Bond Sykes

Head of Life Sciences

Proudly presented by Discovery, BODY WORLDS Vital is an all-new, unique exhibition celebrating the wonder, resilience and fragility of the human body.

Visitors get a detailed look at the human body and its keenly intelligent design, explore how it functions, and see what happens when disease strikes.

This is the first time "Vital" – one of 11 different BODY WORLDS exhibitions seen by more than 40 million people worldwide – is on show in South Africa.

As an organisation that continually looks for new ways to help people live healthier lives, we believe Dr Gunther von Hagens' groundbreaking preservation process gives people a real-life opportunity to experience the wonder of the human body. A specific focus is to give people relevant tools and support to take care of their health and wellness at every stage of their lives, and through preventive medicine and innovative lifestyle interventions, our aim is to help prevent the onset and manage health conditions affected by lifestyle choices.

The trailblazing, international BODY WORLDS series has been seen by more than 40 million people in over 100 cities across the world.

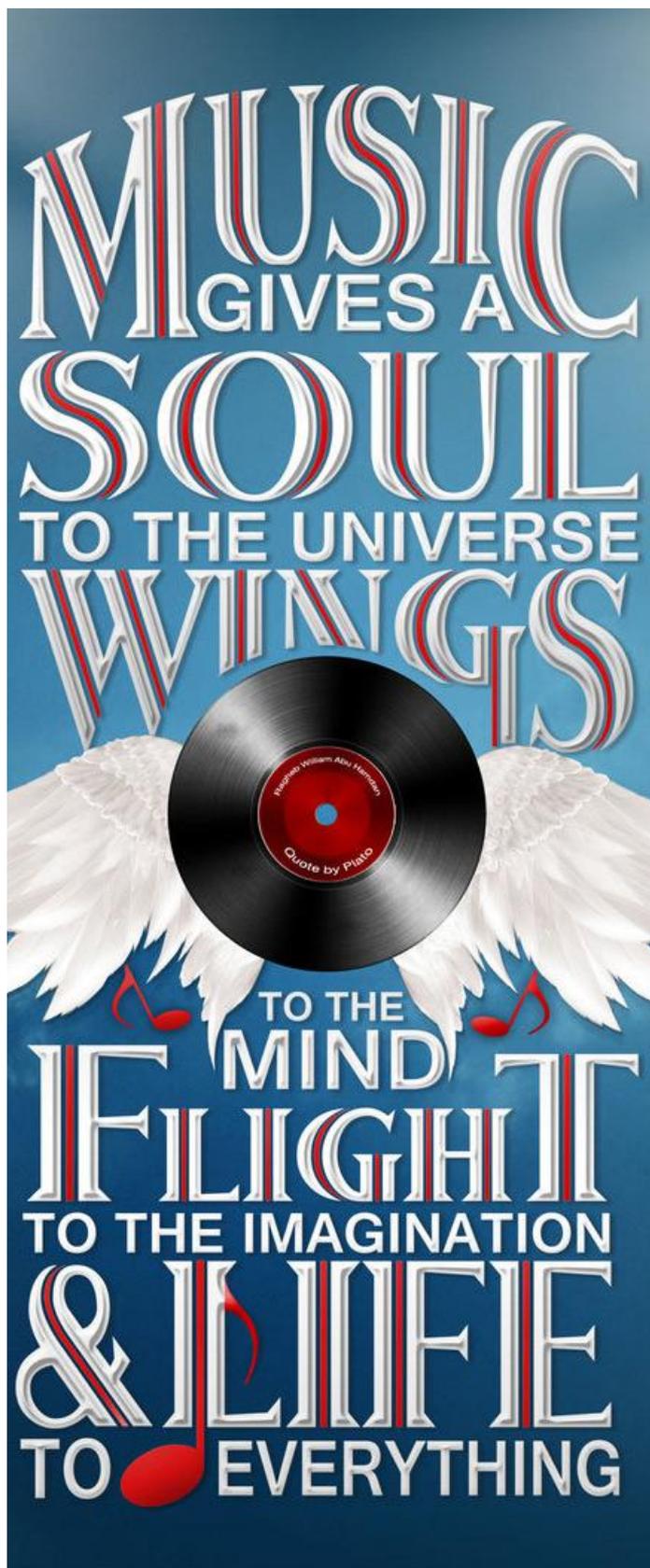
BODY WORLDS returns to South Africa with new, more advanced presentations, a new theme, and much more to learn and experience.

Discovery



SUBJECTS

MUSIC



2016 marked the start of a new venture at PCS.

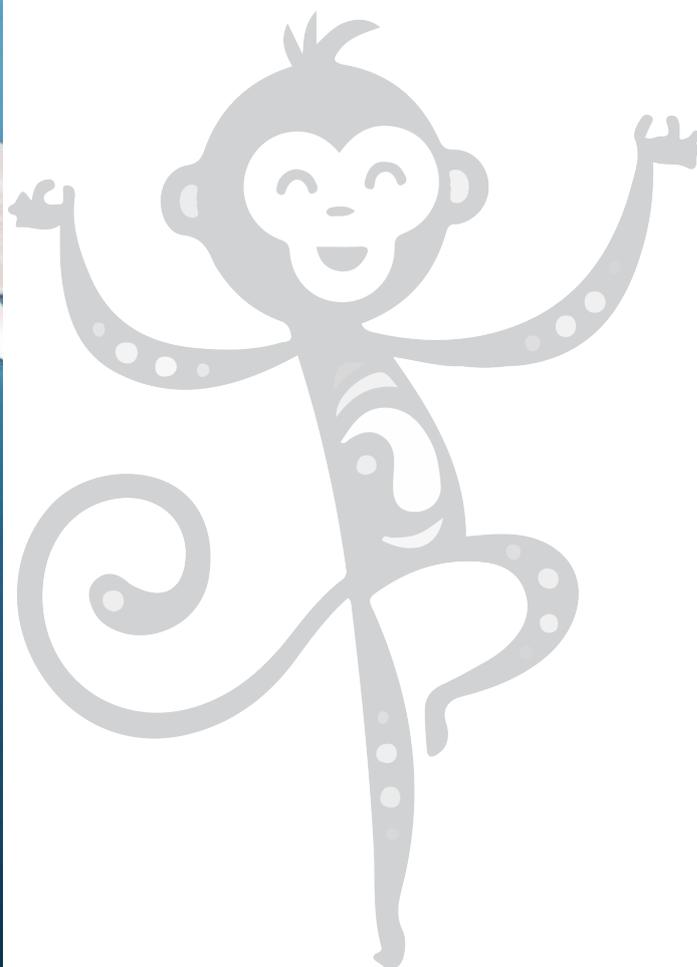
With Mrs Visser leaving at the end of 2015, it left a huge void in the Music Department. During the December 2015 holidays, Mr Jansen van Rensburg devised a plan as to accommodate the students, now left without a teacher to teach them.

And so the Will Jensen Music Academy was formed in February 2016. The number of students have grown with every term going by, leaving the final number of students taking music lessons at 60. That is well in excess of 10% of the school's number of learners – a marvellous achievement.

Instruments offered, have grown to six: Piano, Singing, Flute, Recorder, Violin, Viola and Drums. Other instruments will be introduced in 2017, guitar being the first!

On Wednesday 30 November 2016, a very successful Music Evening was hosted in the PCS Hall. The concert consisted of 45 items by the students of the Will Jensen Music Academy. We are looking forward to what 2017 holds for Music at PCS!

Mr Wicus Jansen van Rensburg



SUBJECTS

ENGLISH

English Olympiad

For the first time, the Pretoria Chinese School entered a group of learners to write the 2016, De Beers English Olympiad.

The year's theme dealt with various literature texts dealing with the topic, "Man's heart of darkness".

We look forward to pleasing results.

Thank you to those who rose to the challenge!

Mr. David Buchalter

English Olympiad Facilitator

Great things
never came
from
comfort zones

Rainbows

I saw a rainbow some years ago, as I lay in a pool of cool water... What is a rainbow, if not a symbol of hope, promise, expectation? An arch of pastel hues along a brick road... It is a long time since I can recall seeing similar rainbows. And this has got me thinking about the beginning and end of things...

Endings lead inevitably to new chapters of life, but the enemies of hope and promise are sometimes the ogres of fear, anxiety, uncertainty, which threaten to evaporate the rainbows from our lives...

As the world turns and timeless tapestries unfold before us, perennial patterns of fortune and misfortune fight each other, seasons of our lives can change dancing into despair and dreams can lie shattered about us like autumn leaves... as great winds whip up Nature's storms.

But as the elements subside, as the ebb and flow of experience becomes somewhat more regular, new and as yet unimaginable landscapes are being created, as the promise of the rainbow's pastels are slowly transformed into vibrant new colours on a canvas of expectancy...

Like the alpha and the omega, things begun must end, but endings always plant the seeds for new beginnings, so as we float along the oceans and tempests of life, we must wait for calm, when the dove will return with signs of promise, for things yet unknown and unseen.

David Buchalter (24 December 2014)



De Beers English Olympiad

SUBJECTS

BUSINESS STUDIES

On the 4th of March 2016 the Matric Business Studies students were invited to the Banangos business simulation held at Curro Hazeldean College.

The aim of the simulation was to encourage us, the students, to use the knowledge obtained in Business Studies to tackle problems in a business set environment by eliminating threats and creating opportunities and to get us to think a bit further out the box, like entrepreneurs, when it comes to problem solving.

This simulation taught me the importance of a team working together because when we did so we were more productive, effective, efficient and reliable. When every team member contributed to the task at hand I learnt why it is crucial that every individual has a well-defined role in a team. I'm sure I speak for all the grade twelve students who attended, when I say that it was a highly educationally and enjoyable experience for us all.

Thabang Leshabane



The Business Simulation is one of the Portfolio tasks for the Matrics. It is designed to challenge students to use theory and apply it in a real life situation and does not assess the students' knowledge in a conventional test situation.

We usually team up with another school not only to make it affordable but also to give students the opportunity to interact with other students and teachers from other schools.

This year we joined Curro Hazeldean and Curro Roodeplaat.

This Interaction also allows the students to compete against the other schools and they can judge if the risks they took paid off or if they need to be more cautious.

The three PCS teams could hold their heads up high and after a long, strenuous day they realised that making money is not as easy as the textbook might suggest.

Mrs Simone Olivier

6 Steps To A Successful Business Launch

01

Go beyond the business plan

Test your idea

02

03

Understand the market

Know your customer

04

05

Generate cash resources

Identify right business structure

06

MATRICS SPECIAL INSERT

Matric Dance

The Matric dance took place at Batterboys Events and Caterers on the 9th of April this year.

It was an eventful evening with the guests of honour – the matric class of 2016 – dressed to impress. The evening itself went down very smoothly and with great fun.

Mr Hilton Bue along with the Principal Mr Galling addressed the matric group with encouraging words for the year ahead.

After dinner was served the Matrics took to the dance floor and showed some good skill.

A big thank you to everyone involved for making the evening so memorable and enjoyable.

Mr Len Joubert



MATRICES SPECIAL INSERT



Class of 2016