



NEWS LETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Calendar – (Please click on the link to see the latest calendar:

http://bit.ly/Term1_Calendar

(This google.docs calendar is in “real-time” and subject to change, so please check back regularly)

- 2019 Calendar
- Senior School Open Day 2019
- SAVE THE DATE: Springfield Convent School PTA - AGM

SPORTS [Sports Information – Please see D6 Communicator for details]:

- Sports Information

STAFF AND PUPIL NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER:

When I left Wynberg Boys' High School in 2015 after 17 years of running the school, I really thought that my headmastering days were well and truly over. I have spent the past three years coaching principals in various schools around Cape Town and in the process, learning a vast amount about what is really valuable in education.

I learnt that the schools which functioned successfully had a clear vision - with structures in place to implement that vision. I saw how much energy there was when the Principal was a driving force. I saw the difference committed, caring and passionate teachers could make. I marvelled how happy a school could be when all pupils could feel that they belonged.

So, when the Board of Springfield offered me the post as interim Headmaster until a permanent appointment could be made, I jumped at it with alacrity. All the ingredients are in place for which I commend all those who have gone before me and the two amazing deputies – Bronwyn Jansen and Geoff Quinn.

Earlier this week, Gillian Stubbs welcomed all the staff - both teachers and support staff – in a truly meaningful service in the Chapel. She started the service with a quote from Saint Catherine of Sienna: 'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'

I cannot think of a finer quote to start off our Springfield journey together. It is an inspiration to all of us, adults and pupils alike.

KC RICHARDSON

SOCIAL MEDIA: AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/springfieldconvent>

Please find below snippets of news taken from the Springfield Facebook account. Please visit the Facebook page to view further details and pics of the news items below:

MATRIC RESULTS

The matric results were very impressive! Full marks to all the teachers (from Grade R!) who contributed to the success of our girls at some point of their journey through school. At a ceremony at Leeuwenhof last Thursday, Springfield was announced in 5th place of the schools in the Western Cape. This was based on the criteria of Pass Rate/Bachelor Pass Rate/Mathematics results (ratio of passes in Mathematics in relation to the number of Grade 12 candidates)

2018 Matric Results

100% Bachelors' Pass

335 Subject Distinctions

9 Subjects with Aggregates Over 80%

Number of pupils with 8 distinctions - 1

Number of pupils with 7 distinctions - 14

Number of pupils with 6 distinctions - 7

Number of pupils with 5 distinctions - 16

Top 10

Joint First Place: **Rebecca Chapman, Helen Milligan and Abigail Clemo.**

Julia Boland

Jacqueline Egberink

Jemma Gold

Kirsten Kromhout

Aisha Moola

Musitse Mooya

Mikaela Tuck

Michelle Tullis

Most Improved

Anisa Ayyoub

Megan Ingram

Dominique Lukic

Tatiana Martins

Lelona Nyamza

Sarah Parker

Lauren Peacock

Aqeelah Peters

Jessica Power

Megan van Niekerk



Mr Richardson and Mrs Jansen

Special Mention

Jemma Gold - 100% for Art

SPORT

Sport trials and practices will be in full swing this week with all information in the D6 Communicator and the school web page.

The first sports match of the year will be the Water Polo teams who will be in action on Friday against Somerset College (away).

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PUPIL NEWS

Congratulations to:

- **Water Polo:**
Lenny Morgan (SA U15)
Bella Mazzulo (SA U16 Non Travelling Reserve)
- **CT Philharmonic Youth Orchestra:**
Pascale Plougmann (Promoted to first violin)

NEW STAFF

We welcome the following new teachers to our ranks. May their time at Springfield be rewarding and fulfilled:

Michelle Cooper (Afrikaans)
Jennifer Godlonton (Mathematics)
Mercédes Hänel (French)
Marinda Meder (Afrikaans)
Zeena Moodie (Geography)
Kirsty Tromp (Accounting)
Elizabeth van Niekerk (English)
Lynda Wakelin (Mathematics)

In addition, the following have stepped in for a few weeks to cover for teachers on leave:

Robyn Gelb (Xhosa)
Sue Lindsay (Consumer Studies)
Kath Eve (English)
Glenda Hepworth (Front Office)

Congratulations must go to Jennifer Butler (Mathematics) who announced her engagement to Marcel Du Plessis.

Caryn Edwards has been appointed as Head of LO.

Robyn Morgan has been appointed as the new Assistant Marketing Manager at the school. She is well known to parents as a hard working Chairperson of the PTA. She is already in harness, proving to be worthy support for Penny Boock in the Marketing office. She will be playing a valuable role in the build-up to the 150 celebrations in 2021.

2019 TERM DATES

TERM	SCHOOL STARTS	SCHOOL ENDS	PUBLIC HOLIDAY/SCHOOL HOLIDAYS/RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS IN 2019:
1	(14 January: Staff) 16 January: Pupils	15 March	
2	2 April	14 June	19 April: Good Friday
			22 April: Family Day
			27 April: Freedom Day
			1 May: Workers' Day
			30 May: Ascension Thursday
3	(8 July: Staff) 9 July: Pupils	20 September	9 August: Women's Day
4	1 October	(6 December: Staff) 4 December: Pupils	