



Newsletter 2024

Our Vision

We seek to evolve into an academic institute of excellence, which can produce individuals of high moral fibre, and individuals who can make meaningful contributions to society and mankind



Our Mission Statement

To maintain and nurture its position as a centre of learning through constructive partnership with learners, parents and educators in pursuit of educational excellence.

Our Staff

SEATIDES COMBINED SCHOOL



Editorial

'The Phoenix, a mythical bird known for its ability to be reborn from its own ashes. It symbolizes immortality and renewal and is often depicted as a beautiful and majestic creature with brightly coloured feathers and a long tail'.

How apt, The Phoenix, can so symbolically become an analogy of Seatides Combined School. The Tornado of June 3rd 2024, together with continual bursting water infrastructure, changed the landscape of not only parts of our beloved Tongaat, but our beautiful institution as well. Not only was our school virtually destroyed, but like the Phoenix we have revived and will soar again beautifully. The transition to our pre-fabricated classrooms has seen our learners, educators, parents, SGB, and the DOE work collectively to ensure that teaching and learning has returned to a semblance of normalcy, so much so, that all involved have embraced our new circumstance and are forging ahead, doing what Seatides Combined School does best. Strive for academic excellence.

Besides the various sponsors, and the entire school community, all of the above could not have been achieved without the astute leadership of our Principal, Mr K Govender.

As you are well aware, Mr Govender concludes his tenure with the school and the DOE at the end of this academic year, after over 4 decades of contribution. During his reign, Seatides has consistently performed sterlingly to maintain its position as the school of choice along the North Coast. We wish you well in this new chapter of your life experience Mr Govender. We pray that you blessed in whatever direction your new journey directs you.

At the same time, we also bid farewell to another stalwart of Seatides Combined, Mrs B Sing, a Commerce educator whose teaching experience are synonymous with passion, excellence and brilliance. Thank you mam for your dedication and commitment. May your retirement continually flow with an abundance of good health, love and laughter.

To the dedicated and committed learners, parents, SGB. And staff of Seatides Combined school ...

Thank you all for your continual commitment and dedication in ensuring that Seatides Combined school soars again. Have a pleasant and restful summer break. Enjoy the festivities of the holiday season and wishing you and your loved ones a fantastic 2025.

Mr V. Chellan
Editor



Last Captain's Log

This is the last message in my capacity as principal of Seatides Combined School.

My stay at Seatides combined school was a decade long in a career spanning 41 years. I served one year as Deputy Principal and 9 years as Principal. There were the usual challenges during my stay but the ultimate challenge were the events of 3rd June that is history now.

Education of our youth, the future citizens and leaders of tomorrow, cannot be relegated to a secondary matter. Every parent/guardian must ensure a personal interest in their child's education. Failure to ensure this will lead to serious consequences for the child, parents and society.

The 4th Industrial Revolution is now. It is predicted that as much as 60% of the conventional jobs as we know it currently will become redundant. Every learner needs to therefore be IT savvy , to ensure employment prospects. The learner will always give off his/her best where the parent and the teacher work together in harmony for the child's benefit. Remember "Problems are only opportunities in work clothes." My sincere wish for Seatide's learners is that they continue to excel in all their endeavours and make their work in this world in whatever they maybe. I wish our matriculants of 2024 all the best for their future.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all parents and all those who served the schools governing body over the years, for your support and guidance. My profound gratitude to all members of SMT and staff of Seatides Combined. The quality of education in a school is determined by its educators and SMT. The special brand of dedication and commitment at Seatides is responsible for Seatides becoming a brand of choice on the North Coast.

I thank all the circuit managers and DOE officials for their guidance and support over the years. May you all have a happy and blessed festive season. God bless Seatides Combined School.

Mr K. Lovender
Principal





Message from the SGB Chairperson

*To our Dearest Principal,
Educators, Students & Parents*

As we approach the end of 2024, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress we have made together. It has been an extraordinary year, filled with challenges, opportunities and achievements that have brought us closer to our shared goals. I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of your tireless efforts, dedication and commitment to our school.

As we look forward to the new year, I am excited to share that we have an ambitious agenda planned for next year. Before we usher in the new year, I want to thank our entire team, including our principal, staff, SGB, learners, parents and donors for their unwavering support and collaboration. Your collective efforts have made a tangible difference in the lives of our children. As we take a well-deserved break to recharge and celebrate the holiday season, I hope you'll join me in reflecting on the progress we have made and the opportunities that lie ahead.

I am grateful to be part of this remarkable school and looking forward to continuing working together in 2025. As we bid farewell to Mr K. Govender, we would like to say THANK YOU for being an extraordinary leader, mentor and friend. You will be deeply missed but your impact will never be forgotten.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous, peaceful and rejuvenating holiday season!

*Jonathan Naidoo
SGB Chairman*



From the COUNSELLOR'S DESK

It had been a busy year at the Counsellor's desk... a year thoroughly enjoyed

Year 2024 has been a whirlwind of achievement and trepidation, heartbreak and joy. It has been a journey that allowed students to blossom from unembellished seeds to fully refined individuals that still learning along the way.

Miss Sagadevan would like to thank the RCL, TADA and all the learners for an Enjoyable year. Best wishes to all

The 2024 year programme were as follows;



2024 Representative council of learner was elected in month of February:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
1. CHAIRPERSON	ANDISWA APHILE	NGEMA	12B
2. VICE CHAIRPERSON	ARYAN ROITH	RAMKELAWAN	10A
3. SECRETARY	ELIZABETH	GOVENDER	8C
4. TREASURER	DARIAN	GOVENDER	9C
5. SGB REPRESENTATIVE	SIYEL THEON	VENKATSAMY	12C
6. SGB REPRESENTATIVE	SHAIL	RAJHDAV	11C
7. SGB REPRESENTATIVE	MUHAMMED RAIHAAN	NAKOODA	9B
8. RCL MEMBER	DAVID MBANG	KAYER	8A
9. RCL MEMBER	SAMARA	KISTEN	8B
10. RCL MEMBER	SHRIYA	ERUSAN	9A
11. RCL MEMBER	SRIVATSA	MAHARAJ	10B
12. RCL MEMBER	SAESHAN	SASS	10C
13. RCL MEMBER	ALYZA	SINGH	11A
14. RCL MEMBER	MAWANDE OWAMI	CHAMANE	11B
15. RCL MEMBER	VICTORY JOHN	GHEVOLOR	12A

RCL OF 2024

The RCL had a Busy, Enjoyable year. They engaged in the following activities

1. The RCL members embarked on a Charity Drive to assist the Tongaat Child Welfare. Total amount that was collected – R10 172.30
2. Mother's Day/Women's Day Programme-Learners had a programme to highlight and emphasise the importance of Women. The main message was Respect and Equality for all Women/Mothers / Sisters/ Female learners etc.
3. Freedom Day- Learners were entertained by speeches, dances and songs put together by the RCL Members emphasising the importance of freedom Day.
4. Anti-Racism/Bullying /Mental Health Programme was held in school- Speeches and dialogues were given by learners at the assembly.
5. The RCL Learners participated in Fund Raising for Sunfield Home They raised an amount of R3500 which was donated to use of the Sunfield School.

TEENAGERS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

The Tada committee of 2024 consisted of 15 Members. Tada members engaged in various activities in school.

The Tada members arranged Motivational Speakers promoting the message of Anti Drug, Anti-Bullying, Non-Violence, Importance of Self Respect etc

The Guest were as follows

Tongaath Child Welfare social worker (Tada Co-ordinator) and DJ SBU.

Motivational Speech regarding Drugs by Mr Haniff

The TADA and Rcl Learners participated in Fund Raising for Sunfield Home They raised an amount of R3500 which was donated to use of the Sunfield School.



2024 Matriculants

Our 2024 Matriculants had a challenging year but exciting year. They were visited by various university's representatives who informed them of the requirements and courses offered. This exercise gave our learners invaluable information and insight into Tertiary Education thus assisting them to make appropriate choices for future. Our appreciation goes out to the following Universities:

- VARSITY COLLEGE
- MANCOSA
- BEREA UNIVERSITY
- RICHFIELD
- PC COLLEGE
- ICESA
- ROSEBANK COLLEGE
- MUT
- VEGA
- UKZN
- SCHOOL OF DESIGN
- ITCA



The matriculants were also fortunate to have received motivational talks by various professionals covering various topics such as stress management, correct eating and study methods. We wish our 2024 matriculants all the best in their future endeavours

GRADE 9

During the Grade 9 year, Learners and Parents have the opportunity to choose subject sets (Courses) for Grade 10. Choosing Subject Sets can be quite daunting and confusing, not knowing what could be the right path to take in order for the learner to be most successful. Taking all this into account A Grade 9 Subject Course Selection Evening was held inviting all parents and learners. The Guest Speaker that presented a thorough analysis and exceptional advice in regards to choosing right subject choice was Krsangi Radhe (Sankalpa Coaching).

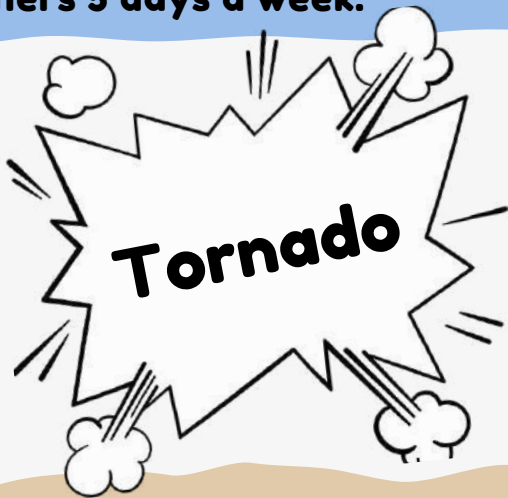


Police Searches together with the K9 Dog Unit were organised to keep the school environment clean and safe for our learners.

The Police were also invited to speak to the Grade 4 TO 11 Learners in regards to bullying, respecting themselves, their peers, their parents, teachers and community as well as other issues.

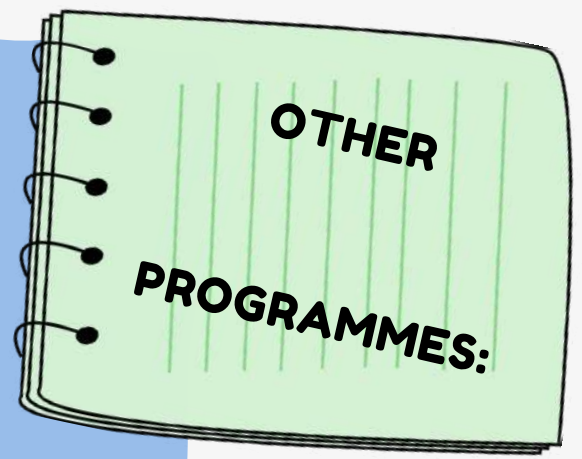
FEEDING SCHEME

Thanks goes out to the Seatides Sai organisation for providing lunch to our learners 5 days a week.



As we come to the close of this academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we have shared. This year has been marked by both incredible challenges and profound growth. We have weathered storms, both literal and figurative, and emerged stronger as a community.

I would like to begin by acknowledging the traumatic event that impacted us all deeply: the tornado that struck our school and surrounding area earlier this year. That day is one that will remain etched in all of our memories. It was a moment that shook us to our core, and the aftermath has left a lasting impact on everyone in our school community—students, parents, staff, and SGB members alike.



Social Workers addressed grade 4 and 11 girls and Boys about drug use/sale, the dangers, spreading and emphasizing the anti-drug message.

All Grade 8 and 12 Girls were addressed by Miss Sagadevan and Mrs B.Singh in regards to various issues that affect teenage girls, some of which being relationships, suicide, respecting themselves and their bodies etc.

A Time of Crisis and Healing



When the tornado struck, we faced an immediate crisis. Our school buildings were damaged, and many families had their homes affected as well. In the midst of this, our primary concern was always the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and families. We are incredibly grateful for the quick response from emergency services, local authorities, and the support that poured in from our broader community. The care and resilience shown by each and every one of you in the wake of this disaster has been nothing short of inspiring.

During this difficult time, we also recognized the importance of mental health and emotional support. Many in our school community experienced feelings of shock, fear, loss, and anxiety. As a school counsellor, worked tirelessly to provide support through individual sessions, group counselling, and parent counselling. It was important that we created a space where everyone—students, parents, and staff—felt supported and understood as they navigated their feelings and began the healing process.

Supporting Each Other Through Recovery



The road to recovery has not been easy, but it has been marked by extraordinary strength, compassion, and unity. We have witnessed our students step up in incredible ways, supporting each other with kindness, empathy, and resilience. Our teachers and staff members have gone above and beyond to provide not only academic instruction but also emotional care to students who have been struggling with the aftermath of the tornado.

We have also held several support sessions to ensure that everyone, including parents, had a chance to process the event together. These events served as a reminder of how much strength lies in coming together, in sharing our experiences, and in lifting one another up during the most difficult times.



As we look to the future, I want to reassure our school and school community that we are committed to continuing to prioritize mental health and well-being. We will continue to provide counselling services, workshops for parents, and ongoing support to ensure that we are creating an environment where everyone feels safe, valued, and heard. We also want to express our deepest gratitude to our school community for the incredible support that has been extended in many forms: donations, acts of kindness, volunteering, and simply being there for one another. It is these acts of care and solidarity that truly define the strength of our community.

A final word of thanks

As we close out this year, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. Whether you are a student, parent, teacher, staff member, or member of the SGB, your resilience, your compassion, and your dedication have helped us weather this storm.

Thanks goes out to the JOC COMMANDER TONGAAT BEACH DISASTER RELIEF, for generous contribution of the prefabricated counselling office. The new facility played a crucial role in providing our learners with the counselling and support they need on a daily basis.

Though we have been through something profoundly difficult, we are stronger for it. Let's carry forward the lessons we've learned this year—about the importance of community, the power of resilience, and the strength that comes from supporting each other. We will continue to face challenges, but together, we will rise to meet them.

Wishing you all a peaceful and rest.

M. SAGADEVAN
SCHOOL COUNSELLOR





FOUNDATION PHASE NEWS

A YEAR AT A GLANCE

Our little ones in the Foundation Phase had a busy year filled with learning, exploring, and engaging in many exciting activities. Our aim is to nurture and educate our learners with the utmost care and dedication.

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

Celebrated in the Foundation Phase is an event that emphasises the joy and importance of reading aloud to young learners. This day encouraged teachers, parents and learners to share stories, foster a love for reading, and help develop literacy skills in early childhood. This was a wonderful opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character which inspired young minds, nurtured their imagination and created a lifelong love for books. The event also highlighted the roll of reading in shaping communication skills, academic success and personal growth.



FLIP-FLOP FRIDAY

On the 23rd of February 2024 learners from Grade R to 3 had a big heart and wore their soles for Flip Flop Friday. This initiative allowed our little ones to take a colourful stand with CHOC in a show of support for the Childhood Cancer Foundation. We thank the Parents for their generous support. Learners had a flip-flopping good day



SPEECH CONTEST

The Verulam Circuit held a Speech contest at Atholton Primary School and despite the impact of the June Tornado, our learners did exceptionally well! Learners from Grade R – 3 participated in the competition:

Leah Reddy – Grade R

Kriana Naicker – 2nd place – Grade 2

Yuvaan Bechoo – Grade 3



SPELLING WHIZZ –CIRCUIT LEVEL

Three learners from Grades 1 – 3 participated in the Verulam Circuit Spelling Whizz Competition hosted by Greenbury Primary School. These learners were victorious at the internal competition held at school level and represented us at the Verulam Circuit level

Well done to our Spelling Whizz Kids:

Kiyash Sookdeo – Grade 1

Shravan Chaterpal – Grade 2

Mckenzie Odayar – 2nd place - Grade 3

We are so proud of your efforts!

MATHS 10 COMPETITION

Our little Grade 3 Maths wizards participated in a Maths 10 competition. The team comprised of **Vayur Poonsamy, Yuvaan Bechoo and Gia Stoffels.**

Gia emerged victorious in the final game and was placed **3rd** !





BOOK-A-THON

The Foundation Phase book-a-thon was a heart-warming event aimed at collecting books to enrich the Foundation Phase library. Learners, teachers and parents came together to contribute new or gently used books with the goal of fostering a love for reading and enhancing the educational experience for all learners. The event was filled with excitement as learners took part in fun reading activities and challenges while also promoting the importance of literacy. The **Grade 3s** emerged victorious by collecting the greatest number of books. The success of the book-a-thon not only brought in a wealth of new books but also encouraged a sense of community and a shared commitment to supporting the school's learning environment. We would like to take this opportunity to thank **Dr. Aveshen Govender** who donated new books to our library and a first aid kit to the phase, as well as parents and learners who have supported our successful book-a-thon

DR SEUSS DRESS UP

Dr Seuss highlights the importance of supporting others, even when they might be a little different from you.

In honour of Dr Seuss's birthday which is on 2nd March, we from Grades R – 3 enjoyed a day filled with wonderful books, and of course lots of fun! Our learners also celebrated his legacy and his work as well as his everlasting influence on literature. We at Seatides Combined would like to give our learners the gift that keeps on giving – A LOVE FOR READING.

Plats off to reading!



A SPECIAL VISIT...

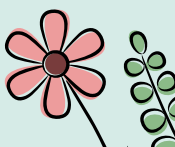
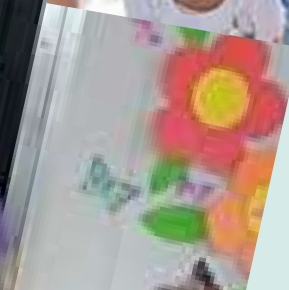
World Book Day was celebrated with a special assembly in the Foundation Phase. Learners took their reading oath and enjoyed singing songs and rhymes about reading. Local author **Dianne Stewart** graced our assembly with her presence sharing her passion for storytelling and the joy of reading. During her visit Dianne engaged the children with lively reading from her books explaining the creative process behind her stories. Her engaging approach sparked the students' imaginations inspiring them to explore their own creativity. Dianne's visit was a wonderful opportunity for the children to connect with a local author and develop a greater love for literature. We thank Dianne for her donation of her own books to our Foundation Phase library and her gifts of bookmarks to each learner.



SPRING IS IN THE AIR...

THE SUN'S OUT! IT'S A LOVELY DAY...

Our bees were buzzing with excitement as they had a few activities planned to welcome the vibrant season of Spring. On the 4th of September 2024 our learners came dressed up in their Spring best with picnic baskets and blankets in hand. Our busy bees enjoyed their snacks outside and had some fun in the sun with lots of music and cheer

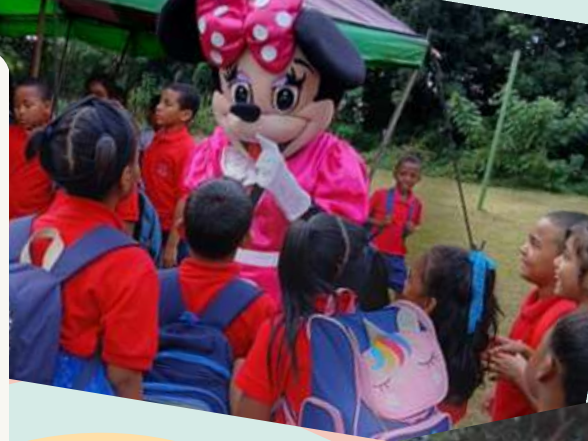




FOUNDATION PHASE SPORTS DAY

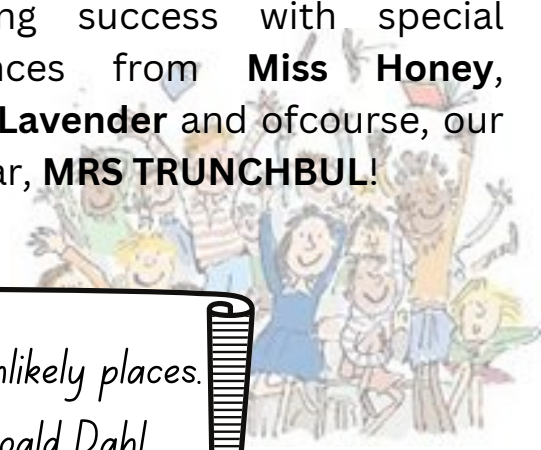
On your marks, get set, GO!

Excitement and cheer filled the air as little legs and arms were put to the test in a fun-filled sports day held on the 24th of May 2024. Learners participated in many races, received delicious treats and interesting prizes. There was fun, music, dance, and a surprise visit from our very own **Minnie Mouse**. A special thanks to our sponsors, parents and helpers who have contributed to a successful event!



ROALD DAHL DAY

Roald Dahl Day was celebrated on **13 September 2024**. It is a celebration of the worlds and characters he created. His work is profoundly creative with it being littered with rich detail. We celebrated this day by dressing up as a character from his books. Learners and teachers were transformed into the characters that they loved, admired and sometimes feared. Our special assembly was a resounding success with special appearances from **Miss Honey**, **Matilda**, **Lavender** and ofcourse, our oh so dear, **MRS TRUNCHBUL!**



'The greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it'. – Roald Dahl



FLAG FARM

Our little ones had a fun-filled and exciting day at Flag Animal Farm located in Sheffield. Learners were able to experience life on the farm by freely interacting with animals as well as feeding them and learning new and interesting facts about them. Thank you to Chelsea Prep, CK Tours and Flag Farm for their generosity towards our learners

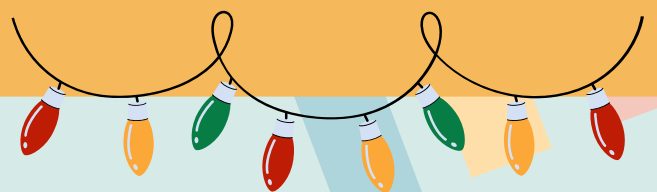


Old Macdonald had a farm! EE - I - EE - I - O!



DASHING THROUGH THE PREFABS OF SEATIDES COMBINED...

After a year of hard work our learners was treated to a very special year end party. As they indulged in good food, played, danced and sang, **Santa and his helpers** were spotted handing out presents and spreading the Christmas cheer



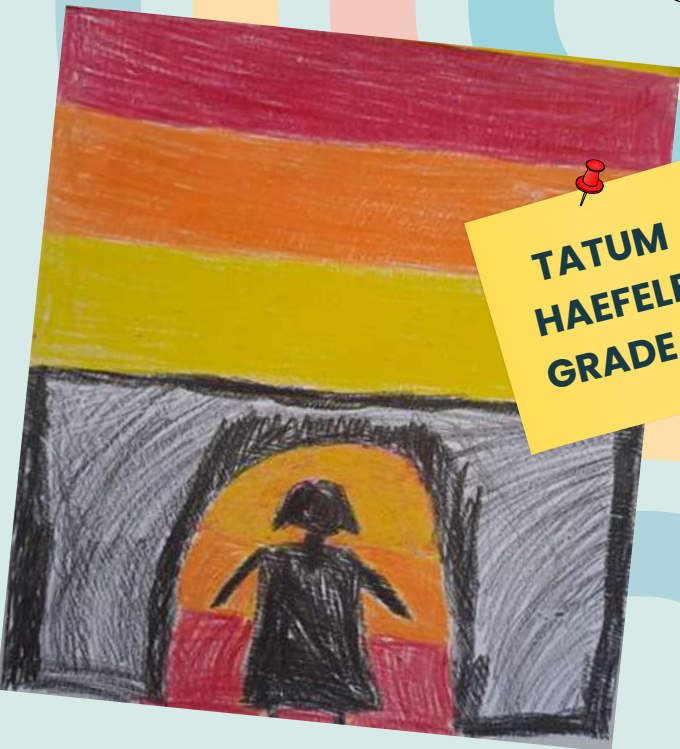
OUR ART GALLERY

A few pieces from our very own Picasso's



**OLIVIA
GOVENDER
GRADE 2**

**SIMIKA
REDDY
GRADE 1**



**TATUM
HAEFELE
GRADE 2**



**BRIANNA
NDABA
GRADE R**

MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION PHASE DEPARTMENT

Notice board

In August we bid a fond farewell to Mrs. D Moodley who retired from the education profession. While her daily presence will be missed, her contributions will continue to inspire future generations. We wish her a fulfilling and joyful retirement, adventures and new relaxation. and well deserved



Notice board

Despite the challenges posed by the tornado, we in the Foundation Phase persevered and achieved success. We thank our principal, SGB and parents for their constant support which made our learning environment a safe and fun filled one.





MESSAGE FROM THE INTERMEDIATE PHASE DEPARTMENT

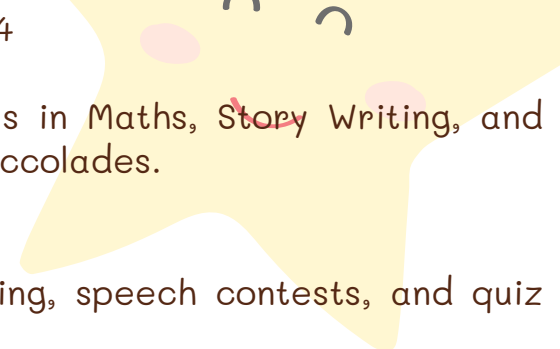
As we bid farewell to 2024, we reflect on a year that has truly tested and defined the character of our Intermediate Phase at Seatides Combined School. It has been a journey of resilience, growth, and remarkable achievements, one that fills me with immense pride as I share this message with you.

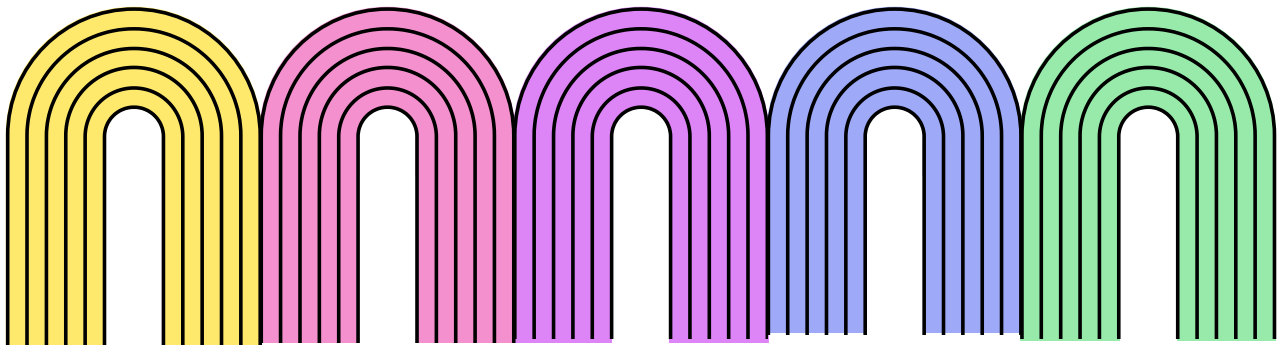
This year presented us with extraordinary challenges. From devastating floods to the havoc of a tornado, our school weathered adversities that could have easily halted our progress. Yet, in the face of such trials, we witnessed a profound display of unity, determination, and an unyielding commitment to excellence.

Our Learners – The Epitome of Resilience

Amid the chaos, our learners shone brilliantly. Their achievements in 2024 reflect not just their academic prowess but also their incredible strength and perseverance. From securing top positions in Maths 24, Maths 20, and English Oral Competitions to excelling in district-level events like the Verulam Circuit Speech Contest and Library Quiz Competition, their accolades are a testament to their grit and potential.

Special recognition goes to outstanding learners like:

- ⌘ Taalia Reddy for her her victory in Maths 24
 - ⌘ Kaiyra Reddy, whose stellar performances in Maths, Story Writing, and Speech Contests earned her well-deserved accolades.
 - ⌘ Denaë Pillay, a shining star in story writing, speech contests, and quiz competitions.
 - ⌘ Melisha Narainsamy for her multiple first-place victories, including in Mathematics, Top 20, English Oral Competition and Verulam Circuit Speech Contest.
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In the realm of sports, learners like Isabella Rose Naidoo, our winner and MVP in table tennis Under 11, showcased not only skill but sportsmanship and determination at Tonver and Friendship Games.

Our Educators – Champions of Adaptability

To our Intermediate Phase teachers, I extend my deepest gratitude. Your dedication and innovative approaches ensured that learning remained seamless, even when our classrooms were unconventional. You have inspired not only our learners but also our entire school community.

Parents – Our Unwavering Partners

To the parents, thank you for standing alongside us through every storm, literally and figuratively. Your support and trust were the bedrock of our success. Together, we created an environment where learners could thrive despite the odds.

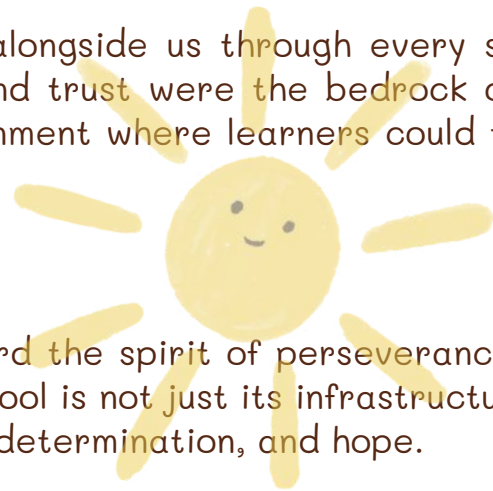
Looking Ahead

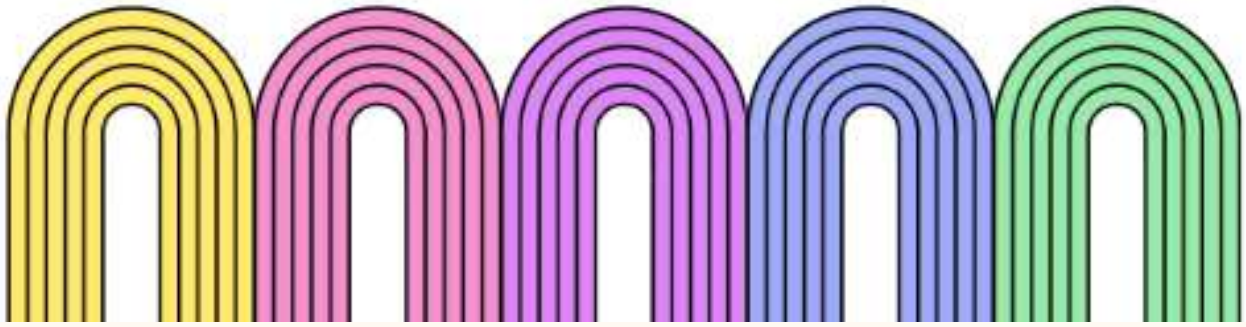
As we step into 2025, let us carry forward the spirit of perseverance and excellence that defined this year. Our school is not just its infrastructure—it is a community bound by shared values, determination, and hope.

Congratulations to every learner, parent, and educator who contributed to making 2024 a year of triumphs. May the Intermediate Phase continue to soar to even greater heights.

With gratitude and pride,
Mrs. P. Gowindsamy

Departmental Head, Intermediate Phase





READING AND QUIZ COMPETITION

Congratulations to Denae Pillay and Melisha Narainsamy for securing first and third place, respectively, in the library reading and quiz competition. We at Seatides Combined School are immensely proud of your achievements. May you continue to shine and make us even prouder in the future!❤️



KHLOE CHETTY SHINES GREEN IN THE GREEN BUDDIES POSTER COMPETITION

Khloe Chetty from Grade 5A recently took part in the Green Buddies Poster Competition. Khloe did exceptionally well and was one of the finalists. She received amazing prizes to the value of more than R1500,00. Well Done Khloe.👏❤️





CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: SEATIDES SHINES AT MATHS 24 COMPETITION

In a year that has been marked by academic excellence and outstanding achievements, our learners in Grades 4 to 7 truly demonstrated the spirit of Seatides Combined School at the prestigious Maths 24 Competition. Held on the 26th of February 2024, the cluster competition brought together the brightest young mathematical minds, and our learners did not disappoint.

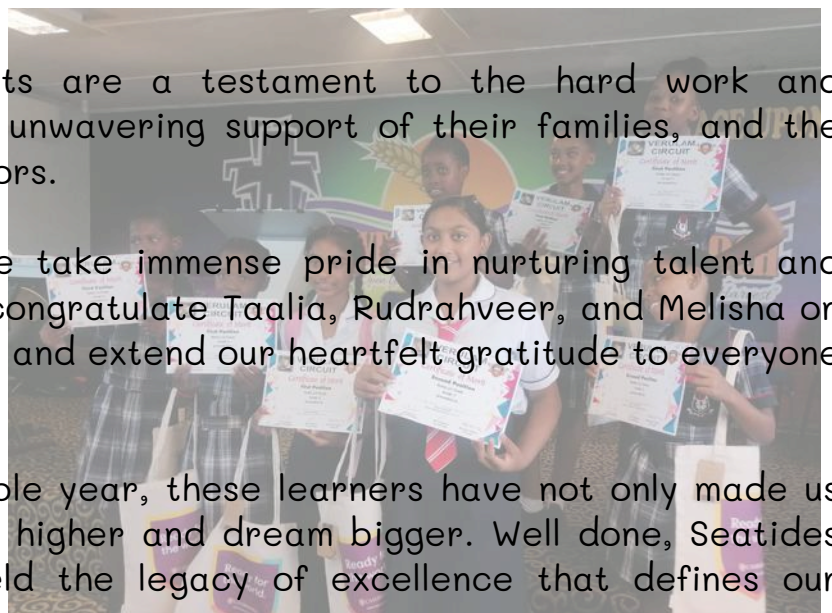
We are immensely proud to announce that **Taalia Reddy** from Grade 4 secured the **1st position**, while **Rudrahveer Seebran** from Grade 4 earned a commendable **3rd place**. From Grade 7, **Melisha Narainsamy** also achieved a remarkable **3rd position**, showcasing the exceptional talent and dedication of our learners.

Their stellar performances earned them the honor of representing our cluster in the finals held on **Friday, 1st March 2024**. Once again, they rose to the occasion and brought home incredible accolades. In the final round, **Taalia Reddy** emerged as the **1st place winner** in the Grade 4 category, and **Melisha Narainsamy** claimed an impressive **2nd place** in the Grade 7 division.

These extraordinary achievements are a testament to the hard work and commitment of our learners, the unwavering support of their families, and the guidance of our dedicated educators.

At Seatides Combined School, we take immense pride in nurturing talent and fostering a love for learning. We congratulate Taalia, Rudrahveer, and Melisha on their outstanding accomplishments and extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to their success.

As we conclude another remarkable year, these learners have not only made us proud but also inspired us to aim higher and dream bigger. Well done, Seatides champions—you have truly upheld the legacy of excellence that defines our school!



Excelling in Numbers: Maths 24 Training Prepares Learners for Excellence

This year, learners at Seatides Combined School showcased their mathematical prowess through dedicated training sessions for the much-anticipated Maths 24 competition. Held every Saturday

Morning in term 1. These sessions were a hub of energy, strategy, and learning as enthusiastic students honed their numerical skills.

Under the guidance of passionate maths educators in the intermediate phase, the training provided a platform for learners to deepen their understanding of numbers and sharpen their mental math abilities. Beginning promptly at 8:00 AM and concluding by 10:30 AM, each session was carefully structured to maximize learning and engagement.

Learners eagerly arrived with their Maths 24 cards, water bottles, and snacks in hand, ready to embrace the challenges of this dynamic game.

The commitment of these learners, combined with the encouragement of their parents and teachers, truly embodied the spirit of excellence. As the sessions progressed, so did the learners' confidence and speed in tackling the game's challenges, showcasing their determination to represent Seatides Combined School with pride.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents for their unwavering support and to our learners for their dedication and enthusiasm. These training sessions were not just about mastering Maths 24 but also about fostering teamwork, perseverance, and a love for mathematics.

Here's to celebrating the champions of tomorrow!





Seatides Combined Learners Shine at Cluster Maths Top 20 Competition

At Seatides Combined School, excellence is not just a goal—it is a standard. This was once again proven on 20th May, 2024, when our talented learners showcased their mathematical prowess at the prestigious **Cluster Maths Top 20 Competition**.

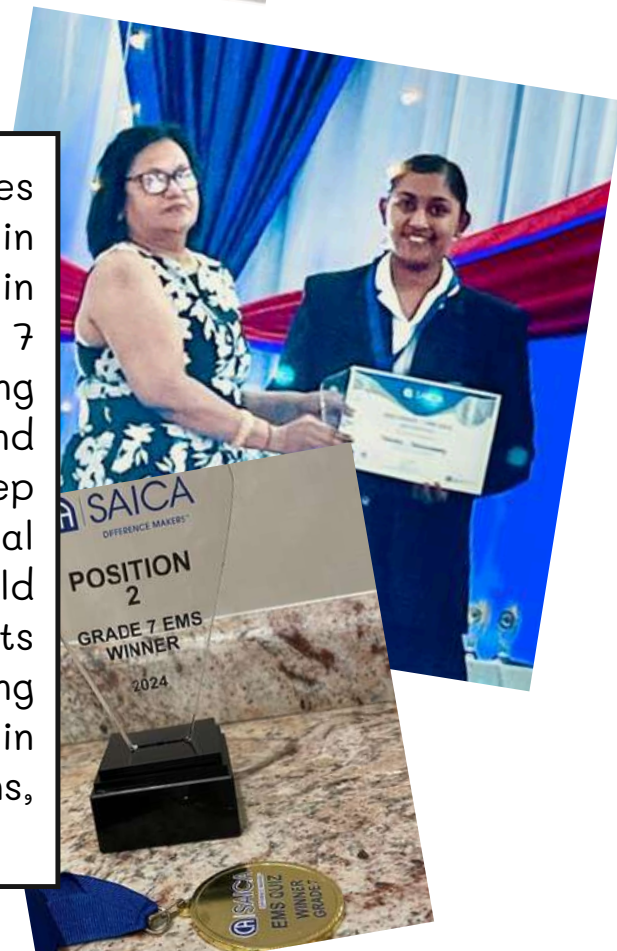
We are thrilled to announce that our learners performed exceptionally well, bringing pride and honor to our school:

- **Talia Reddy**, Grade 4, secured an impressive ****3rd place****.
- **Kaiyra Reddy**, Grade 5, also claimed ****3rd place****, demonstrating remarkable consistency.
- **Melisha Narainsamy**, Grade 7, soared to victory with a phenomenal ****1st place****, setting the bar high for future competitions.

These outstanding achievements reflect the dedication, hard work, and passion of both our learners and their teachers. The commitment to academic excellence at Seatides Combined School is evident in these successes, which inspire all of us to strive for greatness.

GRADE 7 EMS QUIZ

Seatides Combined School proudly celebrates **Melisha Narainsamy**, who secured 2nd place in the prestigious **EMS Quiz hosted by SAICA** in the Pinetown district. This remarkable Grade 7 learner has demonstrated outstanding academic excellence in Economic and Management Sciences, showcasing her deep understanding of key concepts and exceptional application of knowledge to real-world scenarios. Her achievement reflects dedication, creativity, and leadership, making her a shining example of the future leaders in economics and management. Congratulations, Melisha, on this outstanding accomplishment!



VERULAM CIRCUIT SPEECH CONTEST

We are incredibly proud to announce that our learners in the Intermediate Department excelled in the finals of The Verulam Circuit Speech Contest. Kaiyra Reddy, a Grade 5 learner, secured second place, while Chloe Sivagobind in Grade 6 and Melisha Narainsamy in Grade 7 both achieved first place in their respective categories.

We at Seatides Combined School are immensely proud of these outstanding learners. Our heartfelt thanks go to Mrs. M. Choonoo for the coordination and training of the learners



TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR

Our shining stars from Seatides Combined School were honored by the Verulam Circuit for their outstanding achievements in Literacy and Numeracy.

Well done, learners! You have made the entire Seatides Combined School proud. Keep reaching for the stars—you are truly destined for greatness."❤️



CELEBRATING LITERARY SUCCESS AT SEATIDES COMBINED SCHOOL

At Seatides Combined School, our learners continue to exemplify the spirit of creativity and excellence. Recently, two of our talented students, Kaara Naidoo from Grade 4 and Danae Pillay from Grade 7, participated in the prestigious Story Writing Competition held on the 3rd of May at Sterngrove Primary School.

This event brought together budding writers from across the region to showcase their storytelling prowess. Armed with imagination and determination, Kaara and Danae proudly represented our school, captivating the judges with their heartfelt narratives and unique perspectives.

We are thrilled to announce that Danae Pillay's extraordinary talent earned her an impressive ****2nd place finish**** in this competitive event. Her achievement is a testament to her hard work, creativity, and passion for writing.

To Kaara and Danae, we are incredibly proud of your achievements. Your participation reflects the values of dedication and excellence that we uphold at Seatides Combined School. May your success inspire others to pursue their dreams with courage and creativity.

DEBATES

Our very successful debate teams who participated in various tournaments and were chosen as best speakers in many of the competitions showcasing great skills in the debating arena.

With many hours devoted to research and practice, our learners were confident and showed great promise.

We are very proud of their outstanding efforts



ENGLISH ORALS COMPETITION

Congratulations to our outstanding learners who excelled in the English Oral Competition at the cluster event! The competition included a speech, poem and an impromptu presentation.

We are thrilled to celebrate the achievements of Kristyn in Grade 4, who secured 3rd place, Kaiyra in Grade 5, Chloe in Grade 6 and Melisha in Grade 7, each of whom won 1st place in their respective categories. Your hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm have truly shone through. Keep up your amazing work. Special Thanks to Mrs M. Choonoo for coordinating and training our learners



SPELLING WHIZZ

The Annual Spelling Whizz Competition, a highlight in the academic calendar, brought together the brightest young spellers from schools across the region. Held on Friday, July 26, at Greenbury Primary School in Phoenix, the event showcased exceptional talent and fierce competition.

Representing Seatides Combined School with pride, four of our intermediate phase learners demonstrated their linguistic prowess and resilience, advancing to the nail-biting sudden death round. Their hard work, preparation, and passion for excellence stood out among the contestants.

We are elated to celebrate the phenomenal achievements of our spelling stars:

- **Grade 5: Kaiyra Reddy** secured an impressive 3rd Position.
- **Grade 6: Mishael Supramunian** triumphed with a well-deserved 1st Position.
- **Grade 7: Denae Pillay** clinched a remarkable 2nd Position.





ENCHANTED CREATIVE WRITING & STORY TELLING COMPETITION

To celebrate literacy month, our Grade 5 learners were invited to Tongaat Beach Library for an Enchanted Creative Writing and Story Telling Competition. All learners in Grade 5 were given the opportunity to write their own myths and tell these stories.

10 of our learners who did exceptionally well were chosen to participate in the competition. The participants were as follows:

Ammara Aberdeen-

Why the rose has thorns on its stem?

Kaiyra Reddy-

The forest dweller

Azriel Zak Nowath-

The power of truth

Serisha Narainsamy-

Why Ancient Egypt has gold?

Jaynika Reddy-

The lonely tree

Jumainah Shaik-

How the world was saved?

Sadie Elizabeth Maharaj-

How elephants got their big ears

Keerove Govender-

Why the sky is blue?

Isabella Rose Naidoo-

The chameleon & the fox

The forest dweller

Long ago in the magical pine tree forest with the tallest trees and the water was as clear as a bell. There was a goddess Gora. She created a monstrous creature known as the "forest dweller". She created this creature to protect her jewels.

One day a greedy king with 5 eyes and 10 legs heard of Gora's jewels. He became very greedy when it came to jewels. He said "Oh I see I am not the only one with jewels". So he together with his army went to the magical pine tree forest. There they met the forest dweller guarding the jewels.

The forest dweller said "Oh hello there!" "I see you have come for Gora's jewels, but I will not let that happen!" The king replied "Hi there "little tall" You will see about that!" There was a long brutal battle. In the end the forest dweller sent a tornado causing the king to be lost forever. (150)

They say if you see a tornado The forest dweller is fighting another greedy king



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Moral Don't be greedy you can get whatever you take by the Greedy king. Illustration Kaiya

A Good Read!!



Final draft (Neat work)

Title: The power of truth by Azriel zak Nowa

In the heart of Hollow Wood forest lived a wise old owl named Simon and his sneaky friend, Mr Fox. Legend spoke of a blue diamond that kept the land fertile. One day, Simon spotted a fierce storm approaching and quickly warned the animals to seek shelter. They huddled together in fear as a tornado tore through, leaving destruction in its wake.

After the storm passed, the animals emerged to find their homes destroyed and the forest in destruction. Simon noticed Mr Fox hiding the blue diamond under his coat. Suddenly, Zeus appeared, revealing he had sent the tornado because the diamond was missing.

Feeling guilty for his greed, Mr Fox returned the diamond to its rightful place, realizing that friendship trumped material wealth. Inspired by Owl's wisdom, all the animals came together to rebuild, learning the vital lesson of truth and the importance of community. (147 words)



Mr Fox and Owl Simon



All this from



The destroyed forest



Owl Simon the dia



The animals rebuilding the forest.



Title: Why the Rose has thorns on its stem.
 By Ammana Aberdeen

Long, long ago in a beautiful garden, Rose was very sad. "What's wrong?" asked Daisy. "Those people keep stealing my petals," said Rose. "What are you going to do?" asked Sunflower. "I don't want to do anything," said Rose. "You have to," said Sunflower. "Let's ask Bee what to do," said Daisy.

So the 3 flowers went to see Bee. Bee was a magical creature. He could make anything he wanted using his magic wand. The flower told Bee what had happened. "I know what to do!" Bee said. He lifted up his wand and "Poof!" he was holding a bunch of thorns. Bee started attaching the thorns on to Rose using honey. Daisy and Sunflower were watching Bee. "No!" said Rose. "I don't want to do anything. I just want people to stop stealing my petals." The thorns will stop them from stealing your petals," said Bee. "How will the thorns stop them from stealing my petals?" asked Rose.

"When they try stealing your petals they'll get poked!" said Bee. "Thank you," said Rose.
 Moral: You have to do something if you want to see change.



Final draft (Neat work)

Title: The Chameleon and the fox
 Author: Isabella Rose Naidoo

Once upon a time in a magical forest, there lived a chameleon and a fox. They discovered that they both have magical powers with water, air and fire and did not know how to use it. They were curious and started practicing.

They saw 3 animals that were staring at them. It was a lion with 3 eyes, a dragon with 4 heads and a snake with 2 mouths, but they did not have any magical powers. These animals desired their powers.

The 3 mysterious animals started to plan as how to steal their magical powers, so they made their way down to the chameleon and fox. They started a friendly conversation and the 3 eyed lion convinced them to take a walk with them.

While they all was walking the mysterious animals put their plan into action. They took them to a tree that can drain anyone's powers. They made the chameleon and fox stand under the tree and the tree was draining their powers. As they were going, a beautiful horse saved the day. The horse defeated the animals and transferred their powers pack.

Moral: Don't trust no one. A Good

Final draft (Neat work)

Title: Why the Golden Pyramid of Giza still has its gold?
Author: Senisha Narain Samy.

King Zeus, a wise, kind man, ruled over the Great Pyramid of Giza in Ancient Egypt. One day, the King of Narnia, King Taro, an evil man decided to steal the gold from the Great Pyramid of Giza.

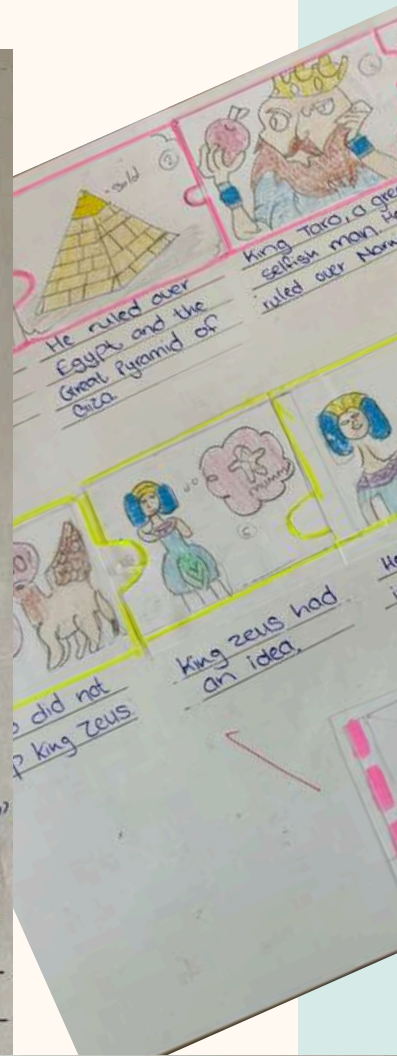
King Zeus learnt of this plan, so he visited his god, the griffin. "Oh Mighty Leo, Ancient Egypt is going to be under attack! Please help us! We need the power of mummies," pleaded the king.

"You are seeking my help?" If you are requesting the power of mummies, that means you intend on hurting people. I decline!" replied Leo. "Now get out!"

With his tail between his legs, King Zeus sadly walked away. Finally, he had an idea. He would wrap himself in toilet paper and pretend to be a "mummy."

When King Taro saw the "mummy" he was terrified and ran for his life! King Zeus smiled and said to himself, "Work smarter not harder."

words: 155



the girl in the forest



Final draft (Neat work) 16/08/24
Title: The lonely tree

Long ago there was a girl named Sam. She lived in Durban. She was told a story about a talking tree. She wanted to find this tree. She told her friends and they laughed at her. They said "it's not real".

Sam got older. She remembered this, She got all of her belongings and set off in the forest. She went uphill, down hill, side to side. She searched everywhere but she couldn't find the tree. She heard a voice from far away.

She thought she had some kind of super senses. She saw something moving like it was the tree. She went closer and closer very slowly to see what it was. She thought it was an animal. She went more closer and it was...

It was the tree! The girl was very shocked, it was the first time it saw a human being. The tree was a bit shy. It whispered a small "Hello".

The girl visited the tree everyday. Till that day they were the best of friends. Don't get influenced by others.

Title:

How the world got saved?

Once there lived a cunning and evil King named Haidies. He lived in a dark forest with no one. One day there lived a cat who was adopted by Daisy and Rider, who lived in a house.

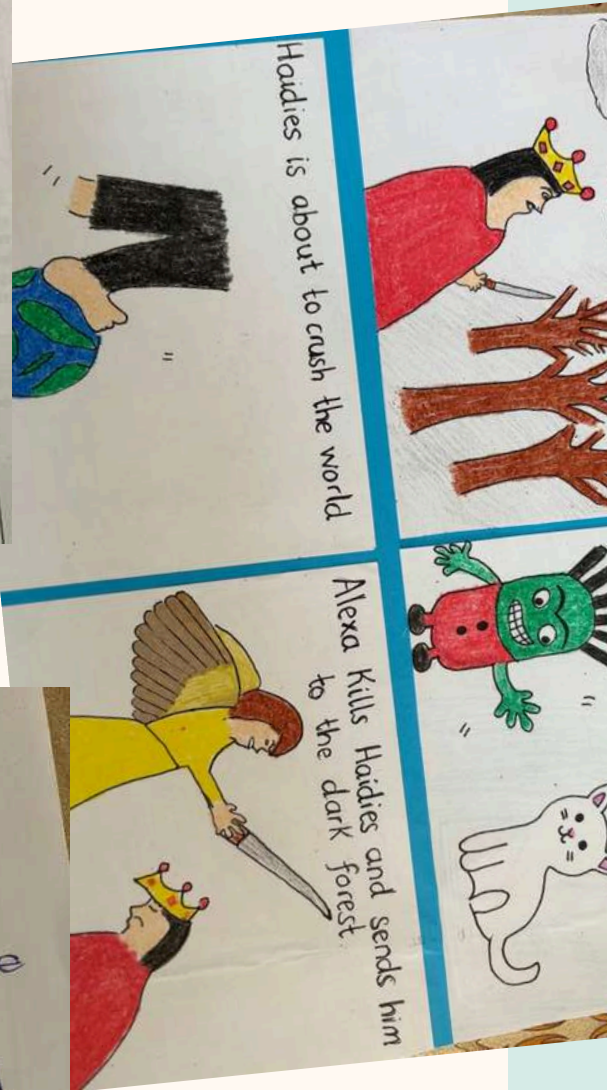
Haidies wanted to destroy all animals and pets. Haidies wanted a whole army so then he can destroy the world.

One day Haidies spotted a cat kept by Daisy and Rider. He sent a black, creepy minion to get the cat, and finally destroy everything.

Haidies was about to end the world but then... Alexa the goddess of protection came down and protected everyone and the world. She killed Haidies and sent him to the dark f, from where he came from.

Moral/Lesson: Never destroy something that is not yours.

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Title:

Why ostriches cannot fly?

Long ago in the African savannah, where golden grass gleamed endlessly, lived Ozi, an ostrich with feathers as dark as midnight and starbright eyes. Though the fastest runner, Ozi longed to soar like the eagles. Every evening, he flapped his wings but remained grounded.

One day, Tembo, a wise tortoise, noticed Ozi's struggle. "Do you wish to fly?" he asked. Ozi expressed his deep desire to feel the wind and see the world from above. "Perhaps there is a way, but it will require a great sacrifice," Tembo warned. Ozi eagerly agreed.

Tembo led Ozi to the sky spirits on the tallest mountain. They granted his wish but cautioned that he would lose the
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power in his legs. As Ozi flew higher, his legs grew weaker, and his speed faded. Realising the price was too high, he chose to stay grounded. From then on, ostriches never flew but ran swiftly embracing their uniqueness.



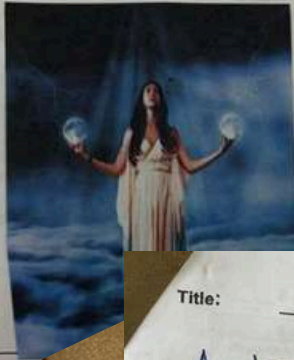
Title:

Why the sky is blue?

Long time ago there lived a young boy and his name was Emmet. Emmet was seven years old and he grew crops next to his house in Blisful moon. One day he met a girl and her name was Lucy. She lived in Sunset Oak. She was 14 years old.

One day Lucy came to visit Emmet and she told him he's growing too many crops. Emmet got angry and told his village to try and kill Lucy. So both villages were at war and the goddess who controls the sky turned the sky black. Emmet started to do bad things like shooting using guns. This carried on for three days.

One day Emmet was thinking about it and he thought he was really growing too many crops. So he told the village he was really growing too many crops. He also told Lucy he was really growing too many crops. Then the goddess who controls the sky turned the sky blue because blue is the colour of peace.



Title:

How elephants got their big ears?

A long time ago elephants had small ears just like other animals. They were friendly and wise but wished they could hear better.

One day a magical wizard named Zephyr visited the jungle and announced, "I'll grant a wish to the animal with the biggest heart". The wise tortoise Tilly suggested, "Let's show our kindness through good deeds."

All the animals helped each other but Ellie a young elephant went above and beyond. She used her trunk to help a baby bird get back to the nest and cleared a path so animals could hear better.

Zephyr noticed Ellie's big heart and decided to reward her. With a wave of his wand, he made Ellie's ears grow large and floppy, sparkling with magic. From that day on, all elephants had big ears, reminding everyone of Ellie's kindness and ability to listen.





The **winners** of the competition were :

1st place Story Writing : Serisha Narainsamy

1st place Story Telling: Kaiyra Reddy

2nd place Story Telling: Serisha Narainsamy

3rd place Story Telling: Jumainah Shaik

The Grade 5 learners were treated to a meal by the Tongaat Beach Library and were given certificates to promote the importance of literacy month.

Apart from learners showcasing their talents in writing and story telling, learners entertained audience with a skit: **Red Riding Hood with a Twist**

Cast :

Wolf: Ayush Gounden

Red Riding Hood: Kaiyra Reddy

Grandma: Aryanna Kalawan

Narrator 1: Ashleigh Gulgar

Narrator 2: Isabella Rose Naidoo

Introduction: Jumainah Shaik



GRADE 7 MARKET DAY

Market Day forms an integral part of the Economics and Management Sciences Curriculum. The Market Day on 4th September 2024 was not just about setting up stalls and selling food items.

Months of planning had gone into this venture, from the learners choosing their group members, doing market research with their potential customers, costing and mark-ups to identifying potential risks. They also had to pay rent for their stalls. The learners were required to draw up an Income and Expenditure Statement after the Market Day.

There were many happy faces with the large amount of profits made. They catered to the whole school's needs. The rest of the learners, teachers and parents had more fun walking around and purchasing different types of foods. Learners were required to clean up after Market Day was done – not a happy moment. Learners learned valuable lessons that they would remember for a long time to come.





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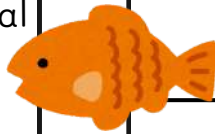
A DAY TO REMEMBER: OUR EXCURSION TO USHAKA MARINE WORLD

On May 10th, 2024, our learners embarked on an exciting adventure to uShaka Marine World—a day that will forever be etched in their memories. This field trip was not just about fun and exploration but also about learning life skills in an engaging and practical environment.

For many learners, the trip marked a day of “firsts.” Whether it was seeing marine life up close, experiencing the thrill of the Wet & Wild rides, or simply traveling away from home with peers, every moment was filled with excitement and discovery.

Beyond the thrills, the day provided opportunities for learners to acquire vital life skills. Activities throughout the day encouraged them to practice budgeting, display leadership, enhance communication, and build team spirit. Watching them interact and take on responsibilities was truly inspiring, as they demonstrated growth beyond the classroom.

The smiles, laughter, and unforgettable experiences from this trip to uShaka Marine World will be cherished for years to come. It was a perfect blend of fun, education, and personal development—an outing that truly brought learning to life.



SEATIDES COMBINED SCHOOL CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY IN STYLE

Arbor Day 2024 was an exceptional event at Seatides Combined School, marked by enthusiastic participation and a renewed commitment to environmental conservation. This annual celebration, highlighting the indispensable role trees play in sustaining life on Earth, inspired learners to take meaningful action for a greener and healthier future.

Learners across all grades embraced the day with a range of activities, from planting trees to delivering an impactful special assembly. The assembly educated peers on the significance of Arbor Day and the "Tree of the Year," underscoring the need to protect and preserve our natural ecosystems.

The highlight of the day was the tree-planting ceremony, where students, guided by their teachers, worked together to green the school grounds. This hands-on experience deepened their understanding of how trees contribute to ecological balance, clean air, and the well-being of human communities.

A special thanks is extended to Shaun Reddy for his generous sponsorship of ceramic pots, which added a touch of elegance to the school's environment. These beautifully crafted pots not only enhanced the aesthetic appeal of the grounds but also reinforced the school's dedication to sustainability and conservation.

The event served as a powerful reminder of the collective responsibility we all share in nurturing our planet. By participating in activities such as these, Seatides Combined School learners demonstrated that even small actions can lead to big changes.



A HEARTFELT THANKS TO PALM STATIONERS FOR SUPPORTING EDUCATION

At Seatides Combined School, we believe in the power of community partnerships to transform the educational journey of our learners. It is with immense gratitude that we acknowledge Palm Stationers for their generous sponsorship of stationery for our Intermediate Phase learners.

This thoughtful contribution goes beyond providing basic supplies; it empowers our learners to engage actively in their studies with confidence and enthusiasm. The donation not only eases the financial burden on families but also reinforces the importance of collaboration in shaping the future of education.

The Intermediate Phase is a critical stage in our learners' academic development, where foundational skills in various subjects are honed. The stationery provided by Palm Stationers will undoubtedly play a significant role in fostering creativity, improving organization, and enhancing classroom productivity.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Palm Stationers for their unwavering commitment to education. Their generosity exemplifies the spirit of giving back and serves as an inspiring reminder of the collective impact we can achieve when we work together.

To Palm Stationers, thank you for making a difference in the lives of our learners. Your support is not just an investment in education but a step toward building brighter futures for the leaders of tomorrow.



GRATITUDE TO MANAV SEVA FOUNDATION FOR HYGIENE HAMPERS

Seatides Combined School extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Manav Seva Foundation for their generous sponsorship of hygiene hampers for our learners. This thoughtful initiative not only promotes health and hygiene among our students but also exemplifies the spirit of community care and support.

The hampers were distributed to our learners in a joyous and heartwarming event. The smiles on the children's faces spoke volumes about the positive impact of this gesture. Such partnerships significantly contribute to fostering a nurturing environment for our learners, ensuring they are well-equipped for their educational journey.

We are truly privileged to have the Manav Seva Foundation as a partner in empowering the future generation.

Thank you once again for making a difference!



MARLIN INSPIRES CHANGE AT SEATIDES COMBINED SCHOOL

On the 16th of April, Seatides Combined School had the privilege of hosting Marlin, who delivered an insightful and impactful talk on the pressing issue of bullying. The event was both educational and entertaining, leaving a lasting impression on learners and staff alike.

Marlin captivated the audience with a powerful message that went beyond raising awareness. Learners gained valuable insights into the causes and consequences of bullying and, most importantly, how to stand against it. Through engaging activities and relatable anecdotes, Marlin equipped our learners with the tools to foster kindness, empathy, and resilience within their school environment.

The event was not only enlightening but also memorable. Learners were delighted to receive thoughtful gifts from Marlin, serving as tokens of inspiration and reminders of the day's meaningful lessons.

At Seatides Combined School, we are deeply grateful to Marlin for taking the time to share this vital message with our learners. The impact of this session will undoubtedly ripple through our school community as we work together to create a safer and more inclusive environment.

Thank you, Marlin, for your generosity, enthusiasm, and dedication to empowering young minds!



SEATIDES COMBINED SCHOOL EXTENDS GRATITUDE TO RAMAKRISHNA CLINIC OF SA

On behalf of the principal, School Governing Body (SGB), educators, and learners, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Ramakrishna Clinic of SA for their invaluable contributions in recognition of Mandela Day.

The enlightening medical education session on the prevention of teen pregnancy was both informative and empowering. Our learners engaged attentively, appreciating the essential knowledge shared. Furthermore, the 100 thoughtfully prepared care packs distributed to our learners brought immense joy and support.

Amidst the challenges faced by our school following the recent tornado damage, the compassion and generosity displayed by the Ramakrishna Clinic have been a source of hope and strength for our community.

We sincerely thank the members, donors, and speakers of the Ramakrishna Clinic for their dedication and kindness. Your unwavering support has left a lasting impact on our school, and we remain deeply grateful.



INTERMEDIATE PHASE ANNUAL AWARD'S DAY

On December 3rd, Seatides Combined School proudly hosted its Annual Intermediate Phase Awards Day at the Ghandhis Hill Cultural Center, a momentous occasion dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the exceptional achievements of our students. This event not only highlighted the academic excellence within our school community but also the spirit of resilience, determination, and camaraderie that defines our learners.

This year, the spotlight shone brightly on our top achievers, with the prestigious Dux Award being presented to ****Denae Pillay****. Her unwavering dedication to her studies and remarkable academic accomplishments have set an inspiring benchmark for all. Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the ****Good Fellowship Award**** to ****Melisha Narainsamy****, whose empathy, kindness, and unyielding support of her peers have made her a true beacon of positivity in our school.

The success of this memorable day would not have been possible without the collective efforts of our dedicated staff, parents, and the broader community. Your contributions have enriched the lives of our learners and continue to pave the way for a brighter future.

As we close this chapter and prepare for another year of growth and learning, let us reaffirm our commitment to supporting one another and striving for excellence in all we do. Congratulations to all our awardees —you are the pride of Seatides Combined School!

Here's to a future filled with more achievements, milestones, and shared success. Thank you to everyone who made Awards Day a truly unforgettable celebration!

INTERMEDIATE PHASE ANNUAL AWARD'S DAY



Melisha
Narainsamy-
Good
Fellowship



GRADE 4-7 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The much-anticipated Grade 4-7 Year-End Party at Seatides Combined School was held on the 13th and 14th of November, marking the culmination of a challenging yet rewarding academic year. It was a time for our learners to celebrate their hard work and achievements while creating cherished memories together.

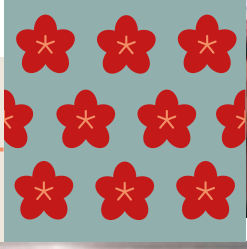
The festivities were a whirlwind of fun and excitement! Learners had the opportunity to let off some steam with a variety of engaging games and lively dancing. A special highlight of the event was the visit from none other than Santa Claus himself, bringing joy and wonder to all. A delectable spread of tasty delicacies delighted everyone's taste buds, while the chance to participate in popular trends added a modern and interactive twist to the celebration.

As a token of appreciation and to make the day even more special, each learner received a thoughtfully curated goody bag filled with surprises.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors, whose unwavering support ensures that events like these are truly memorable for our learners. Your generosity continues to bring smiles and joy to our school community.

Here's to ending the year on a high note and looking forward to another year of growth and success!







MESSAGE FROM DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE, LITERACY AND COMMUNICATION

Departmental Head: Mr V. Chellan

Educators of English Home Language: Mrs V. Maharaj, Mrs V. Naicker, Mrs N. Nundlall

Educators of Afrikaans First Additional Language: Ms D. Govender, Mrs S. Govender, Mr A. Rampersad, Miss S. Maharaj

ISizulu First Additional Language: Mrs BB Ndebele.

The 2024 Academic year commenced with the great news of the excellent pass rates in both English Home Language and Afrikaans First Additional Language NSCE results.

Learners eager to improve their creative and essay writing skills commence the year with the participation in the Valentine's Day Creative Writing Competitions. Learners from Grade 4 to 12 showcased their creative writing skills and produced some excellent efforts.

Junior and Senior learners set up the structures of the Debating Club, which saw learners learning the art of the World Debating League Structures and commenced with Trial Competitions. Unfortunately plans to continue with structured debating and participation in the Local Schools League were thwarted as a result of the relocation of our school after the tornado. None the less, the Grade 7 learners participated in the interschool fixtures and gave an excellent account of themselves.

Despite the Languages producing fairly good results at Seatides Combined, the quality of passes in both English and Afrikaans is a cause for concern. Especially since the promotion requirements in the lower grades require a minimum pass % of 50 for English and 40 for Afrikaans.

One of our biggest concerns is learners not engaging in reading, whether it be for educational purposes OR for leisure. This is clearly evident in their inability to contribute affectively to classroom discussions and conversations.

As parents and guardians, it is imperative that we encourage and foster a culture of reading in our homes. This is particularly significant in the light of the following:

“South Africa is grappling with a severe literacy crisis. A recent report indicate that in 2021, 81% of Grade 4 learners could not read for meaning in any language. This alarming statistic underscores the urgent need for targeted interventions and collaborative efforts to equip all children with the foundational literacy skills essential for academic achievement and lifelong success. The economic ramifications of illiteracy are significant. Due to the large number of individuals struggling with basic reading skills, illiteracy costs South Africa's economy an estimated R119 billion annually. Addressing literacy challenges is not only an educational imperative but also an economic necessity.

In 2022, the South African adult illiteracy rate was 10.2%, indicating an improvement of 1.9 percentage points from 2019 and a significant reduction of 6 percentage points over the past decade. However, it remains a source of concern that about 3.9 million adults are considered illiterate many years after democracy.

Before the pandemic, South Africa was improving on the reading front, with the percentage of kids who cannot read in any language slowly declining from 87% (2006) to 82% (2011) to 78% (2016). The latest results show that this has increased again to 81% (2021), wiping out a decade of progress.
(Globadata.com)

The literacy rate in South Africa reached 95.33% in 2021

Between 2010-2021, the literacy rate was highest in the year 2015 and lowest in the year 2017

Between 2010 to 2021, the literacy rate of South Africa decreased by 3.3% .

Let us work collectively work together to ensure that the next generation beats illiteracy.

Mr. V. chellan

*Departmental head: Language,
Literacy & Communication*



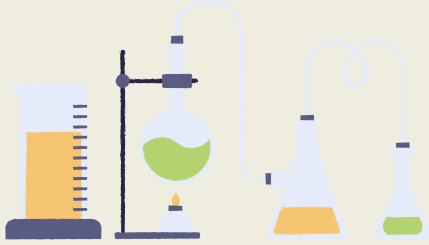
Message from the Maths and Sciences Department



Maths and Science: where numbers dance and atoms prance, where formulae meet curiosity, and every question is just an answer waiting to happen!

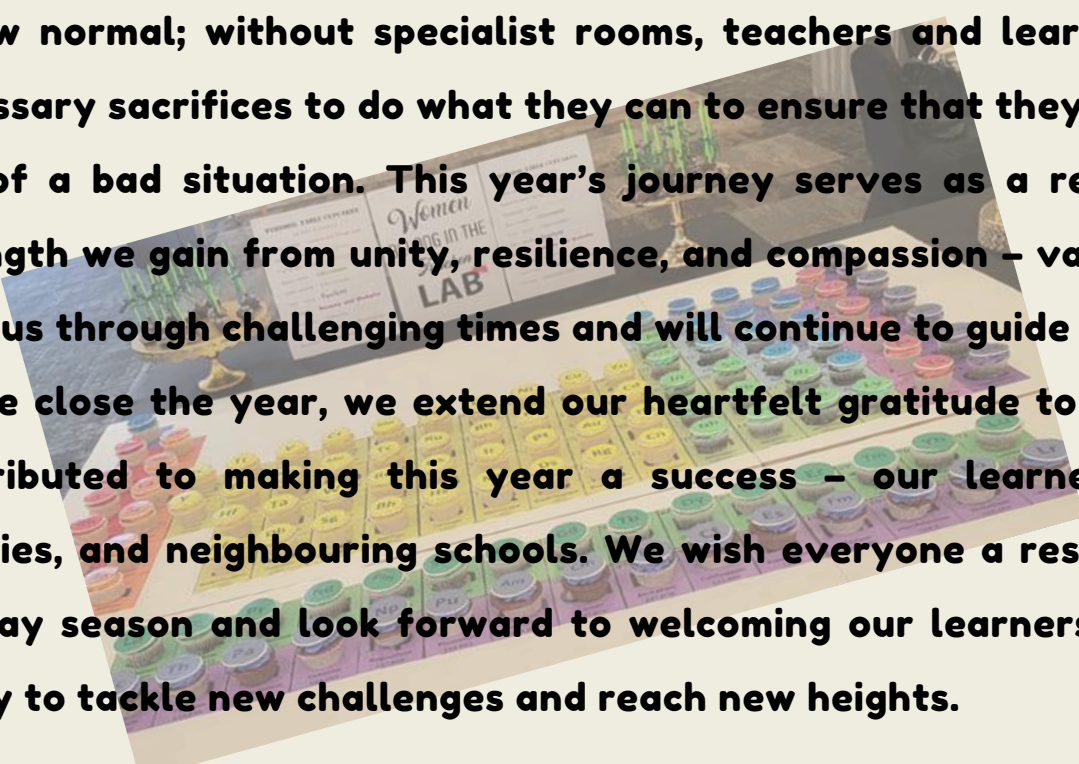
As we approach the end of this academic year, the Maths and Sciences Department would like to celebrate the exceptional resilience and commitment shown by our learners, staff, and parents. This year has not been without its challenges, especially after the tornado that disrupted our community so profoundly and tore a path of destruction through our beloved school. Yet, despite every adversity, our learners have soldiered on with an admirable dedication to their studies and a steadfast determination to keep moving forward.

We are especially grateful for the kindness and generosity of neighbouring schools, who extended their facilities and resources to us in our time of need. Our gratitude is extended to Anton Lembede MST Academy for catering to our learners during examinations, Verulam Secondary School for the use of their IT laboratory for our IT practical examinations in Terms 3 and 4, Belverton Secondary for the use of their Physical Sciences laboratory, and lastly to Mountview Secondary for their assistance during examinations. The solidarity from these schools has been a tremendous help, and their willingness to share their spaces and equipment during trying times has been a true testament to the power of community and the spirit of Ubuntu.



Despite the obstacles, our teachers worked tirelessly to support our learners, who adapted with remarkable flexibility. Our learners adapted to a new normal; without specialist rooms, teachers and learners made the necessary sacrifices to do what they can to ensure that they made the best out of a bad situation. This year's journey serves as a reminder of the strength we gain from unity, resilience, and compassion – values that have seen us through challenging times and will continue to guide us forward.

As we close the year, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this year a success – our learners, educators, families, and neighbouring schools. We wish everyone a restful and joyful holiday season and look forward to welcoming our learners back in 2025, ready to tackle new challenges and reach new heights.

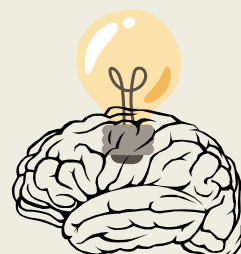


Like the mythical Phoenix, Seatides Combined will rise from the ashes, emerging revigorated.

With warmest regards,



Mrs Y. Brijlall
Department Head: Maths/Sciences



MATHEMATICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ADVENTURES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Inception of Seatides Science Club

The commencement of Term 2 brought with it the inception of the Seatides Science Club, consisting of four disciplines: Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Information Technology and Natural Sciences.

The key goal of this organisation is to raise awareness on issues that pertain to matters that affect nature, the environments in which we live, medical concerns and technological advancements. The members of this organisation will be expected to conduct talks and programmes that enlighten learners and staff on various scientific related topics. The executive members of this organisation are as follows:

1. **President: Mayali Naidoo and Dianca Govender (Grade 11)**
2. **Vice-President: Ethan Chetty (Grade 10)**
3. **Secretary: Damaris Sivigobind (Grade 10)**
4. **Discipline Leader (Natural Sciences): Thiraya Naidoo (Grade 8)**
5. **Discipline Leader (Life Sciences): Sienna Moodley (Grade 11)**
6. **Discipline Leader (Physical Sciences): Jhateel Paras (Grade 11)**
7. **Discipline Leader (Information Technology): Aryan Ramkelawan (Grade 10)**



Women in Science



The UKZN School of Chemistry and Physics, invited our high-fliers in Sciences to an event celebrating Women in Science. This event took place on the 28th of May 2024 and was hosted at Coastlands Hotel in Musgrave with Darren Maule of East Coast Radio as the MC and entertainment of the day. The event was targeting young girls and women to encourage them to shatter glass ceilings and carve out their own space to enter careers in the field of sciences, which is often perceived as a man's world.

The four selected learners from Grade 11: Dianca Govender, Uthando Mjeso, Neha Ghela and Sienna Moodley were accompanied by Mrs Y. Brijlall to attend the prestigious event in all its glitz and glamour, rubbing shoulders with giants in the field of science. The keynote speakers were Professor Salim Abdool Karim (CAPRISA) and his wife Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim (CAPRISA), both of whom are internationally acclaimed epidemiologists who were pivotal in our country's fight against the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Our learners were captivated by the many scientific marvels on display by the various vendors at this scientific conference, from meeting with female scientists, to software engineers, members from the Department of Military Defence, physicists and chemists and the yummy treats on offer. The highlight being a complete periodic table made entirely of cupcakes and a solar system made of cake pops. Needless to say, the girls had a blast, which we are certain will inspire them to enter these difficult but promising career paths.



Mathematical Literacy Olympiad

Several of our mathematical literacy learners participated in an Olympiad in July with all learners having received certificates of achievement. Despite this Olympiad taking place in the third term in the wake of the destruction the tornado left behind, our learners still strived for excellence and participated.

The results obtained are as follows:

GRADE 10:


LEARNER NAME	CERTIFICATE
1. Vaihini Verdhabi Govender	Participation
2. Mohammed Zakariyya Haniff	Silver
3. Shreya Haripersad	Bronze
4. Asiphe Sindiswa	Participation
5. Owenkhosi Anothando Ayethaba	Bronze
6. Riley Naicker	Bronze
7. Umm-Kulthoom Nkata	Participation
8. Kristin Kaylee Reddy	Bronze

GRADE 11:

LEARNER NAME	CERTIFICATE
1. Kayleigh Beulah Pillay	Silver
2. Mehaan Varma	Bronze
3. Mikhail Ganesh	Participation
4. Shrey Pillay	Silver
5. Theolan Reddy	Silver
6. Joy Tshijik Kayer	Bronze

GRADE 12:

LEARNER NAME	CERTIFICATE
1. Stacia Pillay	Bronze
2. Unathi Uphakene Mzobe	Silver
3. Romanah Mohamed	Bronze
4. Nkosenhle Prince Xulu	Silver
5. Israel Ezekiel Captain	Participation
6. Hannan Nkata	Silver
7. Perakini Govender	Bronze



Well done to these learners and we wish them even greater success in the next year.

Building Bridges with SAICE

The South African Institute of Civil Engineers (SAICE) invited our school as special guests for Mandela Day to their Bridge Building Competition held at Durban High School on the 18th of July 2024.

The learners selected were from Grade 10 and chosen on the basis on their performance in key subjects related to the event, namely Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering and Graphics Design. These learners were: Mpilenhle Gumbi, Ethan Chetty and Roxanne Ramsamy. They were accompanied by Mrs Y. Brijlall who gave a special address at the event.

SAICE Durban donated R11000 to Seatides Combined School as part of Mandela Day, to assist with the aftermath of the tornado disaster. Our thanks and appreciation are extended to SAICE Durban for their kindness and generosity.



Coding and Robotics

ATC Tower sponsored Coding and Robotics kits to the value of R15000, these were then obtained through RoboFactory. Thank you to Stanley Maistry of ATC Tower and Ashley of RoboFactory for all your assistance in kickstarting this project for our young learners of the intermediate phase and our budding coding and robotics champions.



Women's Day Breakfast

Northmead Secondary School in Phoenix hosted an event for a Women's Day Breakfast on the 9th of August 2024. Mrs Y. Brijlall was a guest speaker at this event to advocate for women breaking barriers and to discuss the role of education as a stepping stone to success.



Arbor Day

School celebrated Arbor Day on the 4th of September 2024. The Seatides Science Club and the Geography Society hosted the event, with song, dance, speeches and poems held at a special assembly. The participating learners wore green shirts throughout the day to celebrate the event. Every class was encouraged to decorate and bring a potted plant for their class. The Department of Parks and Recreation, the Sibaya Trust and various other sponsors came on board to supply trees and flowers to rehabilitate our school grounds. Many parents and learners sponsored beautiful flowerpots and flowers to beautify our school.

The tree of the year, the White-pear tree, was planted in front of the admin block. The White-pear tree is indigenous to KwaZulu-Natal and is an evergreen tree suitable to most gardens, being non-invasive and quick-growing.

We wish to place on record our heartfelt appreciation to Mr S. Pillay for sponsorship of plants, potting soil and pots.



MESSAGE FROM DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES & COMMERCE :

Despite the natural disaster that affected our school in term two, most of the events that is normally done by the Humanities department still went ahead. These events, such as our Arbor Day program and September Market Day, proved to be very successful.

The Humanities Department is sad to announce the retirement of our renowned accounting educator Mrs B. Sing. Mrs Sing has served the Humanities department for 36 years. During these years, she has proudly brought honour to the Department with her 100% pass rate and numerous number of A's in the MEC Examinations. She will be sadly missed. Her presence and mark made on Seatides Combined School and specifically the Humanities department will forever be remembered and acknowledged.

On behalf of the Humanities Department, we thank her for all the contribution she has made to our department. We wish her well on her much deserved retirement.

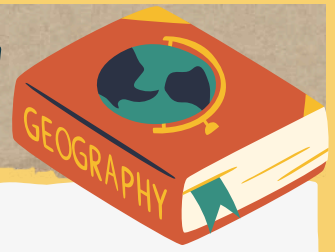


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MESSAGE FROM THE GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY

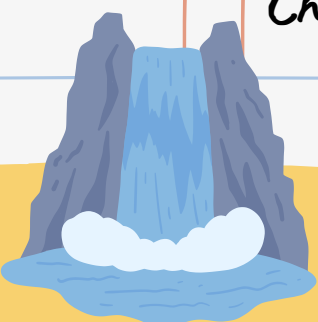


This year has been anything but ordinary for our Geography Society. When the tornado hit, it did not just take a part of our building with it- it felt like it swept up some of our spirits and routines as well. Instead of starting each day with a weather report to guide us, we found ourselves in prefab classrooms , missing our usual place and pace. Normally, the Geography society are the “eyes on the skies” for the school, observing clouds like eager explorers and bringing that data to you every morning. But now, it is as if we have been grounded, wings clipped by the storm.

Yet despite these challenges, our love for Geography remains as resilient as ever! Like a hardy plant that finds its way through cracks in concrete, we have managed to keep our Geography spirits alive. One of our proudest moments this year was hosting the Annual Arbor Day Programme. It was small yet a mighty way of showing that no storm- literal or otherwise- can uproot our passion for the planet and our duty to care for it.

Thank you for an incredible year of exploration and discovery- let’s keep our curiosity alive and continue to see the world through a geographer’s eye.

Dianca Govender
Chairperson of the Geography Society



EMS QUIZ

Shivika Singh (Grade 9) represented the school at the EMS Quiz held by the Pinetown circuit.

Shivika gave an excellent account of herself. We are proud to announce that at CMC level. Shivika was placed first in her category.

Congratulations Shivika and keep up the good work!

NATIONAL ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS STUDIES OLYMPIAD

The Grade 10-12 learners represented the school at the National High School High School Olympiad 2024, organised by Proverto. All learners passed the 2nd Round with above 65%. They all received certificates of participation. Well done to these learners!

	ACCOUNTING	BUSINESS STUDIES
GR10	Sivanya Royappa Demaris Sivigobind Yashika Seetharam Mpilenhle Gumbi	Sivanya Royappa Demaris Sivigobind
GR11	Shivay Ramnarain Megan Reddy Neha Ghela Ayush Rampurtab	Sienna Moodley
GR12	Shenae Moodley Mekalyn Krishna Kyle Pillay Tiara Prithipal Divashnee Govender Kolina Govender Veda Govender	Veda Govender Kaylee Pillay

MESSAGE FROM SPORTS DEPARTMENT

On behalf of Seatides Combined School, I, Mr J. September, would like to take this opportunity to place on record with great honour and pride, the outstanding performance of our learners on the sports field. Despite facing numerous challenges, including the devastating impact of the recent tornado, our learners have shown remarkable resilience and determination.

Their achievements in various sports disciplines are a testament to their hard work, dedication, and teamwork. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their perseverance and commitment to excellence.

As a school, we are grateful for the opportunity to nurture and support our learners in their academic and extracurricular pursuits. We look forward to continuing to foster a culture of excellence and sportsmanship, and to seeing our learners go from strength to strength in all their endeavours.

Well done, Seatides Combined School learners! Your achievements are a shining example of what can be accomplished with determination and teamwork. We are proud to be part of your educational journey!



Mr J. September

Sports Co-ordinator

SPORTS

NEWSLETTER

We're off to an exciting start this year at Primary School, where our young athletes have already shown tremendous enthusiasm and dedication to their craft. Our interclass games have been a resounding success, providing our learners with valuable experience and preparation for the thrilling competitions ahead including the highly anticipated Tonver games!

As we gear up to take on schools in our group, our students are honing their skills, building teamwork, and embracing the spirit friendly competition. Whether on the field, court, or track, our learners are ready to give it their all and make our school proud. The Tonver games promise to be an electrifying experience, with our students facing off against their peers from other schools in a showcase of speed, strength, and strategy. We can't wait to see our learners in action and cheer them on to victory!

In this newsletter, we'll keep you up-to-date on our latest sports news, highlights, and achievements. From thrilling match reports to athlete profiles and upcoming events, we'll cover it all.

So, let's get ready to cheer on our talented students and celebrate their passion for sports!



U11 & U13 soccer teams have had a busy season, competing against various schools on different dates. While wins were not always on their side, our young athletes gained something far more valuable - skill and experience. With each match, they honed their techniques, developed teamwork, and learned valuable lessons in sportsmanship. Despite the outcome, our teams demonstrated remarkable dedication, perseverance, and passion for the game. We celebrate their progress, growth, and commitment to improvement, knowing that these qualities will serve them well both on and off the field.

U13 boys and girls volleyball teams had a triumphant run, emerging victorious against participating teams and qualifying for the finals. However, due to the unexpected tornado that hit Seaside, we regretfully retracted from further games and withdrew from the finals. Despite this unfortunate turn of events, we celebrate the teams/ remarkable achievements and the progress they made throughout the competition. Their dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship shone through, and we're proud of their accomplishments. Although the season ended abruptly, our young athletes demonstrated tremendous potential and left a lasting impression on the court.

U13 netball teams showed promising potential as they took to the court, participating with enthusiasm and dedication. Although they faced challenges and didn't quite secure wins, it was clear that with a bit more effort and training, they could be truly successful. Their eagerness to learn and improve was evident, and we're excited to see them build on this foundation. With focused practice and determination, we're confident that our young netballers will soon become a force to be reckoned with. We're proud of their spirit and look forward to their continued growth and development in the sport.



Our table tennis teams served up impressive performances, with our UI 1 and UI 3 girls and boys showcasing their skills and determination. In a thrilling display of talent, 2 of our UI 1 girls and 1 UI 3 girl advanced to the Tonver finals, a testament to their hard work and dedication. And shining brightest among them was Isabella Naidoo, who absolutely dominated her category! She won gold in both singles and doubles, a phenomenal achievement that earned her the coveted title of MVP (Most Valuable Player) in her category. We're beyond proud of Isabella's exceptional skills, sportsmanship, and dedication to the sport. Her achievements will undoubtedly inspire her teammates and motivate them to strive for similar success !



Our young chess players showed strategic brilliance and competitive spirit as they battled it out in the tournament! Both our UI 1 and UI 3 teams performed exceptionally well, with the UI 1 team securing a commendable 4th place finish and the UI 3 team claiming an impressive 3rd place. And with a bit more finesse and luck, we're confident that our teams can aim even higher and strive for that top spot - after all, as we say, 'third can be first with determination and hard work! We're proud of our chess teams/ accomplishments and look forward to seeing them continue to grow and improve their skills.

Our High School sports teams took a unique approach this season, condensing all fixtures into a series of Saturday tournaments. This format brought an exciting, fast-paced energy to the competitions, as our teams faced off against their opponents in a thrilling display of skill and determination. While we experienced some losses, we also celebrated some hard-won victories, and most importantly, our teams played with honour and pride in every match. This approach allowed our students to develop their teamwork, strategy, and sportsmanship skills, and we're incredibly proud of their achievements. Whether win or lose, our teams demonstrated the true spirit of competition, and we look forward to seeing them continue to grow and excel in their respective sports.

Sports News

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VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

U17 BOYS & GIRLS

Our U17 boys and girls volleyball teams had an incredible season!

Prelims: Our teams played exceptionally well, winning 2 out of 3 matches in the preliminary round.

Tonver Finals_: Our UI 7 boys' team secured the silver medal at the Tonver Finals, while team Seatides represented Verulam Circuit at the CMC CUP and won an impressive gold medal! Shridhaan was awarded MVP honors for his outstanding performance.



Our Girls' team won silver in the Tonver Finals, and we're incredibly proud of their achievement, as they also was awarded bronze at the **CMC CUP**.

Friendship Games Selection: Two of our boys and three of our girls have been selected to represent our school at the Friendship Games - a fantastic opportunity for them to showcase their skills and sportsmanship.

We're beaming with pride at our volleyball teams/ accomplishments and can't wait to see their continued growth and success!



NETBALL UPDATE

Our netball teams showed tremendous determination and spirit throughout the season, and although they didn't secure any wins, they played with heart and soul in every match. Their dedication to improvement and teamwork was evident in each game, and we're incredibly proud of their efforts.

While wins may not have come their way, our netballers demonstrated valuable skills, sportsmanship, and a growth mindset that will serve them well in future competitions. We celebrate their perseverance and commitment to the sport. Keep shining, and we look forward to seeing their continued progress!

SOCCER UPDATE

Our UI 5 and UI 7 soccer teams experienced an unpredictable season, with results not always going as expected. Despite their best efforts, our young athletes faced a challenging campaign, with a lack of experience contributing to a bulk of games slipping away. However, it's important to remember that soccer is a game of ups and downs, and our teams' determination and teamwork shone through even in the toughest moments. We're proud of our players for persevering and learning valuable lessons that will serve them well in future competitions. With time and practice, we're confident that our teams will continue to grow and develop the skills they need to succeed.

CHESS UPDATE

Our U15 and UI 7 chess teams had an exceptional season, with our players demonstrating strategic brilliance and competitive spirit!

Our UI 5 chess team reached the **Tonver finals**, with Alexio Sammy emerging as the MVP! Alexio's impressive performance earned him a well-deserved spot in the **Friendship Games** where his TONVER team Alexio played first seed at the Friendship Games thus leading the TONVER U15 team to gold.





Our UI 7 team secured second place in the **Tonver Finals** and was chosen to participate in the prestigious **Verulam Circuit CMC Cup**, where they won gold! Nashlyn Moodley was awarded MVP honors for his outstanding play.

We're incredibly proud of our chess teams/ achievements and look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in future competitions!

TABLE TENNIS UPDATE

Our UI 5 and UI 7 table tennis teams had an impressive season, with our players showcasing their skills and determination in every match!

Tonver Games: Our teams qualified for the finals in both singles and doubles, a testament to their hard work and dedication.



Friendship Games: We're thrilled to announce that three of our players - Luken Naidoo, Ayush Chain, and Yasmika Seetharam - have earned spots in the prestigious Friendship Games!

Gold Medallists: Luken Naidoo and Ayush Chain won gold in doubles, while Luken Naidoo also secured gold in singles. Yasmika Seetharam placed second in singles, a remarkable achievement.

We're incredibly proud of our table tennis teams/ achievements and look forward to seeing their continued success in future competitions!

In Loving Memory of NAZIR SADACK



It is with heavy hearts that we at Seatides Combined pay tribute to the late Mr Nazir Sadack. Mr Sadack was a local community hero who founded the Community Emergency Response Team known as CERT. Over the years, Nazir in his capacity as an emergency responder and the chairperson of the Tongaat Beach CPF has made invaluable contributions to not just Seatides but the greater North Coast.

Nazir was passionate about youth development therefore he took the time to engage in various youth initiatives. Through this involvement, he had forged a relationship with our school built on community and trust. Even though , Mr Sadack is no longer with us, his legacy will live on through the lives he has saved, the people he has touched and his unwavering commitment to community upliftment.

**To Mr Sadack, we will not mourn your loss but instead we will celebrate the selfless life you have led by inculcating the principles of ubuntu in our youth.
Rest in Power.**

MESSAGE FROM THE COMPILATION TEAM

This year, we have been starkly reminded of the mighty wrath of Mother nature. As human beings, we have an array of choices that we are faced with when disaster strikes. We can choose to be desolate and give up hope or we can choose to believe in the beauty of our dreams and the future we have imagined.

Here, at Seatides Combined, we are proud to say that we have chosen the latter. This newsletter is a testament to the resilience and positivity of our students, educators, parents and our SGB. This disaster provided the school with opportunities to not only forge new relationships but also strengthen current relationships. Through acts of kindness, we have been reminded that the greatest asset that human beings possess is our people power.

As we approach the year end, let us celebrate what we have achieved, but more importantly let us embrace all the lessons that this year has showered upon us. This may be a year-end newsletter however it is not a good bye. It is simply **“TAKE CARE TILL WE, AT SEATIDES COMBINED SCHOOL SEE YOU AGAIN IN 2025”**

LET'S HIT THE GROUND RUNNING !

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