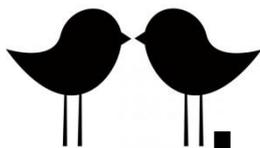


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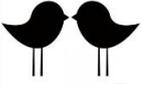


Edition 5 – October 2018

News for the Students, by the Students.

*IT'S THE FINAL
COUNTDOWN!*





It's the Final Countdown

- Ms Wolmarans

We are fast approaching the end of 2018 and though some nerves are a bit frayed with all that is still waiting ahead, the future does seem to shine brighter than ever.

After a rather challenging trial exam series, our matrics are feeling more determined than ever to take the bull by the horns in the **final exams** that are officially underway. Shortly on their heels is our grade 11 group that are also writing a full set of external examination papers for the first time, finally receiving their exposure to the standard set by the Department of Education. We are very confident that our learners will do well and wish these two groups exceptional good luck.

Let us not forget the rest of Urban – grade 4 to grade 10 will also be engaging in examinations, starting early in November, and will be spending these last few weeks pouring all their effort into their preparations for the papers ahead. Our teachers have been working hard to ensure that every learner with a thirst for success is well taken care of and the evidence is clear when taking a look at the Top 5 results for Term 3 that appear on page 4 of this issue.

Speaking of results, the primary and high school phases both celebrated this year's excellent achievements in the classroom, on the field, as well as in other arenas on Monday 15 October and Thursday 25 October at the annual **Urban Academy Prize Giving Ceremonies**. Since our last issue the award criteria has been revised and the standard has been raised – therefore it is now more impressive than ever to be receiving an award at this prestigious event and everyone invited can be thrilled and proud that they have made such a huge impression at their school.

Also an event that was very much anticipated was the election of the **2019 prefect body**, which was announced at the Prize Giving as well. This year we had an exceptionally strong nominee group, consisting of a collection of 45 of the most impressive grade 10 and grade 11 learners that we have at Urban. It was difficult to narrow the group down to a mere 26, but we are certain that it will be the strongest prefect group to date.

Furthermore, the third term was a phenomenal term for **sports** at Urban

Academy, with our senior soccer teams destroying the league competition, one of our boys being elected to play for a well-known South African club, another one of our boys receiving provincial colours in rugby, our junior soccer boys packing the field in their own mini tournament, and our netball girls in primary and high school showing that they will soon be a force to be reckoned with as they took on a neighbouring school in style. The sports section of this issue is a whopping 7 pages long and showcases exactly how much talent we have at our school!

As far as style is concerned, Urban hosted a very successful **Matric Farewell** that will surely be a night to remember for our senior students. It is always amazing to see our little children growing up in such beautiful fashion and stepping out in such style! The farewell is covered, with some photos, on page 16 of this issue. Also to be found on page 12 is the coverage of **Mr and Miss Urbanite**, the pageant having been held at Anchor of Hope Church on Thursday 11 October. It surely was an afternoon full of excitement and thrills! And then perhaps the most anticipated event of the year was the annual **musical** – “*Sweet dreams, or a beautiful nightmare*” – that took place on 17 and 18 October at the Athenaeum theatre. It most definitely surpassed all expectations and showcased some of the best talent we have here at Urban!

With all of that being said, there is one more thing we would like to remind our students and parents of, and that is the issue of **re-registration** for the 2019 academic year. Urban is bursting at the seams and applications are flowing in from outside. As we grow in size, we also grow in quality in terms of all that we have to offer and, rest assured, there is a lot more to come in the new year! Our vision for Urban is larger than life and our school, barely a few years old now, is quickly becoming an impressive force to be reckoned with in Port Elizabeth. We are extremely proud of our Urban family and would like to continue reaching for the sky with all of you by our side. So, in order to ensure that you have a part in making history, be sure to secure your place at Urban Academy for 2019!

Now, we're off to have some fun in the 5th issue of #urbantweet. Please enjoy, as this is for all of you!



ACADEMICS

- Ms Wolmarans

With the third term under our belts and three quarters of the year done and dusted, we are now entering the final stretch towards the end of the 2018 academic year!

We have cried, we have sweated, and we have spent sleepless nights working and with our last bit of effort and energy we are bound to make a success of the approaching final exams. Remember – as the proverb says – it's not over until the fat lady sings! So let us all keep our heads down and our books open and remember that the final examinations count a significant amount towards our end of year results. If you have stumbled this year, do not be afraid! Get

back up, dust yourself off, give it your best and you will pull through.

Teachers will be available most afternoons for extra assistance, so do not hesitate to seek the extra help you need! Make sure you eat well and sleep well in order to keep those brains sharp for storing the necessary information needed to pass those final papers. Start studying now to minimise the workload, and remember that **READING** is **NOT** studying! Create notes and draw up mind maps to help you during this stressful time.

All the best of luck to all our Urbanites!

TOP 5 TERM 3

GRADE 12		GRADE 11	
1. B Mjiwu	% 67,43	1. D Tokota	% 83,43
2. Z Msindwana	% 66,57	2. H Massebo	% 82,43
3. Z Nquma	% 64,14	3. S Dingiswayo	% 82,00
4. S Dike	% 63,57	4. M Dondola	% 78,71
5. B Kaulela	% 62,43	5. S Gaika	% 77,14
GRADE 10		GRADE 9	
1. I Mani	% 73,14	1. S Klaas	% 84,78
2. Y Ngaleka	% 72,14	2. L Maswana	% 81,00
3. K Kwange	% 71,71	3. N Chiura	% 78,33
4. K Mekela	% 70,71	4. A Skeyi	% 77,00
5. L Lambani	% 69,43	5. N Khoza	% 76,33
GRADE 8		GRADE 7	
1. Y Maninjwa	% 85,67	1. S Situnda	% 95,13
2. L Sigcawu	% 81,78	2. Z Sihlali	% 89,50
3. N Sigaqakaza	% 76,44	3. S Mdlulu	% 87,13
4. T Sandi	% 76,33	4. M Kondowe	% 81,25
4. L Mtimka	% 76,33	5. A Peter	% 80,75
GRADE 6		GRADE 5	
1. A Mzozoyana	% 87,50	1. A Mdolomba	% 87,00
2. K Jantjies	% 86,33	2. O Gawu	% 85,00
3. W Nyikadzwanda	% 85,83	3. K Mngwevu	% 83,20
4. N Vanjana	% 85,00	4. S Mgedisi	% 82,50
5. S Stuurman	% 83,83	5. L Grootboom	% 81,70
GRADE 4		GRADE 3	
1. T Kurira	% 91,83	1. I Mini	% 97,50
2. O Ndungane	% 87,17	2. S Tavagwisa	% 96,75
3. S Maseko	% 85,33	3. K Mvinjelwa	% 96,50
4. U Matymza	% 83,50	4. O Plaatjie	% 95,25
5. E Mwiinga	% 81,50	5. O Busakwe	% 94,75
GRADE 2		GRADE 1	
1. S Matyaleni	% 93,50	1. E Tebikew	% 90,75
2. S Chirombe	% 90,25	2. O Mavuma	% 90,25
3. O Badi	% 88,75	3. L Mdyogolo	% 87,25
4. M Magida	% 88,00	4. Z Stokwe	% 86,50
5. S Jacobs	% 87,25	5. I Mfeti	% 85,75



SPORT

Soccer Stars: The Pride of Urban

- Qhama Hlana

The Urban Academy soccer teams continue to make the school proud!

Both the u-16 and the u-19 teams won their leagues in an exceptional manner. Neither team lost a single match and ended every game with an impressive win. The u-19 team played against the great Victoria Park for the last game of the season and won the match 4-1 to claim the championship title. The younger boys played Linkside for their last match and won as expected. The team members have shown their hard-work and dedication to the sport as well as their school soccer teams.

The boys thank the two coaches, Coach Nick and Wayne for "making the teams greater than ever." We expect nothing but great things next season from these talented players. We are proud of their wins and cannot wait to see them in action again! We wish nothing but the best for them and hope that the boys will grow as a team, as well as individually.

We encourage them to keep nurturing their skills and hope to see similar results during next season!

U/19 Match results:

Urban Academy	5-1	Harvest
Urban Academy	9-1	St George's
Urban Academy	5-1	Cape Recife
Urban Academy	4-1	Victoria Park

U/16 Match results:

Urban Academy	8-1	Victoria Park
Urban Academy	1-0	Ethambeni
Urban Academy	11-0	St George's
Urban Academy	2-0	Linkside

Furthermore, our very own Lunathi Kubashe has been selected to play for Chippa United's MDC team and will be joining the Chilli Boys' Academy, playing in the U/23 reserve league even though he is almost an entire decade younger! This is an absolutely amazing achievement for such a young player and can

only bode well for his future. Should Lunathi continue to shine like he currently is, we might be looking at not only a future Premier Division player, but possibly even a Bafana megastar!

Congratulations Lunathi! We are extremely proud of you!





Fast Five Soccer Tournament

- Jephias Mudombi

The junior soccer has been thriving this season, even though they did not formally participate in any school leagues.

For the first time Mr van Huyssteen organised a rather fruitful event for urban primary soccer, along with the help of Mr Haarhoff and Mr Fish. "It was a big success," Mr van Huyssteen mentioned. During the mini soccer tournament – played at Urban Square – four teams from each grade in the primary school battled it out to be top of the log in their respective age groups. The boys had a lot of fun and it is very positive to see talent being nurtured in such a way.

We expect the junior teams to play again during the following year. There is also a possibility that teams will be entered into a school league. The talent in the teams are very promising and it would be a shame to not take that further. Keep it up, boys!

Fast 5 League Results:

GRADE 7	
1. Vikings	15 points
2. Rebels	13 points
2. Avengers	13 points
3. Galacticos	12 points
GRADE 6	
1. Colonels	17 points
2. Mash & Gravy	15 points
3. Streetwizers	12 points
4. Chicken Wings	6 points
GRADE 5	
1. Oreos	10 points
2. Cupcakes	9 points
2. Fudges	9 points
3. Pancakes	8 points
GRADE 4	
1. Leopards	8 points
2. Lions	5 points
2. Jaguars	5 points
3. Tigers	2 points





Urban Academy vs Happy Homes

- Siviwe Gaika

All thanks to Mrs Barnard we got the opportunity to participate in a friendly match day on the 13th of September against our friends at Happy Homes Academy.

It was arranged for our junior and senior netball teams, as well as our primary soccer teams, to participate in a fun filled day full of pride and spirit. And while the players were on the field, the rest of the school came out in full force to support, colouring Urban Square in maroon!

The junior girls were happy and excited when Ms du Preez and Ms Greeff told them about the friendly match. Nervously they started with trials, but the girls played their hearts out and the team was selected. The girls have improved so much since the beginning of the year due to dedication and hard work. The coaches are very proud of how the friendly matches turned out – obviously because the younger teams won both their matches, even though the girls were told to just have fun.

Mrs Barnard and Ms Mentoor took charge of the two senior teams and got the girls geared and ready for their first matches as proper teams. Great skill was shown and it was made clear that these teams have a lot of potential! Next year they are sure to make a splash when they start playing in the formal school league.

On the soccer side, the primary school boys had a great blast showing off their skills that they have been honing during the Fast 5 soccer tournament and showed that they too are ready to move a step up and start playing league the following season.

We would like to thank the girls and boys for their good behaviour, sportsmanship and making fitness fun. We cannot wait for the next season to start so we can build up and become even better.

Match Results:

Netball

U/12 UA	3 - 0	U/12 HH
U/13 UA	8 - 1	U/13 HH
U/16 UA	7 - 10	U/16 HH
U/18 UA	7 - 4	U/18 HH

Soccer

U/10 UA	4 - 1	U/10 HH
U/11 UA	5 - 1	U/11 HH
U/12 UA	10 - 0	U/12 HH
U/13 UA	9 - 0	U/13 HH







Getting the Balls in the Net

- Solethu Mqamgqo

Urban Academy netball has been blossoming!

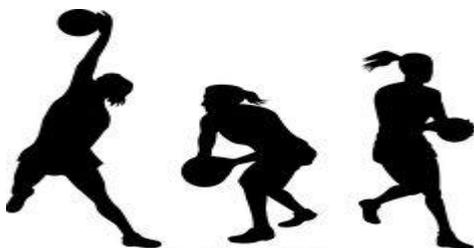
All has been going well with the junior and senior netball. The junior netball girls practice every Thursday and the senior girls practice every Tuesday from 14:00 until 15:30 at the St. Patricks campus where our netball court is situated. The coaches have been making the girls sweat, sweat and sweat! They have been getting them fit and ready to play matches.

Netball has been a recent sport at our school as it only started this year to truly come to fruition. Due to this our netball girls have not yet played any real matches, nor have they participated in any leagues. The coaches felt that the girls were not quite yet ready to be playing matches, but that will not be the case next year though! The girls will be playing many matches and will start taking part in leagues for the very first time. Our school will soon be recognised in netball as well.

On the 6th and 7th of September Mrs Barnard, one of the coaches, had organised a Skills Development Training clinic day for our netball girls. Stephanie McKay, a highly qualified netball player and sports administrator, presented the netball training for our girls. The training clinic took place with the junior girls on the Thursday and was held indoors (it was a rainy day, though that did not stop them!), while the senior girls trained at the St. Patricks campus on the Friday.

The girls were taught many things about netball, such as how to defend an opponent in a match, how to use foot work, how to communicate with the other team members, etc. The girls say that they had a fantastic time, although they were SO exhausted after the training. But hey – hard work comes with a reward! Our netball girls are looking forward to start playing next year! It will surely be a very busy year for them.

I kindly ask our peers to please support the girls. Let us motivate them, cheer for them and be proud of them ALWAYS!





The Young King

- Snethemba Dingiswayo

Thembaletu Ketshengana, who is one of our own grade 8 boys, says he felt happy and very excited when he received his Eastern Province colours in rugby.

Themba started playing when he was in grade 2 in 2011. He says his primary school teacher, Mr Opperman, influenced him to start playing and evidently he hasn't looked back since. He looks up to Brian Habana and he sees himself as a professional rugby player in the future.

In his opinion, rugby has taught him to have manners and respect for others. When asked what advice he would give to someone who would like to play rugby, he responded with, "believe in yourself, even if no one believes you." We have high hopes that Themba will continue to fly the flag high.

If you'd like to be like Themba you can join Mr van Huyssteen for the rugby starting this term. There'll be practice every Monday and Wednesday. You can stand a chance to participate in the Charlo Touch tournament on the 27th of October 2018. Teams from Framesby, Victoria Park, and Bonzai amongst others will be there.

In the words of Themba "Believe in yourself."



A Splash in the Sun

- Dineo Tokota

We have just entered the season of colours, new beginnings and fun in the sun!

To compliment this Urban continues to teach its learners how to swim at beginners' level, recently also offering the classes to the high school starters. After all, what could be better than swimming for an hour on a Wednesday afternoon after a hectic school day?

The lessons stretch over a period of 12 weeks with the students honing their swimming skills every Wednesday afternoon at 14:30. "All of the swimmers are progressively advancing," mentions Ms Kotze, the teacher in charge of this venture. She also went further to note that she wouldn't mind doing advanced lessons with the few kids that might want to improve their skills further with this fun summer sport. And then who knows – there might be some gala events in Urban's future!

Swimming might be our favourite summer sport just yet!





The Kick-Off

- Ms Wolmarans

The boys have been asking for a long time to get the ball rolling on the rugby front at Urban Academy, and the time has finally arrived!

Mr van Huyssteen has taken on the task of implementing this sport at school in the fourth term by enrolling two young teams in the Touchies Tournament, sponsored by Greyvensteins Attorneys and Pam Golding Properties, that took place at Charlo Primary School on Saturday 27 October. The day saw 6 leagues with 10 teams of varying skill per league battle it out during a fun-filled day full of action and revelry.

The aptly named Urban Knights teams participated in the Rookie League on the day with contenders such as Andrew Rabie and Bonzai as opponents. The boys played hard and enjoyed the opportunity tremendously, while showcasing amazing sportsmanship. The Urban Knights Team 1 placed 7th in the Rookie League by the end of the day, while the Urban Knights Team 2 placed in 9th position. "There was a great atmosphere! The kids loved it!" claimed Mr Assam, one of many educators who arrived to support the boys.

Now that the young Urban gentlemen have shown us that rugby is also a sport befitting our prospering school, we are sure to see more teams in action in 2019, taking on big name schools and clearing a spot on the log!





CULTURE

Make Your Move

- *Benevolence Mazjinji*

The chess club has been successful so far and we have noticed some improvement in the skills of our players.

When we started there were a few learners who did not know how to play, but throughout our afternoon sessions they have been learning and have also been challenged. Some members, like myself, have improved and, like Mr Potgieter said, my maths marks have also been bettered through the game.

When some of the members of the club were asked their thoughts on the progress, many of them agreed that the beginners have improved and that they are having a great time. We have also noticed amazing talents, the likes of Upton Manyere, Jephias Mudombi and Luzuko Busakwe. Besides the improvements in marks and the intensity of the game, chess is actually quite fun and interesting. It teaches you to be strategic – a skill that can come in handy in various walks of life.

If you are interested in joining you are welcome to sign up with Mr Potgieter. Make sure you sign up as early as possible so that together we can all prepare for possible tournaments on the horizon.



Arts and Crafts Time

- *Hermela Massebo*

The arts and crafts sessions in the intermediate phase have been giving the learners something to look forward to.

The session occurs once a term from after break up until the end of the school day. Every register teacher takes the kids for the class and picks out what the kids will do for the day. They tremendously enjoy and love the arts and crafts session. This improves the children's creativity skill and makes their love for school more profound.

We absolutely love seeing Urban's learners being so creative and making something beautiful out of so little!





Roll Out the Red Carpet – Mr and Miss Urbanite 2018

- Ms Wolmarans

On Thursday 11 October the swag was switched on high for the annual Mr and Miss Urbanite competition, which took place at the Anchor of Hope Church and included contestants from grade 7 through to grade 11.

A total of 40 finalists took part in showing off their confidence, style and good looks as we saw them modeling in various outfits, including casual and formal wear. The judges' panel – which consisted of Mrs De Reuck, Mrs Brown, Ms Stevens, and Mr van Huyssteen – had an extremely hard time awarding points to this amazing group as they showed the proper way to “strut your stuff” and wowed the uncontrollably excited audience with those winning smiles.

In between the groups appearing on the ramp, divided between junior and senior girls, and junior and senior boys, the audience received entertainment from Mr Haarhoff as MC for the day, as well as Liyema Ndiza, Simnikiwe Songwevu and Ayabonga Mabengeza that wowed the crowd with sneak previews of some of the musical numbers they would be performing in the school's musical.

By the end of the afternoon, after some serious whistling, screaming, and what appeared to be some fainting from the girls in the front row, 4 well-deserving winners were announced, two from each age group.

Congratulations to all the participants and everyone involved in the organisation of this absolutely delightful event! We can't wait for next year to see if these winners can manage to hold onto those crowns!



JUNIORS



Sibu Ntuli & Odwa Mkotwana

SENIORS



Likamvalethu Lambani & Sitha Nqweni



Annual Musical Enthralls!

- Ms Wolmarans

On 17 and 18 October, at The Athenaeum Theatre in Central, the young and talented cast of the school's musical production wowed the audience with more than just your average singing and dancing, plus a chuckle or two!

"Sweet Dreams, or a Beautiful Nightmare" was the brainchild of Mr Potgieter, along with the unmistakable aid of Ms Du Preez and Ms Greeff – together piecing every colourful, toe-tapping and belly-laughing scene in place.

From the hilarious narrator, Sihle Klaas, uttering that first, "Once upon a time", right to the very end with Ayabonga Mabengeza belting out "Uptown Funk" while the stage filled with dancing children, we loved every single second of it! "Sweet Dreams" took the old clichéd fairy tale genre and turned it on its head by providing a modern, and very comical, twist to the expected story. Snow White, embodied by the beguiling Liyema Ndiza, is a typical teenage girl that falls for the typical ladies' man – Prince Charming (Mabengeza), but soon finds herself running and hiding for her life after her new stepmother, the Evil Queen (captivatingly portrayed by Simnikiwe Songwevu), sets her sights on Snow after murdering her father. After having to deal with dead batteries, dancing dwarves, an axe-wielding huntsman, a poisoned cell-phone and then subsequently being kissed back to life, Snow eventually loses her man to her stepmother anyway! Not that anyone really cares, however, as everyone was too busy stepping out to tunes such as "Run the world (girls)", "Milf\$", "Born this way", "Look what you made me do", and "Dark Horse".

The young main cast was exceptional in showcasing their amazing singing talent, while our favourite dance crew regularly wowed the spectators wit their striking moves. This show was one massive party from start to end and left us wanting more!

Congratulations to everyone involved and know that we absolutely cannot wait to see what you have in store for us in 2019!





URBAN ACADEMY
PRESENTS

*Sweet Dreams
or a
Beautiful Nightmare*





SOCIAL AND OTHER

Be a Sweetheart

- *Benevolence Mazjinji*

As you may or may not know, our school has decided to be part of this wonderful and transforming foundation's dream.

The Sweetheart foundation provides wheelchairs to the less fortunate through the collection of bottle caps and bread tags. Our collection as a school will be donated and recycled in exchange for wheelchairs.

Our impact is maximized by our collections and, as we know, there is competition for the rest of the year here at our school. The class with the most collections will receive a prize.

The sweetheart foundation improves the lifestyles of those most in need with these collections and being part of this amazing project is an honour. We should be proud of ourselves.

Collect as many as you can and don't miss out on that lovely prize. But most of all, don't miss out on making a difference.

I dare you all to be a sweetheart!

Our Own Superheroes

- *Hermela Massebo*

On Friday the 7th of September the foundation phase staff, along with Ms Kotze in the high school, wore superhero costumes for Casual Friday. They each bought a ticket for R10 and wore their respective outfits according to the theme of "Everyday Superheroes".

The event was nationwide and was organised to help children with disabilities. The goal of the casual day was to encourage kindness, honour, gratitude and to serve as a reminder that not all superheroes appear on television. These are definitely traits that children should be reminded of and taught at their tender young age.

There were a lot of different costumes worn by our do-gooder teachers, but the most memorable one of all was Ms Kotze dressed as Superwoman.



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Teacher Profile:

Mrs Adrianna Lobb

- *Hermela Massebo*

Adrianna Lobb, the high school deputy principal and Accounting teacher, has been with the school since it was founded a few years ago.

She was born and raised in Port Elizabeth and went to Collegiate Girls High, then went on to study BCom at NMU which was then still known as UPE. She studied Accounting for the first time in varsity and ended up acing the course. She initially wanted to be a child psychologist but was put off by the knowledge that she would need to study for 11 years. She also stated, "Women of caucasian origin were not being employed in that field at the time because of the political climate of the country."

By the time she had finished her qualifications she was first employed at Greenacres Hospital in Human Relations Management. She then went to university to study teaching. She knows her way around a teenager's mind, which doesn't come as a surprise seeing as how she's been teaching for 23 years, which is older than how long most Urban students have been alive.

She explains to us what she does daily, "My day starts at 5 o'clock and I usually pack lunch and make breakfast for my two daughters and I." She then goes on to explain that she comes to school and there follows a day of admin and teaching. She sees her ill father in the afternoon and then goes home to prepare supper and help the girls with their homework.

She has a total of 10 pets consisting of 5 dogs, 3 cats and 2 turtles that live in her swimming pool. She likes to relax with a walk on the beach, cooking, and curling up with a good book. She mentions her favourite book to be 'The Boy in the Stripped Pyjamas' Which was written by John Boyne.

Mrs Lobb states that the expectations she has of an Urban Academy learner is that they take pride in their school work and have integrity. "I do not mind a naughty learner, but I can't stand a learner that is devious and dishonest." She says that the most important rule that is in the Code of Conduct is 'respect for others'. "If we all respect each other a little bit more everything else will fall into place." She indicates that students' first focus should always

be their education. And she says that we should enjoy our school days as much as we can. "Work hard, but that doesn't mean that you can't play hard."

She laughs and adds, "Students should know that in the class I'm a teacher, but in the hallways I'm a Deputy Principal."



Spring is Here

- *Mihlali Dondolo*

Spring day is the start of a new season, accompanied by the blossoming of vibrant, colourful flowers, and falls on the 1st of September every year .

Spring day was celebrated the day before at Urban Academy though, on the 31st of August, due to the 1st of September falling on a Saturday. So spring was a bit early for the Urbanites . Mrs Pelsler found it best to celebrate this day with the organisation of a hat competition.

It was a competition where everyone who wanted to participate could participate. Everyone was asked to decorate their own hats using recyclable materials or new materials in order to make it look good and brand new . You may all be asking: why hats instead of civvies? The reason why the school opted for hats was because the competition was during test series and we didn't want too much distraction to take our attention away from our books.

The competition was held to get everyone excited about the new season. It was a competition and in a competition we must have a winner, right? Well, there was one winner in each class. Everyone voted amongst



one another for the best hat and the winner received a tuck shop voucher of R25 .

As Mrs Pelser said, "The day was a success and all the children loved it!"



Urban Academy Online

- Dineo Tokota

Our school, as we know, is quickly and vastly spreading in terms of its size and number of students enrolled! To facilitate this change the school has been working hard on increasing its outreach.

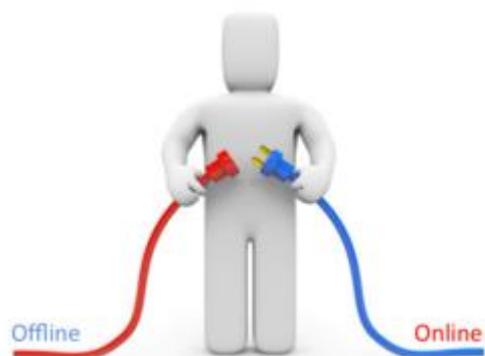
Urban has branched out into cyberspace with the aim of getting connected and increasing communication, not to mention to show off the pride we hold for all of our outstanding achievements. Several social media platforms are being utilised by our staff members and are constantly updated with photos and articles on the latest happenings at school.

The official Instagram page (@urbanacademyschool) is run by Ms Wolmarans and the Media Team, showcasing photos of everything from special events to everyday school life. Should you wish to make any contributions and see yourselves posted on here, be sure to speak to Hermela Masebo – our Media Team Editor – about sending your submissions!

Then we have a fantastic and fully active Facebook page (@urbanacademyschool), previously lead by Mrs Cronje, now run by Mr Potgieter. The rest of the fun takes place there, featuring segments like Throwback Thursday where the school reminisces on its humble beginnings and years past.

Mr Potgieter also controls the official Urban Academy website (www.urbanacademyschool.com) which contains all of the important information regarding the school, including the staff, discipline policies, news and circulars, application and registration procedures, as well as updates regarding Academic, Sport and Cultural activities.

Be sure to get connected and join us online, as no one likes to be left in the dark!





Glitz and Glam for our Matriculants

- *Hermela Massebo*

The 2018 Matric Farewell took place on the 27th of September and was a great success. The night, which was planned by Mrs Fourie and Ms van der Walt, was exceptionally beautiful. It took place at Pine Lodge, Summerstrand, and around 32 matriculants attended along with their educators.

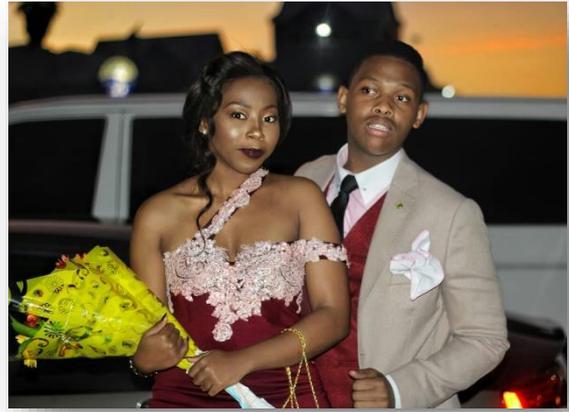
The theme was white and gold and the fairy lights scattered throughout the venue gave it the perfect fairytale atmosphere. The students enjoyed a delightful menu that consisted of spring rolls for starters, steak with mushroom sauce and a delectable array of vegetables for the main course, and some nut-encased chocolate mousse for dessert.

Though the event started slightly later than planned, things were soon in full swing with photos being taken of the seniors as they arrived in style and looking absolutely fabulous! Perhaps the most comedic moment of the night was when all the excitement caused such heat that one of the ladies had to remove her hairdo in order to fan herself!

A DJ from Bay FM was on the decks, pumping out tunes that drew the matrics to the dance floor regularly. Speeches were kept to a minimum but a heartfelt talk was given by Ms van der Walt that saw a tear or two glistening in the dim light of the room. Abongile and Qhama, our two head girls for 2018, also delivered an inspirational yet jovial speech for the matriculants, seeing as it could possibly have been the last free night they could enjoy for a while.

Some of the seniors' outfits stood out from the crowd, such as Cwayta, Tinotenda, and Patience, who "looked like a large and beautiful disco ball!" Bonga was seen dressed in a very elegant suit and looked exceptionally smart for the evening.

All and all it was a stunning night and was a very special occasion dear to the hearts of the students and teachers alike.





A Star is Born

- Ms Wolmarans

One of our 2017 mariculants has been making waves this year and is currently busy setting up a spot for himself in the limelight!

Simthandile Booï, or just Sim – as he is affectionally called by most people, attended Urban Academy from grade 8 right through to grade 12 and is one of our original babies from the school's first year in 2013. In 2018 Sim enrolled at the Stage World Theatre School in Port Elizabeth for his Diploma in Performing Arts wherein he participates in acting, dancing, music and voiceover work. Sim has furthermore worked in productions such as the Big Five Comedy Show hosted by Big Mouth Entertainment, which included names such as Stuart Taylor, Tumi Morake, Jason Goliath, Nik Rabinowitz and Kurt Schoonraad.

On the 7th of July this year Sim partook in auditions held at the PE Opera House for a spot in the prestigious International Arts Talent Showcase, which could send him well on his way to the international stage! After winning the Top Actor Award, he made it through to the next round of auditions that were held at the Silver Star Casino in Johannesburg on the 5th and 6th October. These auditions took place in front of international talent scout Kim Meyers and Rhavynn Drummer, who is a casting agent that books for world-renowned production houses, such as Tyler Perry Studios. Needless to say – this was a big deal!

As the fates would have it, Sim received that life-changing phone call at 21:50 on the 6th of October from Elsubie Verlinden, the IATS Director, to let him know that Kim Meyers has invited him, along with a select few others, to her stage in Orlando, Florida, USA! Suddenly "the dream" was on its way to becoming a true reality!

The tour is aimed at training young performing artists in their craft and teaching them how to make it in the industry. It also exposes these talented individuals to big names in the entertainment industry that could further offer them the opportunity to progress in their careers. And not least of all, a scholarship to the famous New York Film Academy is up for grabs! The tour takes place from 30 June until 9 July and will allow Sim to experience sightseeing and accomodation at places like the Orlando World Center Marriot Hotel and

The Hilton Hotel in Times Square, New York. He will participate in three official arts performances from a range of forms, such as singing, dancing, acting and modeling. This also means that Sim will receive exposure to agents, talent scouts, record labels, casting directors, acting coaches and managers of the highest calibre from New York, Los Angeles and Europe!

Sim says that he feels really good about the opportunity he has been presented with. "I believe it is a great platform to expose South African talent on an international level, which does not happen often enough, even with a booming local film industry." Sim feels that for him personally it is an unprecedented opportunity because he is still exceptionally young and only in his first year of studies. "To acquire this kind of knowledge and experience on an international level is more than I could hope for!" And what does the future have in store for him? "Work, work, work, work, work," Sim laughs. "There is no stopping in this industry! And hopefully I can fulfil my dream of staying, studying and working in New York. If not now, then definitely in the future. The key is to not give up!"

And, of course, one day we all hope to see the lad from Urban Academy on the Hollywood silver screen scene!





2018 PRIZE GIVING

- Ms Wolmarans

The 15th of October saw the annual Prize Giving ceremony taking place for the High School and the Intermediate Phase learners and staff at the Anchor of Hope Church in Richmond Hill. The day was divided into two sessions, allowing the High School to set the tone for the day by starting at 8 am, followed closely at 12 am by the Intermediate Phase.

In the weeks leading up to the event the criteria was scrutinized by the staff members and management team, leading to quite a few changes. The effect of these changes was that being awarded a prize became a much more prestigious achievement than ever before, vastly increasing the pride that could be felt by each and every single prize winner.

Despite the stricter criteria, more awards were handed out than ever before, which is nothing but testimony to the increasing excellence of our learners in all arenas!

HIGH SCHOOL

In grade 8 we handed out a total of 73 Progress Awards to learners who increased their subject averages from 50% up by more than 15%. A total of 35 Subject Awards were handed over to learners that achieved more than 80% in a subject. A total of 10 Best in Subject Awards were split amongst 7 learners, while 6 learners achieved Academic Awards for an average of 70%, and 2 learners achieved Academic Half Colours for averages above 75%. Yakha Maninjwa was our Top Academic Achiever in grade 8, with Khazimla Mpongwana and Liyema Sigcawu coming in a close 2nd and 3rd place respectively.

In grade 9 we handed out a total of 89 Progress Awards, 21 Subject Awards, and 10 Consecutive Subject Awards to the learners that achieved the same Subject Award in 2017. A total of 10 Best in Subject Awards were split

between 5 learners, while 2 learners achieved Academic Awards and another 4 received Consecutive Academic Awards for their second year of achieving an average over 70%, qualifying them for Academic Half Colours. Furthermore, another learner achieved Academic Half Colours for an average over 75%, and our Top Academic Achiever in the grade, Sihle Klaas, achieved Consecutive Academic Half Colours, qualifying her for Academic Full Colours. Lithemba Maswana and Buchule Magaba achieved the 2nd and 3rd spots respectively.



In grade 10 we handed out a total of 38 Progress Awards, 38 Subject Awards, and 4 Consecutive Subject Awards – all for English Home Language. A total of 12 Best in Subject Awards were split between 10 learners, while our grade 10 Top Academic Achiever, Inga Mani, received an Academic Award. Keyarah Mekela and Yibenathi Ngaleka achieved the 2nd and 3rd spots respectively.

In grade 11 we handed out a total of 62 Progress Awards, 20 Subject Awards, and a grand total of 35 Consecutive Subject Awards – making this grade group our most consistent! A collection of 5 learners each achieved a Best in Subject Award, while 7 Consecutive Best in Subject Awards were split between 4 learners. This group received 2 Academic Awards, 1 Academic Half Colours, 2 Consecutive



Academic Half Colours, and an astounding Consecutive Academic Full Colours for the grade 11 Top Academic Achiever, Dineo Tokota, with a staggering 85% average! The 2nd and 3rd place positions were filled by Snethemba Dingiswayo and Hermela Massebo respectively.

In grade 12 we handed out a total of 1 Progress Award (Trial Exams were no walk in the park!) 28 Subject Awards and 15 Consecutive Subject Awards – still some amazing achievements by our senior group. A collection of 6 learners each achieved a Best in Subject Award, while another 9 Consecutive Best in Subject Awards were split between 5 learners. The grade 12 group also received 1 Academic Award and 2 Consecutive Academic Awards, with Zizipho Msindwana claiming the Top Academic Achiever spot, while Bulelwa Mjiwu and Luzuko Busakwe managed to secure the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.



Other awards included Merit Awards for a group of 16 learners that achieved more than 45 points in our official School Merit system, Awards of Participation for Netball, Chess, Media, Musical and Soccer. Some of the more outstanding achievements included the following:

- Most Improved Soccer Player:
Oyama Kralo
- Most Valuable Soccer Player u/16:
Athandazile Putye
- Most Valuable Soccer Player u/18:
Anga Ntando
- Soccer Top Goal Scorer:
Lunathi Kubashe
- Soccer Player of the Season:
Lunathi Kubashe
- Soccer Participation Abroad:
Inathi Cewu and Ayabulela Sinuka

- Participation in a Nationally Recognised Soccer League Team:
Lunathi Kubashe
- Participation in a Rugby Provincial Side:
Thembaletu Ketshengana
- National Judo Gold Medalist:
Tina Mvenya
- Mr PE Uberman Junior Finalist:
Joy Nyakabawu
- Senior Urbanite Award: Dineo Tokota
- Headmaster's Trophy: Joy Nyakabawu



Then, the announcement of the 2019 Prefect Body was made after our 45 nominees worked the whole of Term 3 to give their best impression of their leadership abilities. They all did exceptionally well, but alas only 26 could be appointed in the end. This collection of grade 11 and 10 learners approached the stage with utmost excitement to receive their official badges, and all cheered together as the head prefects were further announced by Mr Cronje.



FRONT: Mihlali Dondolo, Solethu Mggqamgqo, Upton Manyere, Pierre-Henry Mebaley, Hermela Massebo (Deputy Head Girl), Dineo Tokota (Head Girl), Joy Nyakabawu (Head Boy), Likamva Mbambo (Deputy Head Boy), Indivile Poto, Sibabalwe Lugogwana

BACK: Phoebe Groenmeyer, Likamvalethu Lambani, Ashleigh Benjamin, William Zulu, Qhama Hlana, Benevolence Mazhinji, Mandilakhe Konza. Keyarah Mekela, Kuhle Kwange, Ilitha Ndaba, Roselyn Boateng, Jephias Mudombi

ABSENT: Usenathi Skosana, Naledi Chibini, Siviwe Gaika, Nqubela Ndongeni

INTERMEDIATE PHASE

In grade 4 we handed out a total of 7 Progress Awards to learners who increased their subject averages from 60% up by more than 15%. A staggering total of 69 Subject Awards were handed over to learners that achieved more than 80% in a subject. A total of 6 Best in Subject Awards were split amongst 4 learners, while 8 learners achieved Academic Awards for an average of 80%. Tanyaradzwa Kurira was our Top Academic Achiever in grade 4, with Siyolise Maseko and Othandwayo Ndungane coming in a close 2nd and 3rd place respectively.

In grade 5 we handed out a total of 41 Progress Awards and a total of 35 Subject Awards, while an amazing 23 Consecutive Subject Awards were handed out to learners who achieved awards for the same subjects in 2017. A total of 7 Best in Subject Awards were split amongst 5 learners, 2 of them being Consecutive Best in Subject Awards for achieving the number one spot in a subject for the second year in a row! A collection of 5 learners achieved Academic Awards. Ayola Mdolomba was our Top Academic Achiever in grade 5, with Oyisa Gawu and Luniko

Grootboom coming in a close 2nd and 3rd place respectively.

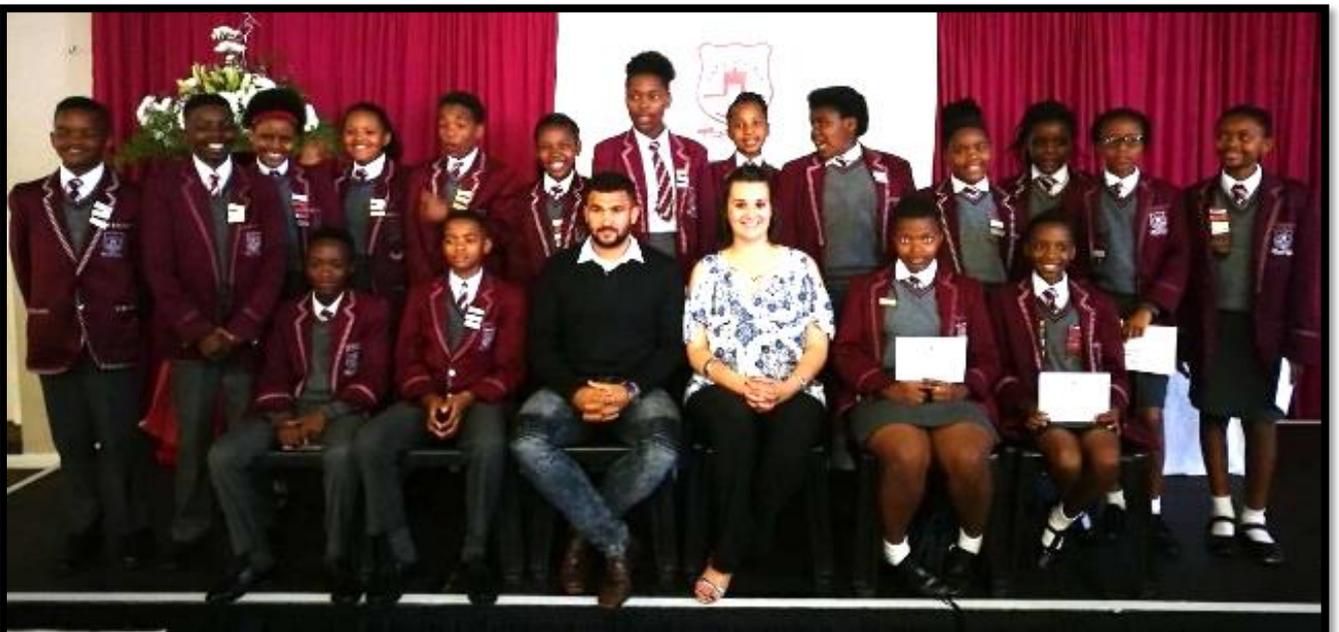
In grade 6 we handed out a total of 31 Progress Awards, 36 Subject Awards – of which an astounding 29 were Consecutive Subject Awards, and 7 Best in Subject Awards split between 3 learners, while 3 of those were Consecutive Best in Subject Awards. A total of 6 learners received Academic Awards, while the Top Academic Achiever spot was taken by Khazimla Jantjies for the second year in a row! Alupheli Mzozoyana and Liyema Oliphant snagged the 2nd and 3rd grade positions respectively.

In grade 7 we handed out a total of 32 Progress Awards and an absolutely outstanding 69 Subject Awards, 42 of them being Consecutive Subject Awards! The number one spot in the grade went to Singa Situnda for the second year in a row, who managed to win all 9 Best in Subject Awards and achieved an outstanding average of 93,9%! Sinelitha Mdlulu and Zoliswa Sihlali grabbed the 2nd and 3rd spots respectively, while a total of 6 learners from this grade achieved Academic Awards.



Other awards included Merit Awards for a group of 11 grade 7 learners that achieved more than 45 points in our official School Merit system as well as Awards of Participation for Netball and Soccer. Some of the more outstanding achievements included the following:

- Soccer Top Goal Scorer: Uyabukwa Sabani and Avuzwa Mbembe
- Soccer Player of the Tournament: Avuzwa Mbembe
- Soccer Player of the Season: Uyabukwa Sabani
- Junior Urbanite Award: Singa Situnda





FOUNDATION PHASE

