

**INDIVIDUAL MATRIC ACHIEVEMENTS - 2016**

Following on our excellent Matric results, we would also like to congratulate the following students on their individual achievements. These Matriculants attained results in the specified subjects which placed them in the top 1% of all IEB Matriculants nationally. We would also like to especially congratulate Matthew Sutton on his exceptional AP Mathematics result of 87%. Congratulations to all of you on your wonderful accomplishments.

Amber Young (Top 1% Afrikaans 1st Additional Language)  
 Jason Wright (Top 1 % Accounting)  
 Rebecca Desmet (Top 1 % Life Orientation)  
 Matthew Sutton (87% AP Mathematics)

**ALUMNI NEWS**

**TESSA MORRIS [MATRIC 2009]**

At the Onderstepoort year end graduation ball held in Pretoria in December, Dr Tessa Morris received the highest academic award possible. She was the top student over the 7 years of study. It is the achievement awarded each year to the top Vet student over the full 7 years of the course. Sir Arnold Theiler was the founder and first Dean of Onderstepoort faculty of Veterinary Science and the award has been running for almost 100 years. Tessa is currently serving her community service year in Badplaas Mpumalanga.



Prof Abernathy presenting Dr Tessa Morris with her Sir Arnold Theiler Award



**TAM JOHNSON [MATRIC 2013], AUSTIN JOHNSON & AIDAN DU PREEZ [MATRIC 2016]**

Congratulations to three SLC Alumni who recently participated in the SAFFA B Fly fishing Nationals in the Underberg. Limpopo managed a 3rd placing. Tam Johnson (middle) did exceptionally well on his 3rd place overall and his brother Austin (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) was 11th. Aidan du Preez (left) had a less successful catching rate but still managed a 33th placing with over 50 participants. Well done to these three Alumni!



**PRESENTATION ON NEPAL EXPEDITION 2018**

All interested parents and friends are welcome to come to the launch presentation of the planned 2018 Nepal Expedition. This will be in the Barnyard after the Awards Ceremony and Induction Ceremony on Friday 27 January. The presentation should start about 12h45.

**GRADE 8 SLEEP OUT**

Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of January, with all the Gr.8 students nervously excited, it was time for the first "sleep out". They all gathered at the DAD-centre after supper, half of them thinking they knew what to expect and the rest trying to find out. After we ran through the rules and safety procedures, and a few times around the climbing tower, we set off into the night with a great adventure ahead of us. Walking in darkness with no lights was a first for most, and it made for some interesting conversations. Somewhere between the start and our camp, we had a "nightline" activity where the students were blindfolded and had to follow a rope running in the forest between the trees, making a few twists and turns. This was done in groups of 7 at a time, where they had to work on trust, communication and teamwork. Eventually arriving at our camp site, the students had to build their shelters for the night as we did not have any tents. There were a few different designs, some more practical than others, and then some you could not really call a shelter, but they made it work! We spent the night under the stars with the forest living and breathing around us. The next morning we hiked back to school and continued the day as if nothing had happened, except for the memory of a great evening and some very tired Grade 8 students and staff. Well done to all the students on a great first sleep out. It is going to be an exciting year ahead.

Mr Tiaan Fullard



The Gr8 class of 2017 ready for their first sleep out

**IMPRESSIVE AQUATIC FACILITIES AT HPC**

In the first week of January, Eagar Aquatics from Polokwane made use of the HPC for their annual training camp. 28 swimmers of all ages were put through their paces over the four days, with multiple indoor swimming sessions, stroke analysis, open water swims and even some adventure activities with the Outdoor staff. Poor weather couldn't get in the way and the swimmers made good use of the indoor heated pool. Olympic gold medallist, Lyndon Ferns, also joined one of the swim sessions in the HPC. Thank you to Eagar Aquatics and all the SLC staff who were involved in the camp.

Mr Steven Willson



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