



# *Always pursue your passion!*

## *'Gielie' Makes SMS Proud*

Mr Michiel Duvenhage has been busy pursuing his passion for photography! He has been approached by Africa Geographic for the photograph below to be featured in a story that will soon be published.

Mr Duvenhage got involved in photography through his and his wife's love for nature and they are wanting to capture the beauty of nature.

Q: Where would your ultimate photographic destination be?

A: The Kalahari, because of its dramatic nature and diversity. I'd love to capture the hardship stories the Kalahari has to tell.

Q: If you weren't working at SMS, where do you think you would be?

A: I would have loved to be a Kalahari field guide and be able to tour all over Africa.

Q: What would your dream publication be?

A: To publish my photos in National Geographic or BBC Nature.

Keep pursuing your passion  
Mr Duvenhage, we hope to see many more of your stunning photos!



# Founders Day Celebrations

Founders Day was not only filled with celebrations for the school's birthday, but it was also a celebration for outstanding students within the school!

The following ladies received awards on Founders Day:

*Back row:*

Zoe Coetzee - Old Girls' Bursary awarded to a daughter, or granddaughter, of an old girl.

Khwezi Shumane - Sophie Levisieur Bursary awarded to a deserving pupil in her final year.

Siyabulela Ndlela - Josephine Pritchard Prize for Christian Service awarded to any senior pupil for outstanding Christian service.

Onalerona Sethole - Rudy Bodham-Whetham Art Bursary awarded to the most outstanding senior art student.

Khumoeng Madito - Gregory Bursary for a deserving pupil in Gr. 11 as assistance for her last two years of schooling.

*Front row:*

Jaelene Thompson - McDonald Prize for Bilingualism awarded to the most bi- or multi- lingual learner.

Tebogo Thobane - Sister Edith Agnes Memorial Bursary awarded to a deserving boarder.

In her absence:

Isabelle Kwakwa - Lesley Coen Bequest awarded to the best Gr. 7 pupil from the previous year.



# Outside the classroom

Meet Lieschen Swartz, our very own Mimosa Mall Ambassador! Lieschen is in Grade 3 Si this year and not only is she making us proud with her modeling, but she is also excelling in athletics! Continue to shine Lieschen, you are making SMS proud!



## Grey Boys

Rhythm, beat and joy...three things that come to mind after the Grey Gumboot Dancers visited SMS last week and gave our ladies an impressive gumboot dance performance!



# Midmar Mile

## Midmar Movie Night

The Midmar Movie Night was a huge success and we would like to thank our ladies and their families for their overwhelming support!



## Midmar Mile

Our ladies took a trip to Howick, KZN, over our Exeat weekend to participate in the annual Midmar Mile. Our ladies were accompanied by Miss Swanepoel, who was the tour manager, and Miss van der Walt and Mrs Enslin, who joined our ladies in the World's Largest Open Water swim!



# Valentine's Day

For God  
so loved the world  
that he gave His  
only  
begotten  
son so  
that whoever  
believes  
in Him shall  
have everlasting life.

*John 3:16*



# Father Daughter Dance

*"A smile of a daughter is the secret purpose of every father."*

On Friday the 17th we gathered to celebrate the love that our SMS fathers have for their daughters. It was an evening filled with love, poetry, singing, a special drum performance and a lot of dancing! A big thank you to the fathers for your support, as well as to Mrs Ndewere and her team for a beautiful night.



# Upcoming Events

## February

Dates for your  
diary

21st

Honours Dinner

Ash Wednesday

22nd

24th

Partner's Breakfast

Cultural Evening 18:00

28th

## March

3rd

Partner's Breakfast

Individual Photos for Magazine

9th

15th

Day of Dedicated Giving



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*Grace*