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ROYAL SCHOOLS QUEENS PRIVATE

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QUEENS PRIVATE NEWS

2022 Reflection

The Lord has blessed us again and we are so grateful we have come to the end of 2022. Thank you all QPS family for another wonderful and productive school year. Thank you to all our parents for your support throughout 2022. Special thanks to our staff members who, went above and beyond the call of duty.

A word of thanks goes to our learners. Thank you for all the hard work throughout the academic year. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to an exciting, new academic year in 2023. Have a nice holiday and take care.

A thought to take with you on your journey.

*"Sometimes when I consider what tremendous consequences come from little things, I am tempted to think there are no little things."
- Bruce Barton*

We live in a culture where everything is measured by size and numbers. A normal meal doesn't catch the eye until it's "SUPER-SIZED"; when we expect 30 people at a gathering and only 5 people pitch, the event is considered a failure; when raising funds for a certain cause and end up with less than expected, we become discouraged.

We live in a world in which size matters more than ever before. Although most families can live in a home of around 150 square metres, we look at the guy living in a 1,000-square metre house and somehow think that's better. All these ways of thinking have brought us to a place where we no longer take notice of the little things. This is very detrimental, as we will most likely miss some wonderful opportunities in life because of it.

Take business for instance: How do the majority of businesses start? With 100,000 clients on day one? Of course not – they start with one! Valuing that client and giving them the best possible service will then hopefully draw the 2nd, 3rd, 5th & 10th clients in. And so, it starts.

Looking for that business or opportunity that will give you "instant" wealth or success will lead you down a road of emptiness and discouragement – not because there aren't opportunities, but because you aren't sensitive to the ventures and opportunities in life that start off small.

Once we reset our bias toward big things and tune in to the many small opportunities all around us, we will start to consider the consequences of little things and realise that they weren't all that little after all.

*"Let's get all the little things right".
The big things will take care of themselves.*

Kind regards
E.Saaiman

Academic Quality Assurance

RAAQA (Royals and Amberfield Academic Quality Assurance) is a team that was introduced in January this year to focus on academic quality assurance in all our schools. RAAQA's main focus is to ensure excellence in the preparation and delivery of lessons in all grades and subjects. This was accomplished by the following RAAQA projects implemented during the year:

- Subject specialists, with proven track records and results, were identified in some of our schools to mentor, guide and support subject teachers in specific subjects and grades.
- Common tests and exams, set by these subject specialists, were administered in terms 1 and 2 in specific subjects and grades. This allowed RAAQA to identify areas that needed intervention and support in terms of lesson preparation and lesson delivery of a good standard.
- Systemic tests were administered to Grades 1 to 9 in mid-October in English Home Language, Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Technology. The higher order cognitive levels of the learners were tested in these subjects, as well as their ability to "think outside the box." The results of these tests will be used to identify teachers that are in need of support and development in order to teach the learners to apply themselves using the higher order cognitive levels. RAAQA will be offering workshops and training to these teachers.
- Google Workspace was implemented as an enrichment platform for learners. Training and development was offered to the teachers throughout the year, to ensure that this platform is utilised as a platform to enrich and to reinforce what was taught in the classroom.
- Intervention and support strategies were offered to the schools in subjects that were not performing at an acceptable standard. Some of these strategies included the introduction of weekend boot camps, afternoon classes, Saturday classes and school holiday classes.

Due to the academic excellence that we want in our schools, our team will be growing next year so that the academic standards in our schools can reach greater heights and our learners can excel in their academic performances.

Academic Challenge

Queens Private School took part in the first Royal Schools Academic Challenge. Top learners from Queens were chosen to partake in various categories in the academic challenge. The learners did exceptionally well in the challenge. Each learner playing to their various strengths. Quite a few Trophies were brought home by Queens' learners. Queens got special mention at the challenge for being the only school with a war cry. The learners definitely took the spirit with them to this challenge and won a well-deserved first place for the spirit trophy. Well done Queens Learners we are exceptionally proud of all your hard work and dedication throughout this year, always putting your best foot forward.



Achievers tea

“If you'll believe in me, I'll believe in you” – Alice in Wonderland. It is amazing what we can achieve if someone believes in us. Achievements are meant to be celebrated and what better way to celebrate than having a tea party!

Queens Private School was extra proud in 2022 of the top achievers it has yet again produced and what a turnout it was. Our top three learners of each grade joined us in a Mad-Hatter tea party on the 12th of August.

Each learner received a book prize and some delicious snacks to celebrate their amazing achievements.

Through lots of laughs and contagious smiles, a happy afternoon was had by all who attended. Well done to these learners.

Who will be next year's top three?



Outreach

“No one has ever become poor by giving.” – Maya Angelou.

With this profound thought by Maya Angelou in mind, at Queens Private School we aim to serve our community by making a difference in any small way possible.

At the beginning of the third term, we started a canned food drive where we collected a whopping FIVE HUNDRED and TWENTY-EIGHT cans of food from our learners and distributed them to less fortunate people in the area.

In the fourth term, we ran a Christmas Shoebox drive where we collected Christmas presents and a few essential everyday items, that we so easily take for granted, for children growing up in poverty. As a school, we aimed to fill one hundred boxes and distribute them to parents who will gift the boxes to their children on Christmas morning.

We believe that being able to give is a blessing from God and spreading joy should be done throughout the year and we will therefore continue to make a difference in the lives of many for as long as we are able to.



Extra Murals

Mondays (Primary School) and Wednesdays (High School) are extra mural days at Queens Private School. We offer Chess, Netball, Choir, Robotics and Soccer. Our learners and dedicated teachers meet for 90 minutes a week on the allocated days and practise where learners and teachers get to know each other much better, where learners are allowed to excel in other things apart from academics and learn the lifelong lesson of teamwork.

We have since appointed Netball and Soccer teams and formed a fully fledged Cheerleading squad. Our learners and teachers are very excited to see what the new year will hold for our sports teams.



Robotics

In this new age of advanced technology, we at Queens need to make sure our learners are well prepared to fit in.

We have the privilege to have a robotics club at our school, starting from as little as grade 1 all the way to our grade 11 learners. Each team has to work together to solve real world problems in a creative and innovative way.

While we were not able to compete in competitions this year, our learners learnt a few things this year. It takes a lot of concentration to build the bots to perfection. Programming is made easy using the Spike App. We hope to reach new heights next year, competing in a competition or two.



Foundation Phase Field Trip

2022 the year to go back to normal.

Covid-19 restrictions were finally eased at the end term 2. With restrictions being lifted learners were now able to go on a field trip once more. The learners were overjoyed at finding out that they would be going on a field trip. Queens Private School sent the Foundation Phase to Rocky Ridge to enjoy what they had to offer. The learners were ecstatic to discover that Rocky Ridge had a mini-town, complete with police station, school, fire department, church, supermarket, hospital and much more. The learners kicked off the day with a breakfast and soon after a presentation on Road Safety. The learners were then given free reign to make use of the mini-town to explore and enforce the road safety rules.

After such a long day of playing and learning through play, the learners were all tuckered out and ready to go on the next adventure.



Gr 12 Bootcamp

What do you get when you have a big pot of pap, chicken on the braai and mattresses on the floor? A very successful grade 12 bootcamp!

Just before our grade 12s started their finals, we thought it would be fitting to have all-nighter study sessions – Queens-style! To say that fun was had is an understatement - from playing soccer outside to sneaking off to catch a nap during the early morning sessions.

And in between all the fun, productive study sessions also took place, helping our grade 12s to prepare for the finals ahead. Not only were the learners supported academically, but these sessions also helped ease the stress that comes with NSC finals.

Gold reef city

“We're going on a trip in our favourite double decker bus, zooming through the streets of Joburg, we are on a mission to ride all the rides at Gold Reef City theme park. On the 28th of October 2022. Royal Schools Queens learners went on an exciting day trip to Gold Reef city theme park. Both the learners and educators were so excited and ready to end the third term with wild screams and hands up in the air.

The learners arrived at school early in the morning wearing their blue jeans, school shirts and not forgetting their beautiful smiles along. They were so excited to travel to Joburg and show that Queens had arrived. When we got to the theme park, we painted the theme park with turquoise. You can imagine how beautiful they all looked. Of course, the learners did not only go on the trip just for fun, we ensured that they got to experience the best of both worlds. The learners were taken on a mine tour, where they had to experience first-hand what they are being taught in some of their subjects such as Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and History before they could go out to play. After the educational tour, learners were allowed to go on to their favourite rides and have some fun. Who thinks about food when they are having fun? The teachers and the learners met around lunch time for a yummy burger, chips and a very chilled cold drink to ease the hot sun. The learners had so much fun riding on thrills like the Anaconda, Garbage Truck and many more.

The teachers also got the opportunity to bond and let loose, letting go of the stress and some even got to win cool prizes. Unfortunately, the day had to come to an end, but it didn't just end there, it ended with chilled Ola ice-cream and lots of tired but smiling learners. What a cool thrilled exciting day we all had.



Heritage Day

On September 23, Queens Private School celebrated Heritage Day. This time, many of our teachers and learners dressed up to celebrate the day and many conversations, both inside and outside the classroom took place educating each other about our heritage and cultures. It was a bright and colourful day and a wonderful experience learning things about other cultures that we didn't already know.



Spring Day

In South Africa, September 1 is known as Spring Day because it marks the end of the official winter period. It is a day that symbolises growth, hope and joy, what every child should feel when at school. On this day, Queens Private had events where we celebrated Spring Day. The day was divided into two events for both High School and Primary School. Fun themes were chosen for each and dress up was a must. The school was a blaze of colours as learners and teachers donned their colour-ful attire in celebration of this day. The Primary School learners were asked to wear white with a touch of colour. There were colour packs being sold for the school fundraising, the teachers were also spraying the learners hair with colours of their choice, from yellow, green, pink, red and many more. Some of the learners were even performing at the event which made it even more fun. The day ended with the learners throwing each other with colour powders. What a way to end our Spring Day. Indeed spring has sprung with colour.



Retention Day

In the third term we hosted our annual Phase Transition Day which was a great success. Parents of our grade R, 3 and 7 learners were invited to come in on a Saturday morning where we showcased some of the many wonderful benefits of having their child attend Queens Private School. Parents and learners both attended. There were games, face painting and music for the learners to be entertained while parents engaged with subject specialists and school management to find out more about the curriculum taught and the facilities available at the school. Overall it was a highly beneficial day for all involved and we look forward to hosting the next Phase Transition Day with the support of our lovely parents.





Royals Schools: Maintenance Review 2022

Our Operations and maintenance team had a very busy 2022 to make sure that our schools and facilities are well maintained and upgraded where needed. Below is a short summary of some of the projects that were completed during 2022.

- Interlocking floor tiles laid in the Primary School
- New Intercom system for the Primary school
- Speakers for the Primary School
- New Sound system to use outside and for functions
- Outside recreational area for staff
- 2 x Projectors replaced
- 12 x Cameras added to high school classes
- 10 x Picnic Benches for playgrounds
- New School furniture bought to the value of +- R80 000

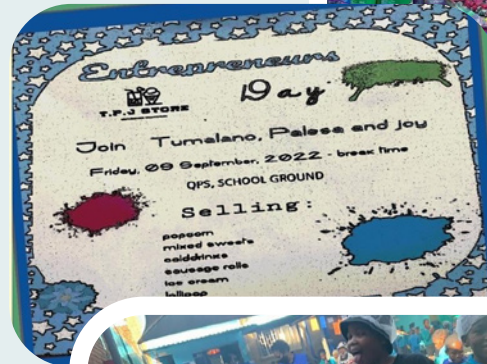
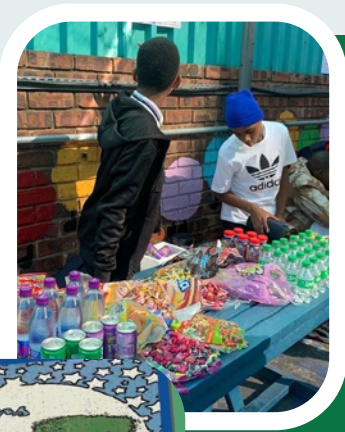
Entrepreneur's Day

In the third term, Queens Private School hosted their Entrepreneur's Day event for the year. Forty-two grade seven learners got together, planned (for weeks), divided tasks among themselves, within their groups, and hosted a successful event.

Advertising was one of the main goals on the days that led up to event. Each group were tasked with advertising their products in advance so as to attract the most market share. Advertising was done throughout the school, in the staffroom, in the primary school and high school corridors as well as the children's restrooms.

With excitement in the air, the much anticipated day arrived, Friday, 9 September. Learners arrived in the morning with all their goodies for their stalls, from business signage to change for their customers to the products they were selling. There was braais being started, games being set up, food being cooked and tons of competition in the air.

With the whole school's support and of course some very tasty food, every grade 7 group was sold out by 12 O' clock that day. A lot of fun was had by all learners involved and our grade 7s learned many valuable lessons about business and the work that goes into being successful and making a profit. We hope that the lessons learnt will make a difference to the future of South Africa.



High School Awards

On the 3rd and 4th of October we had our prize giving ceremony for the grade R to 11 learners. Throughout this year, our learners have put their blood, sweat and tears into their academics, and did it pay off! Our learners were extremely excited to celebrate the achievements of 2022.

Our top learners for each grade in 2022 are:

Grade 1: Imitha Msutu

Grade 2: Lethabo Rantso Grade 3:

Maha Mohammed Grade 4: Iris

Simelane

Grade 5: Ronewa Khaphathe Grade

6: Didintle Masenya Grade 7:

Funokuhle Mtsweni Grade 8:

Meaghan Plaatjies Grade 9: Iso

Shibisi

Grade 10: Tshgofatso Buthane

Grade 11: Thato Mohlabe

Well done to all our learners who received awards during the ceremony. We would also like to congratulate our prefects for 2023.

Grade 6 2023

Zintle Sebulele Tshembani
Ramashala Ntsakisi Baloyi
Larona Sello
Phenyo Modise
Ntsako Ndokwani Mohau
Machocho Siyabonga
Nkosi Lesedi Khayemba
Remotlotlo Makotanyane

Grade 11 2023

Tshegofatso Buthane
Gary Keche Kamogelo
Lekokwane Vurhonga
Sibiya Sifiso Sangweni
Phodisho Mongwai
Rethabile Ralephenya
Boitumelo Nkhona
Portia Mampane
Mapula Mphalo

Grade 9 2023

Tumisho Buthane Samere
Mehbrat Lethabo Buthane
Lesedi Matjie Meaghan
Plaatjies Nhlamulo Ndlovu

Grade 12 2023

Emmanuel Bhebhe
Koketso Mdaka Gift
Shabani Tumelo Teba
Amogelang Molopa
Masenya Olerato Owami
Ndlovu Thekgo Mwikali

Gr 12 Award ceremony

Sudhashree Acharya said that the harder you work for something, the greater you will feel when you achieve it. On the 21st of October, this year we celebrated our grade 12s. And what a celebration it was!

We all know grade 12 is a stressful year, and this year was no exception. Our learners truly went the extra mile with all the extra classes and study sessions.

Every surprised smile, excited cheer and just the overall good spirit in which these learners encouraged each other was truly a remarkable sight. What better way to raise the spirits for the final stretch.

From the passing of the candles to the grade 11s to the angelic voices of our very own Royal Choir. And of course, our head girl, Khumo Mogafe, bringing tears to our eyes and a warm feeling to our hearts with her beautiful words. We would like to just congratulate each grade 12 on their outstanding achievements again.

Best of luck for the final stretch. Remember, focus on the step in front of you, not the entire staircase
- Anonymous.

