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CONGRATULATIONS

Hannah Cleghorn placed second in the U18 Girls division at the South African Longboard Champs held in Jeffrey's Bay.

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The **U16B Girls Hockey team** played their final match of the season against Bellville High School, beating the opponents 3-0.

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Saskia Wood and **Zara Berrisford** won gold at the U16 Hockey IPT in Bloemfontein during their July holidays. Congratulations to both girls who have worked so hard during the season.



UCT MATHS COMPETITION ROUND 2 AND ROUND 3

Westerford had 23 pupils qualify for Round 2 of the UCT Mathematics Competition. Over 400 schools participated, but Westerfordians accounted for 10% of the Round 2 qualifiers! All the round 2 qualifiers have been invited to join the UCT Mathematics Circle.

Round 2 was written on 26 August. Of those who wrote the following have qualified for round 3:

Grade 8: **Jide Fernandes , Emily Smith, Sasha Swart**

Grade 9: **Yannan Ke, Kyle Pelander, Ben Maree, Eli Williams**

Grade 11: **Christina Papavlachopoulou, Simon Oosthuizen**

Grade 12: **Caroline Cress, William Alexander**

Round 3 will be written this coming Saturday at UCT. The Western Province teams for the South African Team Competition will be selected based on the results of Round 3.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE UPDATE

Emma le Roux (Gr10) represented the South African U24 Ultimate Frisbee Team at the World Champs, held in Nottingham, UK. Old Westerfordian **James Granelli** was also in the team, as was our 1st Team coach, **Sam Bovim**.

Ultimate Frisbee is now an official school sport, with 70 pupils having signed up in January, and a 1st Team tour to the Eastern Cape having been organised in late March. The UCT Ultimate Frisbee Club organises the twice-weekly coaching of our eager Westerford players.



Emma le Roux

(front row, third from right)

James Granelli

(centre, front row)

Sam Bovim

(second from left, front row)

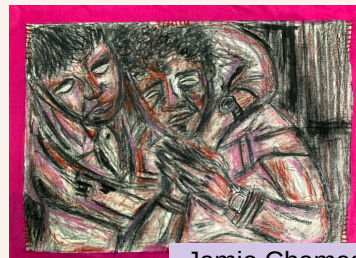
RETHINKING IRMA STERN

DELILAH STOLOFF

Irma Stern was a world-renowned 20th century Jewish South African artist. Her works were largely inspired by the landscapes, cultures, dress and people of various African countries. In the '70s, after her death, her home in Cecil Road was converted into a museum by the University of Cape Town.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the UCT Irma Stern Museum, the university partnered with the WCED and launched a project for all Grade 11 Visual Arts learners in 2022. This project, which continued this year, invited the pupils to re-think, re-interpret and re-imagine the works of Irma Stern through an artwork of their own. Each school submits photographs of their pupils' artworks, and around 50 artworks are chosen for display in the museum.

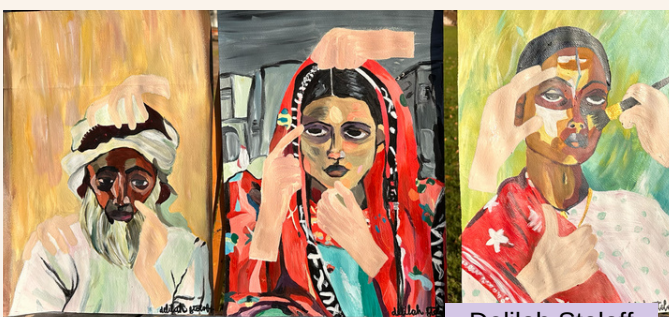
This year, four Westerfordians were chosen for the exhibition. Congratulations to **Jamie Chames**, **Lucy Paterson**, **Katherine Stead** and **Delilah Stoloff**, whose works will be displayed in the museum for several weeks starting on 16 September.



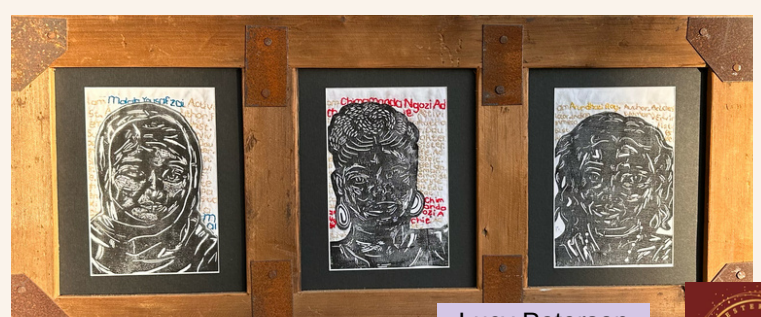
Jamie Chames



Katherine Stead



Delilah Stoloff



Lucy Paterson

PROVS

DELILAH STOLOFF

The Western Cape Schools Provincial Debating Competition (WCSPDC, or Provs for short), happened over two weekends, 29-30 July and 26-27 August 2023. Westerford sent our junior and senior first Debating Teams to participate.

The Junior Team consisted of the following pupils in Grades 8 and 9: **Ella Burrow, Jayden Daries, Jemima Robertson, Joseph Schwartz, Max van der Merwe and Axel Young.**

The Senior Team consisted of the following learners: **Jonathan Clogg, Jasper Hamer, Nawaal Harris, Daniella Jacobson, and Delilah Stoloff.**

In the senior category Westerford was placed 6th in the province, and in the junior category Westerford was placed 16th in the province. Three of Westerford's seniors were placed in the top 30 senior debaters in the province: Jasper Hamer at #20, Delilah Stoloff at #22 and Daniella Jacobson at #27.

We are incredibly proud to announce that three pupils, **Jasper Hamer** and **Delilah Stoloff** from the senior team and **Jemima Robertson** from the junior team, were chosen for the Western Cape Provincial Debating Team trails.



NEWS FROM THE FRENCH DEPARTMENT

On Tuesday 22 August, the Grade 11 French Class were treated to crêpes from Marine who works at Crêpe Town. Hailing from France, she has been living in Cape Town for the past few years. Each pupil presented themselves, spoke a bit with Marine and answered questions. Afterwards, they were rewarded with yummy crêpes and a myriad of toppings to choose from.



On Tuesday 22 August, Claire Yoh, French Yoga Instructor, gave a yoga and guided meditation class to the Grade 12s en français! It was a great experience allowing the Matrics to revise verbs of movement, body parts and refocus ahead of the mock examinations.

MUSIC

Monday the 31st of July, Tuesday the 1st of August and Wednesday the 2nd of August were all very busy music-filled days for musicians at Westerford. From captivating solos to enchanting ensemble performances, the stage came alive and showcased the exceptional musical talent we have among our pupils. As the normal school day progressed the music pupils were flying in and out of the music centre as pupils performed their repertoire for admired professionals. Some of the esteemed adjudicators for the group and individual eisteddfods included: Gary Craig (guitar), Elina Kroumova Koytcheva (strings), Blaine Jacobs (vocal), Danielle Rossouw (clarinet and saxophone), Pamela Kierman (brass), Esthea Kruger (piano), Paul Tizzard (drum), and Liesl Stoltz (flutes and recorders).

The eisteddfod also included all the big ensembles taking part in the event. Our adjudicators for the ensembles section included the highly regarded Pamela Kierman, an accomplished musician and educator from Stellenbosch University, as well as Daniel Nambassi, a seasoned professional Drum Kit and Percussion teacher. Both are established professionals in their musical fields and it was a privilege to get their feedback about the various ensembles. The Orchestra, Marimba Bands, Big Band, Rock Bands, Concert Band, Siyakhanya Choir, and Chamber Choir performed for them. The many hours of practice came in handy as the Concert Band, Siyakhanya Choir, Chamber Choir, Rock Bands, and Marimba Band were all awarded gold diplomas that shone as brightly as the extraordinary talent they recognised. All in all, Westerford musicians received 47 gold diplomas and 61 diplomas, a very impressive display for our first-ever Westerford Eisteddfod!

ART

The art eisteddfod consisted of four categories: Portrait, Landscape, Photography and “other”, where pupils could really use their imagination. 50 Westerfordians entered for the Art eisteddfod, and eagerly started working on their projects over the June holidays. On Monday the 31st of July, the esteemed Kelly Johnson visited Westerford to adjudicate all the wonderful artworks handed in. Kelly Johnson graduated in 2015 from the Michaelis School of Fine Art, University of Cape Town. Of all the entries, the following pupils were awarded Gold Diplomas for their artworks: Arran Wade, Cara Nesbitt, Ingrid Heyns, Oscar Buffler and Micah Khan. We are looking forward to having many more entries in 2024, after the success of this year’s Art Eisteddfod.

DRAMA

The Drama section of our Cultural Eisteddfod was well-supported by our young actors, with thirty-one participants from across the grades presenting thirty-five monologues. In the main category, Existing Monologues, we had a good mix of classic pieces (think Macbeth and Antigone), South African classics (Fugard and Woza Albert) and some contemporary gems (Whiplash and Fleabag). Seven candidates received Gold Diplomas (95% and above).

In the category of Original Monologues, it was great to see ten of our pupils writing and performing their own pieces, which is no easy feat. Four were awarded Gold Diplomas in this category.

The Drama categories were adjudicated by Ms Debi Hawkins, a Cape Town theatre practitioner with plenty of experience in this area, assisted by former Westerfordian Devin Reed. The event, which was our first Drama Eisteddfod, took place in the quiet surrounds of the Drama Lab and proved to be a worthy follow up to the 2022 Monologue Competition.



GSI THRIFT MARKET

KAI MANIE (HE/HIM)

On Wednesday, 23 August, GSI hosted its quarterly thrift market in the Noel Taylor Hall. This event happened for the first time in Term 2 this year and has shown much success both times it has been held.

The market gives Westerfordians an opportunity to sell second-hand clothing and accessories, as well as any hand-made items, such as candles, jewellery, and many other things. The best part about this market is that the pupils get to keep their profit, but GSI still raises money through selling their own items or donated ones!

There were a variety of products at this term's market, including novelty t-shirts, hand-made jewellery, gemstone products, scented candles, books and other amazing unique clothing items, handmade or bought. All vendors were grateful to GSI for the opportunity to sell their items and I'm sure the Westerford community was happy to buy some new clothes!



ARA FILM FESTIVAL

LIAM VAN DER RIET-FIELD

On 23 August, ARA held our first ever, potentially annual Film festival and it was a huge success. The idea of the event was to encourage the pet-owning community of Westerford to create short fun films involving their animals in some capacity. This was coupled with ARA's fundraising efforts to raise the adoption fee for a penguin. The winner of the Film Competition would be given the honour of naming the penguin.

Over the past few months ARA has been having cake sales and collecting personal donations in order to raise the fee for Westerford's very own penguin. This penguin, obviously, will not be physically in our possession, but will stay safe at SANCOB (Southern African Foundation for the conservation of coastal birds) until its release back to its natural habitat. The money raised covers the cost of fish, medication, water and other essentials the penguin needs to grow strong and healthy enough for release back into the wild.

As for the pet film festival, we had over 15 films submitted and a substantial audience to watch them. Three of our society members judged the competition. Although all the films were wonderful in some capacity, there were clearly two top performers. In second place was Joseph Swartz's video about villainous cats with an animation element and partial parody of *Phineas and Ferb*. Our winner, Temitayo Olaleye in Grade 11, made a hilarious film parodying the song *Home* by Knucks. Each action described in the song's lyrics was paired with a clip of his cat doing the same thing. He essentially made his cat Knucks. All in all it was an incredibly funny and well-edited video and one which made Tayo a very deserving first winner of the ARA pet film festival.

Tayo is still in the process of naming the penguin and, therefore, shortly, Westerford will have our very own Penguin. This process was one in which ARA helped raise money for a worthy animal-related cause, encouraged animal-related discussion at our school and had ample fun. Perhaps this event will be one to look forward to every year.



SJA recently hosted the civvies day for term 3. However, this wasn't any ordinary civvies day. In order to wear civvies, Westerfordians were asked to bring in a packet of sanitary products such as pads and tampons.

It was recently estimated by the Borgen Project that 7 million South African girls cannot afford to buy sanitary products (BBC, O'Reilly, 2023). This civvies day was organised as a small mitzvah to help many.

The sanitary products were donated to a charity organisation called Mama Flo. Mama Flo is a woman-run organisation in Cape Town that has been striving to end period poverty sustainably since 2020. They do this by providing access to essential resources such as period products and period education. They create an empowering environment enabling those who menstruate to feel more comfortable within their period and day-to-day experiences.

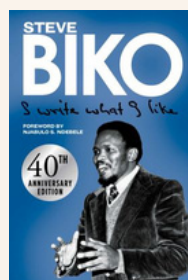
As a school that is privileged to have access to period products SJA thought that we can spread the love to those who need it most.



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

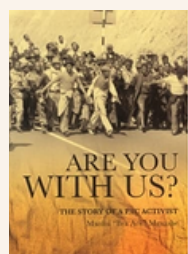
JOSH BRASLER (HE/HIM)

In honour of heritage month, this week's book recommendations are about Pan-Africanism and the fight for democracy: important parts of the history of our country. All these books, and others on the topic, are in the Westerford Library. If this is something that interests you, come and check them out!



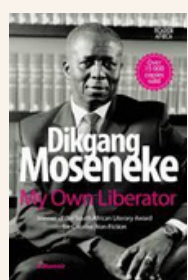
I write what I like - Steve Biko

This book is a collection of writings by Steve Biko from 1969-1972. It outlines many of his ideas including many of the philosophies upon which he helped found the black consciousness movement. It is a must-read for anyone trying to get a deeper understanding of South African History and the rationale behind the people who fought to end Apartheid.



Are you with us? - Mxolisi Mgxashe

Mxolisi "Bra Ace" Mgxashe, a member of the Pan African Congress in the 60s, details the Langa killings and the effect they had on him. He also gives an insight into the PAC and what it was like to be a youth in South Africa during this turbulent time.



My Own Liberator - Dikgang Mosenke

At only 15 years old, Dikgang Mosenke was arrested and sentenced to ten years imprisonment on Robben Island for his actions as an activist and member of the PAC. After being released, he completed a degree in law, and eventually worked to help create and protect a constitution for the new South Africa. In this book he documents the importance of family, and the value of education and hard work and how these things have helped in his journey.

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- **MUST** be a South African Citizen.
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- **MUST** have a minimum of 60% for Pure Mathematics / Mathematics Literacy / Technical Mathematics & Physical Science

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Forward your CV & latest Grade 12 results to the below email address;
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