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# Alexandria Christian Academy Newsletter



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*Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is older he will not depart from it."*

## A night under the stars...

On the evening of July 25th, we hosted our annual dance, a highly anticipated event akin to a matric farewell, and it was nothing short of magical. With lights that twinkled like the Milky Way and the moon shining brightly overhead, students danced the night away, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

The evening began with a delectable three-course meal that left everyone raving. The culinary delights included a gourmet appetizer, a savory main course, and a mouthwatering dessert. Each dish was meticulously prepared, adding a touch of elegance to the already enchanting night.

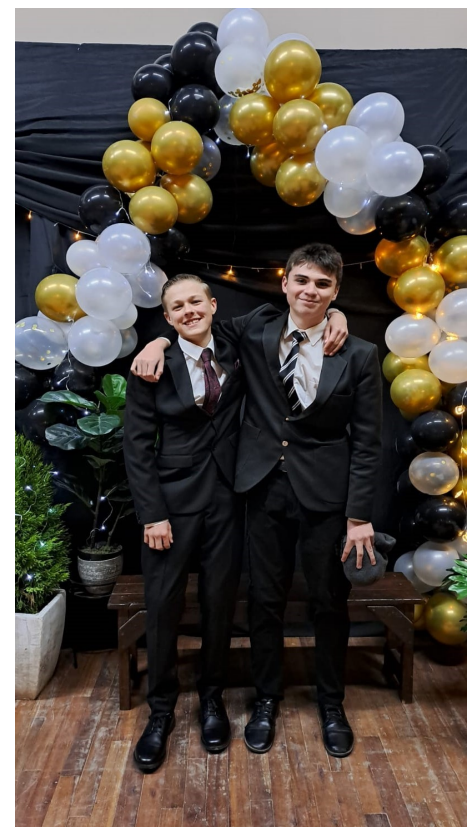
The participants, dressed to kill in their finest attire, added to the splendor of the event. The school hall, transformed into a stunning

venue, looked almost unrecognizable. Who knew it could be so beautiful? The decorations, the lighting, and the overall ambiance made the setting perfect for an unforgettable evening.

Despite the chill of the winter night, nothing could dampen the spirits of these enthusiastic students. They danced with joy and energy, enjoying the great music and the company of friends. The night was filled with laughter, smiles, and moments that will be cherished for years to come.

As the event came to a close, it was clear that this was a night for the books. The high school dance was a resounding success, leaving everyone with fond memories and a sense of nostalgia. With such a beautiful venue, amazing food, great music, and of course, wonderful company, this dance has set a high standard for future celebrations.

Here's to many more nights like this one, where the magic of the moment brings everyone together in celebration and joy. We look forward to next year's dance with great excitement.



# Windy yet wonderful: Annual golf day hits a hole in one!



*Photo caption: Deidre Weyers with one of Amakhala's prize winners, Binky du Preez*

On August 9th, our community gathered for the much-anticipated annual Golf Day, and despite the challenging weather, the event was a smashing success. With 33 players taking to the course, the day was filled with camaraderie, competition, and a touch of excitement, thanks to the blustery wind that nearly sent our gazebo flying!

The wind couldn't dampen the spirits of those in attendance. A full table of prizes awaited the participants, with offerings ranging from gourmet cheeses to handy tools, ensuring that everyone had a chance to walk away with something special. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the raffle draw and prize-giving ceremony, where the top prize—a night's stay at Quatermains Amakhala—had everyone on the edge of their seats. Our lucky winners from the Raffle draw each received half a lamb, were: C. Burness



and C.Mdani. What an incredible reward for two lucky winners!

The atmosphere was electric, fueled by the delicious aroma of onions braaing as our dedicated staff served up the most amazing hamburgers. The golfers couldn't get enough, relishing every bite as they soaked in the lively ambience. The music, perfectly curated, added to the upbeat vibe, making the day even more enjoyable for everyone involved.

We were incredibly fortunate to have so many generous sponsors who contributed to making the day such a success. A special shoutout goes to Savemor Alexandria, who provided mouthwatering lasagne and rolls that was a hit with all.

As the sun set and the final prizes were awarded, it was clear that this year's Golf Day was one for the books. Despite the windy conditions, the event was a resounding success, filled with laughter, good food, great prizes, and wonderful company.

Here's to another fantastic Golf Day next year, and a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated, sponsored,

and supported this event. We couldn't have done it without you!



Photo caption: Raffle draw winner #1: Mr & Mrs Burness & below Mr C Mdani raffle draw #2.

Thank you for your support!



# ACA Archers going to Kimberley

On September 27-28, six talented archers from Alexandria Christian Academy will participate in the Inter-School and Inter-Provincial Archery Competition in Kimberley. This prestigious event will see Michiano Coltman, Benjamin Trollip, Zintle Sizani, Enlin Wentzel, Rueben Petzer, and Mia Schutte representing their school and province with pride.

This upcoming event marks a significant milestone for the academy, as these students earned their places through their impressive performances at the Eastern Province (EP) competition held on August 3 in Bathurst. The EP competition brought together schools and clubs from across the Eastern Cape, creating a highly competitive environment where only the best would advance.

Our young archers showcased remarkable skill and determination at the qualifying event, bringing home an array of awards that reflect their hard work and dedication. Michiano Coltman stood out with an exceptional performance, winning two gold medals and being named the Top Boy in the Junior section. He also achieved a perfect score of 50 in the 10m competition and was honored as the EC Champ Junior Boy of the day. These achievements are a testament to the high level of talent and commitment within the Alexandria Christian Academy team.

The road to Kimberley was not just paved with the students' hard work in training and competition but also supported by the unwavering efforts of their parents and the broader school community. In the lead-up to this event, parents put in long hours organizing and participating in various fundraising activities. From selling pancakes and hamburgers to grilling braaivleis, the fundraising efforts were a community-driven initiative that took place mostly on Saturdays. The learners themselves were actively involved, contributing their time and



*Photo Caption: Michiano, Ben, Zintle, Enlin, Mia & Rueben*

thank you goes out to everyone in the community who contributed to the fundraising in any form. Whether you bought a pancake, a hamburger, or a piece of braaivleis, your support played a crucial role in making this event possible for these dedicated learners. The collective effort of the parents, students, and community members not only raised the necessary funds but also strengthened the bonds within the school community, highlighting the importance of teamwork and shared goals.

As the Alexandria Christian Academy archery team prepares for the competition in Kimberley, they do so with the full backing of their school and community. The upcoming event will bring together archers from various schools, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie. The Alexandria Christian Academy team is ready to showcase their skills and represent their school with pride, determination, and the unwavering support of those who have cheered them on every step of the way.

The entire school community extends its best wishes to the archers as they embark on this remarkable journey. We look forward to celebrating their continued success and are confident that they will make us all proud at the upcoming competition in Kimberley.



*Photo Caption: Fundraising underway, Melissa Bosman & Lucintha Wentzel*

# Athletic excellence at the Oval

The day at The Oval in Port Elizabeth turned out to be nothing short of spectacular, with the weather playing its part perfectly—hardly a breeze in the air. The morning journey began with a stunning sunrise, setting the tone for what was to come. Despite a brief detour due to a road closure, we arrived with three buses full of enthusiastic athletes, all eager to give their best.

A total of 37 students represented our school, each one determined to make their school and parents proud. Their energy and commitment were palpable, and it was clear that this was going to be a day to remember. The atmosphere was electric, filled with anticipation and excitement as our athletes prepared to compete.

The event was a resounding success, with many of our athletes qualifying for Nationals in Sasolburg. Their hard work and dedication were evident in every race and competition, showcasing the talent and spirit that our school is so proud of. Among the standout performers were the learners who secured first prizes in their respective events: Yonwa Maneli, Bano Ngcolomba, Senzo Cengani, Samuel Brand, Alunamda Stefane, Kenya Wentzel, Siyoliso Singanto, Zoey Lesley, Asivile Khayi, Iminathi Sihola, Anda Zokoza, Alwaba Finisa, Silubonile Magobiyane, Dominique Joubert, Tahnia Cloete, Eto Sizani, Her-



man Mike, Richard Hooper, Enlin Wentzel, Ben Trollip, Inga Mazithambe, Luthimna Speelman, and Sonwabiso Soul.

These incredible young athletes gave their all, proving that dedication and perseverance pay off. Their victories are not just personal achievements but a testament to the hard work, discipline, and passion that they—and their coaches—put into their training.

A heartfelt congratulations to all our athletes—your achievements are an inspiration to us all. A special thank you goes out to our dedicated coaches.

Their guidance and training ensured that our learners were well-prepared for this event. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and we are grateful for your commitment to our students' success.

The day was a celebration of not just the physical prowess of our students but also of the values that our school holds dear—teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. As we look forward to Nationals, we do so with pride in our hearts, knowing that our athletes will continue to shine and represent our school with the same spirit and excellence that they showed at The Oval.

# New classrooms unveiled in Ribbon cutting ceremony



*Photo Caption: Johnny Quigley, Brad Rauch, Hugo Basson, Junior Basson, Dr Olivier, Gretel Olivier*

On 19th August, a momentous occasion unfolded at our school with the official opening of two new classrooms, a project made possible through the generosity of Village SA. These classrooms, now housed within the school hall, mark a significant improvement, providing high school students with their own dedicated learning space. The project was carried out from start to finish by Hugo Basson and his son from Kirdelgo Construction, whose meticulous work transformed the hall into a more functional and open area for the entire school.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was graced by Johann Grobler of Village SA, alongside Brad Rauch and his grandson Johnny, who together represented the organization's unwavering support for the school. The event, which included

champagne and light refreshments, was a fitting celebration of the hard work and dedication that went into the project. Attendees took time to appreciate the thoughtful design and quality construction, recognizing how this expansion would enhance the school environment for years to come.

. The day was not just a celebration of a building but also a tribute to the vision of nurturing future generations by providing them with the right resources. The classrooms will allow for more flexible teaching arrangements, giving teachers and students alike the opportunity to grow in a space tailored to their needs.

This new addition underscores the positive influence that Village SA continues to have on our school. Their ongoing commitment and financial contributions have truly shaped the future of our learners. As we look forward to utilizing the new classrooms, we extend our deepest gratitude to Village SA for their unwavering support



*Photo caption : Finger eats and champagne*

and to Hugo Basson and his team for their excellent craftsmanship.

The ribbon-cutting concluded with heartfelt thanks to all involved, and a shared hope that Village SA will continue to thrive in their mission to uplift schools and communities.



*Photo Caption: Dr. Olivier addressing the staff and students*

# Games day: A Spring celebration



Spring has sprung at ACA, and with it came our very first Games Day! The event, held under a clear, windless sky, was a fantastic success, filled with laughter, excitement, and a sense of camaraderie among all who participated.

The games kicked off at 10:00 with a variety of activities that catered to every learner's interests. From the thrilling world of PS games, where students showed off their gaming skills, to the physically challenging big foot races that had everyone cheering, there was something for everyone.

One of the highlights of the day was the dance competition. Learners hit the floor with their best moves, impressing 'judges' and friends alike with their creativity and rhythm. The atmosphere was electric as students of all ages showed their dance prowess.

Another fun activity that kept everyone engaged was the jelly-bean guessing game. Learners tried their luck at guessing the exact number of jellybeans in a jar, with many excitedly eyeing the sweet prize that awaited the winner. Congratulations to Zoey Lesley who won the guessing game!

As the day came to an end, it was clear that ACA's first Games Day was a resounding success. The beautiful weather only added to the joy of the event, making it a perfect day to welcome the new season. Here's to many more fun-filled days ahead at ACA!



# Nostalgic Notes.....



*Photo caption: Hall decorations*

What a night to remember! The Alexandria Christian Academy concert on the 4th of September was filled with excitement, energy, and pure joy as our talented students took us on a journey through the world of movies with the theme "Nostalgic Notes."

From the very first performance by our Grade RR, the hall was buzzing! These little ones had the crowd in stitches with their adorable moves to \*Baby Shark\* and \*I Like to Move It\* from \*Madagascar\*. Just when we thought it couldn't get any cuter, out came our very own Mickey and Minnie Mouse characters for a fun stretch break. Hearts melted everywhere!

The energy continued with Grade 1's lively dance to \*Mamma Mia\* and ABBA's timeless hits. The audience couldn't help but tap their feet. Then, Grade 2 and 3 whisked us off to the African savanna with a heartwarming performance from \*The Lion King\*, reminding us

of the magic of the animal kingdom.

Next up, Grades 4 and 5 brought the house down with their fantastic moves from \*High School Musical\* – their energy was infectious! As for Grades 6 and 7, they took us back to the 50s with their stunning choreography to the unforgettable tunes of \*Grease\*.

The grand finale had us all on our feet as the high school students delivered a jaw-dropping performance from \*The Greatest Showman\*. The passion, the talent, the joy – it was all there!

Our hall was packed with excited parents, and the cheers were deafening as each class gave it their all. Adding to the movie magic was our Cinema Shop, filling the air with the irresistible aroma of popcorn, adding the perfect touch to the evening.

A massive shoutout to Mrs. Weyers and all our dedicated teachers who worked tirelessly with the students for hours to ensure everything ran smoothly. The hall looked spectacular, thanks to their hard work and attention to detail. Special thanks to BUCO for sponsoring the boards for our stage, and to Hugo Basson for building and decorating it – you brought our movie night to life!

To all our amazing parents, your support made this night possible. Together, we celebrated the incredible talents of our children and gave all the glory to God for their gifts.



It was a night filled with memories, laughter, and pure joy. Until next time!



*Photo Caption: Above: Tuckshop ladies Hermien & Lea*

*Bottom: Gr 6&7 learners*

# ACA Shines at Cross Country Development and Schools League 2024



Our Alexandria Christian Academy learners delivered exceptional performances at the recent Cross Country Development and Schools League 2024. Competing against schools such as Kowie Foundation, Ekuphumleni, Port Alfred Junior School, El Shaddai Christian Academy, and Gill College, our athletes truly showcased their dedication and skill. The event also saw participation from clubs like Kowie Striders, Volo Vikings, and Upper Ego Athletics Club, making it a competitive and exciting experience for all involved.

Our athletes earned their well-deserved spots on the podium and had the honor of attending the prize-giving ceremony. The standout achievers were:

- **\*\*Alunamda Stefane\*\***: Overall 2nd place
- **\*\*Herman Mike\*\***: 2nd place in the 4km Senior Boys category
- **\*\*Yonwabisa Maneli\*\***: 2nd

place in the 4km Junior Girls category

- **\*\*Mia Schutte\*\***: 3rd place in the 4km Senior Girls category
- **\*\*Eto Sizani\*\***: 3rd place in the 6km Senior Boys category

the hard work and determination of each of our athletes. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing them continue to thrive in future events!

Well done, ACA team!

These results are a testament to

