



FAIRMONT **focus**

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

**“AS YOU WALK DOWN THE FAIRWAY OF LIFE,
 YOU MUST SMELL THE ROSES,
 FOR YOU ONLY GET TO PLAY ONE ROUND.”**

by Ben Hogan



GOLF DAY
 Durbanville Golf Club
 18th October 2019

Competition is a 4-ball Alliance (2 scores to count), followed by a meal and great prizes.

To book your place and preferred tee off times - email cpollet@cybersmart.co.za
 All Donations and Sponsors to Danie Roux - droux@fairmont.co.za

Entry Fee: (includes dinner, prizes & golf)	
Single Player	R 750
4-Ball	R3,000
Sponsor a Hole/Green	R2,600
4-Ball & Sponsor Combo	R5,000

Payment Details:

Alta Bank
 Account Name: Fairmont High School
 Branch Code: 630700
 Account Number: 401 223 5037
 District reference: Golf Day - 4 name of player/4-ball
 (It is very important in order for the trustee office to allocate your payment correctly).

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1) FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

We have once again come to the end of another term. 11 Action packed weeks have flown by with only 3 months of the year left.

We kicked the term off with a very busy first week that culminated in the highly successful Contact with The Settlers High School where our teams dominated most of the encounters. In the second week of the term, we started with our academic tests and the Matrics worked towards the Trial Examinations that took place in the latter part of this term.

Academic reports were released yesterday for Grades 8 to 12.

Much hard work lies ahead for the Grade 12's as they prepare for the final examinations. With study time at hand and a more spread-out timetable for the final exams, we encourage our matrics to focus on areas where difficulty is experienced and to strive for the best possible results they are capable of achieving.

Our Grade 8 to 11 pupils need to set their goals for the final term of the year and to manage their time effectively to achieve their goals.

A highlight of Term 3 was the Annual Production that was well received by the school and the audiences that came to watch. The play, "Dyscapa", was written and directed by our very own Mr Fanie Basson. The cast with Jillian Smit and Rourke Veller in the lead roles did exceptionally well. Later in the term we also had the Grade 8 plays which proved to be highly entertaining.

We celebrated our top achievers this term at the Academic dinner, followed by the Cultural and then the Sport Awards' evenings. We have an abundance of talented and hardworking learners at Fairmont who have contributed and excelled over the course of the term.

Together with DF Malan, we held a very successful History Key Note Evening in August with Mrs Ella Blumenthal, a Holocaust survivor, as our guest speaker. A more inspirational speaker you will not find.

We announced the Prefects and the RCL this term, and early next term we will announce the Learner Executives. I would like to congratulate them again and remind them of the awesome responsibility they now have to ensure they leave a better school behind next year.

Our Choir, Marimba Band and Boys' quartet performed at the annual Three Schools' Concert, hosted this year by Hoerskool Tygerberg. It will be our turn to host this event next year.

The staff attended a number of Google Classroom workshops this term as part of the professional development.

We invited the 1979 Matrics to our Founders' Day Assembly and we were pleased to have a large number of past pupils attend on the day. We even had one past pupil travel from England to attend the festivities over that weekend. This is our first Matric class and they matriculated 40 years ago. Next year we will invite the 1980 Matric group. The weekend that included the Dinner on the Friday and matches on the Saturday, was enjoyed by all. I would like to thank Mr Bruce Procter and Mr Barry Chedburn for their hard work in trying to get the Past Pupils' Organisation to the level we want it to be.

I accompanied a few members of the RCL to Fisantekraal High School where we handed over in excess of 1,800 sanitary items to the staff for distribution to the girls of Fisantekraal. I want to also use this opportunity to thank the Fairmont Family for opening their hearts to this cause, as well as the Shoebox project. This term the Wildlife Society went on a clean-up of Milnerton Beach.

The Overseas Hockey Tour left for their tour to Holland, Germany and Belgium this week and we wish them all the best for this fantastic opportunity. The Matrics had their Dance last night, Friday, 20 September and I am sure they will remember this evening for many more years to come. It is definitely a highlight for any learner.

We celebrated with Mr de Wet who got married during the June/July holidays, and we congratulate Mrs du Plessis on the birth of her son, and Mrs De Wet who welcomed a baby girl into her family. We are saying goodbye to Mrs Holly Wentworth and Ms Liandi Kotze at the end of the term. They are both leaving Cape Town and our best wishes accompany them. On behalf of the Fairmont Family, I want to thank them most sincerely for all they have done for us.

During these holidays we have an Athletics' team participating in Mossel Bay, and our Orchestra and Marimba band are touring the Garden Route. Our best wishes accompany them.

I want to wish all our learners and staff an enjoyable and relaxing September holidays and see you back at school on Tuesday, 1 October.

2) APPEARANCE CHECK

All learners are reminded that there will be an appearance check on Wednesday, 2 October 2019. Uniform and hair must meet the uniform requirements.

Please note the summer uniform requirements for Girls and Boys. Uniform and non-uniform clothing items may not be mixed.

BOYS – SUMMER

- Official brown school blazer with Fairmont badge (compulsory at Assemblies, certain special functions, during educational visits and when visiting other schools.)
- Official white short-sleeved flat collared shirt with school badge embroidered on pocket, or white short-sleeved collared shirt with official school tie. The shirt must be tucked into the trousers.
- Official khaki school chinos with embroidered badge and official school socks, or shorts with embroidered badge and long official school socks.
- Official dark brown shoes (not suede).
- Official dark brown pullover or long sleeve jersey (optional).
- Only official school belt may be worn with the chinos / shorts.

GIRLS – SUMMER

- Official brown school blazer with Fairmont badge (compulsory at Assemblies, certain special functions, during educational visits and when visiting other schools.)
- Khaki pleated skirt with embroidered badge, or official khaki slacks with embroidered badge (optional).
- Official white short-sleeved shirt with embroidered badge.
- Short white socks (no ankle socks).
- Dark brown shoes with laces or with bar.
- Official dark brown pullover or long sleeve jersey (optional).
- Shirts must be tucked into the skirt / slacks when wearing a short / long sleeved jersey / the matric top when closed.

BOOK BAG

- Official school brown briefcase with handle and divisions.
- Official school brown conventional school suitcase.
- Official school canvas bag with back straps or shoulder strap.
- **No writing (correction fluid / khoki pens) or other markings on the suitcases/briefcases is permitted - only a small identification tag may be attached.**

In order to provide protection for books, a case/bag should close adequately and have a rigid exterior, or a rigid interior compartment. Cases/bags should be fitted with handles and straps.

SPORT BAGS

The official dark brown/green school sports bag.

MATRIC TOPS

- Matric jackets form a part of the school uniform, and subsequently replace blazers at informal assemblies.
- Matrics must wear blazers at specific day and evening functions set out by the Headmaster or school management team, when on educational visits, or when visiting other schools.

- Matrics are also required to wear blazers at formal assemblies (those assemblies at the beginning or end of the term).

SPORT UNIFORM

- Tracksuit: Official tracksuit (available from the school shop).
- Socks: First Team players wear the official first team socks.
- Tops: First Team players wear the official first team tops.
- Sport kit for official match days: Only official school tracksuit may be worn, unless sport managers indicate otherwise.
- PE uniform: Official uniform (green or black shorts, leggings and house or official green T-shirt) must be worn for PE on PE days.

All sport clothing will be stocked and sold by the clothing bank at school. All clothing to be marked clearly.

GIRLS – UNIFORM RULES

- Skirts may not be rolled up.
- Skirt pleats may not be sewn up.
- Length of skirt must be no shorter than 15 cm above the knee.

BOYS – UNIFORM RULES

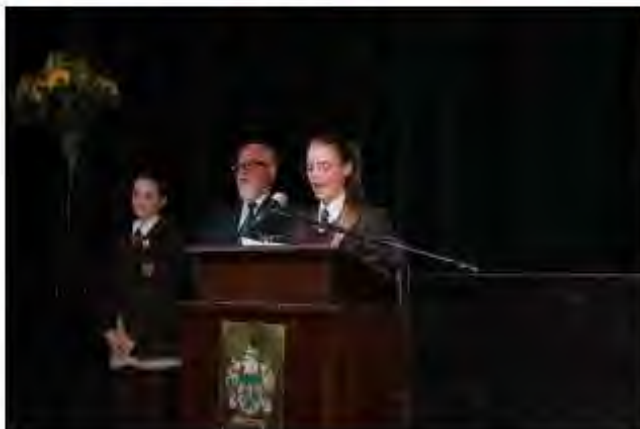
- Socks must be folded over properly - not rolled down or pulled up the leg.
- Pants / shorts must be worn in the waist. If this is not possible, then the official school belt must be worn. No pants / shorts must hang lower than the waistline.
- Long sleeve shirts may not be rolled up.

GIRLS & BOYS - GENERAL UNIFORM RULES

- Jerseys may not be pulled over hands, and may not have holes in them to stick thumbs through.
- Jerseys may not be worn around waist or shoulder.
- Plain white Dri-mac (optional – to be phased out over five years as from 2019) or the official Fairmont green sports jackets (with certain advertising restrictions) [available at school shop].
- Shoe laces must be tied properly and not left untied. No fancy adornments or tipex may be on the shoes.
- Shoes must be polished.
- No headgear may be worn.

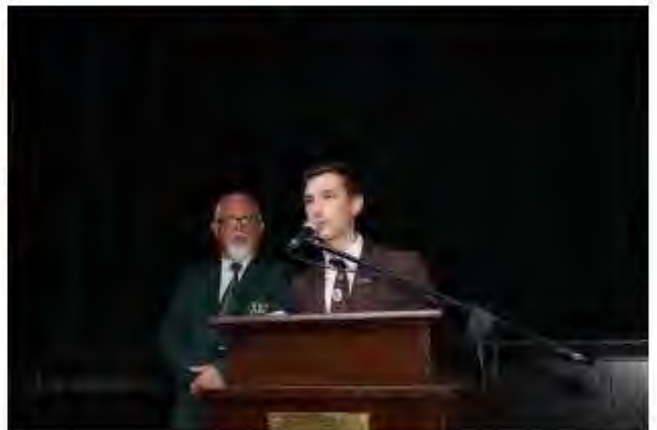
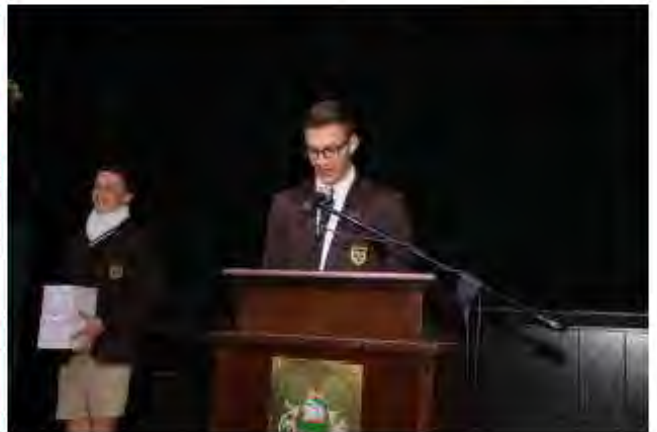
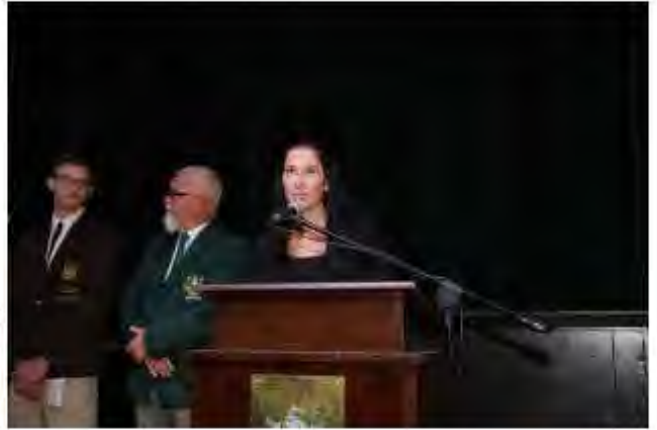
3) WINTER SPORT AWARDS













4) **ATHLETICS TRAINING : TERM 3 HOLIDAY TRAINING**

The athletics season is well underway with a number of athletics meetings taking place during the 4th Term. In order to ensure our athletes are well prepared, the following squads will be training during the holidays. This training will be open to all.

All sessions will take place on the Fairmont Athletics Track.

SQUAD TIMES	MONDAY 23 SEP	WEDNESDAY 25 SEP	THURSDAY 26 SEP	MONDAY 30 SEP
Middle distance (08:30 – 09:30)	X	X	X	X
Sprints (10:00 – 11:30)	X	X	X	X
High Jump (09:00 - 12:00)				X
Hurdles (08:00 - 09:00)	X		X	
Throws (Shotput) (10:00 – 11:30)	X			

Term 4 Athletics Meeting

We will be selecting teams to run at many of the events listed below. WP league races are open to all athletes, therefore no selection criteria.

DATE	MEETING	VENUE	TYPE
5 October	Twizza Super Schools	Green Point Stadium	Top 15 athletes
8 October	Interhouse Long Distance	Parow Athletics	All house teams

DATE	MEETING	VENUE	TYPE
8 October	Hugenote Top 20	Wellington	40 athletes
11 October	Interhouse athletics	Parow Athletics	Whole school
19 October	Bredasdorp Top 10	Bredasdorp	30 Athletes
19 October	WP League	Green Point	Open to all
24 October	Groote Schuur TBC	Groote Schuur	TBC
26 October	Dirkie Uys Top 10	Moorreesburg	60 Athletes
26 October	WP league	Green Point	Open to all
2 November	WP League	Vygieskraal	Open to all
9 November	WP league	Green Point	Open to all
30 November	WP League	Green Point	Open to all
7 December	Middle Distance & Relays	Parow	Open to all
14 December	Electro Beat Summer Series	Parow	Open to all

5) GENERAL CALENDAR : OCTOBER, TERM 4

Parents are encouraged to consult the online Parent Calendar and Assessment Calendars for Term 4.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Sylvia Maggs on: secretary@fairmont.co.za.

6) ASSESSMENT MEASURES AND PROCEDURES FOR ALL GRADES

Please consult the Assessment Calendar for test dates and subject exams.

URGENT NOTICE FOR ALL PUPILS

- NO pupils will be allowed to go home early on any day or after a test without a written letter from the parent requesting this. No emails!
- Permission for going home early will only be allowed for emergencies.
- If a pupil is too sick to stay for the full day after a test, then they must not come to school to write, but must provide the school with a medical certificate.



PLEASE NOTE!

All pupils are required to be at school at the regular time - 07h50 - even if they are not writing a test. This time will be used for consolidation or tasks organized by various subject departments.

Please consult the Assessment Calendar for test dates and subject exams.

All parents are asked to please be aware that when your child misses a Monday or a Thursday **test**, a letter from the parent **and** the relevant chemist slip (the date on the slip must pertain to the pupil's absenteeism and medication bought), a certificate from the clinic **or** a doctor's certificate is required.

A medical certificate from either the clinic or the doctor is applicable for missing any **exam**. A note from you excusing your child from school for the days missed (not test days) is also required.

No allowances will be made for pupils missing formal assessments due to holiday arrangements.

Grade 9 and Matric pupils must produce a doctor's certificate for tests and exams missed as these are the two exit phases and their marks are externally moderated by the Education Department.

Learners are not allowed to go home immediately after a test if they are ill. They have to stay until first break. If they are ill, then they should not come to school. A doctor's certificate will be required.

MATRIC CALENDAR (School days until NSC Finals) 16 SCHOOL DAYS

School Holidays							Public Holidays							Exams						
Oct (16 School Days)							Nov (0 School Days)							Dec (0 School Days)						
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7) HOCKEY MEMORIES : FROM GRADE 2 TO 1ST TEAM IN HIGH SCHOOL

In both photos are (from left): Jenna Stuart, Kaylee van Zyl and Kaela Eloff.

The first photo was taken when they were in Grade 2 at Gene Louw Primary School, and the second photo shows the same three young ladies in Grade 12 playing in their very last school game for Fairmont's 1st Team.

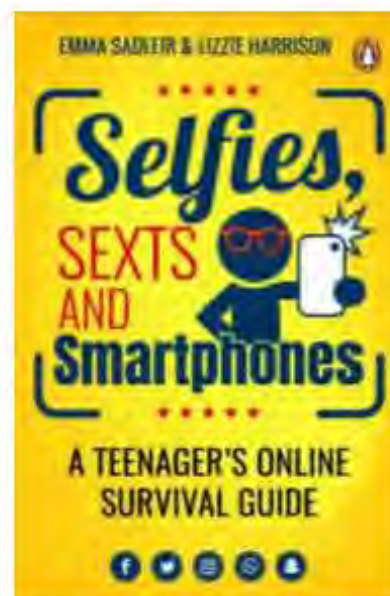


8) A TEENAGER'S ONLINE SURVIVAL GUIDE

'Flirting, boasting, gossiping, teasing, hanging out, confessing: all that classic teen stuff has always happened ... It's just that it used to happen behind the bike sheds, or via tightly folded notes pressed urgently into sweating hands in the corridor between lessons. Social networking sites and mobile phones have simply facilitated the whole business, a gazillion times over.' – John Henley, in an article in *The Guardian*

As a teenager in today's crazy online world, you may think you've got it all sussed out. But even you don't know about all the legal pitfalls, hidden dangers and future implications of what you do, see and post online.

Selfies, Sexts and Smartphones is the book every teenager (and their parents) should read. It covers all of the major issues teenagers face in the digital age, including cyberbullying, sexting, addiction, internet safety, porn, anxiety, depression, privacy and reputation, and does so within a South African context. Accessible, informative and even fun, this book will help guide you to a happy, rewarding and, most importantly, safe online life.



Upon reading *Selfies, Sexts and Smartphones*, one 17-year-old remarked: 'I feel I need to say thank you for this. It talks about the stuff I deal with every single day.'

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Recommended Price: R210.00

Published: October 2017

9) "CINDERELLA : A MUSICAL FAIRYTALE"

It is with great pleasure that the Fresh Theatre Company congratulates the following versatile and talented Fairmont High School Grade 8 learners for successfully being cast in the company's production of "*Cinderella - A Musical Fairytale*".

The learners are:

Anelia Louw..... *Goldilocks*

Carmen Struthers..... *Rapunzel*

Jessie Lintnaar..... *Gretel*

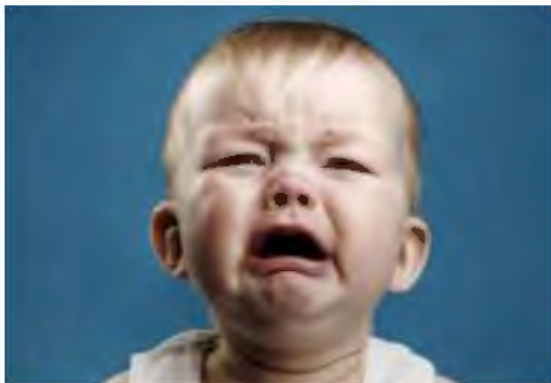
The show will run at the Collective Arts Theatre, Belville (next to DF Malan High School) from 16 – 20 October 2019.

Expect comedy, song, dance and your favourite fairytale characters in a close encounter of the magical kind!

All staff and pupils are invited to watch the show and book tickets at R80pp.



10) BEHAVIOUR IS A FORM OF COMMUNICATION



All behaviour is a form of communication.

We acknowledge and act on this belief with babies. We hear an infant's cries as a way of communicating distress. The crying communicates a need for a diaper change, food or other need. As we help babies soothe their inner states by meeting their needs, the crying shifts to engagement. Seeing infants' behaviour as a form of communication is easy for most of us. The challenge is holding onto this truth as the child matures.

With older children, our perception often shifts to seeing disobedience, disrespect and defiance. As

we shift our perception, we also shift our intent. Instead of trying to discern the communication behind the behaviour, our goal becomes stopping it.

When we expend our efforts solely on stopping behaviours, we ignore children's unmet needs and missing skills, sometimes with extreme results like bullying, suicide and school shootings. Exclusionary tactics (like suspension and expulsion) hide the problem, compound it and ultimately make it someone else's issue to deal with – while these tactics may at times be necessary, ultimately they do not solve the underlying problem.



We are, for the most part, better served by welcoming the important communication behind the misbehaviour so that we can help transform it from a socially unacceptable form of communication to one that is acceptable, safe and healthy.

Adapted from Conscious Discipline, Building Resilient Classrooms page 31 by Dr. Becky A. Bailey

11) RCL SANITARY DRIVE

"The Fairmont RCL's sanitary drive was the leadership body's way of embodying its core value of service by serving its community."



The proceeds were collected and given to Fisantekraal Secondary School. We saw the students of Fairmont, its staff, as well as the outside members of the community donating what ended up being around 1,800 sanitary items, namely pads and tampons.

A little less than a thousand of these items were received from the school's Grade 9 learners alone!

Four members of the RCL, alongside our Headmaster, Mr Erasmus, and two teachers, Mrs Rosenberg and Mrs Parris, went to Fisantekraal to deliver the

items where we were met by the Principal, Mr Vries, their Vice-Principal, 3 educators and the School's RCL committee.

It was an enjoyable interaction as well as an enriching experience that the students hope to continue next year."



12) WELL DONE

FAIRMONT LEARNERS WHO RECEIVED SWIMMING AWARDS FROM CTMA (CAPE TOWN METRO AQUATICS)

The following Fairmont High School learners received the following swimming awards:

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ❖ Dylan Wright (Gr 11Nt) | * Full colours |
| | * Honorary Swimmers Scroll |
| | * Various open water swimming awards |
| ❖ Lerato Thobeha (Gr 9Dw) | * President's award |
| | * WC Junior Sport Women of the year |
| ❖ Mandy Vroon (Gr 10Wz) | * Full Colours |
| | * Honorary Swimmers Scroll |
| ❖ Dario Consani (Gr 8Js) | * Full Colours |
| ❖ Timothy Hopkins (Gr 8Ad) | * Full colours |
| ❖ Robyn Marais (Gr 12De) | * Full Colours |
| ❖ Ami Pirie (Gr 8Vt) | * Full Colours |
| ❖ Lara Veller (Gr 9Lp) | * Full colours |
| ❖ Gabriel West (Gr 8Ha) | * Full colours |
| ❖ Lucien West (Gr 8Ha) | * Half colours |
| ❖ Sarah West (Gr 8Ad) | * Full colours |
| ❖ Caleb Zeelie (Gr 11Nt) | * Full Colours |



Dylan Wright



Lerato Thobeha



Mandy Vroon



Dario Consani



Timothy Hopkins



Robyn Marais



Ami Pirie



Lara Veller



Gabriel West



Lucien West



Sarah West



Caleb Zeelie

13) FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

With the closing of Term 3, I would like to thank all our role players for the productive and fulfilling achievements in academics, sport and culture.

A special thank you to our parents for making their resources available to the school for us to achieve our goals. Without your contributions, Fairmont would not be the sought after school that it is.

To all our pupils, have an enjoyable short break and come back refreshed to tackle the academic demands of the final term of 2019.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Erasmus'.

Mr L Erasmus
HEADMASTER

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Mathematics and Physical Science

COLLEEN HUISAMEN

- There is a direct liaison between Mrs Huisamen and the school
- Tuition is given by highly experienced educators
- Tuition is offered for grades 8 to 12
- Work is dealt with in the same sequence as at school
- In matric emphasis is also placed on revision of grade 11 work as it forms part of any matric exam

Present choices determine future consequences
therefore embrace excellence

Should you wish to enquire about or enrol your child for these additional classes please contact Mrs Huisamen to make the necessary arrangements

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