



# Veritas College Springs

(Formerly Convent & CBC, Springs)

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Dear Veritas Families

Our 2015 Academic Year has come to an end and we can celebrate the fact that it was a successful year for many of our learners. For those who did not achieve what they would like to have achieved this year, be it academically, culturally or on the sports' field, we urge you to set goals for yourself and attempt to achieve these in 2016.

### INTER/SEN AWARDS' EVENING

Congratulations to the learners who received Special Awards and trophies at our Awards' Evening on Thursday, 26 November 2015.

## CULTURAL AWARDS

### CULTURAL MEDALS & TROPHIES AWARDED – 2015

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| PREPARED SPEAKING (Medal)     | Lindiwe Mabanga          |
| IMPROMPTU SPEAKING (Medal)    | Lindiwe Mabanga          |
| MOST IMPROVED SPEAKER (Medal) | Noluthando<br>Magudulela |

### ART TROPHIES – 2015

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| VERITAS PRE-PREPARATORY ART TROPHY<br>(Donated by the Shardlow Family)    | Lwandisile Sithole (Gr<br>R) |
| VERITAS FOUNDATION PHASE ART TROPHY<br>(Donated by the De Klerk Family)   | Christina Calivitis (Gr 3)   |
| VERITAS INTERMEDIATE PHASE ART TROPHY<br>(Donated by the Crafford Family) | Dhasvir Sewnandan<br>(Gr 6)  |
| VERITAS SENIOR PHASE ART (Donated by the<br>Smith Family)                 | Gemma Rees (Gr 7)            |



## MUSIC MEDALS & TROPHIES AWARDED – 2015

|   |                  |
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| MOST IMPROVED MUSIC PUPIL (Medal)   | Betele Begi      |
| MOST ENTHUSIASTIC MUSIC PUPIL (Miniature trophy)  | Atang Makgata    |
| VERITAS JUNIOR MUSIC DILIGENCE AWARD (Donated by the Qubu Family)                               | Zakithi Mathe    |
| VERTIAS NOVICE SECTION OVERALL WINNER ( Donated by the Pretorius Family)                        | Layla-Ann Sachse |
| VERITAS CLASSICAL SECTION OVERALL WINNER (Donated by the Gunter Family)                         | Hannah Rees      |
| VERITAS ROMANTIC SECTION OVERALL WINNER (Donated by the Katsapas Family)                        | Zakithi Mathe    |
| VERITAS CONTEMPORARY SECTION OVERALL WINNER (Donated by the Billson Family)                     | Atang Makgata    |
| VERITAS STUDIES SECTION OVERALL WINNER (GUNTER)   | Chandre' Francis |
| VERITAS MARIMBA TROPHY – WINNERS OF MARIMBA SECTION AT FESTIVAL (Donated by the Rothman Family) | Bob Johns        |

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

### MOST IMPROVED IN GRADE

|                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| GRADE 4                          | Shene Nchabeleng     |
| GRADE 5                          | Kananelo Ntereke     |
| GRADE 6                          | Lwazi Nkosi          |
| GRADE 7                          | Gabriel Charalambous |
| MOST IMPROVED IN THE PREPARATORY | Gabriel Charalambous |

### FIRST IN GRADE

|         |                    |
|---------|--------------------|
| GRADE 4 | Adrian Draxl       |
| GRADE 5 | Zakithi Mathe      |
| GRADE 6 | Caroline Lottering |
| GRADE 7 | Lindiwe Mabanga    |

## ACADEMIC COLOURS

| <u>GRADE 4</u> | <u>GRADE 5</u>   |
|----------------|------------------|
| Adrian Draxl   | Layla-Ann Sachse |
| Jemma Toach    | Zakithi Mathe    |
| Luka Bekker    | Gemma Pamplin    |
| Stefan Matic   | Chandre Francis  |
|                | Kyra Stock       |
|                | Hannah Rees      |
|                | Antoni Samaras   |
|                | Sinead Francis   |

| <b>GRADE 6</b>     | <b>GRADE 7</b>  |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Caroline Lottering | Calvin Ryan     |
| Taylor Ryan        | Lindiwe Mabanga |
| Milena Pellizzon   | Gemma Rees      |
| Remo Venturi       |                 |
| Dhasvir Sewnandan  |                 |

## **SPORTS AWARDS**

| <b>SPORTS TROPHIES</b>  |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| <b>THE SETTER VICTOR LUDORUM FOR SWIMMING</b>                       | Remo Venturi         |
| <b>THE SETTER VICTRIX LUDORUM FOR SWIMMING</b>                      | Milena Pellizzon     |
| <b>THE SUE THOMAS SWIMMER OF THE YEAR TROPHY</b>                    | Remo Venturi         |
| <b>INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY WINNER (MEDAL)</b>                             | Remo Venturi         |
| <b>RUNNER-UP SWIMMER OF THE YEAR</b>                                | Milena Pellizzon     |
| <b>THE PENMAN TROPHY: COMMITMENT TO SWIMMING</b>                    | Synjen De Kock       |
| <b>ALEC RUSSELL VICTOR LUDORUM FOR ATHLETICS</b>                    | Remo Venturi         |
| <b>THE ADAMS VICTRIX LUDORUM FOR ATHLETICS</b>                      | Kayla Anderson       |
| <b>THE MATIC TROPHY: EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTION TO SOCCER</b>           | Xolani Namu          |
| <b>BATSMAN OF THE YEAR</b>  | Jaryd Schmid         |
| <b>BOWLER OF THE YEAR</b>   | Jaryd Schmid         |
| <b>THE KIND TROPHY: EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTION TO CRICKET</b>           | Jaryd Schmid         |
| <b>THE ARNOTT TROPHY: EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTION TO NETBALL</b>         | Nelisiwe Thembekwayo |
| <b>THE JARDIM TROPHY: EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTION TO BOYS' HOCKEY</b>    | Matthew Bourbon      |
| <b>THE SCHRODER TROPHY: EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTION TO GIRLS' HOCKEY</b> | Allison Thathong     |
| <b>THE PAYANIANDI TROPHY: MOST IMPROVED HOCKEY PLAYER</b>           | Phumelele Madonsela  |
| <b>EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTION TO BOYS' TENNIS</b>                       | Stefan Matic         |
| <b>EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTION TO GIRLS' TENNIS</b>                      | Zakithi Mathe        |

## SPECIAL AWARDS

|  |                                 |
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| <p><b>MINGARD ENVIRONMENTAL TROPHY</b><br/>For showing enthusiasm and relishing the experience of the outdoors.</p>  | Angelique Adalis                |
| <p><b>COACH'S CUP</b><br/>Awarded to a pupil who has the right Attitude to Sport:- (Shared)</p>  | Kayla Anderson<br>Joshua Sibiya |
| <p><b>SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR</b><br/>Which takes into account the <u>level</u> of achievement and the <u>number of school sports</u> played</p>   | Gemma Rees                      |
| <p><b>SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR</b><br/>Which takes into account the <u>level</u> of achievement and the <u>number of school sports</u> played</p>   | Matthew Bourbon                 |
| <p><b>LISA ANN BARTON TROPHY</b><br/><i>Awarded to a pupil who has shown excellent artistic progress throughout the Senior Primary Phase</i> (Mr Barton)</p>   | Gemma Rees                      |
| <p><b>MUSIC PUPIL OF THE YEAR</b><br/><i>Awarded to a pupil who has shown excellent musical progress throughout the Senior Primary Phase</i></p>   | Zakithi Mathe                   |
| <p><b>THE HERD TROPHY</b><br/><i>Awarded to a Grade 7 pupil who has always given of his or her best efforts throughout the Senior Primary Phase.</i> (Mrs Herd)</p>  | Claudia Breimaier               |
| <p><b>BEST ENGLISH SPEAKER</b><br/><i>Based on a points accumulated system which takes into account the participation and representation at the Springs Festival and other Inter-School Competitions. (Verse Speaking/Prepared/ Unprepared Categories)</i></p> | Lindiwe Mabanga                 |
| <p><b>LES KELTY TROPHY</b><br/><i>Awarded to a pupil who has, from his/her Pre-Preparatory years through to Grade 7, shown exceptional personal growth.</i></p>  | Tyrale Buys                     |
| <p><b>THE HOLLOWAY TROPHY</b><br/><i>Awarded to a pupil who has displayed excellent computer skills throughout the Senior Primary Phase.</i></p>   | Joshua Coertzen                 |
| <p><b>THE POCOCK TROPHY</b><br/><i>Awarded to the pupil who has shown the greatest improvement in English in the Inter/Sen Phase</i></p>   | Mndeni Radebe                   |
| <p><b>GOOD FELLOWSHIP TROPHY</b><br/><i>Awarded to a pupil who is popular and enthusiastic; well liked by both peers and teachers</i></p>  | Jarrod Havinga                  |
| <p><b>THE DOMINICAN SISTERS' TROPHY</b><br/><i>The recipient of this trophy is a staff member who has given outstanding service to the School.</i></p>   | Dermot Connors                  |
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| <p><b>VERITAS PREPARATORY INTER-HOUSE TROPHY</b><br/> <i>Awarded to the House that attained the most points this year. This includes Inter-House Sports Competitions, Merits and Demerits, and Feast Day Competitions.</i></p>              | Dominic                       |
| <p><b>SPRINGS PARK ROTARY CLUB SERVICE AWARD</b><br/> Awarded to the pupil who has shown outstanding Service throughout their school career</p>   | Demitra Raouna                |
| <p><b>THE SPRINGS ROTARY LEADERSHIP AWARD</b><br/> Awarded to the pupil/s who have shown excellent leadership qualities throughout the year</p>   | Matthew Bourbon<br>Gemma Rees |
| <p><b>PRO OPTIMA DUX</b><br/> For outstanding Academic Achievement. Highest possible aggregate in the Highest possible Grade. (84,6%)</p>   | Lindiwe Mabanga               |
| <p><b>P.T.S.A AWARD</b><br/> This is an award given by the P.T.S.A. to the top Grade 7 Academic Student who is going to our Senior School. The amount given by the P.T.S.A will cover the full Grade 8 Levy for 2015 of <b>R3775.00</b></p> | Lindiwe Mabanga               |
| <p><b>BEST ALL ROUND GIRL</b><br/> This is a pupil who is successful academically, culturally and sportingly.</p>   | Gemma Rees                    |
| <p><b>BEST ALL ROUND BOY</b><br/> This is a pupil who is successful academically, culturally and sportingly.</p>  | Matthew Bourbon               |
| <p><b>SHIELD FOR THE LEADING PREPARATORY SCHOOL PUPIL/S</b></p>   | Gemma Rees<br>Matthew Bourbon |

### **SPORTS/ CULTURAL CAPTAINS – 2016**

|           |                                      |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| ATHLETICS | Tezni Motsuenyane<br>Lifa Mngomezulu |
| SWIMMING  | Milena Pellizzon<br>Remo Venturi     |
| SOCCER    | Mpumi Mappingana                     |
| NETBALL   | Buhle Nombewu                        |
| CRICKET   | Samkelisiwe Gatsheni                 |
| HOCKEY    | Olivia Paulo<br>Luca Gabin           |
| TENNIS    | Zaza Mathe                           |
| CHOIR     | Atang Makgata                        |
| MARIMBAS  | Katlego Jafta                        |
| CHESS     | Victoria Ngidi                       |
| ART       | Dhasvir Sewnandan<br>Chantel Mhlanga |

## **OUTINGS/PRODUCTIONS/RETREATS**

The mission of the college is to *'educate young people to **live** fully in their world, not only with knowledge and competence but with the integrity and purpose that comes from the vision and values of Jesus as they pursue and participate in the unfolding of truth.'*(*'Veritas'*)

Education extends itself beyond the classroom and thus we have offered our learners a variety of extensions to their academic programme.

We had two outside productions that our learners enjoyed this year. **'Hooked on Books'** shares the philosophy held by many of our teachers which stresses how, in this day and age, we need to get our children's noses out of "technology" and into books. The emphasis on reading has never been higher for our future generations.

The second production was an Afrikaans show which was presented by a company called the **'Redhead Production'** Company. Many of our children have very limited access to Afrikaans and as our 1<sup>st</sup> Additional Language it is important to make this type of show available for the learners to enjoy.

Our Grade 3 to 7 learners all enjoyed a **Retreat Day** this month. The retreats were run by two facilitators from the Catholic Bible Foundation in Johannesburg. The Feedback which I received from many of the children was that they really enjoyed this valuable spiritual programme.

Finally our learners all had the opportunity of going on their annual **Grade Outing**. The Grade 1's visited the Pretoria Zoo, the Grade 2's visited the Planetarium and they went to Mrs Van Blerk's house for a pool party, the Grade 3's went to the Montecasino Bird Park, the Grade 4's went to the annual Pantomime, the Grade 5's visited the Fire Station, the Grade 6's went to a leadership development programme at Thaba Morula where they enjoyed a three night stay and a busy programme of activities. The Grade 7's enjoyed their day at Gold Reef City.

Funding for these abovementioned activities (amongst other items) is covered by the levies that the parents pay at the beginning of the year and we thank parents for affording their children these opportunities.

## **TIME CHANGES FOR 2016**

We are happy to announce that from 2016 we will be including Zulu into our Curriculum for Grade 3 – 7 learners. This introduction of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Additional Language is in the interim phase of implementation. Mr Xaka will be teaching this subject and we wish him and his learners much success with this new initiative.

Due to the inclusion of this new subject into the Timetable, school will close for Grade 3 – 7 learners at 14:00 from Monday to Thursday.

The Grade 1 and 2 learners will have an extra literacy period added to their day as well and will finish school at 13:30 from Monday to Thursday.

The Pre-Preparatory times will remain the same – 13:00.

On Fridays school will close at 13:30 for Grade 1 – 7 learners.

There will be waiting classes available for Grade 1 and 2 pupils until 14:00 (Mon – Thu inclusive) when older siblings finish their day.

### **HOMEWORK/SUPERVISION CLASSES**

As previously reported, ALL learners still on school property after 14:30, and who are not involved in an extra-mural activity, will have to report to the **Homework Supervision Classes**. Parents will be billed R40 per day for this supervision.

Learners will need to bring extra lunch for the afternoon as lunch will not be provided.

However, our tuck-shop, will have a comprehensive lunch menu next year and will be open throughout the afternoon. Sandwiches and hot food can be bought from there or parents can arrange with the tuck-shop to supply daily lunches for their children.

### **STAFF CHANGES**

- As previously reported we will be saying farewell to **Mrs Govan**. We thank her for the contribution she made in Grade 1 this year and the initiative to open a Foundation Phase Art Club. **Mrs Cherene Lee** will be taking on this position in Grade 1.
- **Mr Xaka** will be taking on the newly introduced Zulu post and will be the Grade 7 register class teacher.
- **Mr Geoffrey Barton** will be taking on the Grade 5 Maths and Social Sciences position.
- We received news late in the term that **Mrs Fouche** will also be leaving at the end of the year as her husband has been transferred to Natal. We wish her success in her new teaching post and thank her for her hard work over the three years that she was with us. Mrs Fouche's post will be taken by **Ms Christine Breedt**.
- We are sad to say farewell to **Ms Edwards** who, due to ill health, will not be returning in 2016. We thank her for all she did at Veritas College and we will continue to pray that God may place His healing hands upon her. It is for this reason that **Mrs Anderson** will be moving into Ms Edwards' Grade 2 post and **Mrs Shan Jackson** will be taking on the Grade 4 English and Social Sciences position.
- **Mrs Kelty** is continuing with her treatment and will do so throughout parts of the first term. During her absence **Ms Schroder** has kindly agreed to take on the Grade R post. We wish Mrs Kelty a speedy recovery.
- Sadly we will also be bidding farewell to **Father Lewis**, our School Chaplain, who will be leaving Veritas College at the end of this year after eight and a half very fruitful years. We will truly miss him and thank him for the special way in which he crept into all of our hearts, inspired our choir and fed us spiritually at School Masses and in the classroom. Father Lewis will be taking on the position of Prior at the Dominican house in Pietermaritzburg. We wish him much happiness.
- We will also say farewell to **Mrs Jones** who has decided to retire at the end of this year. Mrs Jones has been a loyal member of staff for the past 25 years during which time she worked in the Accounts' Office and later in the Uniform Shop. We thank her for her dedication and commitment and wish her a healthy, blessed retirement. **Mrs Raouna** will be taking on some of Mrs Jones' duties such as the Uniform Shop. She will also, however, be taking on the responsibility of Marketing at Veritas College.

- We also bid farewell to **Ms Shelley Bent** who will not be returning in the new year. We thank her for all she did within the field of Marketing. She successfully introduced a School Prayer, new school Motto and was involved in the school Website and School Magazine Committees.  
We wish are new staff members the very best of luck in their new positions.

Some of our teachers who were seriously ill this year were forced to take long periods of sick-leave due to the medical treatment they needed. However, we have a very competent and experienced panel of relief teachers who substituted for staff who were absent for prolonged periods to minimise the disruption to teaching time and the progress of our learners. Thanks to parents and families for your patience and understanding if you were affected by this type of situation.

### **STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS LISTS**

Please refer to the 'Stationery Requirements List' for information regarding additional books and stationery as well as how books need to be covered per Grade. It is essential that the learners return to school, in the new year, with all the necessary equipment required. This will be a positive start to a successful academic year.

### **DATES TO DIARISE:**

- **Reports** will be issued on Wednesday, **2 December 2015** from 07:30 – 09:00.
- **School reopens**, for pupils, on **Wednesday, 13 January 2016**.
- *Please take note of the following important gatherings at the start of the new school year.*



- **'Meet and Greet Day' (Grade 000 - 7):** Monday, 11 January between 16:30 and 18:00.

### **THE UNIFORM SHOP**

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| <b><u>December 2015</u></b>   |                     |               |
| 1 & 2 December  | Tuesday & Wednesday | 07:00 – 12:00 |
| <b><u>January 2016</u></b>  |                     |               |
| 6 January   | Wednesday           | 08:00 – 13:00 |
| 7 January   | Thursday            | 08:00 – 13:00 |
| 8 January   | Friday              | 08:00 – 13:00 |
| 9 January   | Saturday            | 08:00 – 13:00 |
| 11 January  | Monday              | 16:00 – 17:00 |
| 12 January  | Tuesday             | 13:00 – 14:00 |
| 13 January  | Wednesday           | 13:00 – 15:00 |
| From Thursday, 14 January, the Uniform Shop will open between 07:30 – 08:30 each day. |                     |               |



## ACCOUNTS OFFICE

The Accounts Office will be open until the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, from 08:00 – 11:00. For matters concerning accounts, you can contact Nicolette at 011 362-2686 or [nicolette@veritas.org.za](mailto:nicolette@veritas.org.za)

## THANKS

Finally we would like to thank all our Veritas Families for the support and kindness that they displayed throughout this year. Thank you for the lovely Christmas gifts which were donated to the Kopanang Children's Orphanage; these will certainly put a smile on the children's faces on Christmas morning. Thank you for the food items that were sent in for our Support Staff who work so hard throughout the year, and thank you for the donations that came in at our Christmas Concert for Vita Nova.



A special thank you is also extended to all the Veritas Staff who worked so hard this year, whether it was in the classroom, on the sports field, at fundraising events, on school tours or, more often than not, at all of the above!

We wish all our Veritas Families a Blessed Christmas.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY ...

A teacher takes  
a *Hand*, opens  
a *Mind* and  
touches a *Heart*

**Mrs S. Billson**  
Head of Preparatory

**Mr N.D. Connors**  
Headmaster

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016**

| <u>TERM</u> | <u>SCHOOL PERIOD</u>                    | <u>HOLIDAY PERIOD</u>  |
|-------------|---|--|
| ONE         | 13 January (Wed) –<br>8 April (Fri)     | 9 April - 2 May<br><i>Midterm Break: 12h00 Thursday 18 Feb –<br/>Return to school Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</i> |
| TWO         | 3 May (Tue) –<br>5 August (Fri)         | 6 August - 5 September<br><i>Midterm Break: Friday 1 July -<br/>Return to school Monday 11 July</i>                    |
| THREE       | 6 September (Tue) –<br>7 December (Wed) | 8 December →<br><i>Midterm Break: 12h00 Thursday 20 Oct –<br/>Return to school Tuesday 25 Oct</i>                      |

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

TERM 1      MONDAY 21 MARCH (*Human Rights Day*)  
                  FRIDAY 25 MARCH (*Good Friday*)  
                  MONDAY 28 MARCH (*Family Day*)

TERM 2      THURSDAY 16 JUNE (*Youth Day*)  
                  FRIDAY 17 JUNE (*Public Holiday*)

TERM 3      SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER (*Heritage Day*)