

Dear Lebone II parents, learners, teachers and friends,

'I am convinced that the only way to truly achieve excellence is to have living examples of it, against which you can benchmark your own efforts and results. ... A school like Lebone II, which embodies all that we strive for in any of our schools, thus becomes a catalyst for change.' (Kgosi Leruo Molotlegi at the opening our Lebone II campus in 2011) Defining excellence is always a little tricky – is my excellence the same as yours? For our school, and in life, I would like to venture that excellence is not necessarily an outcome, but a way of life. What this means is that I should try to be excellent (as good as I possibly can be) in everything I do, whether that is in my school work, the way I make my bed, the way I engage with other people or the way I live out the values of our school. When Kgosi called for Lebone to be an example of excellence, I believe that he was asking our school, our staff and students to embrace living every moment excellently.

As Lebone parents I ask that you also embrace this philosophy for your child. At school we will be insisting on best efforts from our children in all they do, such that being your best is not a surprise event every now and then, but that it is a way of life. Our school aims to develop people of significance. I believe that significance comes not from one moment of brilliance but from your every effort, on every day.

An event of excellence was our LIRA LIVE concert on Saturday 27 May. It was a blessing to see a shining example of South African brilliance live at Lebone. The fact that the event was sold out is to be celebrated – our community came together and supported this superb fund-raising initiative! There are so many people to thank. I would like to single out a few: Mrs Edmunds and Mme Phalane; our Operations and Administration Departments; our PSO and their volunteers. These people worked incredibly hard to ensure that Lebone once again has shown that we can host world class events on our campus.

Please allow me to make three requests to all members of our Lebone family:

1. We are living in a time where we are bombarded, daily, by news which challenges our thinking about people and the choices they make. At Lebone we are deliberately choosing to emphasise our values, through our **#livingourvalues** campaign. Too often we act first, then think about what we have done, and then need to backtrack or apologise. We are saying: think about your values, think about the impact of what you are about to do, and then live the values. Please have this conversation at home – it seems that we are in an era of doing as we please, and then hoping for forgiveness. That does not work. It is time for good people to do good things, all the time. Make it a habit!
2. I believe that **Literacy** is the greatest educational challenge in our time. Our ability to read with understanding defines our success in school and beyond school. Too often we struggle to access our thinking because we cannot understand the text. Improving literacy is a worldwide need. It is possible to do, but requires full commitment to reading (a lot), speaking about what we read and writing down what we have learned/read. It does require every child and family to buy into this need and be a part of the solution.
3. Following the recent fires in Knysna I was so proud of one of our Grade 5 students, Dylan Edmunds. He has followed his heart and has begun a campaign in which he seeks to raise funds and support for the animals of Knysna who would also have been left homeless. Seeing a problem and deciding to take action to solve it is what our Lebone community is about. Dylan is a great example to us all. **This leads me to plant a seed: I have often wondered if we should not begin a parent 'Samaritan' group? A group of parents who would be a part of service related and care projects through our school, involving our students in the process, and changing lives.** I invite parents who would like to assist me in beginning such a movement to contact me on 014 566 1559 or at david.dutoit@lebonecollege.co.za.

We trust that you are all excited to see the progress with the construction of our Lebone Swimming Centre. Building is nearing its end, with the aim being to begin filling the pool early in July.

I would like to wish all of our Moslem families, 'Eid Mubarak.'

I thank you for your involvement and support in this past term. May the next few weeks of holiday be a time of relaxation and bonding. And **reading!**

Warm regards, David



Upcoming Events

Kindly note the below important dates for the third term:

2-7 July: East London UMBRO Soccer Festival

9-14 July: Lebone Leadership Festival

17 July: Staff return for third term

18 July: Students return for first day of term

18-22 July: LS Mandela Service Week

21 July: LS Term 2 reports issued

24 July: US Reports issued

25 July: LS Parent-teacher conferences

29 July: Nashua u10 and u13 soccer 7-a-side

9 August: Women's Day (Public Holiday)

7-12 August: Lebone Arts Festival

25 August: New SLC Induction Ceremony

23-24 September: Mathaithai Trail Run
& MTB Race

24 September – Heritage Day (Public Holiday)

25 September – Public Holiday

29 September: Third term ends

Lebone II Arts Festival

The Lebone II Arts Festival, from 7 – 12 August, is a celebration of the visual and performing arts. The festival aims to bring people together who have a passion for the arts, and inspire and nurture the love for the arts within the youth in our community and beyond. The festival offers exhibitions, productions, workshops and cultural experiences in music, art, drama and dance.

Mathaithai Trail Run & MTB Race

The Pick n Pay Mathaithai will take place on 23 - 24 September. The Trail Run on Saturday features a 5km family run, a 10km trail run and the 25km Tshufi Hill Challenge. On Sunday the Mountain Bike Race takes place over 4 distances; 5km, 10km, 20km and 45km. The Mathaithai event promises to be a festival weekend, offering something for both experienced and novice athletes, and a fun time out for the whole family.

Please see D6, the Lebone II website or Facebook page for ticket sales details.



General News

LIRA – In May Lebone II hosted a concert by award-winning songstress Lira in our amphitheatre as part of our Lebone Live programme which, with successful shows by Johnny Clegg in 2016 and Lira in 2017, has now established our school as a leading concert venue in the North West Province. We are thrilled by the spectacular success of this event. The tickets sold out on the day of the show and the school has raised almost R200,000.00 from the sales for our Lebone II Scholarship fund, which serves 45% of our school body through a range of bursaries and scholarships. This was a wonderful collaborative effort by our staff, Lebone parents and learners and I am very proud of the united manner in which we managed this successful event.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS – We will be hosting our annual Lebone Leadership Festival in July. This year we will have students from a wide range of South African communities, but with an added international flavour as we have invited various students from around the world; all schools with whom we currently have an exchange relationship. Rre Morake and I will be visiting Ghana later in this year to establish a relationship with Ashesi University and to connect with the Ghana International School. This feeds into our thinking about growing our relationships and footprint on the continent, but also to establish links with African universities of excellent quality, as spaces for Lebone students to attend.

SCHOOL VISITS – As part of our proactive approach to have an impact in our community we have established working relationships with Matala Secondary School and Molotlegi Secondary; schools of the Royal Bafokeng Nation. The aim here is to share practice and ensure student engagement. Our primary school has begun to work with Tlhotlheletsang, a primary school in the central region, who has requested to visit us to shadow our teachers. The key in all of these interactions is that it is being driven by a need from both parties, where both schools benefit from the exciting relationship. Our engagement with the Akanyang Centre for Teaching is on-going.

SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS - Through the work of our Community Service department, led by Rre Nkwana, we have enjoyed a range of community engagement initiatives. One of these is a Girls' club – this is an on-going programme for girls from our community who are orphans or abandoned. The aim is to empower these girls with skills, educational assistance and interventions aimed at developing their self-worth.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP - Our SLC executive and their team (the Lebone II Badula Setilo which comprises the student leaders of the four student houses) initiated a leadership workshop in which 8 local schools were invited to send their student leaders to interact in a cleverly arranged programme. This was all student-led, and brought together leaders from the direct community to challenge and work through the biggest issues and hardships that schools and their students face.

ALUMNI – We continue to develop our links with our alumni through data collection (although this is a significant challenge) and through chapter meetings. One of our alumni, Yuval Belisha, is currently a medical student at Wits, and arranged for a group of medical students to run workshops and clinics in Phokeng earlier this year. This is an initiative through our alumni to bring them back to Phokeng to use their skills to develop the community. The group ran an eye clinic in the community. The plan is to grow these kinds of initiatives further into the future.

News from the Lower School

GRADES R - 2 ACADEMICS - The Foundation Phase learners have been very busy this term and have been exposed to many interesting and informative experiences. The Grade R's visited DeWildt's Cheetah Centre, where they learned about amazing mammals and their habitat. The Grade 1's became little entrepreneurs as they learnt to work with money when they visited the Rustenburg Fruit and Vegetable shop. The Grade 2 learners were exposed to unusual animals like the Okapi, when they visited the Pretoria Zoo.

Our butterfly house has also been a topic of interest. Two beautiful birds, Birmingham Croppers, have been introduced to our garden while the butterflies are dormant. There is a lot of excitement amongst the children whilst waiting for the two eggs to hatch.

The first and second year Akanyang Centre for Teaching students have been visiting and observing the Foundation Phase classes. It has been a very informative and interesting learning experience for the students. To show their appreciation, the Lebone teachers were invited to visit their campus. What an exciting and inspiring space to be in!!

GRADES 3 – 6 ACADEMICS - Grade 3 – 6 have put great effort into their inquiries. Students have presented their findings as charts, interviews; budgets, books, giant puzzles, periodic tables and actual museums.



LEBONE LIVE presents Lira



SLIPPER DAY 2017



NTUMA MOAGI - CHESS CANDIDATE MASTER



DR HARRISON – TO POST OR NOT TO POST



A BEAUTIFUL DAY AT LEBONE II



Grade 5 and 6 students have begun submitting assignments electronically on Google Classroom where amazing but paperless work was posted! Grades 5 and 6 will soon be preparing for their week-long trips in term 3.

COMMUNITY - Lebone II College undertook a massive Hospice drive for clothing this term. We received so many bags of clothes, and as always, are touched by the generosity of our parents. We are looking forward to celebrating Nelson Mandela Week in the Lower School at the beginning of next term. Two of our ongoing projects remain Vuka Farm School and MTS Ancillary Health Care Services in Tlhabane. Our Grade 1s also made cards for our special firefighters in Knysna to thank them for their hard work. A special mention to Dylan Edmunds, Grade 5, who decided to start a collection for the pets of Knysna affected by the horrendous fires. You make Lebone proud!

SETSWANA HOMEWORK – As per my last letter the Lower School Setswana department started with WhatsApp communication with non-Setswana speaking parents to assist with their children’s homework. We started with the foundation phase and are working on extending to the intermediate phase. We have now partnered with the RBI to assist in the recording of basic first additional Setswana learning. We are busy with the video recording, where the vowels and consonants are introduced. Blending vowels with consonants follow to build syllables. Later nonsense words are made from the syllables, which ultimately lead us to creating proper words and then sentences. The videos will ultimately be on the school’s hard drive to be accessible to all. This will ultimately lead to lessons recorded to assist the non-Setswana learners to acquire the language.

News from the Upper School

STEM DEVELOPMENT – In a collaboration with RBI we have been privileged to have Mr. Dave Ryan, a Mathematics Master teacher join our staff on a secondment from RBI. Dave has done much work in developing our Lower School maths. We now look forward to his impact in our Upper School as he teaches, but also as he works with our current teachers.

MATHEMATICS – The Upper School maths department have begun creating their own videos in which work is explained and examples done by the teacher such that students have these at home and can refer to them when stuck doing their homework.

VISIT TO THE JSE - In April a group of thirty excited Accounting students and their teachers went to the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. This was an educational trip for students who are also participating in the JSE’s Investment Challenge, a simulator where each team will be given an imaginary sum of R1 million to trade on the stock market and invest in actual JSE-listed shares over a six month period. The challenge enables students to become aware of the fundamentals of investing on the JSE as well as each person’s contribution in the functioning of the economy. The challenge also encourages a culture of saving, and imparts invaluable research skills and team work spirit.

SLIPPER DAY - Our Upper School students and teachers donned their warm slippers and slops in a fundraiser for Reach for a Dream’s annual slipper campaign. Reach for a Dream annually fulfills the dreams of over 1500 children who are faced with life-threatening illnesses, and they aim to make each dream a truly memorable and magical experience for each child. Reach for a Dream also touches the lives of over 45000 children each year through their Camp Sunshine, Queen for a Day, Captain Courage, Show you care send a bear and Jabulani Kingdom Hospital entertainment projects. Lebone II is proud to be associated with such a worthwhile campaign.

THE DO’S AND DON’T’S OF SOCIAL MEDIA - Well-known social media expert, Dr Lizzie Harrison, visited the school campus to present “The Retweets and Likes of Life: Do’s and Don’ts of Social Media” to Upper School students. Dr Harrison explained the laws that work with social media, and the learners were introduced to concepts such as “published content”, “chain of publication”, “defamation”, “reputation”, “rights to dignity” and “privacy”. It was interesting to learn that Whatsapp is considered a social media platform under South African law, that Freedom of Speech is not an unlimited right when it infringes on others’ rights and that NOTHING is ever really deleted from the internet. In terms of choosing whether to post or not Dr Harrison left the learners with this thought; “If you wouldn’t want it on a billboard for the whole world to see, then it’s best to leave it off your social media pages as well”. In the third term Dr Harrison will return to present to our parent body.

Staff News

In this term we were happy to welcome the below new staff members to the Lebone II family, and we wish them a fruitful and happy time at our school.

Mrs Michele Birks – US English teacher
Rre Matt Bosime - US Life Orientation teacher
Mme Masego Senna – LS Teacher’s Assistant

We also welcome **Mr Nicky Maxwell** and **Mr Ben Sorkin**, Harvard students who have arrived for a 2 month internship, as per our current Harvard-Lebone programme.

This term we said a sad goodbye to **Mrs Tanya Jacobs**, US English teacher, who has decided not to return to full time employment after her maternity leave. We also said farewell to **Mrs Dietlind Mahnecke**, our temporary Music teacher who substituted for Mrs. Elmes on maternity leave. **Ms Hannah Ryan**, LS Teaching Assistant, is leaving us to take up a position in the UK. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

In this past term we welcomed future Lebone learners born to **Mrs Martinette Ronquest**, Head of Music, (Baby boy Divan) and to **Mrs Tanya Jacobs**, US English (Baby boy Gabe). Mothers and babies are happy and well.

We have had occasion this term to celebrate the marriages of Ms. Alet Nienaber, who is now **Mrs Alet Georgalli**, and Ms. Dineo Tau, who is now **Mrs Dineo Sedumedi**. We wish them both much future happiness.

Mrs Pia Nunn, HOD History, is recovering at home after an operation, as is **Mme Mavis Ntsheki**, who recently had a knee replacement. **Mr Tshepo Mokededi** had shoulder surgery and is also still recuperating. We wish them all a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming them back to the school soon.

We extend our sad condolences to **Mme Mathapelo Matjila**, whose father passed away suddenly at the end of Term 1. Our sympathies also go to **Mr Bruce Rankin**, whose father passed away this month, and to **Mr Ian O’Donoghue** with the sad passing of his mother. You are in our thoughts at this time.

Our congratulations go to **Mrs Marie Reynolds**, Head of Academics, who recently graduated with her Master’s Degree in Education, and the **Mr CJ Smal**, Drama Teacher, who completed his PGCE, Cum Laude. We also wish many of our Teacher Assistants the very best as they write their exams this term.



Music

VOICE EXAMINATION - Congratulations to Whade Williams in Gr. 12 for receiving the highest mark in the country for his UNISA Gr. 7 voice examination. He was awarded the Nellie du Toit merit prize by UNISA for this outstanding achievement. Whade is a voice student of Dr. Conroy Cupido at the NWU.

ASPIRING STARS - The Aspiring Stars music evening took place on the 12th of May where beginner music students were given an opportunity to showcase their talent. The evening was a great success and it was inspiring to witness so many musical stars on the rise.

CHOIR CAMP - We are working very hard to strengthen our choral program and were excited to have 60 upper school students attend the choir camp. The choir camp also served as preparation for the Lira event, where our choir performed magnificently accompanying Lira in two songs.

MARIMBA BAND - Our Marimba Band performed in the St Stithians' Marimba Festival. We also hosted the Marimba band from our sister school, Maru-a-Pula for a wonderful shared concert in our amphitheatre and held a successful workshop with this world-renowned band.

EISTEDDFOD - The Rustenburg Platinum Eisteddfod will take place from 14 – 18 August at Bergsig Akademie. A number of music students from Lebone II College will participate in this event and we wish them the best of luck.

COMMUNITY MUSIC LESSONS - Staff members of the Music Department have started a community project where they give group music lessons to a selection of students from Bafokeng schools. The project has initiated some creative thinking around the use of unconventional educational techniques to teach students who don't have access to practice facilities and musical instruments at home. These students will be given an opportunity to perform at the Arts Festival in August and we are looking forward to hear them play.

Sports & Activities News

It has been a busy term for winter sports with netball, hockey and soccer participating in various leagues in both the Upper and Lower school.

HOCKEY - LS hockey is doing very well with the league almost finished. We are hoping for more than 1 team to make the play-offs round, which will take place in Term 3. The US teams performed well in a tough North West league. Our girls unfortunately didn't make it past the Pool Play-offs, but our two boys teams' u/16 and u/18 did very well. They went through to NW semi-finals in Potchefstroom, and were very unlucky to not go to the finals. We are looking forward to a potential summer Astro league during Term 3.

Oliver du Toit was selected to the u/13A North West hockey team. He and the 3 other provincial players (Joshua Fouche, Thato Motene, and Kutlwano Setlogelo) will be representing NW in their respective tournaments over the holiday. Good luck to them.

NETBALL - LS Netball played in the Rustenburg schools league for the first time ever. We are very proud of our young Netball girls. The u13 team will continue to play during Term 3 in the local RBS Metshameko league. US Netball proved that working hard shows rewards – they improved immensely in their performance in comparison to 2016. We look forward to Term 3 where they will also be involved in the Local RBS Metshameko league. Busiswa Sixaka was selected to the u/13 NW Schools team. She will be attending the Schools' tournament over the holidays.

SOCCER – The US Platinum league kicked off early in Term 2. The competition for this league seems to get stronger each year and our teams performed well. Only the girls team managed to make it to Semi-Finals which will be played early in Term 3. The LS and US will be involved in the Metshameko league in Term 3. The Senior Boys and Girls teams will attend the UMBRO Festival in East London in the holiday.

Tebogo Hlatshwayo was selected to the Junior Kaizer Chiefs training squad. What an achievement!

CHESS - Our Chess is shining bright as always. **Ntuma Moagi was awarded the Chess title Candidate Master (CM), a title you earn in chess after winning a continental chess tournament (after winning Africa Schools Championships in 2016). He was invited to play in Romania in April at the World Schools individual Chess Championship and finished in the top 30 against 61 other excellent players from around the world. We are very proud of him!**

Performing Arts

THE CAUCASIAN CHALK CIRCLE - On 21 April the Grade 11 and Grade 12 Dramatic Arts students journeyed to the Fringe Theatre at the Joburg Theatre complex in Braamfontein to attend a production of Bertoldt Brecht's historical Epic Theatre play *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*. This thought-provoking play is prescribed for Grade 12 Dramatic Arts students and it thus afforded the Lebone Drama students the opportunity to engage with the practical application of one of their set works. It was clear that the immediate experience of the play resonated with all the schools who attended as the magnificent production received a standing ovation. It was truly an illuminating experience which will no doubt assist our students on their Dramatic Arts journey.

FEDA PLAY FESTIVAL - Expectations were once again at an all-time high as we entered the very prestigious FEDA Play Festival which takes place at the Fringe Theatre in the Joburg Theatre complex. This year we entered two plays, *Zama Zama* and *Imaginary Friends*, driven by the entire Grade 12 Dramatic Arts class, and competed with over 60 other one-act plays from all over Gauteng and the North West. After months of hard work, exemplary discipline, creativity and invaluable ensemble learning from the casts and crews, both plays played to a sold out crowd and standing ovations from the audience. The plays were lauded by the judges and Lebone II received the following nominations and awards out of the 60 productions who entered this year.

Nominations

- Best Comedy – *Imaginary Friends*
- Best Ensemble – *Imaginary Friends*
- Best Set – *Zama Zama*
- Best Costume – *Zama Zama*
- Best Special Effects – *Zama Zama*
- Best Director (Sizwe Kubeka) – *Zama Zama*

Awards

- Best Lighting (Mmata Ontumetse) – *Zama Zama*
- Best Sound (Phuthego Schalk) – *Zama Zama*
- Most Inspirational Productions – *Lebone II*
- Best Social Media Presence/Marketing – *Lebone II* (Goitseone Diale)



The u/13 teams did especially well this term with the u/13 Boys receiving 1st place and the u/13 Girls in 2nd place in the Provincial Schools Chess Champs held in Vryburg. The boys beat the 3 year standing champions to everyone's surprise.

u/13 Boys (All Gr.6): Thatego Lefyedi, Sebage Ntsileng, Temo Segatle, Christopher Smith, Gomolemo Mokone, Lesedi Tsitsi, Ntuma Moagi

u/13 Girls (All Gr.6): Motheo Petlele, Gontlafetse Maseng, Kutlwano Spooner, Baona Rampete, Nara Nkuna, Bogolo Rampete, Keabetswe Moatisi (Gr.5)

Resego Morei, Gr.10 also played in the Schools Champs after qualifying as a u/18 player. He gained a lot of experience playing amongst these older players. He didn't make the top 7, but we are still very proud of this young man and look forward to the next chapter.

TOURNAMENT NEWS - SAGEWOOD NETBALL AND SOCCER TOURNAMENT

u/11 Boys 4th

u/11 Girls 3rd

u/13 Boys 2nd

u/13 Girls 2nd (Bonolo Tsheole best player of tournament)

u/15 Boys 4th

u/15 Girls 1st –WOW

u/18 Boys 2nd

u/18 Girls 4th

TOURNAMENT NEWS - WATERSTONE HOCKEY FESTIVAL

1st team Girls – 1st WOW 1st team Boys – 4th

CLINICS - Successful clinics were held at Camp Discovery over the April holiday for Hockey, Netball and Soccer.

CROSS COUNTRY - Four of our Lebone athletics club runners, Janno Nel, Hannah Dwyer, Keobaka Molobye and Caitlyn Thompson, were selected to represent North West North at the Interprovincial Cross Country Championships held in Bronkhorstspuit. They all performed well. Caitlyn also came 3rd in the women's race in the 12km Platinum Trail run held at Buffelspoort.

JUDO - Zara and Mohammed Amanjee are both ranked nr.1 in SA in their age group and weight class. They have been selected to represent North West at the SA Judo Championships in Bloemfontein from 2 – 8 July. Congratulations on this amazing achievement.

HORSE RIDING - The Lebone Horse riding club have had a very good Term 2. They have competed in various SANESA qualifier rounds and have all made it to the NW SANESA finals on 30 July, where NW team will be selected. Good luck to Eduan, Liam and Margot Naude, as well as Hardus vd Westhuizen.

UPCOMING IN TERM 3 - Basketball league LS and US, Mini Hockey, Hockey Summer league (TBC), Cross country US and LS league, Mini cricket, Cricket, US and LS local RBS Netball and Soccer league, Nashua 7's soccer tournament.

BALLET – A number of years ago Lebone II initiated the Phokeng Ballet School. This was developed through the Happy Feet Ballet School (who runs Ballet at Lebone) and ourselves with the idea being to run afternoon Ballet classes in the community, and as a community programme for our school. There are currently two local youth who are completing their intermediate level teaching and ballet qualification in June. Once successfully completed they will be qualified teachers; part of the plan to ensure a sustainable programme. There are 137 registered ballet students in the programme, all of whom will be writing their exams throughout the year. RBI have been a very important partner in this programme, especially in securing funding over the last few years. The programme has returned to Lebone in 2017.

Teaching & Learning Centre (TLC)

INTENSIVE INTERVENTION PROGRAMME - For the better part of 2016, the therapists of Lebone II's Teaching and Learning Centre (TLC) spent copious hours researching and developing a new intervention programme that would effectively and efficiently meet the needs of Lower School Lebone II students with regard to visual perception, auditory processing, fine motor and handwriting skills.

The purpose of developing this programme, named the 'Intensive Intervention Programme (IIP)' was to come up with a tailor-made programme which would meet the needs of Grade 2 to Grade 6 students at Lebone in the realms of literacy, numeracy and perceptual and fine motor development; something which Lebone has never before undertaken to do. Creating this programme was a massive feat and involved many hours spent with Occupational Therapists, Remedial Therapists, Educational Psychologists, Speech Therapists and Audiologists trying to find

Legae Boarding News

Our boarding team have been working hard to develop a range of opportunities for our students and staff to participate in over weekends. A few of these initiatives are:

Service project – Legae have embarked on a vegetable gardening project. This partners them with 4 local schools and feeds about 20 households in our community.

Weekend activities include: cooking classes, golf, fishing and a Sunday Soccer League (involving local teams)

A **cultural program** which is run by staff and students – this aims to enrich student's experiences and opportunities.

Academic skills development – a team of boarding staff have been on a course on ways of improving learning skills, with the aim to have greater impact on learning in the boarding environment.

Health and nutrition programme – a few parents who are experts in the field of nutrition and health are running presentations in the boarding houses

Maintenance and mechanical team – the plan here is to have a rich program, led by students, who receive training from parents and staff, who wish to learn how to do maintenance work, woodwork, mechanical projects.

Operations

The Operations team were busier than ever this past term.

They set up for the Lira concert and then packed it all away again, made props for Feda plays, transported staff and students to sports fixtures, plays, exhibitions and outings.

The swimming pool is steadily emerging out of the dust and promises to be a breathtaking facility by the time Winter is over and we can swim in it.

We have put up back-stop nets behind the goals on the sports field so hopefully we will be losing fewer balls to punctures.

We plan to re-surface all our tennis and basketball courts during the coming school holidays.

We want to re-start our responsible waste management campaign and we look forward to the cooperation of students, staff, parents and visitors in ensuring that Lebone II College "treads lightly on the Earth" in terms of how we dispose of our waste as well as how we consume water and electricity.



the most appropriate way of covering a broad range of skills needing to be addressed in order for achievement to occur in the classroom environment.

The IIP was launched in January 2017 with an intensive assessment (pre-test) phase that provided baseline data on all the students who would receive intervention. Six months after the programme was launched, seven of the original 78 students involved have already progressed to the stage where they have been able to graduate from the programme! With another six months left of the year to go, the TLC is excited to see what more can be achieved through the hard work that has been invested in the lives of the students who attend bi-weekly, hour long sessions as part of the IIP.

The Library

KINGSMEAD BOOK FAIR - On the 13th of May as part of recognizing our top ten readers in the Upper School, the library took students to the Kingsmead bookfair in Johannesburg. This Bookfair allowed students to interact with various authors, many which have written books that the students have come to love. This was an invaluable experience and one that allowed them insight in what the authors' intention of each book they write. Among the authors one that stood out for them was Kopano Matlwa author of *Coconut*, *Spilt Milk* and recently *Period Pain*.

LITERACY OUTREACH - The library this term has welcomed two more preschools from Phokeng, namely Mount Hope and Early Bird Preschool, as part of their literacy outreach to the community. These students have started visiting the library on a bi-weekly basis and we look forward to a fruitful relationship filled with lots of learning.

Student Leadership

MESSAGE FROM OUR STUDENT LEADER – At a recent presentation to his peers in Lebone II, Mpho Montsho challenged students and staff alike with his speech on avoiding complacency and the responsibility of growing our school. His words are noteworthy and motivational, and the perfect way to end this letter. This extract from his speech is food for thought for us all.

“Our Lebone is the school that supports all those who hold on to hope, despite results not going in their favour. To the student body, your identity is not defined by your marks; for in you lies something greater than a report card. Struggles and criticism are prerequisites of greatness! Our Lebone is defined by the drama students who spent hours polishing their FEDAs. Our Lebone is a Lebone where the students and teachers give 100%, not 50%.

For Lebone's identity is an idea held by generations of the student body, who understand that Lebone is a constant work in progress. Loving this institution requires more than just praising it or avoiding uncomfortable truths. It requires the occasional disruption, the willingness to speak up for what is right, to shake up the status quo.

For Lebone is our world of possibilities, our fountain of wisdom,
Full of answers to our generation about the future,
How fortunate are we to enter your doors,
How blessed are we to open those doors to our future,
A beacon of hope to the hopeful star,
The way to the brightest of futures for those who are determined to sweat their tears and sweat in hard work,
Oh, how beautiful you are in vision!
Your outlets encouraging us, with your tentacles showing us the way to making all of our dreams a reality as we digest the knowledge you impart on us.
We will upload your name out there!
We will honour your name across the world!
The world will mother the fruit you bear of future leaders, surrounded with your wisdom.

Forever will we be thankful to you for hosting us, and those to come will keep up your highest of standards proving to be among the best in the world.
For your name will be forever in our lips; Lebone College, our gateway to the future.

To the Student body, teachers, management and members of the board, let us unite and make Lebone great...”

Wellness Centre

THE WELLNESS CENTRE IN NUMBERS THIS YEAR:

- First aid training – 34 staff members and 15 learners qualified in first aid, CPR and AED
- First aid kits with risk profiles packed as needed for school use, events and outings - 52 with a few pending
- Flu vaccines administered – 243
- Deworming administered to LS – 260 doses
- Eye screening (Grade R, 1 and 2) – 151 learners screened
- SANBS – 2 visits – a total of 54 pints of blood donated
- Physio consults – introduced in May 2017 on Tuesday afternoons – a total of 29 patients
- Exchange health and wellbeing preparation – A total of 45 vaccines administered between 4 travellers and all were given malaria prophylaxis in addition.
- A total of 1115 learners passed through the WC (of which 245 were girls boarders and 321 boys boarders) needing attention for a total of 1236 ‘incidents’.
- 60kgs of bread tags collected – this recyclable waste will be exchanged for a wheelchair which will be donated to our community;

PRESIDENTS AWARD – Our Presidents Award participants picked up rubbish on the highway on-ramps to and from Rustenburg to Lebone. The team comprised four learners and three staff members. This was a very unglamorous job and our learners are to be commended for taking this on as part of their community service. Keoratile Segoe, Phenyoye Moje, Otlotleng Kole and Atlegang Dikgang are the highway heroes!

CLASS VISITS – The grade 1's were invited to participate in fun health learning stations – listening to their heart and lungs with stethoscopes; syringing, and counting ‘pills’ the way a pharmacist would.

HYGIENE - The Grade R's learned all about the importance of hand washing and coughing and sneezing correctly to prevent spreading of germs.

CANSA PRESENTATION - CANSA visited our school and hosted an interesting and gory talk to the Grade 7 – 9's about the dangers of smoking and hubbly bubbly's.



2018 SCHOOL DATES

TERM 1		
49 Student days – 54 Staff days		
School Opens	Thursday 11 January	HODs Return
	Friday 12 January	Staff / CPTD Day
	15-16 January	Staff Preparation for 2017
	Wednesday 17 January	Students' return
Public Holidays	Wednesday 21 March	Public Holiday: Human Rights Day
Mid Term School Holiday	16-18 February	
School Closes	Wednesday 28 March	
TERM 2		
46 Student days – 47 Staff days		
School Opens	Monday 16 April	Staff
	Tuesday 17 April	Student
Public Holidays	Friday 27 April	Public Holiday: Freedom day
	Monday 30 April	School Holiday
	Tuesday 1 May	Worker's Day
School Closes	Friday 22 June	
TERM 3		
47 Student days – 48 Staff days		
School Opens	Monday 16 July	Staff
	Tuesday 17 July	Students
Public Holidays	Thursday 9 August	Women's Day
	Friday 10 August	School Holiday
School Closes	Friday 21 September	
TERM 4		
43 Student days – 44 Staff days		
School Opens	Monday 8 October	Staff
	Tuesday 9 October	Students
School Closes	Thursday 6 December	Students
	Friday 7 December	Staff
Total number of days for staff: 194		
Total number of days for students: 185		





TRAIL RUN 23 SEPT	25 KM TSHUFI HILL CHALLENGE	R180	07H00	EARLY BIRD ENTRIES: 25KM - FREE LONG-SLEEVE SHIRT TO FIRST 120 ENTRIES 10KM - FREE T-SHIRT TO FIRST 230 ENTRIES DAY ENTRIES AVAILABLE: R20 surcharge for 10 and 25km races
	10 KM TRAIL RUN	R120	07H45	
	5 KM FAMILY FUN RUN	R20	08H00	

 **REGISTRATION:**
 22 SEPTEMBER 16H00 - 19H00 | 23 SEPTEMBER 06H00 - 07H00

MTB RACE 24 SEPT	45 KM MATHAITHAI CHALLENGE	R200	07H00
	20 KM LET'S GET LOST	R150	07H30
	10 KM FUN RIDE	R100	08H30
	5 KM JUNIOR RIDE	R50	09H00

 **REGISTRATION:** 22 SEPTEMBER 16H00 - 19H00 |
 23 SEPTEMBER 09H00 - 12H00 | 24 SEPTEMBER 06H30 - 07H30

RUN CATEGORIES:
 25 KM - OPEN, Vet (40+), Oldest Runners
 10 KM - OPEN, Junior, Vet (40+), Masters
 5 KM - OPEN

MTB CATEGORIES:
 45 KM - OPEN
 20 & 10 KM - Senior OPEN, Junior OPEN
 5 KM - Junior

OTHER INFORMATION:
 Medals for all participants
 Water points en-route
 "No helmet, no ride" bike policy applies
 Overnight Camp Sites - R50 (Tents only, maximum 4 people per site, non-electrified)

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