

Headmaster's Letter – Term 3 2017

Dear Lebone parents, students, teachers and friends,

Lebone II College has been my home for a decade. When my family and I made the decision that we would be moving from this school, it was not motivated by any desire to leave Lebone, but rather by the need to take on a new challenge, and to test myself as a school leader in a different environment. The reality of actually saying farewell is drawing nearer, and it does at times feel rather difficult to accept. I am a changed human being because of Lebone II College. I believe that this school has this impact on every person who has worked or attended school here. It is an immense privilege for me to work here and for my boys to have been schooled here.

The Board of Governors is working hard to create a leadership structure that will serve the needs of our growing school. I am excited about the Executive Head position that has been advertised and believe that our school will draw many strong candidates for this post. We will appoint an excellent new Head and Lebone II will continue to grow from strength to strength.

Lebone is at an important point in its history. We have built a school with a strong foundation and a strong sense of who we are. As we mature as an organisation we will continue to ask testing questions that will allow us to continue to grow as a leading school in South Africa. We have many outstanding educators, leaders, administrators, students and parents who strive, daily, towards our vision: 'To inspire, educate and enable people to flourish. We do this so that we may positively influence the Royal Bafokeng Nation, South Africa and, ultimately, the world.' For this we are grateful.

I would like to celebrate with our school the recent success of our Mathaithai event, our Arts Festival and the start of swimming practices on our campus:

- The building of our pools is almost complete. Swimming lessons are planned to begin next term and our swimming teams have already started using the pool. This is the result of much planning and fund-raising which has involved our entire school community and our broader community, in particular the Royal Bafokeng Nation as our major sponsor on this project. There are clear rules regarding the use of the pool, regarding what swimmers should wear and clear rules about safety. These will be communicated clearly to students, staff and parents, and must be strictly adhered to.
- Thank you for supporting our maiden Lebone II Arts Festival. So many staff and students were involved in the planning of this successful week of cultural delights. I thank Mr Kotze and his team for their vision and planning. I believe that this will grow in the future. The festival speaks to our goal of becoming a leading performing and visual arts school, both in performance and as a host venue.
- Almost 1000 runners and 300 cyclists participated in our Mathaithai weekend. Thank you for your support of this event. Our staff and PSO teams deserve praise for their excellent organisation. This is a community event, and a time for our Lebone family to enjoy time together.

There have been many other important events that have taken place at our school, as you will read in this newsletter. Camps, trips, matches, talks by educational experts, the Daring Dads camp, our Marvellous Moms tea, and many more. These are reliant on attendance and participation – I wish to thank our school community for supporting these initiatives and for embracing Lebone, not only as a school, but as a way of life. As a school we aim to bring people together and to celebrate life – in a country in which many politicians and journalists wish to emphasise our differences, we as a school seek to celebrate and embrace our beautiful diversity and focus on what we can achieve together, on what we can learn from one another.

Our aspiration remains to be one of the foremost schools in South Africa. This requires buy in from all members of our Lebone family. Lebone II aims to challenge popular culture – we discourage lots of sugar in diets, we run our school programme to the last day of each term, we insist on values and inclusion, respect and tolerance is highly prized, academic rigour is to be celebrated, doing your very best needs to be our norm, we say please and thank you – to mention a few of the ways in which we challenge the new ways of the world. We make errors and do not always achieve these, and other ideals, but we are constantly working towards them.



Upcoming Events

Kindly note the below important dates as we head into the fourth term:

28 September	Matric Dinner
29 Sept. – 13 Oct.	USA exchange to Collegiate School in Richmond, Virginia
29 September	End of Term 3
29 Sept. – 2 Oct.	ISSA Basketball Festival
16 October	Term 4 begins
19 October	Matric final exams begin
20 October	Matric Valediction
21 October	Annual EPL Lecture
26 October	Music Gala evening
8 November	Grade R Dinaledi
13 November	Upper School exams begin
14 & 15 November	Grades 1 – 6 Dinaledi
15 – 27 November	India exchange to Modern School, New Delhi
6 December	Keteko
7 December	School closes for 2017

Lebone II presents Mpho Tshukudu *Food, Heritage & Health*

On Wednesday, 18 October, Lebone II – College of the Royal Bafokeng will host dietician and well-known author, Mpho Tshukudu, as she talks about *Food, Heritage and Health*. Mpho will use African food and cooking methods to show that African food is healthy, beautiful and delicious, and will share simple ideas on how indigenous foods can be included every day in children's meals and snacks. Lebone II warmly welcomes all interested parents and teachers to attend.

Tickets are available at <http://gkt.io/MphoTshukudu> or at the school.

Mpho's book, *Eat Ting*, which she co-authored with Anna Trapido, will be available for purchase at the event.



What is clear to me is that Lebone is the sum of all of its parts. I thank you for your involvement in our school. As a member of this broader Lebone family we all carry responsibility for our wellness.

Warm regards,
David

General News

SLC INDUCTION - Our new Student Leaders Council (SLC) was inducted on Friday 18 August. This is always a meaningful rite of passage moment which carries rich symbolism and a strong message to our school body. Each new member swears an oath in front of the school (in English or Setswana) and has the opportunity to wash the feet of students in an act of humble service, and in calling their followers to go out and do the same. The excellent speeches delivered by outgoing Head of School, Mpho Montsho, and incoming Head, Rudo Gumbo, follow at the end of this newsletter.

HARVARD - Our partnership with Harvard's Centre for African Studies continued this year for the 3rd year running. The Lebone II Summer Programme is an eight-week programme which provides Harvard University undergraduates the opportunity to live and work at Lebone II College, where they take on a variety of roles including academic tutoring and mentorship across a wide range of subject areas. Two young men, Ben Sorkin and Nicky Maxwell, joined Lebone for just over two months, during which time they worked on our Leadership Festival, participated in community projects, prepared and administered practices of SAT writing, worked with students in boarding, were involved in school programmes in the Lower and Upper Schools and assisted with productive administrative work. In particular they have helped us to set up more sustainable processes for our future Leadership Festivals, as well as plan the future of the Lebone-Harvard collaboration.

LEBONE LEADERSHIP FESTIVAL - Students and staff from a wide range of schools in South Africa, and from outside of SA, participated in a rich week of dialogue, sharing, personal growth and problem-solving at the week-long Lebone Leadership Festival in July. There were a large number of staff and alumni involved in ensuring the success of this event that focused on 'Greed and Sustainability'. Our friends from Collegiate School in Richmond, Virginia visited us in our reciprocal arrangement during our Leadership Festival, and we also had visitors from our new partner in Ghana; the Ghana International School, and from our friends from Maru-a-Pula in Gaborone. Lebone would like to thank RB Platinum for their generous sponsorship of our festival; their support for our school and for young leaders is deeply appreciated.

SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS – Lebone II remains committed to having **IMPACT** in our community, and have done so through many community projects over the last few months. To list a few:

- Our Phokeng Ballet Programme has enjoyed success with many students making excellent progress. Over 120 students in our community are now ballet dancers. The exciting development is that our two local Bafokeng Ballet teachers qualified through their international qualification this year. They can now look to run the programme into the future with less involvement from the ballet school in Rustenburg.
- Our Music Department have run an exciting programme in which they have identified young musicians in our local schools, brought them to Lebone on Monday afternoons for lessons, and given them opportunities to perform.
- The Leruo la Kitso girls club assists 40 young orphaned girls who are mentored and developed by Lebone staff.
- Our students supported our local HOSPICE clothes drive.
- Tinned food and sports equipment were collected and shared with Vuka Primary school.
- We have developed relationships with 3 Bafokeng schools: Molotlegi Secondary, Matale Secondary and Bobuanja Primary. These relationships started between the school leaders and now involve regular interaction between teachers, student leaders and students.
- Lebone runs an ongoing ECD reading project in which local preschools are transported to the school for reading lessons in our library.
- A group of Lebone students visit our local OVCs (Centres for Orphans and Vulnerable Children) where they assist students with homework.



SLC INDUCTION



HARVARD STUDENTS



MATRIC PLUNGE – NEW POOL



DARING DADS 2017



- Our Grade R class adopted 2 cheetahs from the De Wildt Cheetah Sanctuary through parent donations and monies raised from a waste paper project.
- The Lower School has an ongoing Eco-school project for sustainability through which they collect waste paper and milk boxes which are sold to recycling bodies to raise money for our Lebone community projects.

DERECK JACKSON PRESENTATION - On Wednesday 13 September, Derek Jackson, an internationally-renowned psychologist and parenting expert presented ‘**Discipline without anger or tears**’ to our Lebone parents and members of the public. This is a part of a new initiative in which we aim to bring education experts to our school, and invite our local communities to attend; including parents, teachers, and members of school governing and management bodies. This initiative will enrich our broader community and is part of our **GREATER IMPACT** drive.

ALUMNI - Alumni meetings have taken place in Pretoria in May, Johannesburg in August and in the Western Cape in September.

Ten alumni were involved in the Leadership Festival during July and five members of the Class of 2010 attended the Grade 10 camp to address the students.

Many plans are in place for Alumni involvement in 2018 specifically as part of the school’s 20 year celebrations.

Our visiting Harvard students made valuable input into the process of establishing an alumni office, timelines and expectations. They also made substantial contributions with regard to a Placement Office, for guiding students to pursue tertiary studies internationally and a proposed programme is being drafted for students hoping to pursue tertiary studies in the USA.

News from the Lower School

MANDELA WEEK - Our Lower School ran a very successful Mandela Week. In the week students and staff were involved in a wide range of activities which each grade chose themselves, and which impacted various areas in our broader community. The contributions that the students and their parents made was commendable! Amongst others the grades collected cupcakes and delivered these to the Phokeng police station and fire station, collected and delivered pet food, newspapers and blankets for the Rustenburg SPCA, collected and delivered boxes of biscuits for our school kitchen and support staff, collected and delivered hygiene and cleaning products for MTS Ancillary Health Care Services in Tlhabane, collected and delivered school shoes, clothes and non-perishable food for Vuka Farm School, and screened a movie to collect money for the Lebone Means and Needs uniform account.

TEACHER TRAINING – The Lower School has continued interaction, twice-weekly, with the Akanyang teacher training students in the Foundation Phase classrooms. Lebone has also been a teaching school for seven Potchefstroom University Foundation Phase student teachers, and has hosted and modelled teaching for 3 weeks for Work in Learning (WIL) students.

LITERACY MONTH - The Lower School has carried out a Literacy Month in September, called ‘Reading for Pleasure, Reading for Life’. They arranged a number of exciting literacy projects for the month, but most specifically wished to encourage a love for reading amongst our learners and their families. Reading and spelling assessments conducted in August have provided data about the individual progress of every child in Grades 2 to 6 and are also used as a systemic assessment to evaluate the Lower School literacy programme.

MARVELLOUS MOMS AND DARING DADS - The Grade R-4 parents have been fortunate to spend two wonderful days with their little ones during this term. Marvellous Moms involved a selection fun activities, like art, dancing, spa treatments and games which were enjoyed by all. A generous lucky draw ended the festivities. Daring Dads, as popular as ever, saw dads and children learning new skills, coping with a late night and an exciting scavenger hunt in the morning. The aim of these events is for parents to bond with their children and to meet other parents. We would like to thank the PSO for their contribution to these events.

OUTINGS – The Grades R-2 students travelled to the Jo’burg Children’s Theatre to see “The Tiger who came to Tea”, whilst the Grade R children enjoyed their time at Food Lovers Market, the De Wildt Cheetah Reserve and the Fire Station. The Grade 1 children travelled to the Nursery and Animal Park and the Grade 2 classes visited the Pretoria Zoo.

The Grade 4 classes took an exploratory trip around the Phokeng community before setting up their own wonderful Bafokeng museum in their classroom.

Staff News

In this term we were sad to say goodbye to **Rre Nhlanhla Mbele**, EGD Educator. We wish him the very best in his future endeavours.

We welcome **Mr Johan Hartwigsen**, who has taken over the role of EGD Educator and we wish him a fruitful and happy time at Lebone.

We have celebrated with a number of our Lebone family who have grown their own families:

Rre Mutubatsa Tshuma welcomed a new baby daughter, Mandisa.

Mme Sarah Mokgatle welcomed a son, Gosiame MphoEntle,

Mme Tlamelo Tshela also welcomed a new baby boy, Kgaisha; and

Mme Lebo Phetla had a baby boy, Oreagile Bophelo.

We wish them all much joy with their new additions!



LITERACY MONTH

GRADE 5'S IN MPUMALANGA



KUTLWANONG SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - The Grade 6 students have been studying communication in their Setswana classes. To learn more during Deaf Awareness Month they went to visit fellow students at Kutlwanong School for the Deaf to ask about sign language communication. Lebone students learnt and performed the national anthem in sign language, and introduced themselves by signing their names; thereafter they were given sign names, and taught the days of the week and months by Kutlwanong students.

GRADE 5'S MPUMALANGA TRIP - Each year our Grade 5 classes take an exciting trip to Mpumalanga. What follows is a week of wonderful exploration of the Lowveld which includes visits to Sabie, Pilgrims Rest, the Sodwana Caves and God's Window, and incorporates a fantastic combination of time spent with friends, meeting raptors, waterfalls, swimming and hiking, white-water rafting, camping out, good meals, caving, and much fun and laughter. This is a perfect way to enjoy a beautiful part of our country.

GRADE 6 TRIP TO SUGAR BAY – Our Grade 6 classes travelled down to Sugar Bay in Zinkwazi, KZN, for their annual excursion to the coast. Sugar Bay Camp is an American-style Summer Camp where students stay in cabins and enjoy over 100 available activities. Their days are supervised 24/7 and there is always something happening; from arts and crafts to treasure hunts to water activities on the beach and at sea, and a party night. It is wonderful adventure that our Grade 6 students share with their teachers and friends, and remember for the rest of their lives.

News from the Upper School

ACCOUNTING EXCURSION TO EAST LONDON - Our Grade 12 Accounting learners travelled to the coastal town of East London for a tour through the Mercedes Benz manufacturing plant. It was interesting to see first-hand how a new car is produced every 3 minutes and to learn that only 10% of the cars produced stay in South Africa. This tour through the plant gave them a practical understanding of the manufacturing sector which is an intricate chapter within the accounting syllabus. The learners enjoyed the chance to experience how the internal controls of businesses vary according to the type of activities as well as how their applications aid a business.

GRADE 11 LEADERSHIP CAMP AT KONKA - Our Grade 11 students attended a Leadership Development and Identification course at the beginning of the third term. The students were involved in a range of team building activities such as zip-sliding, abseiling, wall climbing, obstacle courses, kayaking and raft building. The initial trepidation turned into excitement as learners realised that they were all in it together, and they worked as teams to help each other over and under and through the obstacles. What a wonderful group of students we have in Grade 11.

UNITED STATES EXCHANGE - Four Grade 10 students; Boipelo Diale, Jack du Toit, Jami Pick and Malaika Tlotlego will be travelling to the USA as part of the International Exchange Programme on 29 September. The students have been helped with their preparation for the International Emerging Leaders Conference by Mr. Anton Reynolds. He and Mrs. Marie Reynolds will be accompanying them as they travel to Washington, Richmond and New York before returning to South Africa on 13 October. At the Conference the students will meet over 60 other high school students, representing 12 schools from around the world.

ALLAN GRAY ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE – Our Lebone accounting students are participating in the Allan Grey Entrepreneurship Challenge. There are over 2500 participants in this challenge, which promotes a culture of entrepreneurship at high schools across South Africa, through dedicated weekly challenges that are designed to develop their entrepreneurial thinking skills. A number of our students have consistently featured in the top 100 of the weekly challenges and we commend them for their excellent involvement and entrepreneurial spirit! The top achievers will be travelling to the prestigious awards event in Cape Town on the 4th of November, and we are rooting for our Lebone team!

DRAMA FOR LIFE - Lebone II College was privileged to welcome Wits Drama for Life to our campus, as part of their BA Honours curriculum, whereby the students engaged our Grade 10 learners on the topic of human rights and social justice, through the use of Applied Drama methodologies. These workshops created a space where learners came into immediate contact with the South African constitution to teach them about the value of democracy, and involved embodied play as well as critical engagement with the social issues of our country.

SHAKESPEARE CHALLENGE - The Shakespeare challenge is hosted by the SACEE office at the National Children's Theatre. The Lebone teams competed against teams from Johannesburg and

GRADE 6'S IN SUGAR BAY



ACCOUNTING EXCURSION TO EAST LONDON



GRADE 11 LEADERSHIP CAMP



LEBONE ARTS FESTIVAL



won 1st and 2nd place. Congratulations to Lesedi Mabale, Atlegang Dikgang, Hannah Hines, Jordan Hay, Baron Quinton and Oretshwanetse Masebelanga.

Performing Arts

ARTS FESTIVAL – In August our Lebone II community welcomed the inaugural edition of our own Lebone II Arts Festival. The performances, exhibitions, workshops and shows on the programme were wonderful displays of the best that the students and artists from our community and beyond had to offer. Visitors were welcomed in style and our guests marveled at the campus which was decorated for the week with vibrant and colourful artistic designs and visual arts displays. The music on offer that week was first class, with beautiful choir performances, astounding music performances from our own students as well as professional master class showcases by world renowned musical acts. There was also plenty on offer for our theatre and film connoisseurs with dynamic, interactive and thought-provoking productions, as we welcomed a wide array of acting troupes entertaining us with puppet theatre, storytelling, gritty realism, political intrigue and fantasy.

An exciting component of the festival was the fact that we invited and transported over 700 primary and high school students to Lebone II from all over our community to share this wonderful experience with us. Not only did the students in attendance have the opportunity to join the workshops on offer as well as attend the variety of performances on the programme but they also enjoyed a platform on which to showcase their own amazing work. A big congratulations and thank you to every single person whose contributions, from working to attending, helped to make this, our humble arts festival, into a potentially exciting addition to our annual cultural calendar.

RUMBA IN THE JUNGLE - Lebone II participated in the very prestigious **Rumba in the Jungle** dance competition and festival at Sun City on 3 – 5 August 2017. Through the school's GEAR – Dance programme, 20 students were selected to partake in the competition in a variety of dance disciplines – Ballroom, Latin-American as well as Hip-Hop and Street Dance. This annual competition and festival, judged by some of the leading performers and coaches in their respective fields, saw schools and studios from all over the country compete over the course of the three day event.

We are very proud to announce that the Lebone II squad performed beyond expectations and walked away with some truly excellent results. The team walked away with an incredible 12 trophies and 2 medals. We want to congratulate all our students for their dedication and commitment and being rewarded with such admirable accolades.

Formation Team - 1st place winners and CHAMPIONS:

Bonolo Nthoesane, Reneilwe Jood, Khumo Lesufi, Pelayame Segatle, Keamogetswe Ramoroa, Keoratile Segoe, Kaona Letlape, Jadeigh Badenhorst

Hip-Hop Solos - Andile Letlape (B): Semi-finalist Jnr, Kgosi Bogopane (B): Semi-finalist Jnr; Lesego Andrews (G): 1st round Jnr, Marang Rapoo (G): 1st round Jnr, Meixue Lin (G): 1st round Jnr, Reneilwe Jood (G): quarter final Jnr, Keamogetswe Ramoroa (G): semi-final Jnr, Keoratile Segoe (G): semi-final Jnr, Khumo Lesufi (G): quarter final Jnr, Pelayame Segatle (G): quarter final Jnr, Keabetswe Madumo (G): 1st round Jnr, Susannah Burger (G): quarter final Jnr, Kaona Letlape (G): 2nd place Youth, Jadeigh Badenhorst (G): semi-final Youth.

Hip Hop Duos - Andile Letlape and Kgosi Bogopane (B): semi-final Jnr, Reneilwe Jood and Pelayame Segatle (G): quarter final Jnr, Marang Rapoo and Lesego Andrews (G): quarter final Jnr, Jadeigh Badenhorst and Khumo Lesufi (G): 5th place Youth, Keamogetswe Ramoroa and Kaona Letlape (G): 2nd place Youth.

Bronze Ballroom - Andile Letlape (B) and Lesego Andrews (G): semi-final Jnr, Kgosi Bogopane (B) and Marang Rapoo (G): semi-final Jnr.

Bronze All Girls Ballroom - Meixue Lin and Reneilwe Jood: 1st round Jnr, Keamogetswe Ramoroa and Khumo Lesufi: 1st round Jnr, Keoratile Segoe and Mafrika Setona: 3rd place Jnr, Kaona Letlape and Keamogetswe Ramoroa: 3rd place Youth, Keoratile Segoe and Mafrika Setona: 1st place Youth

Lefelo la Pholo (Wellness Centre)

The Wellness Centre is very excited to announce that a dentist will be consulting at the Wellness Centre commencing next term.

Dr. Percy Baloyi OH (UP); BDS (Medunsa) will be offering free dental check-ups to each and every one of our learners subject to the consent of the parent/guardian.

The process will be conducted grade by grade and your child will receive a letter informing you of when their turn will be, with a reply slip which must be returned to school giving your permission to proceed with the check-up.

Dental hygiene and health is important, and regular check-ups at a dentist should be done at regular intervals. Dental/oral problems can affect a child's academic progress.

The screen will be done during the school day, with minimal interruption to learning. Should dental problems be identified and further treatment and intervention be required, you will receive a report from the dentist advising you on treatment options.

Dr Baloyi will also be available at school on Tuesday mornings to consult students who require follow up, should you as the parent/guardian find this option convenient. You will be communicated with regarding the treatment plan and given a written quote. This is completely optional and you are most welcome to consult any dentist of your choice with the report for the free dental check-up.

We believe that every one of our learners should be given holistic health care to ensure overall health and wellbeing so that they can reach their full potential.

LEBONE II ARTS FESTIVAL



Music

ATTERBURY NATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION – Congratulations to Susannah Burger in Grade 10, for being one of 45 students chosen to advance to the second round of the Atterbury National Piano competition that will take place from 23 to 27 October.

RUSTENBURG PLATINUM EISTEDDFOD - A large number of music students from Lebone II College participated in the bi-annual Platinum Eisteddfod held at Bergsig Akademie and their achievements are noteworthy. The results are as follow:

10 students achieved platinum;

15 students achieved an A+;

33 students achieved an A;

24 students achieved a B+;

3 students achieved a B and

5 students achieved C's.

ABRSM PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS - The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music is the UK's largest music education body and the world's leading provider of music exams, offering assessments to more than 630,000 candidates in 93 countries every year. Some of our music students will be playing their ABRSM practical examinations on the 26th of October at Lebone II College. We wish them the best of luck with the last stretch of intensive preparation and may all their hard work bear fruit.

MUSIC ENSEMBLE EVENING – Our music staff organised a very successful and inspiring Music Ensemble evening to showcase the talents of all the music students at the school. We have amazing talent in our school, and students who take risks and are confident on stage. We commend the music staff; in their hands these young people are discovering their gifts and talents.

Sports & Activities News

We have had a very busy sporting season. We have multiple teams in local basketball, netball, hockey, soccer, cricket, chess and cross-country leagues, both in the primary and high school age groups.

MATHAITHAI 2017 – Our annual Mathaithai Trail Run and Mountain Bike race took place this past weekend and was a great success. These activities take place in the wonderful natural background that is part of- and adjacent to our campus. Entries increased over the previous year and we enjoyed having so many of our Lebone families participating in the runs and rides. Lebone would like to thank Pick n Pay, Kia Rustenburg and the Rustenburg Cycling Club for their generous sponsorship of Mathaithai. There are exciting plans afoot for this race next year and we look forward to growing Mathaithai into a key event on the North West calendar.

NASHUA 7-A-SIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENT - Our annual Nashua soccer tournament was a success with 48 participating teams in primary school age groups. The teams are from local RBN primary school alongside schools from further afield. We wish to thank our staff under the leadership of Mr. Bruce Rankin for arranging this event, as well as Nashua Rustenburg for their sponsorship and support of sports development in our area.

CHESS – Our chess teams participated in various tournaments this term. Lebone teams made us proud and placed our chess teams top in the region. Jeremy van der Westhuizen, Ntuma Moagi, Motheo Petlele and Rre Omogolo Nkwe partook at the Eldo Smart Inter-provincial chess tournament in Bloemfontein where only the top 4 best students/adults can make the teams. Motheo Petlele won the Spirit of Chess award for her sportsmanship, and support of all players at the tournament.

The Lebone II Chess Club had the wonderful opportunity to host the North West Chess Regional Championship at our campus. Over 300 of the best chess students from three different regions in the Province competed in the competition which saw the host region, Bojanala Platinum District, winning the day with the majority of combined points. Well done to the Lebone II team for hosting this wonderful event, and to our students who performed so well in the championship.

SOCCER & NETBALL - We have been playing in the local league (Metshameko League) with our under-13 and under-17 soccer and netball teams. They have done extremely well and they went through to the play-offs on 23 September. Both our Netball teams will play in the finals in Term 4. Our first team boys and girls played in a national soccer tournament in East London where they both ended 5th. Our first team girls also made it the final of our local league where they lost in the final.

Continuous Professional Teacher Development (CPTD)

ACADEMIC INNOVATION – Continuous Professional Teacher Development is a significant part of the growing success of our academic programme. Every teacher is involved in this programme, each year. In 2017 we have focused on Action Research. Each department has been asked to critically evaluate their area of learning and to identify specific topics that they would wish to explore, with the aim of improving learning. They have then researched that topic and included their findings in their planning and delivery. The end result was the gathering of data and then presenting their journey and outcomes to their peers. Lebone remains committed to the continuous advancement of our teachers and the end result is one which has seen growth and depth of collaboration.

HOD BREAKAWAY - The Heads of Department were involved in a break-away on the 7 September, where they focused on the question; "what is the second phase or chapter on our school's life?" Hence, the theme of the breakaway was: **Chapter 2 – the way forward.** They focused on reviewing the Lebone Academic philosophy, to remind us where we come from, and also directed their attention on the way forward and the first of the six principles to support great teaching and learning namely CHALLENGE. Marie Reynolds, Head of Academics in the Upper School says "We reminded ourselves of the fact that we should have high expectations of all our students and not just the 'most able'. It is about setting the bar higher not only for students but also for us as teachers. Another factor that has been discussed is the fact that language does matter, especially the language of possibility. We expect our students and ourselves as teachers to have a deeper understanding of the subject knowledge in order to develop a deeper and more meaningful engagement with the content knowledge. In this process both student and teacher will model what good practice looks like. We concluded that to learn implies one will be taken out of their comfort zone and in so doing challenges becomes struggles, which in turn becomes growth. An exciting 2018 awaits us!"



BASKETBALL - Our teams are improving as the league progresses and will continue in term 4. Mpho Morare participated in the Junior NBA International Festival as part of the RBS all-stars team.

CRICKET – Cricket is a relatively new sport at Lebone. Our cricket boys did us proud by improving substantially from last year. Our team has participated in our local Rustenburg league, recently recording their first ever victory. This term we also hosted our very first cricket match here at Lebone, the first of many more to come.

SWIMMING - We have started with club swimming in our new pool and our school swimming program will commence in Term 4. We will be hosting a Gerhard Zandberg Elite swimming camp in the school holidays.

HORSE-RIDING - Four of our students received North West colours for horse-riding; Eduan Naude, Liam Naude, Margot Naude and Hardus vd Westhuizen. Liam was also crowned as the Best Young Dressage Rider in the North West Province.

KARATE - Aryan Patel achieved 3 silver and 1 bronze Medal in the TSKKIA International tournament. He has a black belt and currently also assists in helping and teaching new students.

JUDO - Mohammed Amanjee and Jara Amanjee were rated top in South Africa in their respective age and weight class for the 3rd consecutive term this year.

CROSS -COUNTRY - Caitlin Thompson, Keabaka Molobye, Janno Nel and Ms. Herme Visser have been selected to represent North West at the SA Cross-Country champs in Potchefstroom. Our under-13 Girls Cross Country team received an overall 3rd position in the Primary Schools' cross country league.

ACRO-DANCE – Our Lebone students, Bokamoso Imasiku and Remofilwe Maponyane, are both excelling in Acro-Dance and have qualified to receive their Provincial and South African colours.

DRAG-RACING - Eldunique du Plessis participates in drag-racing in the North West Province and has won various races in Term 3.

HOCKEY - Our hockey teams excelled in the past season. Our under-13 boys and girls, under-16 boys and first team boys and girls all progressed to the play-offs in their provincial leagues. Our under-16 and first team boys made it to the semi-finals.

Student Leadership

MESSAGE FROM OUR OUTGOING STUDENT LEADER – At the induction of the new SLC Mpho Montsho, our outgoing Head of School, addressed his peers and Lebone staff. An extract from his speech follows:

“In the name of God the most merciful. For the very last time, Dumelang Lebone, Dikgosana, Rre Du Toit, Rre Morake, Parents, teachers and the student body at large.
Lo Amogetswe.

It is at times like these that it is often customary for people to look back and reflect on the opportunities they have been given me for the past ten years. What more can one really say besides thank you. Thank you for letting me lead because it was through the journey that I have learnt that only a life lived for others is a life that is worthwhile. It's hard to say goodbye, to a family which has invested so much of their time in making me a better person. How lucky am I to have had a family that made it so hard for me to say goodbye.

Thank you for letting me be your head of school for 2016/17. Through our journey this year we have built on the legacy of those who have gone before us; the likes of Murray, Kgaugelo, Lesego, Ruan, Berladinah, Phemelo and many more, who had all focused on the hopes of the student body rather than our fears.

Going into this year, had I told you that we would set a stage for the world-renowned Lira, host a leadership summit for our local schools, craft a belonging and mentorship policy, run a sanitary pad collection for women in our community, set a stage for the prosperous headmaster's service day, craft out a tutoring system to help our fellow brothers and sisters, and last but not least win the inter-high athletics which saw Lebone united as a front behind one vision. If I told you all of this at the beginning of this year you might have said that we had set our sights a little too high, but we did it. It's not what I did, it is what you did.

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To the Staff Members, thank you for teaching us what it means to lead, and ultimately what it means to give everything to this school. To my parents who stood beside me and always believed in me when it all seemed impossible. Thank you for always being there for me. I promise, I will repeat, I promise that I will clean my room and wash the dishes when I get home. To the 3rd most important woman in my life, Masego Montsho, thank you for the long Friday night calls, where you would check on me just to make sure that I'm on top of my game.

To my Team #SLC 2016/17 thank you for sticking side by side through this journey which was certainly filled with growth and love. Together we held on tight to each other as we sauntered through the planning of the SLC day, the first fiesta Friday which saw us prepare a week before time to craft a day which would kickstart us going into this year. We have been resilient in serving Lebone with passion. We simply remembered that a tortoise won the race by slowly moving forward and not rushing ahead. Through this journey you have taught me how to be the best version of myself, and how to ultimately remember that I must be an embodiment of the student body in order to understand the dynamics that faced us as student body.

To Daddy Du Toit, I thank God, for giving us a dad of your calibre, who is loving, caring, listening and most importantly a dad who has without a doubt contributed a lot of his time to the college and the community. Thank you for supporting the student body, and most importantly for being a passionate Lebone supporter alongside the field of almost every match.

To the student body you have been the hero of our year and each time Lebone thinks of you our hearts will fill with pride. We knew that you were watching over us. May the good lord bless you and your families as you continue this journey.

Moving forward, to the Lebone Family, we congregate in this hall fully understanding that no one, except ourselves, shall ensure that this dream is realised. And so, it is your turn to join Rudo Gumbo and her team, by rolling up your sleeves and get down to work, fully understanding that the task to build a Lebone for which you yearn is a common responsibility we all share. For the true strength of our institution comes not from the might of our arms or the scale of our scale of our wealth, but from the enduring power of our ideals, democracy, liberty, opportunity and the unyielding hope to live much of what was known as a dream."

MESSAGE FROM OUR INCOMING STUDENT LEADER – Below follows an extract from the Induction Speech made by our 2017/2018 Head of School Rudo Gumbo:

"Ka tlotlo le tlhopho ke dumedisa Dikgosana, Rre Du Toit, Rre Morake, Mme Roberts, Batsadi, Barutabana, le barutwana. Dumelang Lebone.

Throughout my 7 years of being in Lebone II - College of the Royal Bafokeng, I am honoured to say that I have had 8 remarkable predecessors.

Tshepang Monageng - Driven by unity, **Phemelo Segoe** - A visionary, **Bellardine Zungu** - Focused and dedicated, **Rhuan Hollemby** - Intellectually inspiring, **Lesego Letshwiti** - Powerful and courageous, **Kgaugelo Pholoba** - victorious, **Murry Hines** - Inspiring and spirit-filled, and **Mpho Montsho** - Motivating and full of wisdom. I thank them all for paving this path for me.

The beginning of 2010 was a vibrant year filled with great expectation, not only for our country but for a 9 year-old girl Rudo Gumbo. I remember my first assembly which was also the day of the candle ceremony. I remember that day because when I added my flame to the many others, I did not understand what I was committing to be a part of, and I only later realised that I was committing to be a part of something greater than myself. I believe that each and every one of us plays a vital role in this school to live your purpose. If you might feel as if you are not good enough God says "I don't call upon the qualified but I qualify the called." And I believe that we are all called to this school for a reason and a bigger purpose.

As I was thinking about the theme for my term in office as Lebone II 2018 Head of School, I believe the Holy Spirit led me to 3 key words.

1. Change,
2. Build, and
3. Focus.

As a student body we need to strive to change our attitude. Whether it is towards our academics, the rules and regulations of the school or the world at large. After we have brought about change we need to build on that change. We need to groom young leaders that will be accountable for this change. As well as building the relationship amongst the students, this will ultimately ensure that the change takes place.

Lastly, we need to be focused on our why. The reason why we do what we do as a school. We need to ruminate about ourselves and what a student-led school is about, then only we can bring back the school spirit. Giving back and serving the community is our primary mandate as a school and we cannot deviate from that. Lebone, I want you to envision yourself in a positive environment where we all strive to achieve the absolute best!

To the SLC and the Matrics of 2018 we have the schools name in our hands; let us be the change we want to see. This is not a job that can be done by one woman alone for I am not representing myself but we are representing the student body at large.

I would like to thank the outgoing SLC for their hard work and dedication. We will whole heartedly take the baton and run with it.

To my Parents, grandparents and sisters thank you for being a solid support structure.

Last but not least, many thanks to the Almighty God; without him I cannot get things done and he remains my refugee and pillar, the lifter of my head.

2018 is going to be Great!

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