



RECENT RESULTS, FACILITIES UPGRADES & MORE



The school year is mostly back in full swing. We have recently received the long-awaited Gazette from the minister which has enabled us to move forward with interschool sport, an important component of school life for the boys, parents and staff.

WBHS is looking forward to an extremely successful year ahead, building on our successes in 2020. We have lots of exciting news to report and many developments in progress. As part of the WBHS family of Griffins, we want to keep you updated with everything that goes on at Westville Boys' and we hope that you enjoy reading about the impressive achievements of our boys and staff.

*Stay safe,*  
Graham Steele

MATRICES OF 2020:

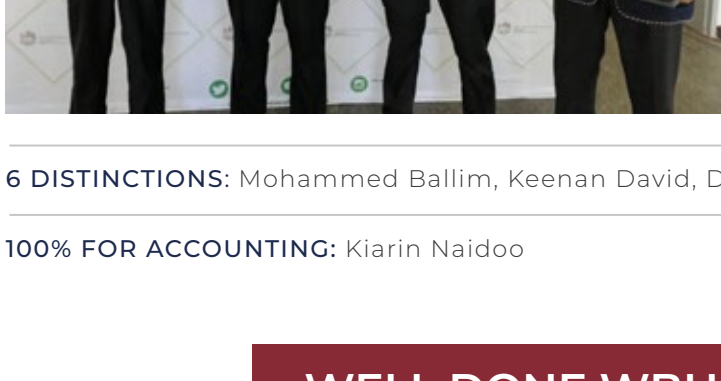
*An impressive academic achievement during a disruptive school year*

We are so proud of our Matric Class of 2020, who responded incredibly well to a vastly different learning environment. We salute our boys for their collective and individual achievements: they have once again remained true to our motto of *Incepto Ne Desistam*, and produced a great set of results.

Shaheen Govender, our Dux for 2020, truly excelled by placing 2nd in the province, alongside Proxime Accessit Hemal Harkhu, who placed 5th, and Kiarin Naidoo who took 7th place.

The 219 Westville Boys' High School 2020 candidates achieved a remarkable set of results, with 433 subject distinctions, a 96% pass rate and 93,6% of our boys obtaining a Bachelor or Diploma pass.

9 boys achieved 8 or more distinctions, 20 boys achieved 7 distinctions or more, and 25 boys achieved 6 distinctions or more. 55 of our boys achieved 3 or more distinctions and 88 of our boys achieved a 70% aggregate or higher.



**9 DISTINCTIONS:** Keshav Maharaj

**8 DISTINCTIONS:** Sathesh Bissessur, Justin Booyens, Vaishanth Chami, Hemal Harkhu, Kiarin Naidoo, Craig Reid, Muhammad Salajee

**7 DISTINCTIONS:** Suhail Aboobaker, Hamza Ahmed, Keshav Arjun, Zuhayr Asmal, Christopher Deufel, Dylan du Plessis, Reshlan Govender, Shaheen Govender, Yusuf Mahomed, Livashan Moodley, Luke Pillay, Priyal Vanmari

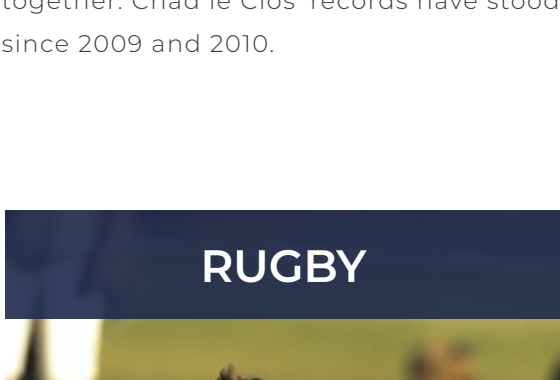
**6 DISTINCTIONS:** Mohammed Ballim, Keenan David, Dino Gironi, Daniel Randell, Ryan Scott

**100% FOR ACCOUNTING:** Kiarin Naidoo

WELL DONE WBHS CLASS OF 2020!

MAINTAINING A SAFE & COMPETITIVE SPORTS SCENE

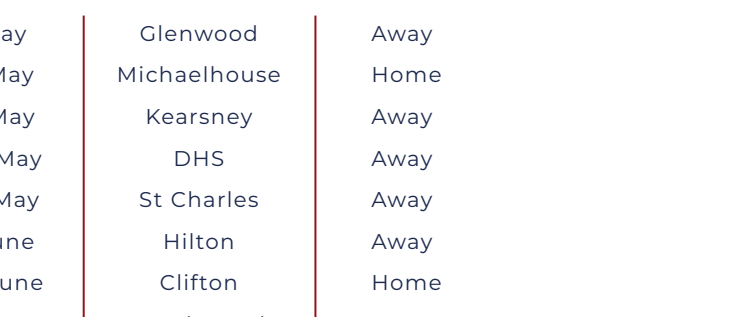
SWIMMING



Our swimmers had a chance to compete in the Annual Interhouse Championship Gala held in the Chad le Clos Pool on the 10th of March. Despite having no spectators due to COVID rules, the school was able to live stream the event through Westville TV for parents and the community.

An incredible 7 records were broken during the Gala, including 3 of Chad le Clos'. We have a real depth of talent in our swimming team, and there is little doubt that they would have made this year our 14th undefeated year in KZN swimming.

Congratulations to Luca Holtzhausen and Guy Brooks who toppled the 7 standing records together. Chad le Clos' records have stood since 2009 and 2010.



RUGBY

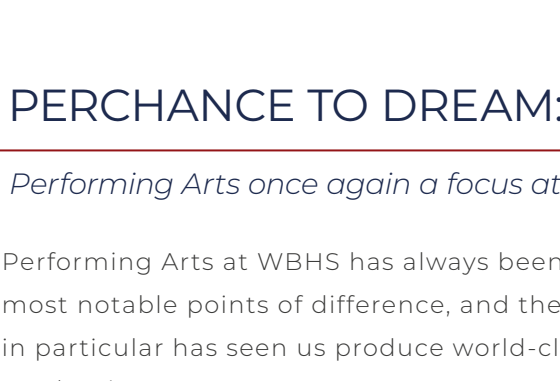


Our rugby players are fully immersed in their pre-season training and we look forward to a watching their performance. Unfortunately, no spectators will be allowed at the venues. All matches will be live streamed on DigiTV.

**Upcoming fixtures are as follows:**

8 <sup>th</sup> May	Glenwood	Away
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Michaelhouse	Home
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Kearsney	Away
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	DHS	Away
29 <sup>th</sup> May	St Charles	Away
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Hilton	Away
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Clifton	Home
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Northwood	Home
26 <sup>th</sup> June	M. College	Home – old boy's day

INDOOR HOCKEY



Bongamusa Mngoma has been named as one of the 12 players to be capped for the SA Men's Indoor Hockey team. Bonga (18) is only in matric so this is a huge honour. He is set to make his debut for the side at the African Indoor Cup in April, the African Qualifier for the 2021 Indoor Hockey World Cup in Belgium.

Bonga Mngoma, Randal Govender and Buhlali Mhlanzi have also selected as representatives of the KZN men's indoor hockey teams - Bonga Mngoma – Raiders; Randal Govender – Mynahs; Buhlali Mhlanzi – Mynahs.

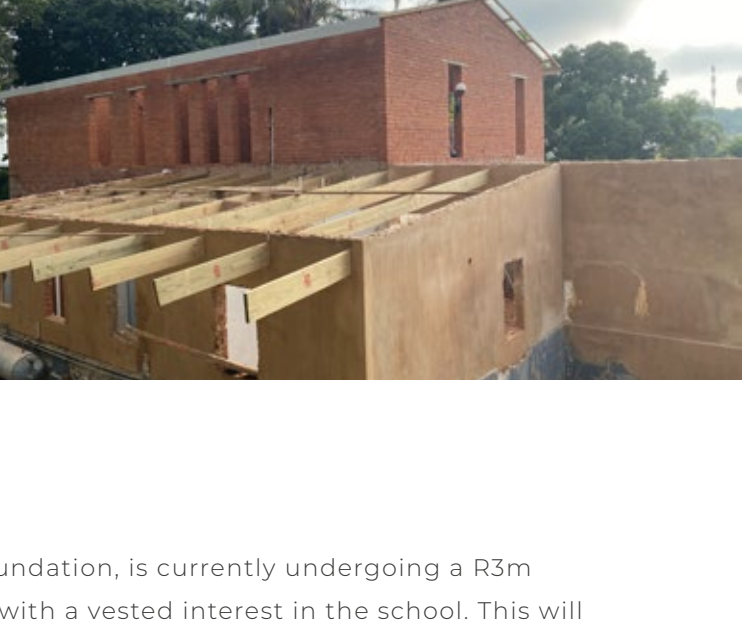
Our very own 1st team hockey coach, Cameron Mackay, also deserves congratulations, as he has been named as the KZN Raiders Men's Coach.

PERFORMANCE TO DREAM:

*Performing Arts once again a focus at WBHS*

Performing Arts at WBHS has always been one of our most notable points of difference, and the last decade in particular has seen us produce world-class stage productions.

This year, we are continuing this journey with an exceptional and renowned talent, Director Steven Stead. *Perchance to Dream* will be staged in June, giving our boys a platform on the stage again, albeit with strict COVID regulations.

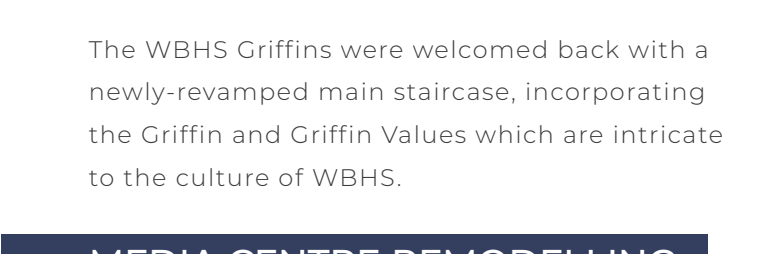


UPGRADES & RENOVATIONS TO THE WBHS FACILITIES



BOARDING HOUSE REVAMP

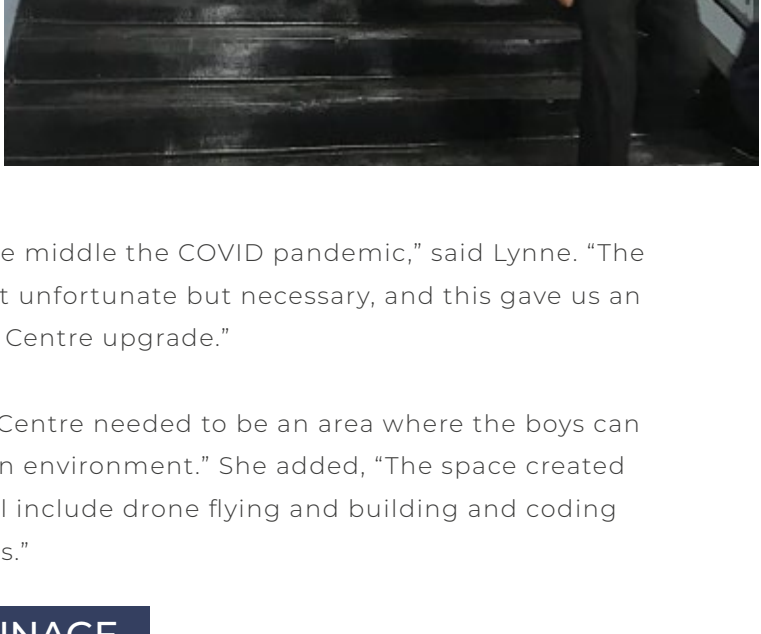
6 Huberta Road Boarding House, owned by the WBHS Foundation, is currently undergoing a R3m remodelling, entirely funded by Old Boys and companies with a vested interest in the school. This will effectively add 20 more beds to the house, giving it a capacity of 28 with room for 3 boarder masters. The project is expected to be completed in June 2021.



The Foundation is grateful to all the donors that have donated towards this project. They are especially appreciative of contractor and Old Boy Brandon Barnes on On-the-Inside, and to our architect and Principle Agent Jane Long for the work completed so far.

NEW STAIRWAYS

The WBHS Griffins were welcomed back with a newly-revamped main staircase, incorporating the Griffin and Griffin Values which are intricate to the culture of WBHS.



MEDIA CENTRE REMODELLING

After months of planning, careful preparation and implementation, the WBHS Media Centre has been transformed into a fresh, contemporary, highly-functional and innovative space.

The Media Centre Manager, Lynne Worth, recognised the need for a new, modern approach when she took over last year.

"The WBHS Media Centre renovation project began in the middle the COVID pandemic," said Lynne. "The shutdown of the Media Centre during this time was most unfortunate but necessary, and this gave us an opportunity to start planning a very long overdue Media Centre upgrade."

"My vision was for a multi-functional, flexible space. The Centre needed to be an area where the boys can work, research and read in a comfortable, quiet and clean environment." She added, "The space created has all the bells and whistles, which will include drone flying and building and coding robotics. These will be introduced in the next few months."

COMMONS FIELD CRICKET NETS & DRAINAGE

The Commons Field cricket nets have undergone a makeover, with a new synthetic surface and fresh netting. Water drainage on Commons Field has also been addressed, with a new retaining wall to enable better runoff.

MULTI-SPORT COURT

As basketball has grown in popularity, we need to add an additional basketball court to the WBHS facilities. We are looking to convert the mini-AstroTurf into a multi-sport surface. This will be used predominantly as a new basketball match court, but will also add playing space for volleyball and badminton.

REUNIONS

Unfortunately, we will not be hosting our major reunion that was previously scheduled to take place on 4th/ 5th June. We will, however, still be hosting reunions for the classes celebrating their 20-year, 30-year and 40-year reunions. More information about this to follow.



I wish to personally thank all Old Boys who have, over the past year, continued to support this damn fine institution of which we are so proud.

With the annual subscriptions and further profits from the annual reunion and Old Boys Golf Day, the Westville Old Boys' Association (WOBA) has continued to support the school in a variety of ways.

I am sure that you, like me, are extremely proud when you hear about the excellent academic results, sporting achievements, campus developments and performing arts accolades.

To this end, I appeal to you to pay your annual subscriptions, due on 1 May 2021 at R350. Within the next two weeks, you will receive an invoice for this amount, together with the bank details for the Westville Old Boys' Association.

**Dieter Kriese**  
Chairman, Westville Old Boys' Association

SINCERE GRATITUDE

Approximately 9 000 boys have benefited from the world-class education offered by WBHS and its immediate forerunner, Westville High School. Many of these boys have grown into young men at the forefront of their fields, relying on the values instilled at WBHS to guide their success and social conscience as they make their way through the world.

Against the backdrop of our rapidly-changing world, institutions are required to constantly adapt or face redundancy – and in this space, WBHS has earned a reputation as one of the premier high schools in SA. None of this would have been possible without the ongoing generous support from our donors. Donations to date have been in the region of R9 200 000 and have made the following possible:

- Bursaries to 25 deserving candidates
- Student leadership development programmes
- Four properties acquired for boarding establishments
- Griffins gym
- Significant improvements to the campus

*We extend our sincere thanks to all the individuals, Old Boys and companies that have contributed.*



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