



Did Your Daughter Tell You?

In early September, Rustenburg joined the women of South Africa in saying enough is enough to gender-based violence. Staff, learners and some parents wore black and held two protests outside the front entrance of the school, to raise awareness about the crisis of gender-based violence in South Africa, and to mourn UCT student Uyinene Mrwetyana and the many other women who have been victims of violence. The protests formed a powerful reminder that change is needed, and the school plans to keep conversation going on this important issue.



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#DialogueDay #KnowMyStory #NoJudgement

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On 18 July Rustenburg held our third and final Dialogue Day of the year. The theme of this Dialogue Day was "Judgement Day". It explored the judgements we make of others.

In the assembly preceding the Dialogue Day the learners were shown a video where a mix of learners, teaching staff and members of support staff gave statements such as "I am not just my school badges," and "I am more than my job," to reflect that there is more to someone than meets the eye. Several learners and members of staff also shared their stories with the school, and spoke about their experiences of judgement in their lives.

In the Dialogue Day session the learners created a visual representation of their lives so far, and were then encouraged to share their stories with other learners. This was based on the belief that if you know and understand someone, you will be less likely to judge them.



On 14 June the entire school celebrated an early Mandela Day by doing their 67 minutes of service to their community. Each form class chose a different action, cause or organisation to support, ranging from litter clean-ups to care packages to sandwich-making.

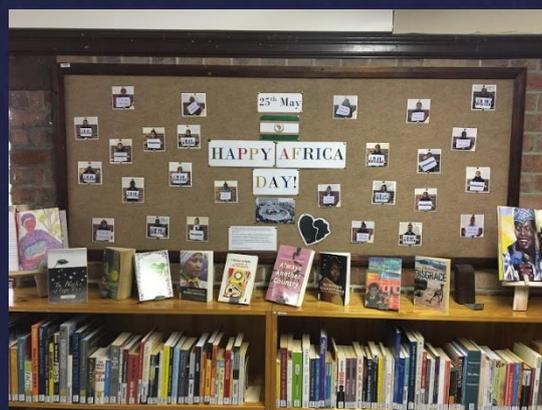


The Grade 10 learners were privileged to have Ijangolet S. Ogwang, the author of their setwork novel *Image in a Mirror*, address them on 15 July. She spoke about her writing process and the major themes of identity and belonging in the novel. She also took questions from the learners and did a book signing at the end of the session.



Term three's transformation multi-purpose lessons focused on feminism. The learners were asked to discuss what their definition of feminism is. They were then shown a thought-provoking video by Nigerian author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (picture left) called "We Should All Be Feminists". In the follow-up session the learners discussed how their ideas of feminism had changed after watching the video, and reflected on examples of gender discrimination in their own lives.

The Rustenburg Ground Staff keep the campus looking as beautiful as it does. Periodically, they also go out into the neighbourhood and clean up the areas surrounding the school, in service to the community. We thank them for this labour of love!



Rustenburg celebrated Africa Day on 25 May with a beautiful display outside the Media Centre, curated by the Media Monitresses.