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Term 1 2022

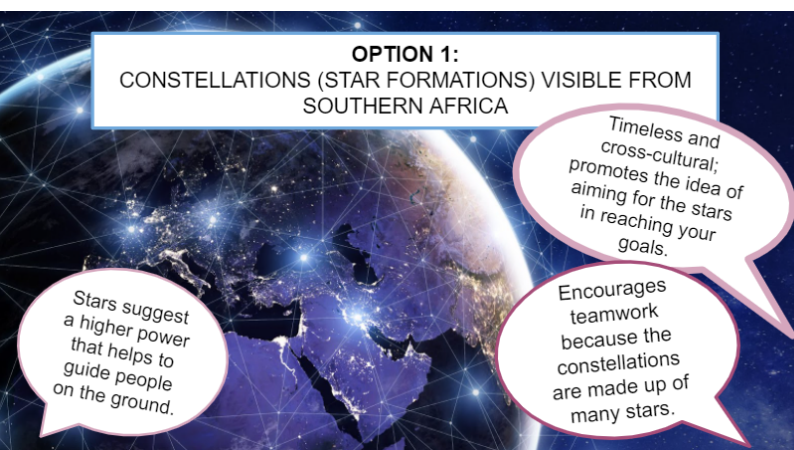


GRADE 8 BELONGING WORKSHOP

As part of the Orientation Programme, all the Grade 8s attended a workshop on "Belonging" where they discussed important topics such as stereotypes, bias and privilege. They were also introduced to the school's values: respect, integrity, acceptance, kindness and gratitude.

NEW HOUSE NAMES

The renaming of the houses at the end of 2021 formed part of the process of evaluating the symbols of Rustenburg and changing these to align with the school's commitment to diversity and inclusivity. After a thorough and inclusive consultation process with both staff and learners, the whole school voted to change the house names to five constellations (star formations) visible from Southern Africa.



OPTION 1:
CONSTELLATIONS (STAR FORMATIONS) VISIBLE FROM
SOUTHERN AFRICA

Timeless and cross-cultural; promotes the idea of aiming for the stars in reaching your goals.

Encourages teamwork because the constellations are made up of many stars.

Stars suggest a higher power that helps to guide people on the ground.

CORVUS

CYGNUS

LACERTA

LEPUS

PAVO

CROW

SWAN

LIZARD

RABBIT

PEACOCK

LAUNCHING THE NEW SCHOOL SONG AT THE SCHOOL'S BIRTHDAY

Emotions ran high when the whole school sang the new school song for the first time at the 128th birthday celebrations this year. Several past pupils and past principals were present at this momentous occasion that formed an important part of our transformation journey in becoming a school where all feel welcome and included. The birthday celebrations afterwards included cake donated by parents.



DIALOGUE DAY ON MENTAL HEALTH



On 23 February we had our first Dialogue Day activity for 2022. The topic of MENTAL WELL-BEING was addressed by our guest speaker, Melanie Godfrey, from Foundation for Life.

Her interactive presentation was well received by the learners who hopefully left knowing a bit more about this topic, and understanding themselves a little better. We would like to thank Melanie for staying behind after the talk and chatting to the learners who had questions.



[Click here for a video about the new school song](#)

"Give to every human being every right that you claim for yourself."
Robert Green Ingersoll

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

We commemorated Human Rights Day on 22 March with an interactive session as part of GEES WEEK. Learners watched interviews with their peers and reflected on what human rights mean to them and why it is important to talk about protecting these rights. They also shared their thoughts on why we commemorate Human Rights Day in South Africa in the context of our apartheid past.