



HEADMASTER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Lebone Parents and Friends,

What a start to 2016!

We have welcomed you back to the School Year with Lebone II functioning at full capacity for the first time – 2 classes per grade in the Lower School and 3 per Grade in the Upper School. A full staff and student complement. This is the culmination of a vision created in 2007 by His Majesty Kgosi Leruo Molotlegi and Rre George Harris, our former Headmaster.

At the opening of the current campus on the 18th of March 2011 (we celebrate 5 years since the opening on this coming Friday), Kgosi said: 'A school like Lebone II, which embodies all that we strive for in any of our schools, thus becomes a catalyst for change.' These dreams have come to fruition – we work hard every day to protect the vision, to enhance it, to broaden it, to bring change. Thank you for being a part of this remarkable school.

Allow me to comment on a few highlights of 2016 so far:

- Our 2015 Grade 12 results were excellent. Equally important is the quality of human being that matriculated last year – this is ultimately our greatest aim: young people who thrive and know who they are.
- **JOHNNY CLEGG – live in our amphitheatre. Is this not the most amazing coup for our school. This promises to be a great event, and hopefully the first of many live concerts to be hosted at Lebone II. We believe that the concert on Saturday 7 May will be a huge success.**
- Our school was awarded full Umalusi accreditation. This is a significant achievement! Many hours of sweat and tears by our staff, led

by Mrs Roberts and her committee, have been rewarded.

- Our PSO is really starting to gather some momentum. I wish to thank the committee members for their dedicated service to our school. It is very encouraging to see the long lists of names of parents who are offering to help in various sub-committees and events – ke a leboga thata. Matsogo dinku a thebana! (together we can).

I was privileged to attend the annual Opening of the Royal Bafokeng Nation Supreme Council recently. In his 2016 State of the RBN Address, Kgosi re-visited the Bafokeng Vision, or Ponelepele ya Morafe wa Bafokeng. It states the vision to be 'a relevant and innovative traditional African community.' This vision is the heart of the RBN, 'why' we do things. Plan 35 is the 'how'. Being excited about being African, and remaining committed to innovation, will ensure that the RBN will move forward – because, as Kgosi says: '... that is who we are'.

Two articles which I have read recently, and which are shaping my thinking, and impacting on the direction of our school, link closely with Kgosi's message.

1. In his work: *'The Lion Awakes: Adventures in Africa's Economic Miracle'*, Ashish Thakkar speaks about the future of Africa. He shows how exciting a time this is on our continent, calls us to invest emotionally, educationally and positively in Africa. Thakkar shares information about the rapidly growing economy of Africa, writes about the 'Young Lions' (analysts refer to the hundreds of millions of new, globally-minded Africans in this way), and shows these Young Lions are driving the economic and cultural future of Africa. He writes about those who are seeing their futures as solely outside of Africa (Africans who do not see potential and have lost faith) as 'Insipid Impala'.

Interestingly Thakkar then says: 'That is why, every day, Insidip Impala get eaten by Lions'. For me this made for fascinating reading and invited me to deepen my thinking about Africa.

2. In "Four predictions for Students' Tomorrows", Erik Palmer piqued my interest. He writes about the rapidly changing world and how different education is for 21st century children, but he also, importantly, speaks about that which he thinks will remain in future decades, and that schools must continue to focus on. These 4 predictions are:

- a. Information will always be easily available, in large amounts. Schools must focus on the skills required to make the most of this access.
- b. To cope with the ongoing bombardment we face from people trying to sell us things, schools must pay attention to preparing young people to evaluate, reason, recognise rhetoric and work comfortably with numbers.
- c. Listening will always be important! We need to hone those skills – are we merely paying attention, or are we truly listening?
- d. People will still be speaking! He asks if schools are paying enough attention to this skill.

These two articles, plus Kgosi's call to reflect on our RBN Vision to be relevant, innovative and traditional, seem to come together well. They provide us as educators, leaders, parents, Africans with food for thought. As a school we will be paying attention to these messages, constantly seeking to remain a relevant, forward-thinking school on this continent.

I invite you to think with us.

On a different note altogether: We will not be holding our usual General Parent Meeting on the Monday before schools starts for Term 2. This is directly based on feedback through the PSO. Due to small turnouts of parents at our previous meetings, and having listened to the rationale for this low attendance, we will move the General Meeting to a different day later in the term. We have not finalised the date or the format for this meeting. Once this is done we will communicate the details in the coming term.

This school requires every member of the Lebone Il family to be involved in what we do. There are many parent initiatives and many opportunities for involvement; equally there are many times when we require families to hand in forms, update information, and attend parent meetings. Your support in all of these is vital.

Enjoy reading some of the Term 1 news from Lebone in this newsletter.

May you enjoy special time as a family in the coming two weeks. I wish you a blessed Easter and may those travelling to holiday destinations or on school trips, travel safely.

Yours Sincerely,

David du Toit

GENERAL NEWS

We began 2016 with our Inter-house Athletics and our traditional Candle Lighting ceremony bringing members of Lebone together, and an unusually-timed Foot-Washing ceremony to welcome new members to the **Student Leadership Council**: Moemedi Gaoraelwe, Bonga Khumalo, Oratile Ndimande and Mpho Montsho were elected to represent the student body. The Headmaster and the Student Leadership Council (SLC) orchestrated the ceremonies, which aimed to celebrate both community and humility.

February was celebrated as the Month of Love across the school, and we thank the SLC and Lower School teachers for organising **Valentine's**-themed events. The SLC arranged a Valentine's Social in Upper School, and ran the "Month of Love", promoting different concepts of Love throughout our Upper School community: Self Love, Love for the Less Fortunate, Love of Difference and Affirmations. Lower School also ran a Valentine's-themed message delivery: for R5, a child could have a message and a sucker delivered to their Valentine. The money raised from this has been put towards the Senior Hockey Tour fund.

This Term has brought the collection of our "**POPI**" forms –an important element in allowing Lebone II to legally take and store images of your child. While it seems intimidating, it's an important part of our School community – examples of which are the photos on reports and the School Yearbook. If you're unsure of whether you've filled in a POPI form, please contact your child's teacher or tutor.

Our 2016 **Flu Vaccination Campaign** is underway! The Lefelo la Pholo (Wellness Centre) can vaccinate your child for R 70.00. This amount will be added to your school account for those whose account is in good standing. Please be aware of letters which contain the reply slip. This should be returned to Lebone II by Friday 8 April 2016, should you wish your child to be vaccinated.

We would like to thank the **Parent Service Organisation** (PSO) for all of their work and a strong start in their first official Year. The PSO

continues to delight both parents and staff through remaining helpful and happy in all of the events that they help with. So many parents have volunteered to become involved in Lower School, where the first Bring and Braai will be held after the teacher-parent conference on the 11th of April.

The Grade 7, 8 and 9 **Parents' Interactive Evening** (PIE) centred on informing parents of the academic and holistic approaches to education in the Middle School, as well as subject choices. The Grade 10, 11 and 12 PIE included information on the vital areas of the students' lives in 2016, as well as including subject choices, university applications and the academic programme. The evening also included information on Grade 10 Camp and the Exchange Programme.

Lower School parents were offered the opportunity to attend a PIE in January. This evening was dedicated to ABACUS Maths, the new Lower school maths program.

Lower School has also celebrated **Mums' and Dads' Mornings** by inviting Grade R and Grade 2 parents to join their children in the classroom, exploring their children's learning with them. Along with this, Grade 1 enjoyed inviting their Grannies and Grandpas to classes with them.

Our **Grade 7s** had an exciting **induction** into Upper School. This included their first walk up from the school gates to Upper School, a tradition that marks the importance of all students walking the same path together, a treasure hunt to meet members of the Upper School staff and meeting their new Tutors and teachers.

Grade 8 Camp was at Kloofwaters Adventure Camp, where Grade 8 group got to know one another outside of school. We promoted school values through various activities, including an overnight camp out, raft building and a poitjie competition. It is hoped that the lessons of cohesiveness and resilience that were taught on this trip will stay with them throughout their time at Lebone II.

The **2016 France Exchange** begins when the students leave on the 13th of April, where they will explore Paris and attend the 9th Annual European Festival of Arts and Sciences in Loches. We look

forward to hearing more about their trip this year. Our goal in sending Lebone students on exchange trips is to build their exposure to other communities, cultures, and ways of life, while maintaining an educational approach to their trip. Our other exchange trips this year include Spain, India and the U.S.A.

Lastly, our **2015 Yearbooks** were released this term. We are proud of being able to represent the energy of the school, although there are a few mistakes which we very much apologise for. In Lower School Sports, there was a mis-print; our apologies to both Mohammed and Zara Amanjee, who both place First in Judo for South Africa in their respective weight and age groups and of whom we are both very proud and grateful for the opportunity to share in their passion. Our apologies too to Susannah Burger, Alexander Visser and Reneilwe Pilane; a technological error led to them being mis-named on our Dux Awards page. We have taken steps to correct this in Upper School.

SPORTS NEWS

Our Term began with **Interhouse Athletics**, from which we have the following results;

Lower School:

	Molotlegi	Mokgatle	Tumagole
Points:	290	319.5	298
Position:	3	1	2
Spirit:	1	3	2

Top male Athlete: Temoso Masikane

Top female Athlete: Mpho-Entle Makgaka

Upper School:

	Molotlegi	Mokgatle	Tumagole	Legae
Points:	557	630	488	854
Position:	3	2	4	1

Junior Victor Ludorum: Malachi van der Merwe

Junior Victrix Ludorum: Keabaka Molobyse

Senior Victor Ludorum: Setso Kewakae

Senior Victrix Ludorum: Boitumelo Mabale

We have also had a **Lower School sports competition at Fields College**, where athletics went well in general. Our little u/7, u/8, u/9 students took part in the 60m and 80m sprints. From u/10, we competed in High Jump, Long jump, Shot Put, 60m & 80m sprints and then also the long distance 1200m. Our older age groups have the added 800m, 1500m and discus events. We came home with some bronze, silver and gold medals! Our students did us proud and we are looking forward to the next athletics meet coming up soon.

Our Lebone II athletics team competed at the **Interschools Athletics Meet** held at RHS on 16 February 2016. Lebone competed as a part of the combined schools team. We competed against a number of local schools, including the likes of Vastrap, Fields College, Rustenburg Noord, Protea Park and Laerskool Rustenburg, yet we were able to secure ourselves some medals to bring home! Thank-you to our ever-faithful parents who took the time and effort to support us, we appreciate your enthusiasm and involvement.

We competed in the **Royal Bafokeng Athletics Meet** at the Royal Bafokeng Stadium in Phokeng. We enjoyed the successes of our many students, including new records from Kaona Letlape (Girls High Jump), Reneilwe Pilane (Girls Long Jump), Masego Montsho (800m), Keabaka Molobyse (800m), Tiyo Harawa (Shot Put) and Omphile Lebele (Shot Put). All of the competitors enjoyed the day and the opportunity to compete in the Royal Bafokeng Stadium. Our athletes received a total of 34 medals.

We enjoyed **Inter High** with Selly Park and Fields College, where we did phenomenally well in all aspects. The cooperation of the whole school shone through and we reaped the rewards Inter High Results.

Junior Victor Ludorum: Kamogelo Kaapu

Senior Victor Ludorum: Shepard Mokgotho

Overall Winners: Lebone College

Spirit Cup Winners: Lebone College

The **ASA Track & Field League Events** reported good results, with Lebone students qualifying and taking best times in this session. Ms Tshipang

Khumalo also won the senior women's 100m sprint with a time of 12.20s.

Our **Hockey** continues to go from strength to strength;

We have a number of u/12 and u/13 players taking part in **Bojanala Trials** on Wednesday 16 March.

The following players took part in **u/14 North West Trials** on Sunday 13 March: Kico Manjinja, Tshegofatso Chauke, Keoratile Segoe, Keamogetswe Ramoroa (we await the final team selection).

U/16 Boys hockey players in the **North West squad**: Jack du Toit, Munaka Sefanyetso.

U/18 Girls hockey players in the **North West squad**: Bonga Khumalo, Papi Goaralwe, Kutlwano Setlogelo.

Derby Day took place at the African Leadership Academy (ALA) on Saturday the 12th of March. The two other competing schools, Maru-a-pula and the ALA participated in soccer, chess, basketball, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and presenting, as well as a choir workshop where students shared songs and performed. Although Lebone wasn't able to defend the Derby Trophy we won last year, we had fun, worked as a team all the way and never gave up. Kagoentle Rapolai reported that "this is a learning curve for us, but most of all I had fun interacting with other students." Maru-a-pula won the day and took the Derby Trophy.

Chess at Lebone has produced some fantastic results at a tournament at Rustenburg Noord Primary. Our Lower School students consistently work hard to improve their abilities, with Thatego Lefyedi and Gerhardus van der Westuizen winning 4 out of 5 matches in their respective Sections. Our Upper School students have been playing at an adult level and are ready to challenge their coach – what an achievement for Atlegang Dikgang, Jeremy van der Westhuiyzen, Mpho Matebesi, Resego Morei. Our Lower School student Ntuma Moagi will be competing at the very prestigious South African Junior Closed Chess championship during the holidays. Ntuma will be competing for a South African Chess Springbok jacket among 35 players of the best u12 chess players in the country. Lebone II wishes him all the best.

Our **swimming season** has been stilted by the closure of the training pool at Rustenburg Community Pool. All of the Rustenburg clubs now practice in the smaller public pool, where the fight for space has impacted our training phenomenally. Despite the difficulties, we enjoyed successes for our swimmers in the St. Conrads Prestige Gala and the Potcherstroom School Championships. We are proud of Malachi van der Merwe, Kirsten Rankin, Benjamin Stubbs and Grace Stubbs for becoming Level 1 swimmers. They will compete in the National Championships at the beginning of April, and our Coach Mr Rankin will compete at the Nation Master's 3km and Ocean Swim.

CULTURAL NEWS

While most of our Cultural Activities take place in Term 2, we would still like to report on the following:

We share in the pride and enthusiasm of our students as Lebone II walked away with the **Spirit Cup** at the Athletics Inter-high on 10 February 2016. Mr Kotze and the SLC co-ordinated practices and organised this event, which was big and bursting with fun.

The Grade 10 and Grade 11 Dramatic Arts students visited the Fringe Theatre at the Johannesburg Theatre Complex to see a production of '**Woza Albert!**' by Percy Mtwa, Mbogeni Ngema and Barney Simon on 16 February 2016.

The Public Speaking team took part in the **Speech and Drama College (SA) 55th Public Speaking Competition**. The Grade 8 team included Hannah Hines, Joshua Price, Khanyisa Nameng and Molemo Bogotso, who achieved an A+ grade. Grade 9 had two teams consisting of Karabelo Bogosi, Oratile Mbokazi, Rebone Setshedi, Oamogetswe Tsoeu, Pulane Kobuo, Remofilwe Mosehi, Nathi Xheko and Keabetswe Madumo. Murray Hines achieved an A grade for the Individual Best Speaker category.

The **Grade 11 Design Trip** to Potschefstroom and Johannesburg took place. This was to watch a live simulcast of the Design Indaba in Cape Town.

Sadly, technical difficulties resulted in the group only able to see one talk. Despite the issue the group enjoyed the talk very much and found it very inspirational for their studies. Day two of the tour was the group's favourite day and included the Main Street Walks tour of Johannesburg inner city. There was a focus on designers and entrepreneurs regenerating and re-purposing urban spaces, celebrating the rich culture of the inner city of Johannesburg. All students were amazed at the beautiful murals that have been commissioned. The trip ended with visits to institutions of tertiary study: Open Window and LISOF, the leading Fashion Design school in South Africa.

The choir from **Sir Tomas More** visited our school on the 10th of March 2016 to attend a workshop with Lebone choir as well as performing in assembly on 11th of March 2016.

We are looking forward to the Lebone II performance in the FEDA Play Festival at the Johannesburg Theatre and RAPS Play festival at the Market Theatre in Term 2.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lebone parkrun celebrated its First Birthday, where runners were welcome to enjoy birthday cake with the parkrun team after completed the 5km course. Please join us for parkrun (it's free, just sign up online!) – we enjoy and celebrate each and every one of our members and enjoy being able to share the beauty of the campus with you.

Our **Marimba Band** and **Community Service Group** enjoyed their visit to, Kutlwanong, an old age home, to bring life and energy to the Home through their music, as well as enjoying spending time with the people living there.

The Library organised a trip for our Grade 6 Lebone II students to visit Tannie Annetjie and Semane Early Childhood Development Centres on **World Read Aloud Day**. Our students read picture books in Setswana and English. During the first term the Lebone Library has invited Semane Preschool for literacy activities in support of their curriculum every second week, including story sharing, puppet shows, audio and visual literacy.

The **President's Awards Club** works with Kgale Primary School to teach IT skills to Grade 6-7 learners. This includes Microsoft programmes and internet searching, as well as assistance with Mathematics and Natural Sciences, using both the Lebone IT Lab and the Boarding Houses. Our IT department and Library have volunteered to assist in upgrading their IT and Library facilities, as well as empowering three members of Kgale staff through training. The Club will be engaging the parents of Kgale to assist with the cleaning and re-painting of the two learning centres so that they are vibrant spaces. The involvement of the parent body will further develop into assisting adult learners in the community who may want to learn computer skills and use the library to have access.

Lower School took part in an **e-Waste Campaign** with Wessa. The campaign took the shape of a competition, with classes competing against one another to see how much e-waste they could collect. The results were phenomenal! Grade 1 won, with Grade 4 following closely, using e-waste to decorate their classrooms until it was collected by Wessa for recycling.

There is now a **Lower School Deputies award certificate for Kindness**. This to be given out at assembly for when teachers and children are able to enjoy a student showing kindness in our school. Our first Kindness Award went to Kitso Letlape for kindness shown to a Grade R student who was upset because he could not find his Mum after school, and we have handed out a total of six this term.

We would also like to tell you more about our **water-wise efforts** on Campus. We have been running a School Water-Wise Campaign, encouraging as many students as possible to bring as much water from home to contribute. At the end of February, we donated this water to a community that has been severely affected by the current drought. Our goal was about 2 000 litres.

It has been a particularly large challenge to deal with the Water Crisis, and one that would have been more difficult had it not been for the support of the Royal Bafokeng Administration. Ma'am Burrell, who takes care of our **school garden**, has condensed the garden significantly. Making use of the terraced space of the Herb

Garden, Ma'am Burrell and Mr Lindsay worked together to use our waste water more efficiently, saving up to 30%.

The school garden remains an influential teaching tool, and Ma'am Burrell has started a **Garden Club** to teach the Lower School students more about the use of natural spaces, an activity that is especially important at a time when these systems are under stress. This has created a significant water saving.

STAFF NEWS

Our Lower School Administrator, **Mme Cecilia Gumbo**, moved up to become the Upper School Administrator at the end of the 2015 Year. **Mme Lesang Lebakeng** filled this position for most of the term, and we welcome **Mme Mita Phalatse** as the new Lower School Administrator. Lower School thanks Lesang for all of her hard work and dedication.

Lower School has also welcomed **Mrs Linda Thompson** as our new Grade R teacher, as **Ms Brigitte Hamilton** has moved into Rachel du Toit's former position as Head of Department for Grade 1 and 2. **Mr Mutubatsa Tshuma** has only just been welcomed into our Music Department to teach Lower School class music and piano lessons.

Upper School has had the pleasure of welcoming **Miss Tebogo Maneli**, **Mrs Tanya Jacobs** and **Miss Thuli Ngidi** into the English Department. **Mr Mojuta Motlhamme** has joined us in the History Department, **Mrs Pia Nunn** has joined us for Social Sciences, **Sorika Esterhuysen** has joined the teachers in the Afrikaans Department and **Mr Botshelo Motsisi** is working with our Sports Department.

Lesego Kgwefane has joined the Finance Department as a Junior Accountant who is assisting with teaching Accounting in Upper School.

Dunstan Nel is tapping out rhythms as the new Drum Teacher in the Music Department.

The **TLC** is enjoying working with **Uzma Rawat**, who is our new Remedial Therapist, and **Tereena**

O'Connor, who will be covering for Janna de Gouveia while she is on maternity leave.

Tshepang Morake and Kholiswa Ngwane have been working with the Lebone Library, where they have made a helpful and friendly addition to their respective posts in the Junior Library and the Senior Library.

Of our new staff members, Tebogo, Thuli, Botshelo and Mojuta have moved into Legae as Boarding Masters. Our other members of the teaching staff who have joined Legae this year include **Ms Thembeni Phoseka**, **Miss Tshepang Khumalo**, **Mr Ishmael Phokwane** and **Mr Tatsunga Tovakare**.

Congratulations go out to **Rachelle Elmes**, who was married on the 20th February. We wish Mr and Mrs Conradie much love, luck and happiness in their future.

Wedding excitement continues within our community as both **Mme Kehumile Masala** and **Miss Juanette le Roux** have both recently become engaged.

Many members of our staff are due to go on maternity, and we wish **Dr Janna De Gouveia**, **Mrs Charlene Jacha**, **Mme Lebogang Koopa** and **Mme Lesang Lebakeng** well in welcoming their babies into the world. We also wish to share the news of the births of both **Mme Lerato Rasetlola's** and **Mme Oratile Tshoma's** daughters.

Walter Hay has recently had an operation on his spine and we wish him a speedy and successful recovery.

We announce that **Mrs Bianca van Breda**, who was on maternity leave, has handed in her resignation and will be leaving us.

We thank **Pontsho Monei** and **Sanah Mosime** for their roles in filling in for Lerato Rasetlola and Oratile Tshoma.

The joys and sadnesses that life brings are with our community at every step and we share our condolences **Mme Gumbo**, who sadly lost her mother this past term.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

27 th March – 3 rd April	Senior Hockey Tour (Cape Town)
ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL CHILDREN TO HAVE TABLETS	
4 th April	Term 2 Begins
5 th April	Middle School Reports
8 th April	Lower School Reports
11 th April	Lower School Parent-Teacher Conference and Bring and Braai (PSO)
13 th April	French Exchange begins
14 th – 17 th April	Geography Interact Camp (Magoesbaskloof)
17 th April	Grade 11 Maitisong Arts Festival (Maru-A-Pula School, Botswana)
19 th April	Grade 6 Job Shadowing
27 th April – 3 rd May	Long Weekend

WINTER UNIFORM FROM 3RD MAY

4 th May	Soccer League
JOHNNY CLEGG LIVE AT THE AMPHITHEATRE 7th May	
19 th May	Lower School PIE Evening
20 th May	Discipline-oriented PIE
25 th May	Grade R Fire Station and Golf Course visit (Rustenburg)

2017 ENTRY APPLICATIONS DEADLINE 27th MAY

27 th – 28 th May	Soccer and Netball Festival (Mafikeng)
30 th May – 6 th June	IQAA Surveys
6 th – 13 th June	Middle and Upper School Mid-Year Exams Begin
16 th – 19 th June	Public Holiday
25 th June	Winter Holidays Begin

JOHNNY CLEGG
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