

# uKnight

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- Amy Barnard



# *Mr and Miss Bosmansdam*

Ladies and gentlemen, after a MAGNIFICENT show, our Mister and Miss Bosmansdam winners have been chosen and crowned.

We are so proud of our learners and staff who put together a tremendous show. Each participant radiated beauty and we are so incredibly proud of each of you! Congratulations to Michaela Grundman and Njabulo Booie on walking away with the title of Mister and Miss Bosmansdam, as well as Zelia Koen on being crowned Junior Ms Bosmansdam. To the runner ups, Akhona Mashaba and Francois Mulongoyi (who also won Mr Personality) as well as Lilitha Mvndaba and Jaden Charles, we are proud to have have you as ambassadors for our school!

A special thank you to our judges as well as Marelize from MC Design and Couture, it was an honour to have you! #uknight









## *Beauty Kings and Queens Behind the Scenes*

The sparkles, the high heels, the chiselled abs, you've seen it all, but what you haven't seen is what goes on behind the scenes.

One of the first things that you haven't seen are the hours of practice that went into this pageant, for the contestants and the performers alike!

From the break times spent prancing around Miss Jansen's classroom, to the hours spent after school in the hall, everyone truly put so much effort in. This is also true for the teachers, specifically Miss Jansen, who sacrificed so much time and effort in order to make this pageant a reality.

We cannot forget about the chaos that occurred on the night either!

The girls' changing rooms fell into mayhem (with the floor being covered in clothes, shoes and beauty products), and I'm sure we drove

Miss Kuiler crazy with all of our questions and our never-ending chatting (although she managed to remain very patient). Backstage was also fairly chaotic, but the words of encouragement and the laughs that the contestants exchanged completely made up for it.

The final thing that you haven't seen is the impact that the competition had on each contestant, and the way that it helped each of us to grow as an individual, to build our confidence, and to truly get to know ourselves. We each gained so many acquaintances, as well as true friends, as a result of this pageant.

To win the competition and become Miss Bosmansdam 2022 is something I truly am grateful for, and I can't wait to see what the next year has in store for both myself and my fellow contestants alike.





# Camps Bay Derby Day





# Mini Brag

By Esam Bottoman

Spirits were flying high as we celebrated our first mini brag in two years. Covid robbed us of our event but not our spirit!

The atmosphere was electrifying, the music was uplifting, and the crowd was hyped for the occasion. There was the u15 A team with their baby shark theme song, our first team with sister Bertina, the cheerleaders with their routine and of course our dance team with their Latin dancing. Our combined heritage was displayed with songs like Amagwijo and our school sport chants.

All around the school spirit was evident: painted faces, hair accessories and gigantic smiles. Sport met culture and we were united, our Glee club serenaded the event in perfect harmony.

We are reminded of the joy and laughter and the socialization that was lacking for so long. It is good to be back, Knights!







# Netball vs Camps Bay







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# KNIGHTS DERBY

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## Reflections of a coach

By Mr Clinton Barnes



It has been a long time since our learners have been part of an Inter schools event or a big derby day, with the juniors experiencing it for the first time this year! It thus goes without saying that last week's build-up to the Camps Bay Derby was an exciting time for the Knights! This clash and the resultant Mini Brag gave us the perfect opportunity to show off our sports stars after a long and demanding season, during which they worked hard and persevered, making us proud every time they stepped on the field or court.

We would like to give special recognition to our netball girls; it has been a tough season and the scoreboard did not reflect in our favour against Camps Bay, however, they played their hearts out and made us proud beyond measure with their fighting spirit and beautiful sportsmanship. Ladies, we salute you!

The u15 rugby team also played well against Camps Bay. There is always room for improvement, but we are proud to back these boys as they kept the Knights' name high - come rain or shine, win or lose.

Our under 19A team has been the backbone of the Knights' sport this season. They have shown everyone what we can achieve when we put our minds (and hearts) to it. For the first eight minutes of the game the Knights were down with two yellow cards, which means only 13 players were on the field. The remaining players showed their character as they fought against their opponents and kept Camps Bay's pack from scoring. They ultimately emerged victorious and ended their season on an absolute high note. The hard work that they have put in to perfect their game and skills were clear in this game, but so was the team spirit that they have built during this season. Congratulations to all players and the dedicated coaches for leading all our boys to greatness.

We would also like to thank our Stallion cheer squad for cheering on our teams as well as our spectators (current knights, past pupils, parents and our greater BMDHS community) for always supporting us.

By Joshua Visagie

There is nothing more beautiful than seeing young players form relationships and develop altogether as one. Seeing kids play the sport they love with passion and being fearless of the outcome is one of the things that make coaching delightful.



## **Reflections of a spectator**

By Eya Zatu

It all began with the Mini Brag on Friday, 26 August, where the proud Knights took the day by storm. It was remarkable to see the chanting, cheering and most importantly, the show of support and love for one another. We showed unity and gave us a taste of what family is.

Derby Day was a day for the books! It was an amazing sight to see the Knights in their sports kit representing our school and keeping the Bosmansdam flag up high - not forgetting the incredible crowd who kept the spirit alive. We commend our fellow schoolmates for showing impeccable support for all the teams that showcased their skills on Saturday. Netball was way too good from both sides but unfortunately, the win was not ours this time round, but hopefully next time! We commend the good sportsmanship that was shown by Oluwa (U16A ); bigs up to you and your team, sis! We also have to say goodbye to Tyler, Merdi, Lisekho and Michelle, our matrices who served our school and played on those courts till the very end, as it was their last game. Thank you for years of commitment and all the best for your future!

Kudos to the rugby boys for the tremendous show of willpower and for making us proud. A win for the U19A closed off the day for all of us. The highlight of the day was seeing the boys have fun and work together to win against the odds. We are extremely proud of each and every player who played on that field. Congratulations to the youngest of the first team, Ryan Simpson and Nicholas Brandt, for their amazing tries.

We want to extend our gratitude to Yolisa Kasi for being a great kicker - getting those balls through the posts is a tough task. Thank you, boys, for showing and leading us to victory!

## **Reflections by a captain**

By Elias Munawa

My biggest highlight of the match was seeing the school united, the crowd chanting with passion and the team playing the game they love as a united front. Leading a team to victory means the world to me. Knowing that my team has faith in me and in my leadership skills has done a great deal for me. Also, we were able to form a sense of brotherhood that we will all be able to look back to. Hopefully, the next U19A keeps the plague up high and takes the legacy we're built to even greater heights. My advice for them is to remember to have fun but also to be disciplined and respectful. Try your best at all times and show good sportsmanship at every game. Know that the closer you are to your dreams, the further they are pushed away, so fight for them.





# The Mighty Knights Feast

By Glory Okitayemba and Michelle Kahozi

What a time to be alive! On Thursday, 1 September, our Grade 10s and 11s hosted the first Knights' Feast, which was such a blast that it blew us all the way back to the 70s, 80s and some even the 90s. There were flavours that catered to everyone's desire: from savory chips and boerewors rolls to sweet cakes and tarts. Great music kept us grooving and in the mood for more of the variety of treats we had to choose from. The atmosphere was immaculate. People were dancing, munching and just having a good time. This was surely a day with satisfied stomachs and plenty of memories were made. What a success! Well done Grade 10s and 11s!



# De Beers English Olympiad

We would like to congratulate all participants who wrote their hearts out in the 2022 De Beers Olympiad. This competition is a challenging yet wonderful opportunity for our students and we are tremendously proud of their beautiful results. We would like to extend a special word of congratulations to Michaela Grundman and Irvin Chirwa who achieved Gold certificates, which means that they scored between 80% and 89%. Well done! We also achieved five Silver, seven Bronze, two Merit and one participation certificates.

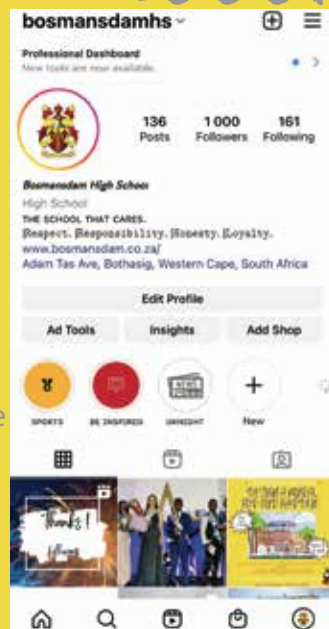


'Started from the bottom, now we're here ...'

We have reached a big digital milestone - we have 1000 followers on Instagram! We're very happy with how our Knights community have grown and cannot wait to hit the 2k mark.

Matthew Neethling was the lucky 1000th follower and received a voucher and certificate for hitting the follow button at precisely the right time. Give us - @bosmansdamhs - a follow if you haven't yet. Remember, we are stronger together, so let's #uKnight.

## 1000th follower!





# International Connect(ions)

It was a great privilege for some of our rugby Knights to play for our partners at Connect Academy's team in the fixtures against touring sides from the United Kingdom.

The last game of a busy holiday season was against Sherborne School, one the wealthiest and most prestigious schools in the UK. The Connect team finished strong against an evenly-matched side, drawing 29 - 29. There were moments of greatness and moments of weakness but overall, it was a good game and the boys made us proud.

We are thankful to our partners at Connect Academy for affording our players the opportunity to gain such precious exposure and experience.

We look forward to a long and prosperous collaboration!



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# Hit for a six



We would like to congratulate Ruben Terblanche, who was selected for the u18 Western Province action cricket team earlier this year.

During the months of February and March, Ruben attended WP action cricket trials at Montaque Gardens and Brackenfell Arena. He was selected for the touring team and attended the Nationals at Meyersdal Action Cricket arena in Alberton from 29 June to 4 July 2022.

On the second day of the competition Ruben won the Man of the Match award for all-round performance, as he scored 20 runs and took 3 wickets for 4 runs, 1 catch and 1 run out. He played 10 matches in total. The Western Province eventually lost with 6 runs in the Bronze match.

However, Ruben ended up at the top of the WP team as well as the thirteenth most valuable player out of all under 18s who represented their respective teams and /provinces.

It is an honour to have you as a part of the BMDHS Knights, Ruben!



# PAST ... PRESENT ... FUTURE

We can't believe that it has been a month since the 50th Anniversary Past Pupils' Dance!

We would like to dedicate this page to Mr Eben de Jongh, who graciously bought the bottle of port that was auctioned on the evening. We are ever so grateful for your support of the school!

We would also like to remind our community that we have 50th Anniversary edition bottles of white and red wine available for sale. The cost per bottle and case are as follows:

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## Case

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Red wine: R350

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We are in the process of chasing our dreams and goals and appreciate any and all help in reaching them. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via [projects@bosmansdam.co.za](mailto:projects@bosmansdam.co.za) if you would like to collaborate with us.



# School Spírit is Alríght

By Audrey Mulumba

School spírit:

It's the thing you want from us.  
You want uníty,  
You want waves of blue, red, white and yellow.  
You want us to scream and bellow.

School spírit:

We give it to you every year.  
We give you songs,  
We give you bandanas and pom-poms in our school's colours.  
We give you synchronised shouts and stomping beats.

School spírit:

You want pride?  
You want competition?  
You want our dances, our war-cries, our hearts and efforts?

School spírit:

It's a romanticised thing,  
Something in teen flicks we wish to be in.  
A spectacle of blue-red-yellow-white confetti.

But you know what?

School spírit:

It's alright.  
Let us have our fun,  
And you may have your pride.



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