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HFM making their mark!



HFM principal
Colin Campbell



Thabazimbi – Did you know that 1,058,699 Grade 12 learners wrote their exams in 2020? Across the country more than 45,000 markers have started grading the 14 million scripts at the 181 marking centres across the country.

Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer (HFM) has been chosen to be one of the locations dedicated to ensuring that the tests get graded within the 18 days allocated for this task. It is a great honour for the school – who is one of 29 schools in the province who were chosen.

Not only did the class of 2020 have to deal with class disruptions, a worldwide pandemic and adapting to the new normal, but some also had to deal with the stress of almost having to rewrite the maths and the science paper.

“We owe it not only to our Grade 12’s – but to the rest of the country. Last year was especially hard for the 2020 group and if we can play a part in helping them move on and start this new chapter in their lives, we are honoured to do so,” said HFM principal Colin Campbell.

The school hall and various classrooms will be used for the marking of nearly 29,000 business studies papers.

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MORE THAN 2,000 ARRESTS IN 8 DAYS

Limpopo – Police in Limpopo arrested 2,015 suspects for various offences during an eight-day clampdown conducted from Monday 28 December 2020 to Monday 4 January 2021. Several suspects were arrested for contravention of the Disaster Management Act while others were apprehended for crimes related to drugs and liquor as the police intensified their festive season operations throughout all of the districts. Police also arrested some offenders for rape, possession of stolen vehicles, possession and dealing in drugs and illicit cigarettes, selling fireworks without permits, murder, attempted murder, robberies, burglaries, assault on police officers as well as malicious damage to property. Others were nabbed for possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition, stock theft, possession of suspected stolen property, illegal gambling, public drinking, common robbery, armed robbery, shoplifting and driving under the influence of liquor. Acting provincial commissioner of police in Limpopo, major general Jan Scheepers praised the hardworking police teams and all of the other law enforcement agencies involved in these arrests.



The arrests included - for the possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition.

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ARE YOUR KIDS SAFE ONLINE?

SA – Children believe the internet to be a magical place, where any question can be asked and answered. Scholars use the internet for their school projects as the internet and Wikipedia, are of great help. Kids are not aware of things like viruses, malware, spyware, ransomware, online privacy, phishing, social media etiquette and any other internet safety issues you can think of.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS ON PREPARING YOUR KIDS FOR SAFETY ON THE INTERNET, FROM THE EXPERTS

- **Discuss safety on the internet with your children from the moment they start using it.**
 - » Young children might share a computer with their parents, and this provides you with the opportunity to start helping with online safety, by discussing the things that are there to protect us, for example, Internet Security Protection, passwords, etc.
- **Do not do things online that you would not do face to face.**
 - » They must be taught that talking to people online is still a real conversation with a person.
 - » Children need to remember that what they do and say on social pages is captured forever, they need to be taught the implications and long-term effect of this fact.
 - » They must refrain from posting personal photos, for example in their school uniforms and photos that could divulge their location.
 - » They may never communicate personal details like telephone numbers or addresses.
 - » Teach children how to lock down their social pages and be vigilant about their privacy settings.
- **Children should be taught to be very wary of strangers offering gifts.**
 - » Teach children not to open emails or links from addresses that they do not know.
 - » If there are attachments to emails, rather ask if it is safe to open, do not just click to open.
- **Be vigilant and monitor what you can.**
 - » For little ones, make sure they are always accompanied by an adult when using the internet.
 - » For the older children who have their own devices, make sure you set up their 'clouds' through the respective service providers and that it is safe.
 - » Install monitoring software on all the devices and set them up to only allow the device to connect to websites you deem to be safe.

- **Spend time with your children, do not just tell them the rules.**
 - » It is important to spend time with your children, explaining the dangers of the internet.
 - » Have an open discussion, where they can ask any question they might have.
 - » Teach them in a practical way. Help them create passwords, long sentences, which are easy for them to remember, but hard for anyone else to guess.
 - » You do not have to be linked on any of their social media platforms but explain to them to think of anything they want to post... "Would I still post this if my mom or dad could see it?"
 - **Social Media...**
 - » They must make sure they know the person sending the friend request.
 - » Ask to see your children's devices often and look at the apps installed.
 - » If an app is unfamiliar to you, do some research on the app, even download the app on your own phone and join in, to see what it is all about.
- Apply the same rules online as you would in the real world. If you do not understand something, ask a responsible adult. If anything unusual happens on your device, speak to your parents about it.
- Warning to parents as well, if you are not sure about the operation of your computer systems, rather contact an IT specialist to assist. Parents should be actively and consciously involved in the lives of their children and educate their children with regards to the dangers of social media on every platform, whether they are able to access it via their cellphones or a laptop/PC.
- Serious Violent & Serious Economic Crimes press release extracts**



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LIMPOPO ROAD ACCIDENT STATS

Limpopo – Data from traffic stations in the Limpopo province shows that from 1 December 2020 to 4 January 2021, a total of 297 road accidents involving 407 vehicles occurred. The good news is that the occurrence of road accidents has dropped from the previous festive season where there were 369 accident reports over the same period. Capricorn District had the highest number of accidents at 78, followed by Mopani District at 75, Waterberg district at 66, Vhembe District at 40 and Sekhukhune District at 38. Motorists should note that 53% of the accidents were caused by reckless driving, speeding or loss of control of the vehicle. There were 32 accidents that could have been avoided by altering the following distance between the vehicles and 20 head-on collisions arising from overtaking another vehicle. Furthermore, 42 accidents were attributed to pedestrians, three to cyclists and five to animals. They allege mechanical failure to have caused six accidents while a further seven vehicles had tyre bursts. Ten vehicles left the scene of the accident and have been recorded as hit and run.

Department of Transport and Community Safety press release extracts



The ambulance was wrecked in a head-on collision with a minibus taxi near Giyani on Wednesday 6 January.



The driver of an overturned minibus taxi and two of his passengers were certified dead on the accident scene on the R81 near Giyani.

LIMPOPO WELCOMES 276 CHRISTMAS BABIES

Polokwane – Limpopo MEC Dr Phophi Ramathuba revealed that a total of 276 babies were delivered in provincial public health institutions on Christmas Day. Of these, 128 were boys while 148 were girls. A further 233 babies (113 boys and 120 girls) were delivered during the New Year celebrations on Friday 1 January 2021. The MEC expressed her gratitude to all midwives and doctors for the role they played in ensuring the safe delivery of the healthy babies – particularly at a time when the province and the rest of the country was grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic. However, MEC Ramathuba expressed concern with the fact that 41 and 27 girls became teenage mothers on Christmas Day and New Year's Day respectively. She said it was disturbing that girls as young as 15-years-old became mothers while others from the ages of 17 to 19 delivered babies for the second or even third time. She said that the department is facing many challenges as a result of teenage mothers – many of whom were not emotionally or financially prepared to meet the demands of raising children. The MEC called upon society to help and support government to fight teen pregnancies. She also urged parents against pushing their teenage children to consider having babies with a view of benefiting from child support grants. "Girls and boys must remain at school and avoid engaging in sexual activities to avoid not just unwanted pregnancies, but also sexual transmitted infections (STIs) including HIV. We are worried that it is at our public hospitals that we see this happening and not in private hospitals."



A total of 276 babies were born on Christmas Day in Limpopo.



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THABAZIMBI-DWAALBOOM ROAD ACCIDENT

Thabazimbi – Three adults and a three-month-old baby survived a serious car accident on the Thabazimbi-Dwaalboom road on Wednesday 6 January. According to an officer on scene, it is alleged that the Toyota Hilux and Ford EcoSport were traveling in opposite directions, when they hit each other head on.



The mangled wrecks of a Ford EcoSport and Toyota Hilux which were involved in a collision on Wednesday.

SCORES JAILED FOR FLOUTING LOCKDOWN RULES

Limpopo – Police in Limpopo arrested 496 people around the province for contravening lockdown level 3 restrictions during an operation conducted from Thursday 31 December 2020 to 1 January 2021. The operation was carried out in all five districts of the province. A total of 149 people were arrested in the Waterberg district while four were nabbed in Mopani. A further 146 were apprehended in the Capricorn district, 59 in Sekhukhune as well as 138 in the Vhembe district. Some of the suspects were arrested for not wearing masks in public places, failing to confine themselves at their places of residence during the curfew as well as using fireworks at prohibited places. Others were locked up for dispensing or transporting alcohol as well as consuming alcohol in public. Acting provincial commissioner of police in Limpopo major general Jan Scheepers thanked community members for generally complying with the Disaster Management Act regulations during new year festivities. "This behaviour will strengthen and sustain the already existing sound relationship between the community and police," Scheepers said. "I also want to thank all law enforcement officers for spending sleepless nights in ensuring that everyone complied with the regulations."



NOTICE OF AGGREGATE, COBALT, COPPER, GOLD, MANGANESE, NICKEL AND SILVER PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION AND ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION PROCESS.

Applicant: Red Dust Trading (Pty) Ltd

DMRE REF NO. LP 30/5/1/1/2/13913PR

Farm Name: Tusschenkomst 241 KP & Farm Gansvley 240 KP

Nature of Activity: Notice is hereby given in terms of the MPRDA (Act No.28 of 2002) together with NEMA (Act No 107 Of 1998): Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2017 (As Amended), that the above mentioned applicants has applied for Prospecting Right and Environmental Authorisation's on the above mentioned farms, situated in the Thabazimbi District, Limpopo Province. The applicant intends to prospect the following mineral: Aggregate, Cobalt, Copper, Gold, Manganese, Nickel and Silver.

Basic Assessment Report/ Environmental Management Plan will be available for review for at least 30 days from the 13 of January 2021 to the 12th of February 2021; reports will be emailed upon request.

In order to participate in the process and/or provide comments and or to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I & AP) pertaining to the above-proposed activity, you are invited to contact us as above quoting the reference number of the project you have interest in within **30 days of this notice ending on the 12th of February 2021** via the following methods: **mpho@mielelani.co.za/phathu@mielelani.co.za** or alternatively on **Tel: (+27) 67 103 2562 (+27) 73 796 6769. Contact Person: Mphephu Mpho/ Mugagadeli Phathutshedzo**

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Thabazimbi Clinic	014 777 1336
Regorogile Clinic	014 772 3178
Amandelbult Hospital	014 784 2828
Medi Clinic Thabazimbi	014 777 2097

krisis	
Trauma Rescue	086 178 9911
Disaster Management	082 079 9335
Fire Department	082 551 4204
Thabazimbi Local Municipality	014 777 1525
Fire Protection Association Thabazimbi	078 252 4076
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Thabazimbi Waste Removal	083 757 7599
Northam Waste Removal	083 757 7599
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TLM Electrical Services	083 703 2804
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TLM Northam Satellite	082 658 4607
TLM Leeupoort Satellite	082 658 2477
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CURRIE CUP 2020/2021



Sharks vs Griekwas

Die Haaie was eenvoudig net te sterk vir die moedige Griekwas in Durban en wen gemaklik met 47-19. Die Griekwas het in die tweede minuut van die *game* met 7-0 voorgeloop, maar dit was ongelukkig vreugde van korte duur.

Die Haaie se laaste *game* is teen die WP op Nuweland. Hierdie *game* sal bepaal of die Haaie tuis 'n semi-finaal sal speel. Die Griekwas se laaste *game* is teen die Cheetahs in Kimberley.

Pumas vs Leeus

In Mbombela Stadium moes die Leeus hard veg vir 'n oorwinning en troef die Pumas 33-25. Die man van die dag was die jong heelagter van die Leeus, Tiaan Swanepoel, wat 22 punte aanteken het vir die Leeus. Die jong maanhaar druk twee puik drieë en klits vier strafdoele deur die pale. Die Pumas kan hulleself skop dat hulle soveel kanse om punte aan te kon aanteken verbrou het.

Cheetahs vs WP

In die Rosestad word die Cheetahs se bekerdrome beëindig in 'n dramatiese *game* ou grote. Die Kapenaars wen 31-29 met 'n strafdoel deur Tim Swiel in die laaste sekondes van die *game*. Op die dag was die WP se skrumms eenvoudig net te veel vir die voorry van die Blikore – en hulle ondergang. Die kanonvoet van François Steyn het die blikore deurgaans in die *game* gehou maar dit was nie goed genoeg nie. Die Cheetahs se bekerdrome is nou daarmee heen en die gesogte beker gaan nou 'n ander tuiste kry. Vir baie Vrystaat ondersteuners is dit 'n bitter pil om te sluk en dan boonop is hulle uit die PRO-14 geboelie.

Die WP speel volgende teen die Haaie in Kaapstad en die Cheetahs gaan teen die Griekwas in Kimberley uitdraf.

Nag ou grote...

HAVE YOUR SAY / SÊ JOU SÊ

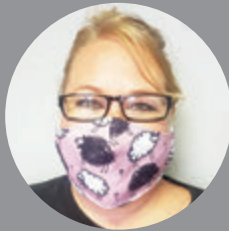
READY, SET – GO!

Although the year got off to a bumpy start, we are all blessed to be part of 2021. We live in uncertain and unprecedented times, but one thing 2020 has taught us, is to take nothing for granted... 2021 is a new opportunity to appreciate all the blessings in your life. *Platinum Bushvelder* took to the streets to find out what our readers hope for in 2021.



Die jaar gaan beslis sy uitdagings hê, maar enige uitdaging kan oorkom word. As hul in 1965 mense maan toe kon stuur, kan ons deur 2021 kom... Maar dit hang baie van jou gesindheid af – maak dit 'n positiewe jaar!

Lukas Potgieter

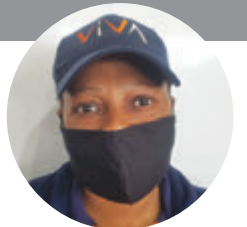


I think we should all just chin up and be grateful for being blessed with another year. I hope that this year we can all stand together to overcome all the obstacles that the year throws at us.

Suzaan Stassen

With a positive attitude and not losing hope, I believe that we can make 2021 a year to remember. I hope that we can all realise how blessed we are and use that attitude to achieve our goals.

Josephine Malope



If you would like to have your say, contact *Platinum Bushvelder* on 081 309 3876 or send an email to news@platinumbushvelder.co.za.

DAMASA DANCERS MAKING IT IN THE BIG LEAGUES

Thabazimbi – DAMASA Dance Studio is extremely proud of two of their dancers who competed at Talent America and received International Master call backs from international talent scouts based in America.

This means that the scouts are interested in working with you to help you achieve your dreams in the entertainment industry. Natalie de Castro got scouted by Herman and Lipson Castings and Elizca Lamprecht by Marin Goodman's Terry Camp.



Natalie de Castro got scouted by Herman and Lipson Castings.



Elizca Lamprecht received a call back from Marin Goodman's Terry Camp.

ASEMROWENDE PLOT TE KOOP!

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TE KOOP THABAZIMBI



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SOULFOOD — LAMENTATIONS 3 —

¹I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of His wrath.

²He has led me and made me walk In darkness and not in light.

³Surely, He has turned His hand against me Time and time again throughout the day.

⁴He has aged my flesh and my skin, And broken my bones.

⁵He has besieged me

And surrounded me with bitterness and woe.

⁶He has set me in dark places

Like the dead of long ago.

⁷He has hedged me in so that I cannot get out;

He has made my chain heavy.

⁸Even when I cry and shout,

He shuts out my prayer.

⁹He has blocked my ways with hewn stone;

He has made my paths crooked.



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