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*Magrietjie strives to establish a sisterhood and a sense of belonging in a home that inspires passion and excellence*

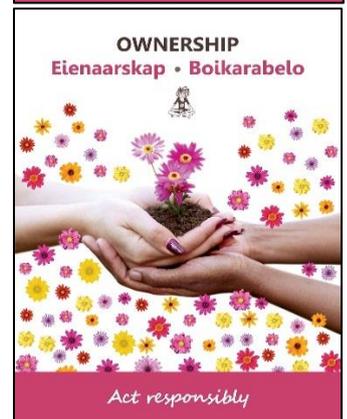
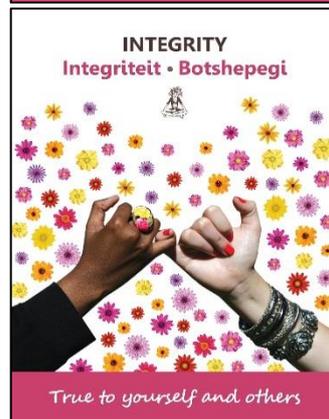
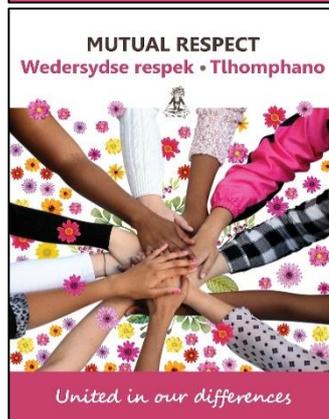
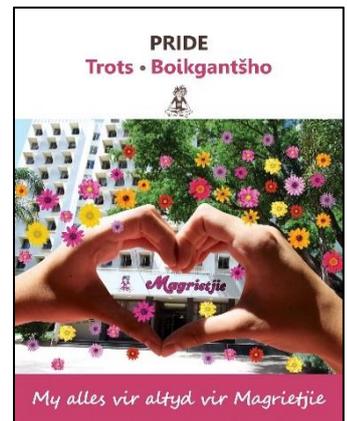
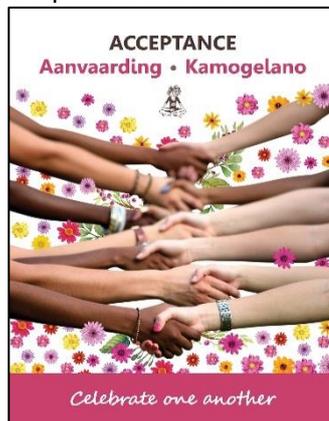


The Vice-Chancellor & Principal, Prof De la Rey and house parents (Andre & Yolanda Jordaan) posing in front of the vision statement wall

## VISION, VALUES AND VIGOUR

If there is one thing that makes Magrietjie a special residence, it would probably be our constant need to progress in order to remain the best that we can be - and understanding that progress comes with change. On 31 July 2017 during a special house meeting, Magrietjie showed exactly how far she has come when we launched our residence vision, unveiled our value posters and revealed the updated house song. Present at the meeting was six ex-Primarias who each has been instrumental in taking Magrietjie forward: Laila Ncwana (2009), Eliz-Mari Vermeulen - née Prinsloo (2010), Esbé du Toit - née Van Zyl (2012), Elmien van Staden - née Steyn (2013), Michelle van Coller - née Kruger (2014) and Christel Muller (2015). The Magrietjie values project started in 2012 and each Primaria had the opportunity to unveil one of the uniquely designed perspex posters displayed in the recreation hall. Perhaps some of our alumni will be able to recognise their hands on the posters - after all, these posters are proudly pink hands (see pictures below). A survey in 2014 identified the most important words to be included in Magrietjie's vision statement. After much planning, writing and rewriting, the vision statement was launched and is displayed at the back of the recreation hall (see picture to the left).

Our updated house song was also released after the house agreed in 2016 that an English-only house song will be most inclusive (see details on last page of the newsletter). Upon entering the recreation hall for the special house meeting, each house member received a copy of the printed house song, together with a candy sweet displaying "I love Mags". The house meeting was made extra special by the presence of UP's Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Prof De la Rey, who was very impressed with the strategic development of the residence. Fearika Heyns - née Botha, designer of MaerGrietjie in 1982, and her daughter, Willemien Rust - née Heyns, also attended the event and were thanked for their assistance with the updated house song. Other alumni attendees that were also instrumental in the house song development included Stef Senke (Vice-Prim 2012) and Rudy Kekana (née Bopape - HK 2009). We invite all alumni to drop by and visit our recreation hall to view our value posters and vision statement.



Prims from left to right: Christel Muller (2016), Eliz-Mari Vermeulen (2010), Esbé du Toit (2012), Elmien van Staden (2013), Laila Ncwana (2009), Michelle van Coller (2014) and Dalree de Lange (2017)



## Dinner under the stars

The house dinner was another highlight of 2017. We spent a night under the stars - dancing all the stress away. The dinner took place on the 16th of September at our lovely Pink palace. Our lawn was decorated according to the theme: a night under the stars. With delicious food, great music and beautiful decor, the dinner was definitely a huge success. Our ladies showed up in exquisite evening wear - from old Hollywood glam to Boho chic and a few edgy looks as well. The ladies definitely know how to rock their inner beauty-queens. The runway was transformed into a dance-floor and believe me - it was not empty for even one second. We shook it off, dropped it down low and even slowed it down on every song we could. We ended the night with a delicious creme-brûlée dessert and a very traditional 'Ma-ma-ma-Magrietjie!'

This was definitely, a night to remember.

Written by: Carli Botha



## Hello Spikkels of 2018!

On 27 January 2018, we welcomed our new Spikkels and started the official Welcome week programme. Bright eyed and ready for the adventure of a life time, the Spikkels were taught new greetings, songs and the famous Huppel. During the week we had several mass dates with various men's and ladies residences. The week ended on a high when the Spikkels made their stage debut with their Mags 1nSync performance. Magrietjie congratulates the Spikkels and Dimakatso Molepo (Culture External HK) on their 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 1nSync of which we are extremely proud. A week into their stay in Magrietjie the final ceremony was held. The Spikkels got a flashback video of the week's highlights and had a meet and greet with the seniors of Magrietjie.



## Stellies Tour 2017

This past October recess, 46 Magrietjie ladies had the privilege to go on a tour to Stellenbosch. Ilke Lategan, Culture Internal HK of 2017 explains: We stayed in the central part of the town and went on our different adventures from there. Our first activity was the Route 44 Market. It was a beautiful sunny day - perfect for strawberry picking and sipping on champagne while enjoying the majestic mountains and scenery around us.

We visited Fleur de Cap Bergkelder, Spier Wine Farm & Fairview Cheese & Wine Farm in the Paarl area. A highlight was also our visit to the Spice Route which included wine tasting, beer tasting, South African chocolate tasting, homemade ice-cream and a pizzeria, all amidst a breathtaking view. In our free time, we explored the artsy streets and lively atmosphere of Stellenbosch making a stop for coffee and cheesecake at charming little cafés.

It was a week filled with fun and adventure. The Cape captured our hearts and we would love to go back.

## 1nSync 2018

One never truly knows the hard work behind planning a performance until you're behind the scenes of such a performance. External Culture HK explains: 1nSync2018 was one of the first challenges, no sorry, first adventures I had to take on as Culture External HK. I can't recall how many times during practice, I looked at the Spikkels and thought to myself that they are now where I was just 365 days ago. 1nSync is more than coming up with dances to cool songs and having the best theme. It's about getting to know your first years, creating memories they'll one day look back on. It is also about cherishing the moments where they had to squat for 10mins because the 'dakkie' wasn't perfect. That week would have been an even bigger mountain to climb had it not been for my team, the A-Team. Surrounding yourself with that type of energy is highly needed when trying to explain the difference between an open hand and a closed hand for the 16<sup>th</sup> time during the same practice session. But yet, despite forgetting to eat, having a laptop malfunction and everything else, I can say that we reached our goal that we had intended for our Spikkels - win or lose. Just have fun!



## FROM OUR TREASURE CHEST...

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Alumnus Marica Groenewald recently wrote to us about the 'pink Magrietjie jersey':

"I live in the Cape province and recently almost crashed my car in bewilderment of what I saw next to the road! It was a Rasta man with a 2003 Magrietjie pink "feesjaar" jersey. Those jerseys were absolute beauties. I parked my car in a hurry to find him, but wasn't in luck! It made me wonder, do Magrietjie seniors still wear the light pink jerseys? Enjoy this wonderful residence!

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Alumni that attended the Values launch commented as follow:

**Laila Ncwana:** "It was so awesome to be back in Mags tonight, what an honour! Really proud of all the work and progress made since we left, and how that same warm and vibrant spirit has remained constant until today! I think our government could learn a few things from our humble residence. I was really inspired.

**Rudy Bopape:** "I spent yesterday reflecting on Monday evening; how much time has passed but how things are still in many ways the same. Magrietjie has touched our lives in such a positive way, and I speak on behalf of many old Mags ladies. Thank you so much, I was and am still very humbled. I will definitely keep in touch.

This issue of GrietGriet was compiled by the editor, Odéla Crozier.



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## Updated House song

In 2016 a decision was made to have an English-only house song, instead of the current Afrikaans/English/Sepedi version. This decision was made as we believe that an English-only house song will be more inclusive, since this is the one language that is understood by all 330 Magrietjie ladies. We are proud to share with you our updated version - which is sung using the same beautiful melody we have known for 35 years.

*House Magrietjie, we celebrate your lovely name  
You add colour to our lives, and bring sunshine to our days  
You make friendships true and strong, we feel like we belong  
In you, a real home for our hearts*

*Magrietjie's colour paints the campus pink  
Magrietjie's huppel echoes in the wind  
Our hearts are filled with passion; we feel it in our blood  
And this is our song for House Magrietjie*

*Each one of use is different, but in one way the same  
We share our pride in the pink flower with the pretty name  
In our home away from home, we form a sisterhood  
Becoming the best that we can be*

*Magrietjie's colour paints the campus pink  
Magrietjie's huppel echoes in the wind  
Our hearts are filled with passion; we feel it in our blood  
In you we are strong; We sing all day long; And this is our song for House Magrietjie*

## Message from the new Primaria of 2018

It feels like only yesterday when I was a first year; doing the pink sparkle (knikkel-en-skitter) for my HK and wearing my pink house shirt. Now, a few years later, I have the privilege to be the Primaria of this prestigious house. My time here in Magrietjie has taught me so much of myself and of other people - about what opinions they have and how often they are different to mine. This was an eye opener because I was often challenged with new ideas. Not only has many of my opinions changed, but I have changed - and I would like to believe that I changed for the better of course! I have become more independent and most importantly, more sure of myself. Because I have experienced such growth here at Mags, it is something I would like to give every lady that walks through her Pink doors. That is why my vision for Magrietjie for 2018 is focused on the value of "ownership". For me this rests on 3 pillars, first ownership of Magrietjie herself - making her your home and respecting her. Secondly having ownership of your individuality since we are all different and we should respect ourselves and each other. Lastly, ownership of womanhood. This is probably the most important pillar because I think we live in such exciting times as women - we have voices and opinions and we have each other to rely on and grow. I hope to make the house proud and take Magrietjie to new heights, because not only are we able to beat the best, but we can BE the best.

Pink love,  
Libby Tillema



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