



Stellenbosch Tour Filled with Surprises

Stellenbosch with its fine wines and beautiful scenery completely stole the hearts of all the ladies who embarked on the Stellenbosch tour during the September holiday. Many special Mags memories were created amidst the picturesque mountains.

The very first “mags moment” already happened at OR Tambo airport when an alumnus recognised our pink shirts, but more particularly our mascot, Maer-Grietjie. The alumnus was no one other than the designer of Maer-Grietjie, namely Mrs Fearika Heyns (née Botha). We could not have asked for a better way to start our trip.



The week had many highlights. We visited places like Hidden Valley, Root 44 Market, Classic Cats Gin, and The Spice Route. At JC le Roux all the ladies made a circle and sang the MA-MA-MA at the top of their lungs. On the final night we were invited by one of Stellenbosch's Men's Residences - Wilgenhof, to enjoy a social with them.

A very big thank you to everyone who assisted in organising this tour - these special moments will be treasured forever!

Klara von Weilligh



New Spikkel-Moms

During our October open day some alumni ladies returned back home - this time joined by their anxious yet excited daughters wanting to follow in mom's footsteps early next year. Cato Coetzee, Jonellda Verhoef and Sanette de Wet were joined by Helena, Juané and Mirna.

Cato Coetzee spent 1989-1991 in Mags. She studied 'Huishoudkunde' and served on the HK as first year guardian for the term 1990/1991. She remembers being one of the first years sitting in the “record breaking” mini-bus.

Sanette de Wet studied Anthropology and was a resident of Mags between 1992 and 1994. Mrs de Wet remembers how she and three fellow alumni ladies (Kantrien Coetzee, Kirsti van Zijl and Maryke Bailiss) ‘stole’ some trophies from Mopane's cabinet resulting in some very unhappy Mopanie men.



The next issue of **GrietGriet** will be published in March 2020.

Basketball Champions

Mags has brought the basketball trophy back home for the 4th year in a row! Our ladies were undefeated during this season beating Curelitzia in the semi-finals and Asterhof in the finals. This stellar team managed to score 118 points and only had 12 points scored against them. As an added bonus, Tuks Sport gave us the floating trophy to keep because of our long-standing winning record. Congratulations ladies, we are extremely proud of you.



Spikkel Week 2019

During this special week the Spikkels participated in activities such as cardio dance, an 80s yoga themed social, Pink Thursday huppels (much to Madelief's dismay) and even a "learn how to sokkie/african dance" social.

The much-anticipated treasure hunt involved running around Hillcrest campus completing objectives to win the ultimate prize of 'bragging rights' of course! The excitement continued when the Morula Jarre (first years) stole the Spikkel week banner. After a battle the brave Mopane peppies managed to return the banner. Brownie points to the peppies!

All the activities and excitement throughout the week built up to Spikkel dinner. From getting ready, doing each other's makeup, taking photos, to dining and dancing into the night. What a special night where we celebrated our year of growth!

Spikkel week was without a doubt a week to remember. It is safe to say that the Spikkels would instantly go back in time to relive that week.

Lauren Gangiah

The performance was MAGSnificent and will be remembered for years to come. With a second place for "own composition" and a first place for "best arrangement" we achieved an overall third place in the ladies division. With the help of our amazing Acapella HK and coach - we certainly killed it!

Jonett Olivier



The time has come to say goodbye

A bittersweet event that every Mags Lady looks forward to. A special night where all your Pink Palace memories are summarised in a five-minute (and might I add, quite emotional!) slideshow.

Attending Senior Farewell is a final reminder that your residence chapter is coming to an end. No more running up or down flights of stairs when you're out of sugar or just want to procrastinate with one of your Mags sisters. A reminder that one has to become a proper adult now. Seeing your fellow sisters attending the event with you makes this realisation even more real. You look to your left and to your right, and it hits you that you've shared at least one memory with these compatriots. You've either messed up a song together on the InSync stage or lost an earring or a shoe during a heartfelt Huppel.

One simply cannot deny the foundation built here. The relationships created, the skills learnt and developed, and the overall Pink experience. Senior Farewell is the cherry on top of a very tasty, sturdy cake.

Dimakatso Molepo



Acapella - a murderous affair

It was a murder mystery that could only be solved by the Mags Ladies! On the 8th of August 2019, our Acapella ladies almost got away with murder. The truth was revealed in our Murderers Anonymous meeting on this evening. As the murderous women that we are, we put on a fearfully fantastic performance!

After seeing the light, we attempted to live our lives without getting blood on our hands! With the help of our psychologist, we set out to become better people. Of course, that did not last long and the psychologist had to face the music... She did have it coming.

Throughout our journey of recovery, we learnt to embrace who we are, even if that meant that we would be banned by society. Although we did not have society's approval, we did have each other - our sisterhood.

This performance put House Mags' Acapella back on the map - and we went through to the finals of the Acapella competition



Pink Jerseys

How many of you can still remember the soft pink Magrietjie jerseys? We are trying to determine which year group was the last to have these jerseys made - and we think it was sometime during the last ten years. Please let us know if you still had the pink jerseys in your year. And the most important question: Do you still have your pink jersey?



Internal Prestige

On the 25th of August we had our annual internal prestige. Here we had the opportunity to give credit to all the ladies who have participated and excelled in academics, sport, culture and RAG throughout the year. Adel Cato (Mags Lady of the Year 2018) gave a heart-warming speech and could finally receive her award in person following her accident a year ago. We also had the honour of announcing our Mags Lady of the year and Spikkel of the year for 2019 as voted for by their peers.



Precious Simango
Mags lady of the year



Lauren Gangiah
Spikkel of the Year

An IGNITED House Committee 2020

On the 21st of August 2019 a group of exceptional ladies were chosen to represent the Pink Palace as the House Committee for 2020. Since then the new HK have been busy getting to know one another and prepare for their upcoming term. Luckily there have been a few training camps along the way to aid them in their endeavours.

Their journey started off on high note with an internal camp. At the camp the theme for the year was introduced, some team building exercises played and of course, the House Parents' exceptional food gobbled down. The HK were fortunate enough to be joined by alumni Primaria, Christél Muller. Everyone left united and in high spirits ready to conquer the year ahead.

The theme for 2020 is 'to IGNITE'. The House Committee, wants to instil a renewed passion in every lady for life, knowledge and the people around them. Passion ensures that each lady has purpose and ambition. A logo has been designed to illustrate the theme which can be seen on the right.



The theme for the year can be better explained when thinking of a matchbox. The matchbox represents the residence. It is used to hold the matches. It is also a tool for starting a fire. The matches represent the ladies within House Mags. Without each other, both the matches and matchbox have no purpose. Once ignited by the matchbox, ladies can pass the flame on to the girls around them much like a match lighting another match. All it takes is one lady to start an unstoppable fire!

Bring die water,
Bring die sand.
Mags is aan die brand.
Um-lilo we Mags
Um-lilo uya shisa,
ungawu lokogthi

*Tanna Brownlee
(Primaria)*



From our treasure chest...

Thank you to Ezmé Stander who shared a bursary opportunity with the Mags ladies!

Nalize Boshoff commented on the proper use of the Afrikaans language in our Afrikaans newsletter. She also thanked the editor for her effort in putting the newsletter together and indicated that she valued hearing from the residence.
Ed: Thank you Nalize for your appreciation!

One of the dads shared an email to thank us for the professional way in which they were received during the House Mags open day.
Ed: Thank you Mr Neuhoff for your kind words.

Another male wrote to us indicating that he has been married to a Magrietjie lady for over 16 years. He was looking for photos of her during her residence years to show during the celebrations of her 40th birthday.
Ed: Johann or Edith, please update us on the outcome of this special birthday!

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