

GRIET



Live up to the hype

O-week
InSync 2023
RAG week
Mr. Mags

A glimpse into
**THE PINK
PALACE**

Alumni!

Throwback to our Spikkels of 1982-1994

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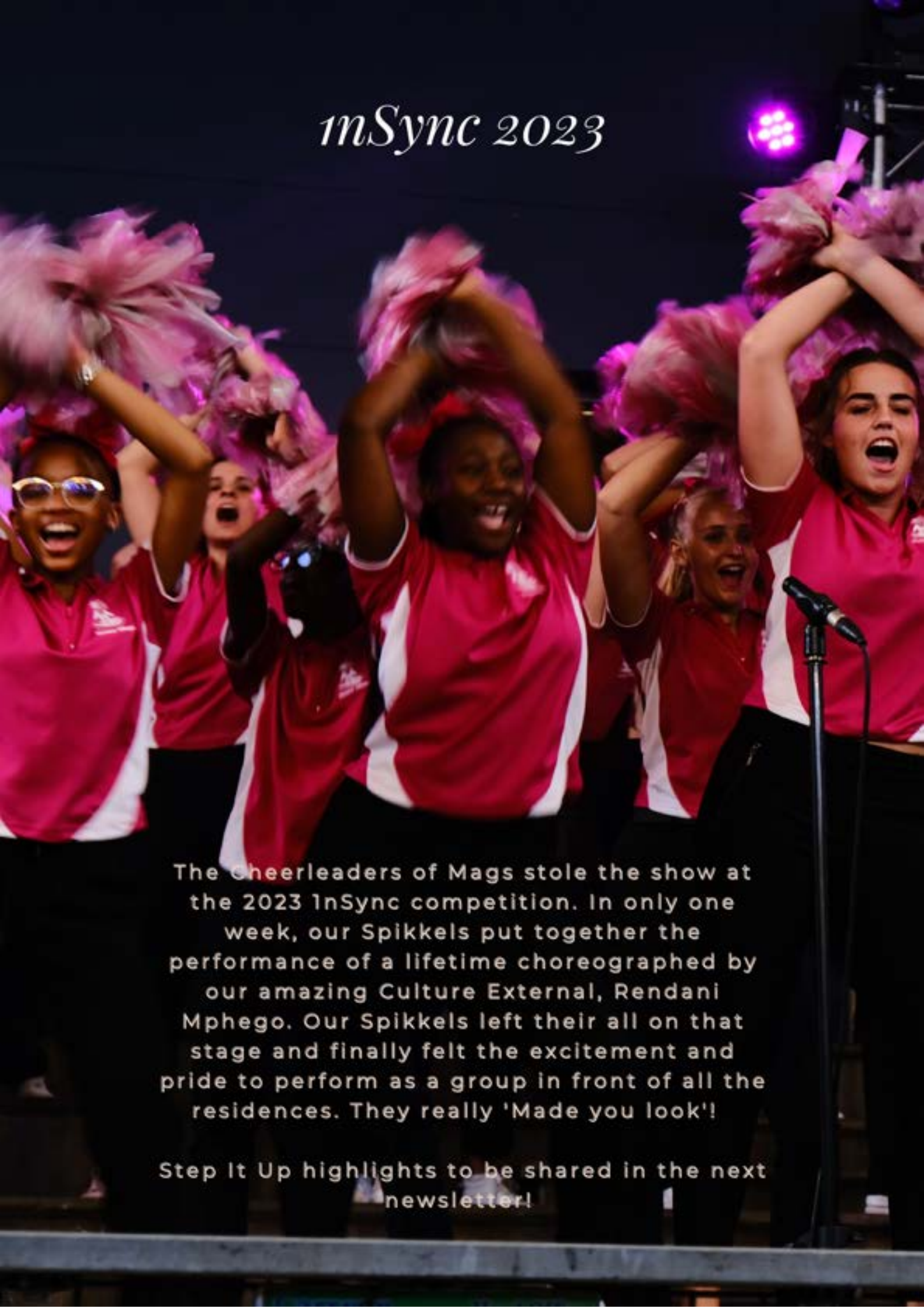
O-WEEK 2023



OUR SPIKKELS FIRST WEEK IN
THEIR HOME AWAY FROM
HOME!

The week was jammed-pack with activities and socials which really tested our Spikkels' ability to adapt, embrace various cultures and keep recharging their social butterfly. Spikkel Mom, Marli Coetzee, could not have been prouder of every Spikkel making it through this rough week with only a few tears, but a lot of passion. From learning the old age tradition of the Huppel, our House Song, our signature Pink Sparkle greet (knikkel-en-skitter) and some dances, our Spikkels wore their pink shirts for seven days straight!

inSync 2023



The Cheerleaders of Mags stole the show at the 2023 InSync competition. In only one week, our Spikkels put together the performance of a lifetime choreographed by our amazing Culture External, Rendani Mphego. Our Spikkels left their all on that stage and finally felt the excitement and pride to perform as a group in front of all the residences. They really 'Made you look'!

Step It Up highlights to be shared in the next newsletter!



HERE'S WHAT OUR SPIKKELS HAD TO SAY

WHAT WAS THE CATCH- PHRASE OF THE WEEK FOR O-WEEK?

Goodbye, DEAREST, social battery...

- Elné Joubert

Fill the gaps Spiks and smile, smile smile!

- Ruvé Erasmus

There's a lot going-on here.

- Senamile Gumbi

"Pink passion" and "Fill the gaps!"

- Neo Mogale

IN O-WEEK I CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT?

Bioplus or any energy source! O-week will be the longest and most fun week in your first year!

- Ruvé Erasmus

Coffee and Strepsils

- Neo Mogale

AN O-WEEK HIGHLIGHT?

Rattling all the Jarre when we "borrowed" a few caps after the social at Morula and walking to LC for the first year Welcoming event with all ten HC members yelling "Fill the gaps!"

- Elné Joubert

Floor games. It was going so well until one of us (me) ended up in stitches, literally.

- Senamile Gumbi

YOUR FAVOURITE HC MEMBER AND RESIDENCE?

VP Megan Moss because during socials she would make sure everyone was dancing and if I was not, she would stretch over her hand and we we'd dance together. My favourite residence is Morula Legae. Met some of the funniest gents there and we spent most of our socials in tears from laughter!

- Senamile Gumbi

HK Eulène, -because she will always sneak an ABBA song into the playlist without fail. My favourite residence is Madelief because they are almost as good as we are!

- Elné Joubert

HK Zuziwe, because she truly embodies all the characteristics of a caring older sister and checks up on me whenever she can. My favourite residence is Erica. I met some really cool girls at the Cheesegrater social.

- Neo Mogale

HK Rendani, I love the way she teaches dances. She can catch our vibe and makes it so much fun to participate in House traditions.

- Ruvé Erasmus





HK FAST FACTS

MATCH THE HK MEMBER TO THE FACT



HK MEMBER

- A) Marli
- B) Stefani
- C) Zuziwe
- D) Megan
- E) Kayla
- F) Euléne
- G) Natalia
- H) Rendani
- I) Sammy
- J) Keisha

FACTS

Fact 1: I have Skydived.

Fact 2: I have a twin.

Fact 3: I almost bit my tongue off in preschool.

Fact 4: I can't straighten my pinkies.

Fact 5: I slept through a flood once.

Fact 6: I wrote off a car by standing still.

Fact 7: I almost got my mom arrested as a baby.

Fact 8: Every bag of mine has candy in it always.

Fact 9: I can surf.

Fact 10: I did karate and won two medals at the national championships.

ANSWERS ON LAST PAGE.



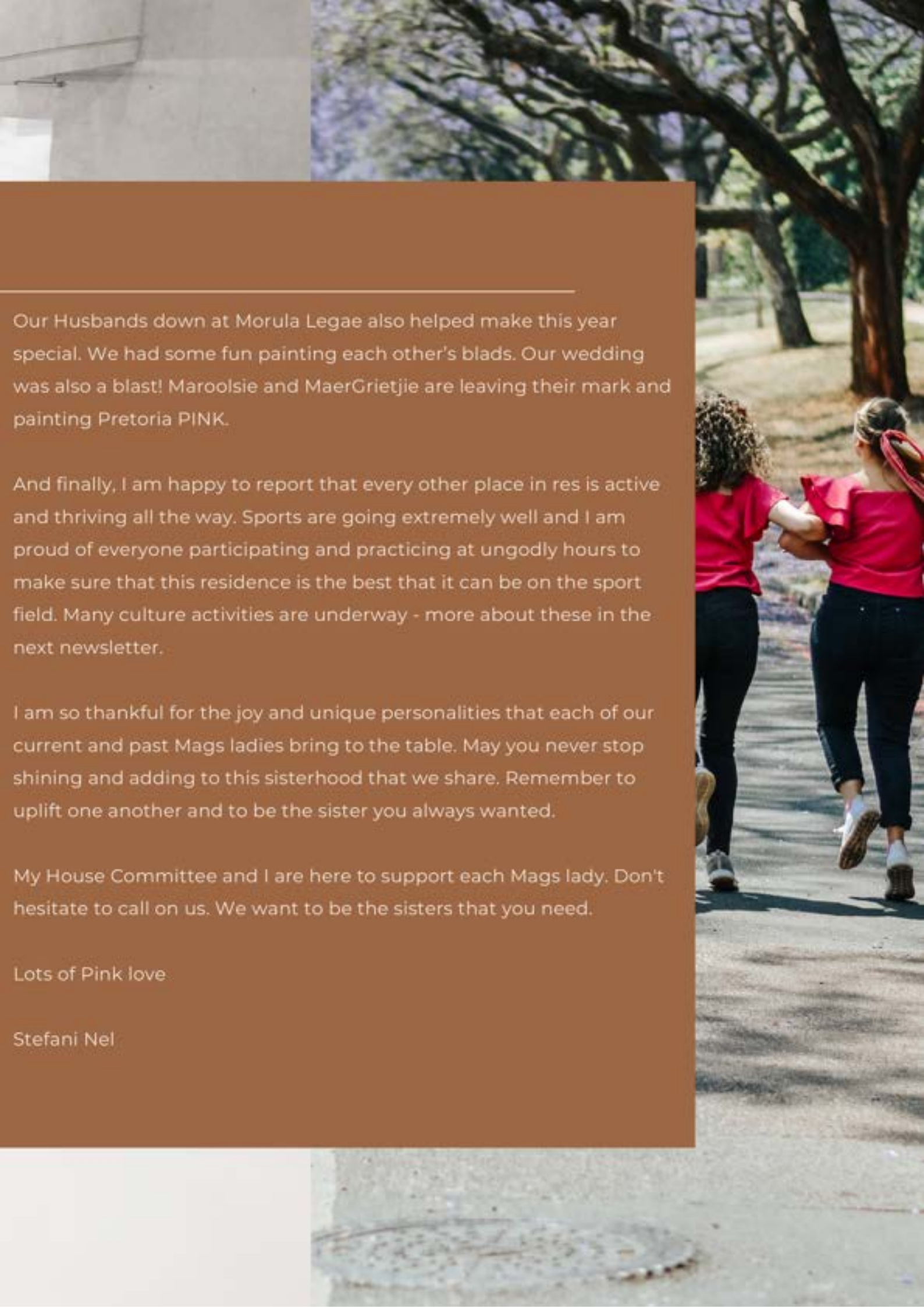
A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRIMARIA

The end of the first quarter has already crept up on us and I cannot believe that it is behind us already.

At the end of this first quarter of the year I think it is safe to say that we have all fully experienced the pressure of University life. Some of us were reminded of the experience we have already had before, and others, like our Spiks, have experienced this kind of pressure for the very first time. Some have even failed their very first tests and got the shock of their life. Yes, we have all been there before. But I am here to tell you that with all of that going on, a lot of good things happened as well. House Mags has been shining with Pink Passion all the way.

The Spikkels gave us a warm welcome in O-week with the Huppel and Sparkles that lit up the house and reminded us why we love this place so much and where our passion comes from. We have an extremely lively and passionate Spikkel group and I am so proud to share in this journey with them. It's also a privilege to share our activities with our alumni.

Not only did we receive a warm welcome from the Spiks, but our Semi group also added so much life to this res upon their arrival. Oh yes, every other ladies residence will be green with jealousy, because they wish they had semis like Mags! #WishYouHadASemiLikeMe



Our Husbands down at Morula Legae also helped make this year special. We had some fun painting each other's blads. Our wedding was also a blast! Maroolsie and MaerGrietjie are leaving their mark and painting Pretoria PINK.

And finally, I am happy to report that every other place in res is active and thriving all the way. Sports are going extremely well and I am proud of everyone participating and practicing at ungodly hours to make sure that this residence is the best that it can be on the sport field. Many culture activities are underway - more about these in the next newsletter.

I am so thankful for the joy and unique personalities that each of our current and past Mags ladies bring to the table. May you never stop shining and adding to this sisterhood that we share. Remember to uplift one another and to be the sister you always wanted.

My House Committee and I are here to support each Mags lady. Don't hesitate to call on us. We want to be the sisters that you need.

Lots of Pink love

Stefani Nel



EDITOR'S NOTE

It's with so much love for this beautiful house, that I am proud to introduce the new and improved Griet-Griet newsletter!

There will be three issues a year, in which every activity and every pink-passion moment will be incapsulated in the pages of each newsletter. We want to celebrate and brag with our ladies, share every accomplishment and give recognition to all of the hard work that goes into being a true Mags lady.

I can not wait to share more about all our activities and I hope that the alumni will celebrate our accomplishments with us.

All my pink love!
Euléne Bornman

THEN & NOW

We asked a few questions to our Mags Alumni, who's daughters are now 2023 Spikkels! Also, can you spot the difference?

We asked them:

1. Your favourite memory from your time in House Mags?
2. Why did your daughter come to House Mags?
3. If you could give any advice to the Spikkels, what would it be?
Who was your favourite men's residence and why?

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Ida-Mari



Germari van der Merwe 1990-1991

'My favourite memory was all the new friends I made and good times we shared. My daughter came to Mags because it's the best residence with the most pink passion! My advice would be to keep up with your studies, it's a privilege, but enjoy every minute! College was my favourite residence.'

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Zinta



Nompie Steyn 1982-1986

'We had the best time at the free "bokjolle" at the men's residences. I encouraged my daughter to go to Mags because since 1982 Mags was known for being ladies with good values with an HK that supports and protects them. My advice would be to recognize your privilege as a Spikkel, participate in everything and be proud of your HK and to be a Spikkel! My favourite residence was Mopane and Sonop, they were good mannered boys with "gees"!'

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Jane & Ciska Vermeulen 1994

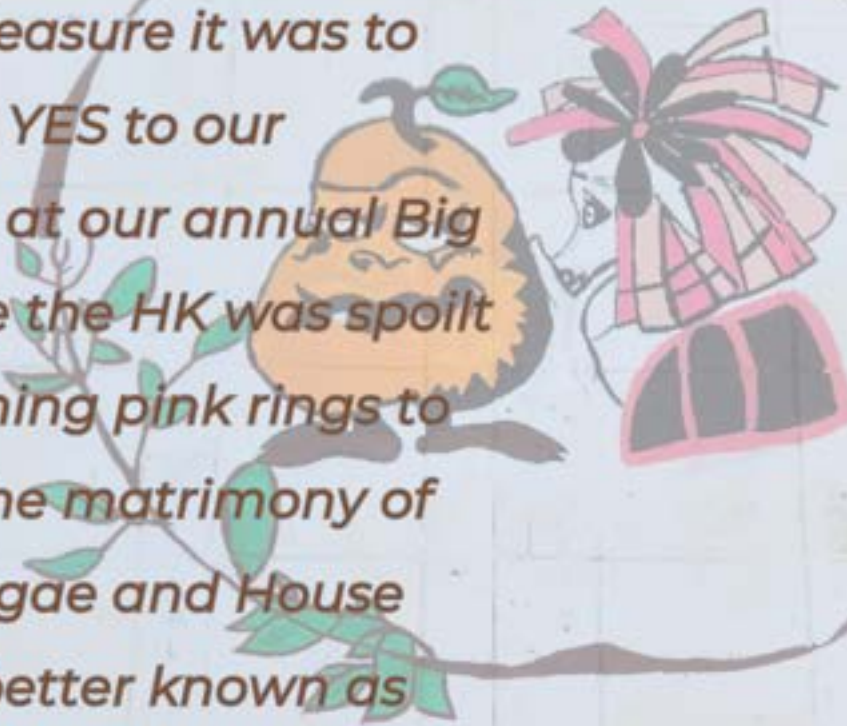
'My favourite memory was to be a part of the RAG committee. I sent my daughter to House Mags because there's no better residence than the Pink Palace! Always be a team player, get involved, socialise but also study hard. Olienhout (now Tuks Ekhaya) was definitely my favourite!'

RAG 2023



BIG YES!

What a pleasure it was to finally say YES to our husbands at our annual Big Yes, where the HK was spoilt with stunning pink rings to officiate the matrimony of Morula Legae and House Mags, or better known as M&M. After the BIG YES followed our ZEFF Wedding which was a night to remember! We can not wait too take on this year with our Hubbies by our side! Happy 55th Feesjaar Morula!



M&M

FEESJAAR

RAG OF HOPE DAY



RAG handmade crafts & UP's Got Talent

On the 25th of February every residence participated in RAG Of Hope Day, where each residence had a stand made up according to the theme Coachella! House Mags and Morula Legae collaborated by making handmade products, such as sunglass straps, polaroid stands, earrings, keychains, bracelets and succulents! Customers could also put in orders to have custom-made pieces made on the spot! With all the fun going on we had some entertainment in the background with STUKU hosting UP's Got Talent on the main stage. It was definitely a day to remember!

OUR RAG PROJECTS

House Mags is supporting Glenoaks Private School - a remedial and special needs school situated in the west of Johannesburg. The school started off small by a doctor for her daughter, who was disabled. 52 years later Glenoaks now enrolls 137 students who are part of the remedial program or special needs education system, in order to flourish in the working and modern world.

We also have a BOTTLE CAPS PROJECT. These bottle caps that are being collected in a big glass box outside of our rec hall, will be donated to The Sweethearts Foundation, which is a non-profit organization that collect these bottle caps for wheelchairs in return. We will then donate these wheelchairs to medical facilities and other non-profit organizations.

SAVE THOSE BOTTLE CAPS LADIES!



Our Spikkels were so excited to participate in our annual Grietjie Piggy fashion show, held every year in RAG week. Their theme was "Disney Characters" and the Spikkels had to match their Piggy or make their Piggy their partner in crime. Each Spikkel then had the opportunity to have a walk down the runway and show off their outfits and tell the crowd their chosen character and Piggy's name. One of our favourite events every year!

**FASHION
SHOW**

GRIETJIE PIGGY!

DISNEY
CHARACTERS!

2023

MR.MAGS

23 MARCH

JANDRÉ LOOTS

BIG SMILES AT THIS
EVENT WHERE WE
HAD THE SHOW OF
A LIFETIME!

GUEST ACT

THEO
VAN DER WESTHUIZEN
MORULA ALUMNI



JUDGES

CONSTANT HOOGKAMER
ZANDILE GANDE
MATTHEW GILLIAND
(MR.MAGS 2022)

Champagne &
Popcorn bar,
Live music,
Grondpad vellies
stall



MORE ABOUT THIS EVENT

With three rounds consisting of Mags merch, Talent round and Formal wear, our 11 contestants showed us exactly what they are made of!

2nd Prince: Sebastian van Schoor
(Sonop alias Blossoms Delight)

1st Prince: Nkateko Mohlaba
(Morula)



see you next year!



HK Fast Facts answers: A) 6 B) 10
C) 2 D) 9 E) 1 F) 3 G) 5 H) 7 I) 8 J) 4



Keep safe and wear pink until our next

GRIET-GRIET

in August 2023

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