

# Griet Griet



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## STORY OF THE MISSING MAERGRIETJIE



One of the original MaerGrietjie drawings by Fearika Botha was 'whisked away' from one of the notice boards at some point in the early 1980s (as we all know students sometimes do very stupid things). The MaerGrietjie drawing then spent the last 30+ years traveling around South Africa and lived in the UK from 2002 onwards. On 19 May 2022, almost 40 years later, MaerGrietjie was returned home to House Mags to be part of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and to take her place amongst her fellow Grietjies.

*Johann Marais  
(Temporary guardian of  
MaerGrietjie)*

*Editor: Thank you Johann, we wish we could also have our missing HK boards of 1983, 1993 and 1996 back. Don't you have any contacts?*

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## STEP IT UP 2022 (previously Serrie)

There are shortcuts to happiness and dancing is one of them. There is nothing that can compare to the feeling you get when you are on stage, looking at the crowd, doing the Mags moves and hearing the crowd go wild. Then the immense feeling of pride and adrenaline rushes through you, knowing you just killed it on stage. This year -2022 - was a year of uniting our residence through the happiness of dancing following no in-person performances in the past two years due to Covid-19.



Pretty in pink, the 'beauty queens' of House Mags overpowered the Step It Up stage, but as they say, "appearances make impressions, but it is the personality that makes the impact."

From the moment our ladies hit that stage they were absolutely G-L-A-M-O-R-O-U-S! Just like the song Umlando said "Today we make history!"

DIFFERENT, which is the one word that best describes our performance and because we were different, we were irreplaceable. Not forgetting our flirtatious dance to Partition by Beyoncé which was as a real crowd pleaser.

Eventually the true queens were crowned, and House Mags took home multiple awards. We got 1<sup>st</sup> place in best performance for a female residence, 1<sup>st</sup> place best theme overall, 1<sup>st</sup> place as best themed residence, 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall best performance (male and female) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for overall best band (male and female). What a profound moment it was for the Mags ladies and I wish they continue wearing their invisible crowns as they deserve it.

Success is best when it is shared, singing the Narcotic song in the celebration victory will always be engraved in our minds and will be defined as one of the best moments of our residence life.



Watch their performance on:  
<https://youtu.be/YQD6uVq3WU4>

Written by Ruvé Blaauw (Culture External)





## SPIKKEL ONTHEFFING

The Spikkel Badge ceremony is a very special event in a Spikkel's res life. This is where I, as the First Year Guardian, and the rest of the House Committee, welcome our first years as fully-fledged House Mags ladies! The event is kept a surprise and the Spikkels have no idea when it will be happening. The House Committee secretly decorated the rec hall with pink balloons, fairy lights, and off course, our famous pink Mags cupcakes!

The Spikkels were greeted by the House Committee as they entered the rec hall, whilst a slideshow with some of the memories created within the group featured on the screen. The Spikkels enjoyed looking back on the year's memories and started chatting and laughing about their wild journey so far. Our lovely house parents joined the group to give them a well-earned congratulations. Each HC member then had the opportunity to leave the group with some words of joy, pride, excitement, love and encouragement, as they reflected on their journey to become fully-fledged Mags ladies.

After each HC member said a few words, the most important part of the ceremony started: individually handing each Spikkel her very own Spikkel badge. The First Year Guardian and Primaria did the presentation while congratulating them on how far they've come.

The evening ended off with some more cupcakes and chatter between the HC and the Spikkels. This ceremony will most definitely be remembered for years to come!



*Written by Charlize Cuyler (First Year Guardian)*

## MOM AND DAUGHTER DAY

House Mags hosted a unique mom-and-daughter event on 21 May 2022. This event was open to ladies where both mother and daughter were in Mags. The pink moms and daughters took the morning to reminisce about their respective experience in the residence. While a lot of the mothers used the phrase "do as I say, not as I do" we were certain that the young ladies got a lot of ideas on how to make their time at House Mags more memorable. We had a mother who was among the first group of ladies in House Mags in 1982. Interestingly, we also had two mothers that were roommates when they were Spikkels and had lost contact with each other prior to the special morning of 21 May. The event included an arts-and-craft activity, and the mom-daughter duos also competed for prizes in the general knowledge quiz. During the tea break, the famous pink cup cakes were

enjoyed, followed by a sherry and soup lunch a few hours later - topped with great conversation.

*Written by Andria Stolp (House Internal & Treasurer)*



## ALUMNUS IN KOREA

Nonhlanhla Pongwana, our Culture Internal HC in 2019, is currently working in Daejeon, Korea, at a language school as an English teacher for kindergartners. She also teaches literature, speaking, debate and a story writing course to older students. Nonhlanhla says she absolutely loves what she is doing. She has been brave enough to try a few Korean foods, but luckily, there is a huge variety to choose from, so she doesn't find food too big of a challenge. She has also met a few people from South Africa, so that made it so much easier for her to adjust. What she misses most from SA has to be going to the shops and finding familiar groceries. Realising that Korea does not sell the same fruit as SA has probably been one of her biggest culture shocks. Nonhlanhla says that there are literally fruits and veggies that she has never seen or heard of before. Her fondest memory of House Mags is the supportive and loving energy that just constantly radiated through the residence. "There was always something to do and a friend to do it with. From coming home after a long day of classes and having coffee or tea with my flat mates, to just sitting outside and sunbathing on the lawn. I definitely miss that home away from home feeling."



*Written by Nyakallo Mothibe (Vice-Primaria: Academics & Marketing)*



## Alumni Feesjaar Dinner Messages

Dearest Mags

It was an absolute pleasure to be at the Feesjaar dinner! The evening was special and I recognise the immense planning and time that you invested to make this evening a memorable one for all who attended. The months of preparation that went into one evening will have a lasting effect on me. Thank you for your attention to detail and for capturing every year at House Mags, highlighting the value that each lady added to House Mags, as well as the value that House Mags imprinted on us. It felt as if the nearly 3 years of being out of the residence vanished and I was right back there with all my pink ladies singing the MAMAMA! The evening was spectacular, everyone looked spectacular, and I cannot wait for the next time we see each other again! Kindest regards,  
Mieke van Tonder

Hi

Als wat uit die boeke. Weereens baie dankie vir al julle moeite. Liefde, Christine Lubbe

Good day ladies,  
Compliments on an amazing festival year dinner!! What a beautiful celebration and trip down memory lane.  
Marionette Venter

Dear Mags

Thank you for a wonderful evening and great photos! Thank you!  
Kind regards,  
Christina Mosalagae

Goeie dag,  
Baie dankie vir 'n fantastiese feesjaar dinee! Ons het die aand vreeslik geniet, al jul reelings was uit die boonste rakke en die aand was pragtig. Baie dankie vir almal se moeite met die reelings, dit was voorwaar 'n spog geleentheid wat ek vir lank sal koester. Groete  
Elize Cuyler

**Check out our Festival Year newsletter for more news about the festival year dinner.**

## LET'S STAY ACTIVE!



For the netball tournament, we had four teams in the quarter finals and three teams in the semi-finals. In the final, we had two mixed teams (with Blossoms Delight - alias the men from Sonop) against each other. So, can you guess who won the mixed team category of the first-year league? Our Spikkels delivered an amazing performance in both tournaments and we are extremely proud of them. For the senior netball league our pink ladies placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the tournament. Our mixed team (with House Tau) did not disappoint and won the netball league. Our ball skills paid off when House Mags took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the basketball tournament.

*Written by Skye Bester (Sport)*

## UP ACAPELLA

UP Acapella took place in August and our theme was "The girls who broke the internet". This storyline followed a group of ladies who were up-and-coming criminals. Their dream was to look and play the part. So, when the former was already set, they had to figure out how they were going to make their mark. Maybe breaking the Internet could work! Only to realise that it was not as grand as they thought it would be. They realised that they have to work together to solve the problem and find unity among themselves, and ultimately getting the internet back. Our Acapella team gave a stunning performance and made us proud!

*Written by Mulweli Muswede (Secretary, Admin & Acapella)*



## DAD AND DAUGHTER DAY

House Mags hosted their very first Dad and Daughter day which took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July at Loftus Versfeld Stadium. In order to honour our wonderful dads, we thought it was fitting to plan a special day just for them - especially since it is our Festival Year. All the excited dads and daughters arrived at Loftus and were greeted by two Blue Bulls players, Canan Moodie (now Springbok) and Marco de Witt. We were treated to a full stadium tour and were able to view the locker rooms, gym, family quarters and archive area.

Following the tour, the dads and their daughters took part in a rugby ball passing competition facilitated by the Bulls players. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this and the winning dad-daughter teams received special goodie bags. The sunny afternoon ended with a picnic on the main field as every dad and daughter pair got their own picnic box filled with footlong French loafs, snacks, brownies and drinks.

This day was memorable for all as we celebrated our dads and everything they do for us. We look forward to many more special events like this in the future!

*Written by Lauren Gangiah (Culture Internal)*

