

Griet Griet



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FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH...

I have never liked the colour pink. So it's not too difficult to imagine my reaction when I realised I had the "mis"fortune of being allocated to the Pink residence, Magrietjie. The name 'Magrietjie' had absolutely no appeal to me, as I did not understand its meaning or significance. Thoughts of my dislike for pink and my inability to pronounce the name of the place I would be calling home for a very long time subsided when we were greeted by our lovely HK.

There are no words to describe how busy Welcome Week was for the Spikkels of 2015. Having to adjust from spending over two months with little to no activity during December and January, to ending up with days that began at 6am and ended at 11pm proved to be extremely challenging. The days were filled with lots of valuable lessons about Magrietjie traditions, insight into the lives of our fellow Spikkels and opportunities for self-discovery. Making friends seemed to be the least challenging task of all and very soon the sisterhood, many of us had believed was mythical, started to develop. Friendships outside of Magrietjie were facilitated by the exciting socials, "sleeps" and lunches with the men's residences. The highlight of orientation would have to be lenk melodienk. Although the practices were filled with blood, sweat and tears (not really), the final product that earned us a well-deserved 2nd place was unbelievable and is part of the many memories we will cherish forever.

RAG week also turned out to be an incredible amount of fun. The pleasure of knowing that you are doing something good for the community, coupled with the opportunity to spend time nurturing newly developed friendships with the Spikkels and the Peppies of Mopanie, enabled us to take to the task of "vouing blommetjies" with enthusiasm. The 2015 RAG procession was one of the most exciting experiences we were fortunate enough to be a part of, it was amazing to see the product of our hard work and also appreciate the floats, other residences had worked extremely hard to produce.

These two weeks enabled all of us to find our niche in the incredible Spikkel group and to learn more about the people we would be sharing the most crucial time of our lives with. I personally, am grateful to have been a part of this challenging, yet rewarding orientation. Although I am still adjusting to the tremendous amount of Pink which surrounds me, I think that the following quote, sums up how I feel about the colour Pink, now that I have experienced what it means to be a Magrietjie lady: "People usually associate the colour pink with weakness and naiveté, but I associate this colour with the most beautiful parts of the day— dawn and dusk... So pink is strong and wonderful."

- Ayabonga Sithole (2015 Spikkel)



RAG WEEK FOR MAGTORRO

It was a wonderful and new experience working with the gentlemen of Huis Mopanie. Thus far, the 2015 MagTorro RAG partnership is prospering. RAG was approached with great enthusiasm and energy. The week was spent working on the RAG float for the traditional RAG procession as well as working on short-term projects such as Siyanoqoba After Care School and CANSA. The overall rag theme for this year's RAG procession was "Festivals of the World". MagTorro's individual theme was "Kaapse Klopse", the only theme that was uniquely South African. Major components of the float, involved a Kaapse Klopse man playing a banjo, a saxophone and a tambourine, as well as a live band on the float. The float was bright and colourful and carried a vibrant energy. We could not have been happier with the final product!



WELCOME WEEK A HUGE SUCCESS

Welcome Week saw the arrival of the Spikkels of 2015, and as every year before, they arrived bright eyed and eager to start their new adventure at Magrietjie. The journey of Welcome Week began on "Move-In" day, where they were welcomed by the HK and the house parents. The Spikkels arrived with their parents and all of their belongings, ready to unpack and set-up in residence for the year ahead. The morning was filled with unpacking, moving, and lots of heavy lifting.

Once the ladies were all settled, the parents all gathered in the Rec hall for a formal welcoming by the House Parents and HK. After this, the time to say farewell to their daughters came too soon - a bitter sweet moment for every parent.

The Spikkels spent the rest of Welcome Week following an academic programme on campus during the day. Upon their return to residence in the afternoon they would learn Magrietjie songs, rehearse for lenkmelodienk and prepare for their socials with the men's residences in the evenings.

The week was packed with activities and every moment was put to good use, preparing them for classes, familiarising the ladies with Magrietjie traditions and getting them accustomed to their new home and surroundings. A big portion of the week was focussed on getting the ladies to bond with one another and creating a strong sense of unity amongst them as a Spikkel group, as well as instilling in them the sense of pride which every Magrietjie, both past and present carries with them.

IENKMELODIENK TOP RANKS!

Magrietjie entered this year's lenkmelodienk as the reigning champions, with a huge expectation to perform - and the Spikkels did not fail to deliver. Under the guidance of culture external, Larissa Venter, the Spikkels rehearsed for 6 days, putting together a masterful performance in an extremely short amount of time. The theme was "Bridesmaids", with songs ranging from the golden oldies of Grease to modern day hits by Katy Perry. The show was a multicultural composition with a mixture of Afrikaans, English and Vernacular songs accompanied by slick dance moves and a wonderful first year band. The Spikkels placed second, being narrowly edged out of first place. We could not be more proud of the effort and pride with which the Spikkels performed. The future of Magrietjie looks bright given the performance of the Spikkels of 2015.





WE TASTE CHIBUKU

During February, Magrietjie and Olienhout went on a joint academic tour of the history of making beer at the South African Breweries.

The tour showcased a series of snippets from the world's history, and where beer played an important role. The tour included the tasting of traditional African sorghum beer - better known as "chibuku"- in a mock village, as well as a presentation on how beer was made in Britain. The members of the tour enjoyed a halfway pint at a re-created Victorian pub and saw the inside of a seemingly authentic South African shebeen, where beer was sold illegally in a past era. After this, the process of beer-making was explained to us - and we were allowed to taste some of the ingredients! We ended off the tour by enjoying a free pint in the famous Tap Room.

BEACHES OF RIO

Magrietjie's first culture event of the year took place at the end of February with the "Republic of Olienhout". The theme for the day was "Beaches of Rio" with a festive tropical atmosphere and the sun shining brightly. The day had all the ingredients to be one to remember. The décor transported the crowd to Rio as multiple pools filled the outside area, which was covered in lovely beach sand, emulating a Brazilian beach. The DJ booth blasted out a wide variety of music for all to enjoy. The day was filled with singing, dancing and cheering. Within the area were a variety of stalls, each one themed around a certain beach in Rio. The stalls were decorated with tribal masks and tropical fruits, such as coconuts, pineapples and watermelons, which later served as cups. There were games on offer such as limbo, which was fun and somewhat different for everyone to experience, as well as activities such as beach volleyball and frisbee. The culture event was a great success and received wonderful feedback from all who attended.

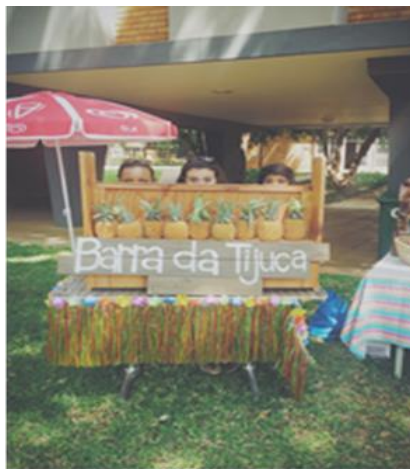
The Serrie finals will be on 15 May! We will report on the Serrie results in the next GrietGriet. We trust that after many months of practice, we will rock the campus with our performance. Please keep your fingers crossed for the Serrie ladies!



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A WORD FROM THE PRIMARIA

When I stood for Primaria, I believed that it was possible to make a difference in the house and inspire the girls around me. Once the HK of 2015 were announced it was only a matter of time before new ideas started flourishing and events started happening. What I want to achieve, with the help of the entire HK, is ultimately to inspire. Inspire the ladies of Magrietjie to participate, to achieve and to think 'bigger and better' than ever before. Magrietjie has a reputation for success and accomplishment and it is important to maintain this standard. We want to remind the ladies in our residence of the true meaning of sisterhood and teamwork, and to achieve a common goal. I feel confident in my HK group and am ready to go the extra mile, see a difference, feel the Pink pride, absorb the experience and leave a legacy in 2015.

Primaria, Michéle Uys

