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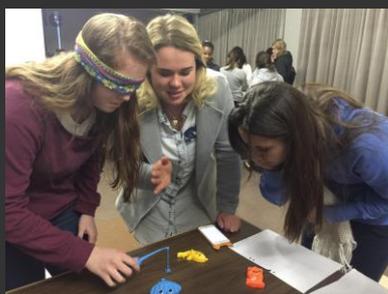
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SAB visit



Games night



Winning Spikkel netbal team

## HOUSE WEEK 2016

House week 2016 kicked off with an exciting opening on Sunday 17 June, consisting of the annual RAG project launch, house week photo competition, a praise and worship session and, of course, a mass huppel.

Monday's madness was our annual Magrietjie floor sports with the theme of Super-heroes. Floor 5 won this event by showing Mags what Super-sports looks like. On Monday evening Mags arranged a mass social at the Arcade Empires where 13 residences took part in a BeerPong tournament. Tuesday the ladies continued the 'beer theme' when they visited SAB together with Sonop to learn more about the brewing of beer. Directly after the SAB visit, the ladies got together for our "Big Sis Little Sis" games night. In pairs, as sisters, the ladies competed in a minute-to-win-it game and trivia.

Wednesday was all about eating. Mags met on the Aula grass for the Steers Wacky Wednesday burger special, and in pink masses the ladies showed that they weren't sisters with blisters but in fact sisters with burgers. The evening Magrietjie had their first senior braai.

Pink Thursday started with a mass huppel at sunrise and, of course, waking up our green (of jealousy) neighbours. On Thursday evening all the ladies had supper together in the dining hall, after which they moved outside for the Mr Magrietjie competition. This year's theme was "Builders! Send that man to work." The participating men stole a few ladies' hearts with their charm and catwalk moves.

Friday's well-being theme started with a 6am yoga class on the front lawn. This was followed by our own 'Beauty Salon' when a team from Dischem gave us special hand, feet and facial treatments. Friday evening was all about TUKS Kaskar. A group of 70 Magrietjie ladies made turns to ensure that we reached the finish line.

Saturday morning the Magrietjie Senior and Spikkel netball teams played in the TUKS Netball Play-Offs. The Spikkel team placed 1st overall and the Senior team 2nd. The ladies rushed back to res to prepare for the Informal dinner, with a "1900s" theme.

With the end of house week in sight, Sunday was devoted to our own Pajama Church where the movie Father of Lights was featured. Later that day Mags reached out to Hatfield to donate blankets to the less fortunate people in the Hatfield community.

Looking back, we are proud to say that the week was a huge success. What a great start to the second semester!



## Magrietjie “stalked” the Serrie Finals



After hours of planning, months of practicing, two closed weekends and a few motivational speeches, Magrietjie was ready to show TUKS what they had planned for Serrie 2016. On Monday 9 May a group of 92 Mags ladies grabbed Prelims by the horns and performed their “Stalker” theme routine 11 times in a row. From golden oldies like “You’re the one that I want” from the movie Grease to “Bad Blood” sang by Taylor Swift, the ladies shook their booties. This year’s Serrie was yet another special experience with blood, sweat and tears making the performance a success.

Magrietjie won prelims, best prelims theme and stalked their way to the final in the Amphi theatre. Even though we did not win finals, we won best theme overall. A special thanks to Cherise Lombaard, the Culture External HK for the time and effort she put in to create a Serrie masterpiece. The Mags ladies truly appreciate it!



## From bottle top to wheel

For our RAG short-term project, we discovered an organisation called the Sweetheart Foundation whose mission is to allow passionate South Africans to uplift the lives of less fortunate people in different communities. They do this by providing wheelchairs to those who need it most, in order to give them independence and enable them to become invaluable in their societies.

This organisation calls on the help of volunteers to help collect bottle tops and bread tags which are recycled in exchange for wheelchairs. Wheelchairs are one of the most commonly used assistive devices for enhancing personal mobility, yet thousands of South Africans remain bed-ridden, rely on family members to carry them around, or turn to unsafe and uncomfortable

home-made alternatives. This organisation believes in a wheelchair being a basic human right.

Thus, our short term project is a Tops N Tags drive that requires us to collect 450kg of bottle caps and bread tags. We made use of old boxes and put them in front of the lifts of every floor for the ladies to drop their tags and tops in.

Once we reached this amount, we received a wheelchair which we will donate to a person of our choice within our community who is in need.

Recycling is also an initiative of TuksRes and TuksRAG so this project is well within the lane of the university’s green goals and community outreach requirements.

Magrietjie collected over 500kg of tops and plan on handing over the wheelchair at the end of the year.



## Camerata night-time concert

For the first time ever the TUKS Camerata choir had a residence concert and Magrietjie had the honour of hosting it. Camerata is an Accapella choir that is world-renowned and of a top standard.

On Thursday evening 21 April, Magrietjie opened her doors to visitors of all ages. Crowds squeezed into the Magrietjie Dining Hall where refreshments such as popcorn and hot chocolate set the scene. Groups of friends filled the seats and a few couples even brought their picnic blankets and dinner baskets to enjoy during the performance. The atmosphere was romantic and special with only a few spot lights on the performers, while candle lights flickered in the background. This created the perfect scene for what was about to happen.

As an opening act for Camerata, Magrietjie had 5 groups performing. These performances ranged from HipHop, African to Opera, and the Mags ladies grabbed the audience’s attention. The opening act was soon followed by Camerata. The choir started their performance with only a few of their talented members which immediately draw the crowd’s attention. The audience looked in awe as the magic sounds filled the air. One by one the other members of Camerata emerged from the back and joined in the wonderful performance.

Magical voices filled the air for a 60-minute concert. Thanks Camerata for a great evening!



## FROM OUR TREASURE CHEST...

Magrietjie is proud to see our ladies flourish in their lives outside Magrietjie.

Dr Bianca Verlinden, Spikkel 2006, was chosen by the National Research Foundation (NRF) as one of two excellent young researchers to represent South Africa at the 8th HOPE meeting with Nobel Laureates held in Tsukuba, Japan.



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## The 012 - Get to know your city

Magrietjie and Taaibos teamed up to stage one of the biggest cultural events Tuks had ever seen.

Pretoria's dialing code is 012, thus with a Pretoria-centered theme the event was named "The 012".



To kick off the event we drove past a few of Pretoria's iconic landmarks such as the Union Buildings and the Voortrekker Monument - learning more about them.

After that we went to the Springbok sports bar where we took part in a pop quiz on Pretoria and its rich history. Then it was off to the Jolly Rogers where we celebrated Pretoria and the end of this special culture event.

## Farewell from the Primaria 2016

Sheryl Paul, an international counsellor for anxiety wrote an article on the way to love and said the following: "All human beings share the same deepest longings: to know and to be known, to love and to be loved, to experience connection without walls and expression without censors".

I was part of a transformation discussion the other day, where the following question was asked: "You woke up this morning feeling completely satisfied with your residence and the life you're living in it. What has changed?" One word came up in my mind: LOVE.

I think anyone living in res would be willing to deal with all the other small things, if it could be done under the umbrella of unconditional

love, the love Sheryl Paul refers to in her article. This is a very idealistic answer though, bringing with it a lot of challenges, but it is this love that I found in my HK group this year.

There was space for differences in opinion, heartbreak and also a little unintentional disappointment. The thing that never changed however, was the willingness to put a fellow HK member's interests before your own. To care for and love one another, even in the times that you were disappointed or had a difference in opinion.

This is the "love" I had in mind when answering the transformation question. This is the love I had the opportunity of experiencing as well as giving in my term as Primaria. This is the love that I hope was carried over to our First Years from the HK and will continue to be shared even further in Magrietjie.

My wish for Magrietjie as I close this chapter of my life, is that every girl that walks through these doors finds an opportunity to receive as well as give this all-accepting love. That the ladies in res open their hearts and minds to get to know each other, to understand each other and to be able to care for one another. Through all the hard times this year, through all the anger and disagreements, this love carried us through and made every second of being on the HK completely worth it!

When loving someone the way Paul explains it, you risk being hurt, may experience rejection, ridicule, abandonment, heartbreak and creating the belief that "I am not enough". But the moment you take that risk, the rewards in the end make it all worth it!

After all, in the words of Mother Teresa:

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

Christél Muller

