

NUUSBRIEF / NEWS LETTER



Term 4 / Kwartaal 4

10 Desember / December 2025

UIT DIE HOOF SE KANTOOR / FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE



As we close this remarkable school year, we reflect on the strength and unity of our Marais Viljoen community. Everyone—our learners, parents, staff, and Governing Body—contributes in a unique and essential way to who we are as a school.

This year was filled with achievements and unforgettable moments. From academic milestones and creative breakthroughs to sporting triumphs, every accomplishment has shaped the story of our school. Our learners brought vibrancy, curiosity, resilience, and dedication, making 2025 truly extraordinary.

The Grade 12 class of 2025 has also made us incredibly proud, and we eagerly await the results in January. Thank you for your dedication over the past five years. We wish you great opportunities and fulfilment as you embark on the next chapter of your lives.

We express our thanks to all the parents for your unwavering support and involvement. A big word of thanks to our Governing Body, under the leadership of Mr. Niel van Wyk, for your continued guidance. Your dedication strengthens our school and community every day.

'n Spesiale woord van dank aan die drie adjunkhoofde Mnr Müller, Mnr Els en Me de Villiers vir julle volgehoue ondersteuning, toegewyde leiding en harde werk deur die jaar. Julle stap nie net saam met my nie, maar tree ook as ware leiers op wat telkens bewys dat ons as 'n gedugte span enige uitdaging met selfvertroue en vasberadenheid kan aanpak tot voordeel van Marais Viljoen, en daarvoor is ek opreg dankbaar.

Aan ons personeel, julle is die fondament van Marais Viljoen. Julle professionaliteit, sorg en passie inspireer leerders om hulle volle potensiaal te bereik en 'n blywende invloed op hulle lewens te hê. Baie dankie vir julle toewyding en energie in alles wat julle doen. Ons erken ook God vir Sy leiding, voorsiening en beskerming deur die jaar. Sy teenwoordigheid was ons anker in beide uitdagings en vieringe deur 2025.

Terwyl ons terugkyk op die jaar 2025, neem ons 'n oomblik om te besin oor alles wat ons saam bereik het – die uitdagings wat ons oorkom het, die suksesse wat ons gevier het, en die onbreekbare bande van eenheid en hoop wat ons sterker gemaak het.

Geniet 'n Geseënde Kersgety asook 'n vreugdevolle vakansie saam met geliefdes, wees veilig in alles wat julle doen, en kom terug verfris, vol energie en gereed om 'n wonderlike nuwe jaar te begin – mag 2026 gevul wees met liefde, sukses en onvergeetlike herinneringe.

Groete, Dr. J. Krause

BOODSKAP VAN ONS BEHEERLIGGAAM

Geagte ouers,

So kom die 2025 akademiese jaar tot 'n einde. 'n Propvol jaar met prestasies op akademiese-, sport- en kultuurgebied. Ons groet ons graad 12-leerders en ouers. Ons vertrou dat u die reis saam met Marais Viljoen gedurende die laaste vyf jaar geniet het en wens ons u alles van die beste toe vir die toekoms. U bloed sal altyd blou bly. As Alumni sal ons u prestasies dophou en trots vier. As Beheerliggaam groet ons ook vir mevrou Amanda Steyn wat vir 5 jaar as lid gedien het, en van onskatbare waarde vir die skool was. Ons wens haar alles van die beste toe.

To run a school is not a one-person job, and I would like to express my sincere thanks to every member of the SGB who supported me and the school during this year. My thanks to every staff member of the school for their dedication, hard work, and 'never say die' attitude. The school is not just buildings, it is people and we are privileged to have you.

To every parent, learner and related family member, 2025 presented you with yet another opportunity to re-invent yourself, grab the opportunities the school offered and make your mark. Thank you for your support of Hoerskool Marais Viljoen High School, your investment in our learners and the ambassadors you are help us build our brand as "the school of choice in Alberton". You all made a difference and this has not gone unnoticed.

2026 will pose many challenges to the school, not least of which the financial challenges posed by reduced funding from the Department of Education, and as a school community, we will rely on you, our parents, to partner with us to weather the storm.

As beheerliggaam bedank ons u vir die vertrou wat u in ons geplaas het om hierdie skool te bestuur, en wens ons u almal 'n baie Geseënde Kersfees en Voorspoedige 2026 toe.

Marais Viljoen Groete

Niel van Wyk

Ons groet



Mev Amanda Steyn

BL Lid



Mnr Niel van Wyk

BL Voorsitter

Hooftleiers 2026



Ethan van Rooyen



Zitah Bornman



Kian du Toit



George Mazhindu



Kiano Theron



Arno van der Westhuizen



Brandon Redgard



Imani Tshabangu



Jenna Mindszenty



Mia Oosthuizen



Jean-Mari van Westing



Ashleigh van Wyk

Prize Giving Top Achievers



Most Versatile Sportswoman of the Year
Mikayla Hinkley & Vené Oosthuizen

Veelsydigste Sportman van die Jaar
Tyran Brooks

Sportvrou van die Jaar
Ashleigh van Wyk

Sportsman of the Year
Jaden Govender

Veelsydigste Dogters Graad 8 – 12

Gr. 8 - Amori v Vuuren



Gr. 9 - Mieke vd Berg



Gr. 10 - Jané du Preez



Gr. 11 - Zitah Bornman



Gr. 12 - Mignon Mentz

Veelsydigste Seuns Graad 8 – 12

Gr. 8 - Juvan Bornman



Gr. 9 - Jacques Ferreira



Gr. 10 - Zaviër Swanepoel



Gr. 11 - Brandon Redgard



Gr. 12 - Raynhardt Kruger

Redenaars

Marais Viljoen spanredenaars praat weer 'n hond uit 'n bos uit!
 Ons spog met twee van ons spanredenaars wat op nasionale vlak eerste plekke
 ingepalm het by die Radikale Redenaars kompetisie!
 Graad 9-span: Jacques Ferreira, Hendré Cilliers, Kayla Zwaleski en Carmi van Westing
 Graad 11-span: Ninke Botha, Michelle Ferreira, Ayva Schutte en Jean-Mari van Westing
 (hul derde nasionale titel in 2025)
 Veels geluk! Ons is ongelooflik trots op julle!





Carols by Candlelight

✨ Carols by Candlelight 2025 – Thank You! ✨

Marais Viljoen High School hosted our third annual Carols by Candlelight, and what a truly special evening it was. Each year, this event brings our school and wider Alberton community together as we celebrate the spirit of unity, gratitude, and hope – and this year was no exception.

For the first time, we welcomed Joshua na die Reën as our presenter, adding a beautiful new dimension to the evening. His heartfelt performance created a memorable atmosphere that touched everyone who attended.

We are delighted to share that this year's turnout exceeded both last year and the year before – a clear reminder of the incredible support and togetherness within our community.

A heartfelt thank you to every parent, learner, staff member, friend, and supporter who joined us, helped behind the scenes, or contributed in any way. Your presence and participation made the evening truly magical.

We look forward to seeing you again next year as we continue this cherished tradition.



SPONSORS / BORGE

MAIN SPONSORS 2025: FORBTECH, RACEVIEW MOTORS & ALTRON

As we step into a new year, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our main sponsors for 2025. Your continued commitment and generous support plays a vital role in the growth and success of our school. Because of partners like you, we are able to create impactful experiences, elevate opportunities for our learners, and pursue excellence in everything we do.

Thank you for standing by us and investing in our vision. We truly value your partnership and look forward to another year of meaningful collaboration.



ALTRON

Ons is werklik bevoorreg om toegewyde vennote te hê wat 'n betekenisvolle impak maak op die groei en sukses van Hoërskool Marais Viljoen. Julle ondersteuning stel ons in staat om ons fasiliteite te verbeter, ons programme te versterk en die algehele opvoedkundige ervaring vir ons leerders te verryk.

Namens die hele Marais Viljoen-gemeenskap spreek ons opregte waardering uit. Julle betrokkenheid en geloof in ons visie beteken meer as wat woorde kan uitdruk. Saam bou ons aan 'n beter toekoms.



Community Project



Our nutrition programme was another highlight of the year. With the dedication of generous and hardworking mothers who showed up each day to make a difference, we were able to feed 30 learners every single school day. Their commitment brought comfort, stability and nourishment to our children who needed it most.

This year, our school proudly stepped beyond the classroom to make a meaningful difference in our community. We partnered with Doxa Deo to collect clothing for the Street Store, ensuring that those in need could receive warm, dignified support. We also hosted a successful blood drive, giving our community the opportunity to help save lives.

In honour of Cancer Awareness Month, we prepared and delivered biscuits to patients as a small gesture of care and encouragement. Additionally, we put together food parcels for our own learners in need, making sure they were supported during both the June and December holidays.

Thank you to everyone who contributed—you helped us spread kindness, hope, and support throughout the year.

Nutrition Programme



Mev. Tayla Potgieter



Vandag groet ons 'n baie besondere mens. Jy is soos wat mens in Spreuke 31:25-26 lees, 'n knap vrou. As sy praat, is dit met wysheid; as sy leiding gee, is dit met liefde. Alles aan haar spreek van 'n sterk en edel persoonlikheid. Jy het 'n onmiskenbare impak op jou kollegas en leerders gehad – jou passie en motivering was duidelik te sien in alles wat jy aangepak het. Jou uitsonderlike werksetiek, loyaliteit en toewyding het jou werklik laat uitstaan as 'n kollega waarop 'n mens altyd kon staatmaak. Jy sal onthou word vir jou hart vir onderwys, jou kwaliteit werk, omgee vir die leerders en jou kollegas en jou positiewe, opregte en geesdriftige gesindheid. Almal het aanklank by jou sagte persoonlikheid gevind en jou vaardighede in die vak kon in die uitslae van veral die graad 12-leerders, gesien word. Jy laat beslis 'n groot leemte in ons departement. Ons gaan jou baie mis, maar bid Vader se rykste seën af op hierdie opwindende, nuwe fase in jou lewe. Mag dit gevul wees met vreugde en sukses.

Mnr Diederik Botha



Mnr Diederik Botha was 'n stil, rustige staatmaker wie se positiewe gesindheid, harde werk en bereidwilligheid om altyd meer te doen, 'n groot aanwys vir ons skool was. In die Graad 10 Toerisme-klas het sy toegewyde werksetiek en deeglike akademiese benadering 'n merkbare verskil in ons leerders se leerervaring gemaak. Op sportgebied het hy net so 'n groot impak gehad: as afrigter van die tweede rugbyspan en die eerste krieketspan het hy met passie, tegniese kennis en onwrikbare toewyding gewerk. Sy vermoë om leerders te ondersteun, te motiveer en voluit te lei, het hom 'n onmisbare deel van ons sportprogram gemaak. Dit is met opregte hartseer dat ons hom aan die privaatsektor moet afstaan, maar ons weet dat hy ook daar groot sukses sal behaal. Dankie, Mnr Botha, vir die spore wat jy in slegs twee jaar by Marais Viljoen getrap het. Ons wens jou 'n blink toekoms vol groei, geleenthede en seën toe.

Geniet die vakansie. / Enjoy the holiday.

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SCHOOL STARTS ON 14 JANUARY 2026**