



PLAY ALONG - CAN YOU FIND ALL OF THESE WORDS?

Pandemic
Aiming
Outbreak
Summer
Smart
Uncle

Collected
Music
Partakes
Bridge
Outfits
Interfere

Hola
Responses
Game
Video
Kicks
Love

Editorial
Knowledge
Industrial
Path
External
Friday

X P R E S S News

FRIDAY, 30 JULY 2021

XANADU PRIVATE SCHOOL

TERM 2

THE STEPPING STONE TO THE FUTURE.

Could COVID 19 lead to the next industrial revolution?

By Azola Mhlana

One may argue that during the pandemic, technological devices were used more than ever. Be it for school, work or to keep up with world news.

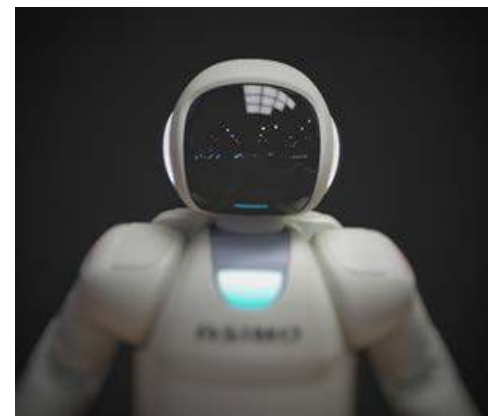
One had to have at least one technological device, whether it be a radio, a cellphone or a television to hear about current measures put in place to limit the spread of the virus. Schools that could afford to, had to do online schooling.

Seeing that the world is heading for the third wave of COVID-19 (Some parts of the world have already been hit by the third wave), it can be argued that in order to minimise the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace, companies might have to look in the direction of artificial intelligence and advanced technologies.

According to the World Health Organisation (The Fourth Industrial Revolution Combatting COVID-19: The Role of Smart and Sustainable Cities, 2020) during the COVID-19 pandemic, many of these technologies were used to ensure that the COVID-19 does not spread to larger or not affected areas.

Technologies such as the Artificial Intelligence, drones, Internet of Things and online services and applications were used frequently by many authorities to monitor affected cities and urban settlements.

Many governments around the globe, especially those with a strong digital infrastructure that have already started their development process towards transforming their cities into smart and sustainable ones, have used different types of the Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies to reduce and control



the outbreak of this disease.

Although many countries have used different types of technologies to deal with COVID-19 pandemic, not all countries have the same capabilities to use and employ these technologies to fight this disease.

Is South Africa ready for the development that COVID-19 is bringing? The path that it is paving to the future? To the next industrial revolution?

INFO ABOUT SCHOOL CLUBS AND EXTRAMURALS

by Olerato Xipu

There are many clubs at XPS for anyone to enter and be a part of. Its very easy joining the clubs that are available.

Talking to teachers about your interests in joining these clubs is important and you also gain more information about them when having this talk.

CLUBS AVAILABLE AT XPS AND WHOM TO TALK TO ABOUT THEM:

- NEWSPAPER CLUB
Teacher Riana Kruger
- PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB
Mr. Dawie de Beer
- FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
Teacher Andrea Nel
- ECO SCHOOL
Ask your register teacher about joining
- SCIENCE CLUB

Mr. Mangena and Teacher Lisa Seymour

EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES/CLUBS (MORE INFORMATION AT THE XPS OFFICE):

- CASS SEHLOHO KARATE
- BALLET
- LITTLE LAB COATS
- ROBOTICS
- MUSIC LESSONS
- RISING STAR ACADEMY
- R SKILLS AND DEVELOPMENT
- MONKEYNASTIX

SPORT

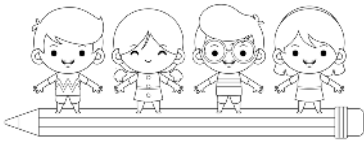
by Pholoso Rasetlola

Xanadu Private School offers a wide range of sports activities for all children to enjoy. These include netball, soccer, swimming, athletics etc.

This year, however the sports facilitators have went the extra mile to ensure that sports activities are extra enjoyable for all of its learners. An example of this was the netball demo that took place earlier this year, hosted by Amanda Jansen van Vuuren.

This demo was an opportunity for our netball girls to learn new knowledge, skills and understanding about netball.

This year, was going to be one of the best sports years at XPS, because of all the exciting sports events that were planned, but unfortunately everything has to be postponed till further notice, due to the Coronavirus pandemic.



ADVICE CORNER

by Olerato Xipu

A LITTLE SECRET - HOW TO GET YOUR LIFE ORGANISED

Organising your life doesn't take one day, the same way Rome wasn't built in one day. Organising your life isn't as easy as it seems because it's a gradual process that one needs to take. It usually starts with ones self - general appearance. You know the saying "CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS" right... therefore you always need to look representable at all times, no matter where you are going. When out in public, you do not only represent yourself but your whole family because you will never know who you bump into that you know. Most people take first impressions very seriously and by that only, people would've formed an opinion about you even if they don't know you...

Here are a few tips for you:

1. Make sure you look neat and representable
2. Make sure your appearance suits your lifestyle
3. Don't only look representable

- when in public but also at home
4. Make sure your room is clean
5. Make sure your surroundings are clean
6. Make sure there aren't any unnecessary things lying about
7. **CLEAN AND PACK UP YOUR CLOSET**, that's usually the best place to start

HEALTHY SNACKS WHILE STUDYING

It's very important to stay healthy and eat healthy when exams are approaching and while one is writing. Not over working your brain helps too because one cannot grasp a lot of information in one day, that is especially true during the long hours spent studying. Snacks help as a bridge between meals and can prevent excessive hunger while helping with portion control and mindful food choices. Smart snacking also promotes energy levels, stimulates metabolism, and stabilises blood glucose.

The 10 Best Brain Food Snacks for Studying:

1. Almonds
Almonds are a satisfying but healthy snack.
2. Dark chocolate

- This is a snack for all the choco-holics out there.
3. Air-popped popcorn
Popcorn isn't just for movie theatres!
4. Fruit salad
It's time to raid the fruit bowl.
5. Greek yogurt
This is great if you need a more substantial and filling snack (Hello, all-nighter).
6. Frozen grapes
This snack needs overnight prep, so you'll need to plan ahead.
7. Veggies (and hummus)
You can snack on just veggies... but they're better with hummus.
8. Homemade trail mix
Pumpkin seeds, cashews, sunflower seeds, pecans, almonds, dried cranberries, raisins... or any other mix of dried fruit, nuts and seeds which takes your fancy!
9. Apples with peanut butter
This is a very good combination of two great snacks: apples and peanut butter.
10. Crunchy roasted chickpeas
If you're looking for a crunchy salty alternative to chips, this is it.

source: <https://benonicitytimes.co.za>

CULTURE

by Omolemo Hlahane

Stranded: A quarantine story

In Term 2, on the 25th of May 2021, XPS held a play titled Stranded which was based on life at sea during the COVID-19 global pandemic. This play was written by a set of different playwrights and it was entirely composed of monologues performed by the high school learners. The following students were involved: Omolemo Hlahane – The Magnificent Mysterio; Rhulani Mathembe – 20,000 steps; Pholoso Rasetlola- Not it; Phetogo Makwene – A video for Tommy; Thando Akinbodunse

- Sock talk; Tebogo Rammole – By the dock; Rego Masala – Clarice the friendly ghost; Tlotlang Malekana – Just Breathe; Phetogo Makwene – Mine. Thank you to all the actresses and actors involved. Special acknowledgments towards our sound and lighting crew: Oratile Juma; Molemo Magagula; Orefile Makoma and our backstage crew Motheo Khoza and Boitumelo Leballo.

Rising Star

Rising Star is an extra-curricular activity with takes place at XPS. This activity helps and improves the public speaking skills of children as well as partakes in

local drama related productions. The Rising Star students are set to have a William Shakespeare production.

This production will reenact one of the famous stories written by the famous poet and author.

If you are interested in joining such a programme, contact Teacher Andrea at 0829940984 or contact her email at risingstaracademy2019@gmail.com.



BIBLE STUDY - THE BOOK OF JUDGES

by Omolemo Hlahane

During Term 2, the high school learners were learning about the book of judges.

The book of judges highlights the cycle the Israelites continuously found themselves in. The cycle starts with disobedience leading to discipline, discipline leading to repentance and repentance leading to deliverance. When the Israelites would sin again, the cycles continued. Each time the Israelites forgot God; God rose a judge that would help deliver the Israelites. The Israelites decided for themselves what was right and wrong. This is because "In those days, Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit."- Judges 21:25. Judges shows what happens when people of God continue to walk away from Him.

A lesson that can be taken from this book is that without God, there is no enemy you can conquer. Also, judges teaches that you can learn from your mistakes.

	7			4	5			
5			8	7				3
		4	1			9		
			5		2		6	8
		2	6				3	
		1		3		2		
		5		1	8		9	2
1	4				6			7
2	9							1

XPS HIGHLIGHTS

by Thando Akinbodunse

During the 2nd term of the year, amazing and successful events were held by the school in order to engage parents and their children to do fun and exciting activities.

Pre-School Mommy Day

On the 7th of May, XPS held an event at the school where mothers and their pre-school kids could bond and do some fun activities such as making a masquerade mask and making anything of their choice out of clay. This event's aim was to be able to give mothers and their children time to have some fun together, which turned out super successful.



Cartoon Character Day

On the 21st of May, students of XPS were allowed to wear any outfit of their favourite cartoon character to school aiming to raise funds for the grade 7s end of the year farewell.



Oats and milk donation

On the 17th of May, XPS collected oats and milk for a community outreach to support Ennis Thabong school.



"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do" - John Wooden.

Not only was the events hosted by the school super successful and fun, they also gave students a chance to do something new and create new memories with themselves and the people around them.

ART XPS

EXPLORING THE CREATIVES AND THE CREATIVITY OF OUR SCHOOL

by Phetogo Mokwene

XPS is full of talent and attracts a lot of talent as well. Let's explore two creatives and their art works.

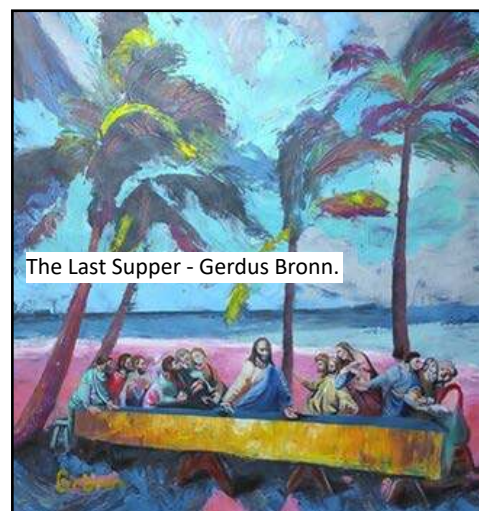
This piece is by Tlotlang Malekana, an XPS art student in Gr 10. Tlotlang also competed in the XPS fashion show and showcased her amazing hand painted COVID awareness outfits. Well done Tlotli, hope to see more from you!



Next we have Gerdus Bronn. A South African painter who believes that "art must 'evoke emotions and stir the viewer' and can only be accomplished through good composition and technique."

Some of Mr Bronn's art work was presented at the Mother and Daughter tea that was hosted at our school.

Wonderful Art works!



The Last Supper - Gerdus Bronn.

EVENTS GALORE!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3

by Boitumelo Leballo

As Term 3 kicks in, the events of our school start! This term brings an amount of fun, educational and awesome events for the learners of our school.

Those events include the Shakespeare School Festival, which is a fun festival where the students of our school get to act and show off their hidden talents. This will take place on the 11th of September, and it is run by Ms Andrea Nel.

The Science Expo is an educational and fun event, run by Ms Lisa Seymour for the grade 4-12 learners of the school. This is a competitive event where the students of the school get to present and show off science projects that were done by themselves.

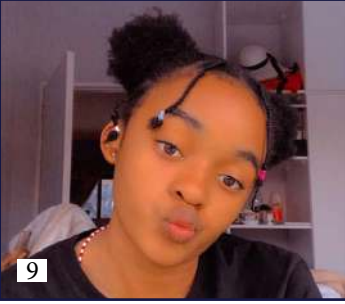
The High School will be thrilled and excited to attend the High School Social, where absolute fun is had and they get to interact with other students and it will held on the 10th of September.

Other educational events are happening, like the English and Afrikaans Spellathon for the learners of Grade 2-12. It will take place on the 20th of August for the grade 4-12 learners (Afrikaans Spellathon) and on the 10th of September for the grade 2-3 learners (English Spellathon). It is held by the English and Afrikaans educators of the school.

This is a place where learners learn a lot and develop their English and Afrikaans vocabulary.

LET'S KICK IT!

CAN YOU MATCH THE BABY PICTURE? WIN A PRIZE!



LEARNING SPANISH


by Nthabiseng Tambani

According to experts Spanish is one of the easiest languages to learn. It's very fun because it opens up a whole new world as it teaches you about a different culture.

It's also one of the best languages to use while traveling. Let's start with the basics:

Hello - Hola
Good morning - Buenos días
Good day - Buenos tardes
Goodnight - Adiós
How are you - Cómo estás
My name is - Me llamo

Hola como eastas...estoy bien gracias
Hello how are you... I'm good thank you





HARD WORK PAYS OFF

by Azola Mhlana

“Winning is something, but participation is everything” ~ Debashish Mridha

Participating in activities is advantageous. Even if you do not win but your hard work will be recognised. Your effort and time will be rewarded. It might not be a certificate or a medal but you could get the greatest reward - knowledge.

Participate and you might just enjoy yourself. Activities offered at school are not always as bad as one thinks. Yes, most of them require hard work but as the saying goes, hard work pays off.

Even if you participate in activities outside of school like dancing, for example, you will be recognised. The school's newspaper will make sure of it. So, do not hesitate to take part in anything. Do not doubt yourself. Do not give up. Take the opportunity with both hands and PARTICIPATE!

XPS AWARDS

TERM 2 by Azola Mhlana

OUR GR 7 LEADERS
FOR TERM 2

GR 11 LEARNERS RECEIVING CERTIFICATES FOR SERVICE



Omolemo Hlahane



Nthabiseng Tambani



Karabo Mtileni



Azola Mhlana



Olerato Xipu

TIME FOR AN AWARD!
These Gr 11 students
received a certificate of
service for assisting The
Little Seedlings with the
making of their Gr R open
day video.

At XPS we develop healthy
and innovative minds.

#celebritiesinthemaking



Kearabetswe Moriti

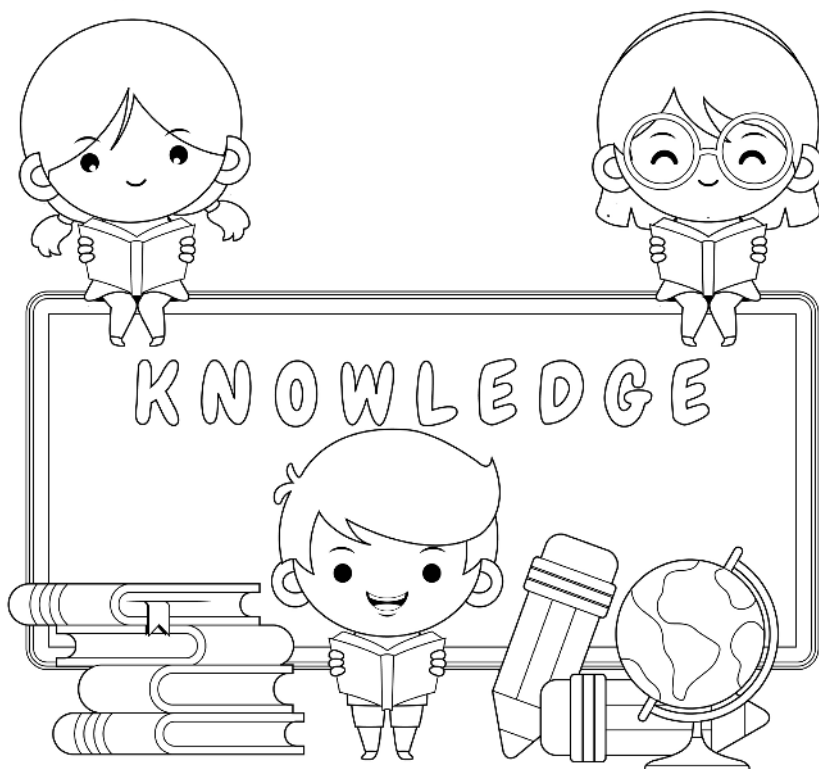


Oatile Marumo

GYMNASTICS AND BALLET



Dimpho Mathebe



Please submit photos and awards to
Teacher Riana Kruger for the next XPress
News Edition.

WRITERS CLUBS

YOUR THOUGHTS ON PAPER!

by Phetogo Mokwene

We write to express our thoughts, emotions, ideas and mostly homework (but that's besides the point).

Let's dive into the thoughts, emotions and ideas of other writers!

My past slowly fades away.
I'm fresh like the first day of May.
Sweet words from your mouth you say.
Flow like a river of a lake
Sweet words like "I love you".

- TruEBenJi

The wind sings a million songs
The wind doesn't need horns or bongs
Let the wind talk to you
With its million voices
Hear something familiar?
It would be your uncle calling you from the
other side
Or just voices of other people.

- SiRBenJi

The above poems are by Boipelo Makhabela in Grade 9. Boipelo says that his past experiences, deep inner emotions and his feelings at the time, encourage his writings.

Keep up the good work and hope to read more from you!

DEAR XPS

ANONYMOUS SECTION

by Pholoso Rasetlola

Anonymous XPS Learner 1:

"One thing about me is that I absolutely love my mom with everything inside of me. She is the only person I really truly adore. I cannot wait to become successful one day, so that I can make her proud of me."

Anonymous XPS Learner 2:

"I'm really having trouble adjusting to my new school. Don't get me wrong, the people here are nice and the environment is amazing, but honestly, I really miss my old friends. What do you think I should do?"

Dear Anonymous XPS Learner 2, change is often not easy and it is going to take some time getting used to the whole new school and making new friends thing, but you

ASK XPS?

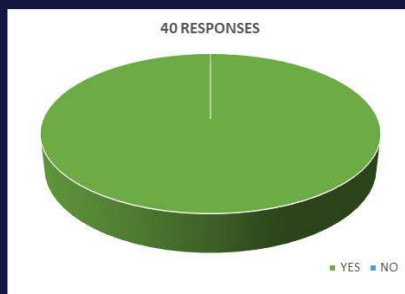
WHERE WE, GET YOU, INVOLVED!

by Phetogo Mokwene

A survey was conducted on the 6th of July 2021 (using google forms) to get the views and the opinions of fellow Xanadu Private School learners. 40 learners responded in total and this is how it went.

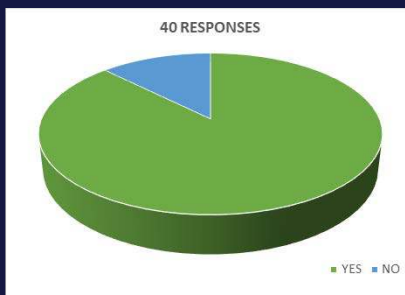
Question 1

Should the wearing of tracksuits be considered for every Wednesday?



Question 2

Should PE be considered for grades 10-12 during summer?



should just be patient, stay calm, be yourself and remember that everything is going to be okay.

Anonymous XPS Learner 3:

"This goes out to anyone who hasn't been feeling like themselves lately. Remember that a bad day, does not necessarily mean a bad life. You are allowed to feel drained and unmotivated, but remember that you are worthy. You're strong and you're beautiful."

Remember that God loves you more than you can ever imagine. Remember that you are created in His wonderful image and He makes no mistakes.

To Him you are perfect and don't let anyone tell you otherwise. Your sparkle will return, just hang in there."

Question 3

Given a chance what is the one thing you would like to see change in the school? (The most common responses)

- Having longer break times
- Switching the 3 minute bell to 5 minutes
- Girls being allowed to wear pants even during summer
- Rules about hair
- Teaching more about entrepreneurship
- Introducing the use of lunch-cards at the tuck shop

Question 4

Any fundraising ideas for the school? (Most common responses)

- Cake sales
- Movie night
- Game night
- Colour run
- Civvies on Fridays
- A night at school full of activities
- XPS music festival

Thank you to all the learners who participated in the survey.

Remember to always stay safe
God bless.

2	9	6	7	5	3	8	6	2
1	4	3	9	2	6	5	8	7
7	6	5	4	1	8	3	9	2
6	8	1	7	3	4	2	5	9
9	5	2	1	7	3	4	6	8
4	3	7	1	8	6	2	5	9
4	3	1	2	9	5	7	3	8
8	1	6	2	4	1	7	3	9
5	7	9	3	6	1	4	2	8
3	2	4	9	7	8	6	1	5
6	1	8	5	4	2	9	7	3

SCHOOL INFORMATION

info@xanaduschool.co.za
012 000 9250 | 071 372 2240

admissions@xanaduschool.co.za
012 000 9256 | 071 372 2240

finance@xanaduschool.co.za
012 000 9252 | 081 275 7772

EDITORIAL TEAM

Teacher Riana Kruger, Teacher Gerda Mecchi,
Pholoso Rasetlola, Thando Akinbodunse,
Boitumelo Leballo, Phetogo Mokwene,
Omolemo Hlahane, Azola Mhlana, Olerato Xipu,
Nthabiseng Tambani