

# THE CHRISTIAN COMPANION

The official newsletter of Advance For Life Christian Academy



## HELLO AND WELCOME...

Advance for Life family would like to welcome you to our newsletter! Whether it's your first time reading about all our events or you're a regular reader we would like to just say

## THANK YOU!

for taking the time to follow our school!



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# THE PRINCIPALS DESK

by Mr. Leonard Flashman - Principal Primary School



AFLCA has shown tremendous spirit in coping with the challenges of COVID-19. We are extremely proud of our students, parents, and all our AFLCA staff for the compassion and perseverance that you have shown. Integrity in the face of adversity comes to mind. The quote by Heraclitus, "The only constant in life is change," has probably never been truer than in the years 2020 - 2021. AFLCA recognises the complex world in which we live where things are constantly changing. We understand the challenges of tomorrow and the need to prepare for them.

Whilst I am sure our students are more than capable of absorbing technology at an increasing rate into their daily routines, one of the steepest and at times daunting challenges for many grandparents, parents and in some instances staff, is the use of technology in the curriculum to nurture and develop skills for a brighter tomorrow.

AFLCA is committed to increasing the use of technology in the classrooms. Our aspiration is to work coding and robotics into the curriculum in the near future. Parents, we plead with you to support us by investing in a family computer from which your children can access curriculum content at home under your supervision. AFLCA will endeavour to seek sponsorship to expand our IT department and classrooms to enable all students and teachers to participate in delivering a meaningful curriculum with the support of technology.

The educational needs of today are vastly different from those of the past because of growing competition and with the progress of science and technology. The students must be equipped with the skills required to face the challenges of the future. They can do it easily if we can make their surroundings stimulating and purposeful.

We are immensely proud of our Foundation Phase students who have risen to the 'Principal's Challenge' set out at the start of the term. A student from each class was selected based on the number of principal awards they received, to share a picnic with the principal and foundation curriculum head. It was wonderful to converse with the little ones and listen to their dreams and aspirations.

I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have reposed their faith in our school. We assure to do our absolute best, always. AFLCA always tries its best to maintain the highest quality academic standard and to provide a wonderful environment for studies.

Blessings,

Leonard Flashman,  
Principal



“Education is not a competition, it's a journey”





## A CHILD'S IMAGINATION.

An interview with Zusikhanyisele Mabusela



**1. What animal would make a great driver?**

*An Elephant in a monster truck*

**2. Who is your favourite storybook character?**

*The animals from the book called: 'One More, Dig A Hole'*

**3. What one thing do you want to try without your parents help?**

*I want to try cooking*

**4. What makes you happy?**

*My Mommy makes me happy*

**5. What is the craziest thing you have ever eaten?**

*I have eaten snake*

**6. What would you do if you made the rules at home?**

*I would want a free pass to do whatever I want. If I want to take my mothers car, she must let me.*

## A LOOK INTO THE LIFE OF A TEACHER

An interview with ANRI VAN DE WALT

**1. What is your best memory from school?**

*I was Deputy Head Girl at Voorpos*

**2. How often do you accidentally start teaching at home?**

*All the time, especially to my husband. Poor Luke.*

**3. What makes for a 'good day' at school?**

*When my students are compliant and listen.*

**4. What accomplishment has filled you with pride so far this year?**

*The progress of my students*

**5. What sort of morning routine do you have to get jazzed for class?**

*I listen to music before coming to school. Christian music in particular.*

**6. What's the best thing about being a teacher and what inspires you?**

*The best is making a difference in the individual lives of my students and my husband Luke inspires me, he gives me the confidence to persevere.*

**7. If you could pass on any wisdom to your students, what would you share?**

*Never give up and believe in yourself, you can do anything.*

**8. If you could take the students on a field trip to anywhere in the world, where would you take them?**

*I would love to take them all to Disneyland, they deserve it.*



## A CHILD'S IMAGINATION.

An interview with Lnambeso Hendricks

**1. What one thing do you want to try without your parents help?**

*I want to drive a car.*

**2. What makes you happy?**

*I would be happy if I could advance to grade 3 today because I am so clever*

**3. What's your superhero name and what powers do you have?**

*Super freeze boy. I have freezing power to freeze our teacher.*

**4. What do you enjoy giving people?**

*I enjoy helping people*

**5. Where would you like to travel? How would you get there?**

*I would like to go to the United States of America and the beach.*

**6. What is the craziest thing you have ever eaten?**

*I ate frogs legs*



# NEWS AND EVENTS

## READ, SET, GO!

The spirit of friendly competition came alive on our Sports Day. The children participate in a wide range of sports events, cheer on their teammates, and learn valuable lessons in sportsmanship. Kids are grouped into their schoolhouses and participate in a variety of individual and team sports events and games.



## OH, HOW MANY FEET YOU MEET.

We think everyone has gotten too used to quarantine that it looks like staff, learners and teachers forgot to change out of their slippers before school! Sometimes it's good to have a little fun, and fun was definitely had by all on our annual slipper day.



## TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE

A splendid celebration was had by both our primary school learners and teachers who had fun showing their pride and dressing in traditional wear for Africa week.



## WHERE THERE IS SMOKE THERE IS FIRE...



2021 has shown yet again that even in the difficult times we should look for the positives and be thankful, as our resource room caught ablaze. We thank the Lord for his protection over everyone at the primary school and that no one was injured.





# THROUGH THE SEASON OF CHANGE



*by Esther Wallis - Principal of High School*

The high school has had many challenges in the season of change as we platoon one week on and one week off for most of the learners.

This has been difficult for the learners to adjust to working on their own for half of their school time, but we serve a way-maker God and His hand of protection and peace has been felt throughout this season.

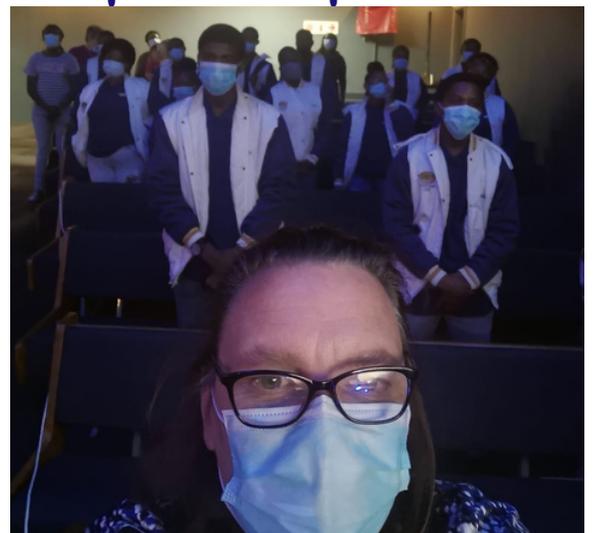
We have 11 classes altogether, serving 270 learners. We have our biggest grade 12 class since our first class in 2014, with 33 matrics set to write finals in October 2021.

We had an amazing prefects camp, which looked a bit different than other years, with the Friday being lectures by pastors and teachers on becoming a strong biblical leader. Saturday saw us on the beach doing team building, and Sunday we enjoyed the day, starting with a time of prayer at Calvary Church and ending with a braai. Our matric farewell was also COVID changed and we had a lovely lunch outside in the beautiful Pine Creek gardens, we continue to trust the Lord as we forge forward into the unknown.

We know that the Lord has already gone before and he only calls us to be faithful in following Him where He leads.

Esther Wallis,  
High School Principal

**“Education breeds confidence.  
Confidence breeds hope.  
Hope breeds peace.”**





## CHATTING WITH A HIGH SCHOOL LEARNER

An interview with Head Boy (Hlonela Mbali)

### 1. Describe yourself in a nutshell.

My name is Hlonela Mbali. I have been at Advance for the past 12/13 years. To describe myself, I am not a very extroverted person. I am kind and that's pretty much me.

### 2. In one sentence, describe the feeling of hearing that you will be representing the school as a head

I was very excited. I was kind of expecting it though. I don't know why. I think it was just my intuition.

### 3. How do you see yourself contributing to the system?

For me it was simple. I wanted to change one aspect. And that was to allow kids to express themselves without feeling caged or confined in their thinking. Essentially be you.

### 4. Name a few strengths that aid you in completing your duties.

Knowing myself and position as well as staying motivated.

### 5. What are a few challenges you have faced in your time as a head?

Basically high expectations. Having to meet the expectations I put up for myself.

### 6. How have you overcome these challenges?

Basically, just respect. Knowing that you are supposed to do what is expected of you as a head and completing your duties.

### 7. Describe an average day in the life of a head boy/head girl

It's pretty much the same as Someleze, it's a cycle. You have to study, do your work. And keep your energy.

### 8. How do you balance head with school

It's very hard sir, I've been asking myself how to do it. One thing I choose to focus on is mental health. If you balance that then it makes the difficulties slightly easier to overcome.

## CHATTING WITH A HIGH SCHOOL LEARNER

An interview with Head girl (Someleze Siboti)

### 1. Describe yourself in a nutshell.

My name is Someleze Siboti. I've been at Advance for the past 12 years. I am not a very outgoing person. I love to stay indoors and I love reading.

### 2. In one sentence, describe the feeling of hearing that you will be representing the school as a head

I was very shocked as I didn't expect such a position to be given to me.

### 3. How do you see yourself contributing to the system?

By making changes to the school. By making sure the kids are respectful to everybody. That we should love each other and no boy is perfect.

### 4. Name a few strengths that aid you in completing your duties.

Knowing that I have the support of my fellow leaders and from my parents.

### 5. What are a few challenges you have faced in your time as a head?

Not being listened to due to me being friends with the students.

### 6. How have you overcome these challenges?

Simply by thoroughly explaining that my position as head girl should not affect our friendships in any way.

### 7. Describe an average day in the life of a head boy/head girl

I wake up at 4:30 and prep for school. After I arrive I begin my duties and continue with school work and then I'm off home for homework and sleep

### 8. How do you balance head with school

It's difficult and I'm still trying to find that balance.



# NEWS AND EVENTS

## GARDEN OF OLYMPUS FEAST

Covid-19 has brought about a lot of changes. This year our Matric farewell was a little different with us having a gorgeous lunch outdoors with the fitting theme of 'Garden of Olymus'. Everyone looks fabulous and a great time was had by all.



## LENDING A HELPING HAND

This year we are looking forward to hopefully, Covid 19 regulations permitting, being visited by Teen Missions International, a short-term missions that exists to launch teens, preteens, adults, and children into lifetime missions involvement by training and mobilizing them to make an internal worldwide impact. Our dedicated young team will spend their holiday fixing, painting, building at both our high school and primary. THANK YOU! You are all in our thoughts and prayers.



## BUILDING THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

Our 2021 prefects leadership camp looked very different from any other years. Instead of a sleep-out camp, we had 3 days of intense Christian leadership training. Friday found us under the teaching Mr. Flashman (primary school principal) followed by our local pastors, Donovan, and Sphiwo! also took a session. Saturday we spent the day at Nahoon Beach with Jonginenge team doing practical exercises to build teamwork. We finished our weekend off with our Sunday morning service at Calvary Church and a braai.

