



ASE Newsletter

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From left: Amogelang Bogatsu, Thandolwenkosi Nkosi, Andile Mnisi and Luyanda Veco
Behind From Left: Sthokomelo Mbatha, Henry Matthews, Jabulile Makhubu, Lindokuhle Ngeu, Lawrence Dube and Angel Veco

Meet the SRC

Congratulations to the newly elected Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2022. They were nominated by their classes to represent the students' interests and advocate for them.

The SRC members have been assigned portfolios to represent: Amogelang Bogatsu is the SRC

President, Thandolwenkosi Nkosi is the SLI Coordinator, Jabulile Makhubu is the Treasurer, Henry Matthews and Andile Mnisi are the Events Coordinators, and Angel Veco is the Secretary.

The SRC has adopted an important initiative - they are giving back by collecting donations for the CHANCE Children's Home. So far they have received clothes, non-

perishable foods and stationary from fellow students. The SRC is still collecting donations and will be visiting the Children's Home at the start of Term 2, students may still bring donations to any SRC member.

We wish the SRC all the success for the year ahead.

Featured articles

Welcome

In this first issue of the Newsletter we would like to take a moment to acknowledge and welcome new and existing students and their parents to African School for Excellence (ASE). We are excited to share this journey with you and only strive for excellence in 2022.

The Newsletter team looks forward to sharing with you the developments that happen at ASE on a monthly basis. We are a team comprised of students, sharing with you what is happening on and around campus from a student perspective.

We have many new projects and initiatives that we are excited to share with you, and hope to involve you as well.



Grade 8 students during their team building session in their first week of school



The Water Crisis

Earlier in the year, ASE was affected by a water crisis that struck Tsakane and other parts of Brakpan. This was due to a power supply trip at Rand Water's Mapleton Booster Station.

During this period the school leadership made the decision to close the school till the water supply was restored, as many students could not come to school and the school did not have any alternative water supply.

In order to mitigate closure of school due to water supply, the school has purchased a Jojo water tank. In the event of any possible future water crisis, the school can remain open.

Featured articles

The Shakespeare Schools Festival 2022

For a number of years, ASE has participated in the Shakespeare Schools Festival hosted by the Joburg Theatre. The programme is aimed at promoting language and social skills through the Performing Arts. The Festival is set to take place in September this year.

The ASE students will be performing the Shakespearean play *The Tempest* this year.

The cast and crew will be running a number of fundraising events leading up to their performance in order to raise funds for costumes, stage design, and transport.

We encourage students and parents to support their fundraising efforts.



ASE Students at the Shakespeare Schools Festival 2021

The school Orchestra being led by scholar Amogelang Bogatsu



Scholar Led Initiatives

ASE scholars kicked off the year strong with the Scholar Led Initiatives (SLI). The scholars have shown great leadership in creating and running their chosen initiatives.

This year we have initiatives like Drama Club, Chess Club, the school Orchestra and many other initiatives. The scholars have SLI time on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We wish each SLI a successful year ahead.

Featured articles

UC Berkeley Comes to ASE

On the 23rd of March, ASE received a school visit of twenty post-graduate students from the University of California, Berkeley, USA. The grade 12 scholars were the tour guides and were able to create mentorship relationships with the Berkeley students.

The Berkeley students showed remarkable generosity by gifting the ASE scholars with some Chrome books, tablets, Berkeley memorabilia, soccer balls, and monetary donations.

The Berkeley students have committed to continuing the relationships they have built with the ASE scholars and will provide support, especially to the ASE scholars who plan to study in the United States.



The UC Berkeley Students, ASE Staff and students.



How I Met My Wife - Showcase

The grade 11 scholars are hosting a drama event for a play that they workshopped and scripted. The play is Titled *How I Met My Wife* and will be performed at the Joburg Theatre in October.

The grade 11's ran auditions and have finalized their cast this month. They will begin rehearsals after the exam period.

Details on when the play will be shared later in the year, all are welcome.

We wish all the best to the to the cast and crew.

In Closing

Term 2 Resources

Grade 8 - *Animal Farm* by George Orwell.

Grade 9 - *Nervous Conditions* by Tsitsi Dangarembga.

Grade 10 - *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

Grades 8-12 - The Oxford Dictionary (Grade 8-12).

Grade8-12-Gloves,Lab coats, graph papers and lab books



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