



Weston Agricultural College

"Academic Excellence with Practical Knowledge"



The Weston Horn

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 24th Internal Final Exams End
- 24th-25th Tractor Ops Course – Gr11
- 26th AMP Soil Practical – Gr11
- 27th Work Experience Prog begins
- 28th Matric Finals End

DECEMBER

- 6th Work Experience Prog ends
- 6th School Closes

JANUARY 2018

- 11th Admin Staff return
- 13th-14th Prefects Camp
- 15th New Boys Orientation
- 16th Boarders Return
- 17th 2018 School Year Begins
- 19th&26th Closed Weekends
- 27th New Boys Day
- 31st Grade 8 Camp

2018 TERM DATES

- TERM 1: Wed, 17 January to Wed, 28 March
- TERM 2: Tues, 10 April to Fri, 22 June
- TERM 3: Tues, 17 July to Fri, 28 September
- TERM 4: Tues, 9 October to Wed, 12 December

2018 FREE WEEKENDS

- TERM 1: Thurs, 15 February to Mon, 19 February
- TERM 2: Thurs, 17 May to Mon, 21 May
- TERM 3: Thurs, 16 August to Mon, 20 August
- TERM 4 Depends on Matric Exams

4th TERM SCHOOL REPORTS

Reports can be collected on either:

- Friday 1st December 08h00 to 12h00 or
- Monday 4th December 08h00 to 12h00

Reports not collected on these days will be posted on Tuesday 5th December.

HEADMASTER'S VISION FOR WESTON

Weston Agricultural College has an existing Vision and a Mission statement and I would like to collaboratively develop the values, expectations and goals of the school, collaboratively determine the processes used to establish these foundations and facilitate their integration into the life of the school community.

I am learner-centered, and our school vision should center around the betterment of each learner. I would like every activity that occurs in our buildings to revolve around what is best for the learners. If it is not beneficial for the learners, then there is no reason that it should continue or even begin to happen. I want to create a society of learners where learners are being constantly challenged by teachers as well as their peers.

I also want teachers who accept a challenge to be the best they can be on a daily basis. I would like teachers to be facilitators of learning opportunities for learners. I want learners to experience meaningful personal growth every day. I also want to involve the community in the learning process, because there are so many community resources that can be utilized to promote growth throughout Weston.

I would like every teacher to believe that each second of the school day centers around what is best for the learners. Once they are sold on this concept, then together we will be able to create a society of learners.

I want to be the kind of leader that people trust and respect, but that does not come through the title alone. It is something that I need to earn with time and hard work. If I expect to gain the respect of my teachers, learners, staff, etc., I have to give respect first. That is why it is important for me to have an attitude of servitude. This does not mean that I allow people to step all over me or do their job, but that I make myself readily available to help people out should the need arise.

As a leader I am prepared to make tough decisions that go against the grain. There are going to be times when it is necessary to make these types of decisions. I have a responsibility to make choices based upon what is best for our learners. I realise that I am going to step on people's toes and that some will be angry with me, however, if it is best for the learners, then I have a rational reason for making those decisions and I am prepared to defend a decision if it has the best interest of our learners in mind.

I need to provide an atmosphere that promotes high amounts of learning on a daily basis and I need to advance the quality of the daily activities for each person within Weston.

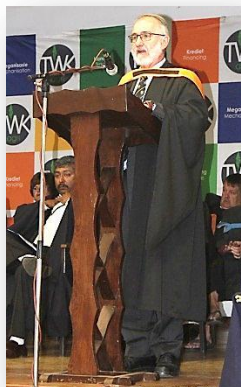
It is critical that I make the students who are struggling academically, socially or emotionally relevant and that we value their learning as much as any other learner at Weston.

I will strive to build a relationship with each member of staff where I can comfortably offer them advice and ideas on how to improve in areas where refinement is needed. I will encourage our staff continuously to look for better ways and be ongoing in their pursuit of quality education for all learners. I will strive to motivate our staff to improve in every area of teaching.

I would like to create a school atmosphere of respect among all administrative staff, teachers, support staff, learners, parents and community members. Because if mutual respect is truly present among all players within the school community, then learning will be increased substantially. With mutual respect our goals will line up, and we can proceed with doing what is best for the learners.

PRINCIPAL
DOUGLAS ROBERTSON

2017 PRIZE GIVING



Principal
Douglas Robertson



Trophies, including the coveted "Tractor Trophy" - Grant Roest Trophy - awarded to Best Machine Operator, on display at Prize Giving



Winston Moffett, who taught at Weston for 48 years, was guest speaker at this year's prize giving ceremony

EXCERPTS FROM PRINCIPAL DOUGLAS ROBERTSON'S SPEECH AT PRIZE GIVING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2017

Good morning, I would like to welcome you all to our annual prize giving. A special word of welcome to our guest of honour Mr Winston Moffett and his dear wife, Wendy. Welcome to the SGB members present, to all the staff, to all the parents present and a big welcome to all our boys, especially the matrics of 2017. Prize giving is an opportunity for the school to look back over its achievements of the year and then to make special mention of those boys who have excelled in an area that has made Weston shine. Boys, each one of you is very special and have each contributed to the success of this year in one way or the other, unfortunately we cannot recognise all of you.

I would like to thank the SGB for their input into the governance of the school this year and here I need make special mention of Mr John Killen who has given many hours of his time to the school. Mr Killen has served as chairperson of the SGB for the past three years and when Luke, his son, receives his final results in early January Mr Killen's service on the SGB will come to an end. We will also be saying good bye to Mrs Bongi Manaba, the vice chair of the SGB, when her son, Kateko, receives his final results as well. To both of you I would like to thank you for what you have contributed to Weston. From within the remaining SGB members we will have to elect an interim chair and vice chair to serve until the SGB elections in March 2018 and possibly co-opt 2 members from the parent body.

I am very proud to say that I have experienced great team/community support from the staff this year. I want to thank each of you for your contribution to Weston this year and your love and support to me personally. The love that each of you, as staff, have for the boys at Weston is unprecedented and goes a long way to prove your care and compassion for our boys. It has been inspiring for me to see how you put the boys first and go out of your way to see something good in each boy. Whenever we have had something to get done you have not held back and have jumped in and got the job done. Last year Weston achieved 100% matric pass and this is largely due to your dedication and hard work – thank you. Over the weekend I was reflecting on what we try to do as teachers here at Weston and I can best sum it up in the following words, which we put into practice daily when dealing with the learners and with parents: *Be calm, be true, be quiet. Do not get emotionally upset by anything that happens around you. Feel a deep, inner security in the goodness and purpose in the world, in the universe. Be true to your highest ideals. Do not let yourself slip back into the old ways of reacting. Stick to your spiritual guns. Be calm always. Do not talk back or defend yourself too much against accusation, whether false or true. Accept abuse as well as you accept praise. Only God can judge the real you.*

Parents, thank you for trusting us with your sons. Maybe we do not get everything right every time, however, you can be assured that we put your son's best interest first. Today is a day when we look at the achievements of your sons, let us focus on their achievements and celebrate these with them.

My final word goes to our matrics who will be starting their final exams next week. Twelve years of schooling, and for some of you maybe a year or two longer, are coming to an end. We have tried to give you roots and wings in your years here at Weston. Roots that you have a firm hold on the principles we have taught you and wings that you may soar to great heights and be model citizens of our great country.

PRINCIPAL
DOUGLAS ROBERTSON

WESTON PRIZE GIVING - 20 OCTOBER 2017**ATHLETICS:**

M.R.A.H.S. Cup	Interhouse Athletics	Smythe
Wicke Cup	Junior Victor Ludoram	Marco Viviers
Michael Leathern Cup	Senior Victor Ludoram	Daniel Nowlan

BASKETBALL:

Dr Bhayat Cup	Interhouse Basketball	Shorten
Mc Doolley Cup	Most Imp. Basket Ball Player	Lethabo Dukada

CRICKET:

Viney Cup	Most Imp Junior Cricketer	Waldo Du Preez
Rob Welsh Trophy	Highest Run Maker	Troy Perekles
R. Maharaj Memorial Cup	Best Bowler	Akhona Hadebe
Spirit of Adventure Prize	Best All-rounder	Akhona Hadebe

RUGBY:

Theuns Els Trophy	Junior Interhouse Rugby	Smythe
Van Der Merwe Shield	Senior Interhouse Rugby	Charlton
Wichmann Cup	Most Improved Junior Player	Timothy Cunningham
Van Rensburg Cup	Best U16 Player	Marco Real
Basson Cup	Best Senior Player	Joshua Bailey
Johan Hunter Memorial Trophy	Most Spirited Player (1 st team)	Wandile Nzimande
Swanepoel Trophy	Best Backline Player	Manelisi Khumalo

SWIMMING:

Upton Cup	Interhouse Swimming	Smythe
Bruce Frost Cup for Swimming	Most Spirited Swimming Team	Smythe
Ian Smith Floating Trophy	U14 Swimming Champion	Travis Mcqueen
Kings Sports Floating Trophy	U15 Swimming Champion	Waldo Du Preez
City Wholesalers Floating Trophy	U16 Swimming Champion	Brett Karg
Farm Supply Floating Trophy	Open Swimming Champion	Tristan Dell

SOCCER:

Adams Book Sellers Prize	Top Scorer of the season	Bandile Mthembu
GR Solutions Prize	Best Junior team player	Sthabiso Dlamini
Soccer Trophy & Lowlands		
Gourmet Meats Prize -	First team player of the season	Akhona Hadebe

ENDURANCE RIDING:

Martin Gilks Trophy	Dedication and Effort in Equestrian	Ian Currin
Adie Cup	Most improved Endurance Rider	Mpendulo Khanyile
Allison Saddlery cup & Dr Adams Prize	Best Endurance Rider	Campbell Robertson

BIG FIVE:

GR Solutions Prize	Best Performance Overall	Quinton Brits
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BEST SPORTSMEN:

Vaughn Jones Floating Trophy		
& Muirheads Hiring Prize	U14 Best Sportsman	Timothy Cunningham
Venske Cup & Mooi River		
Pharmacy Prize	U15 Best Sportsman	Waldo Du Preez
Pascoe Cup	U16 Best Sportsman	Jonathan Taylor
Green Cup	Grade 11 Best Sportsman	Manelisi Khumalo
Trollope Cup	Grade 12 Best Sportsman	Edward Cadle
Dr Adams Prize	Outstanding Achievement in Sport	Akhona Hadebe
Muirheads Hiring Prize	Clay Pigeon Shooting	Sven Lindeque

WESTON PRIZE GIVING -20 OCTOBER 2017**PRACTICAL AWARDS:**

Murray Shield & Lowlands		
Gourmet Meats Prize	Best Stockman	Avela Makaula
Virbac Trophy & GR Solutions Prize	Most Committed Student at the Feedlot	Sambulo Zincume
Southwood Shield & Adams		
Booksellers Prize	Most Interested Agricultural Student	Edward Cadle
The Brahman Trophy & Farm Mark Prize	Cattle Classification	Mark Ortmann
Van Rooyen Shield & Farm Mark Prize	Interest in Workshops	Bryce Nunes
John Gericke Trophy & Arrow Print Prize	Best Practical Work in Agricultural Technology	Luke Killen
Grant Roest Trophy & Jacques Engineering Prize	Best Machine Operator	Llewellyn Smith
Memorial Trophy & NMR Hardware Prize	Best Practical Student Grade 8	Sourav Maharaj
Budd Trophy & Mooi River	Best Practical Student Grade 9	Alulutho Msebenzi & Vamumusa Maphalala
Barnes McClure Cup & NMR Dairy Prize	Best Practical Student Grade 10	Bruce Taylor
Van Der Post Cup & Weston Old Boys' Prize	Best Practical Student Grade 11	Avela Makaula
Van Niekerk Cup & NDC Prize	Best Agricultural Student Grade 12	Edward Cadle
Royal Agricultural Society Cup & Gazprint Prize	Showmanship	Mathew Egan
Moffett Trophy & Farm Parts Prize	Dedication on the Farm	Leonardo Filipe
NDC Prize	AI Course	Owen Brown
Exclusive Books Prize	KZN & National Representations In Auctioneering	Fiso Hadebe
NMR Hardware Prize	Sheep Handling	Abdullah Ameen
Nashua Prize	Best Preparation in Goats	Shane Pollock
<u>DEBATING:</u>		
Rodney Moss Trophy & Spence and Associates Prize	Best speaker in Senior League for Midlands	Mlululeki Ndlela

**WESTON CHOIR SINGING SCHOOL SONG AT PRIZE GIVING**

Where once the hooves of horses
Trotted on the soil
Henceforth arose brick buildings
With red roof tiles through toil

Where once they trained the horses
For a tragic war
Now stands a school for 100 years
That educates us all

On ancient fields of battle
We now plant and plough
There graze the sheep and cattle
As the river wanders by

Our only battle now you know
Is on the sporting field
We play our best to beat our foe
Like we always did before

A school where young boys start as poops
And later leave as men
With a bit of sadness in the heart
Like when lions leave the den

With a century of history
We trust in the Lord our God
We will always praise Him in our song
And Weston will stand strong

WESTON PRIZE GIVING - 20 OCTOBER 2017**SPECIAL AWARDS:**

Van Rensburg/Mbande Trophy & Midlands Cottage Kitchen Prize	Poop of the Year	Timothy Cunningham
Brand X Prize for Athletics	Grade 8 For Achievement	Sourav Maharaj
Brand X Prize for Athletics	Grade 9 for Achievement	Mathew Genlloud
Spirit of Adventure Prize	Dedication & Diligence in Maths	Kevin Shoba
Frost City Wholesalers Prize	Conscientious Work & Perseverance in Academics	Edward Cadle
Jooste Trophy & Wendy's Electrical Prize	Tenacity & Resolve in Academics	Llewellyn Erasmus
Weston Agricultural College Cup & Weston Old Boys Prize	Most Dedicated Service to the School	Wandile Nzimande
Midlands Cottage Kitchen and Trevor Smith Sports Prize	Good Fellowship	Wandile Nzimande
Jacques Engineering Prize	Dedicated Service in First Aid and Sick Bay	Ian Winterboer
Baillie Cup & Spirit of	Leadership in First Aid	Sabelo Buthelezi
Craig Austin Trophy	This trophy is awarded to a learner who has made exceptional progress in academic, sporting and farming practice by creating opportunities from adversity.	Wandile Nzimande

EFFORT AWARDS:**Effort in Academics**

William Arnold, Travis McQueen, Asanda Shezi, Thobani Buthelezi, James Slabbert, Marco Viviers, Philasande Zuma, Joshua Govender, Sven Lindeque, Mathew Genlloud, Alulutho Msebenzi, Kevin Shoba, Stefan Driemeyer, James Taylor, Themba Zaca, Mark Freedman, Sifundo Mbali, Mark Ortmann, Akhona Hadebe, Troy Pereksles, Daniel Erasmus, Daniel Nowlan, Kateko Manaba, Nkosinathi Ncobela

READER AWARDS:

Exclusive Books Prize	Interest in Reading Grade 8 Interest in Reading Grade 9 Interest in Reading Grade 10	Mfukamo Mbanga Callum Robinson Zachary Zurba Ntokozo Dlamini Fernando Craighead Daniel Kholberg Liam Morgan Quinton Brits Llewellyn Erasmus
	Interest in Reading Grade 11 Interest in Reading Grade 12	

WESTON AGRI-SKILLS

National Qualification Certificate	Agri-Skills	Edward Cadle Luke Gillitt Gareth Montile Bryce Nunes Llewellyn Smith Bradlev Vinnicombe
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WESTON PRIZE GIVING - 20 OCTOBER 2017**ACADEMIC AWARDS:**

Redinger Cup	Intergang Academics	Gang 6
Neuman Cup	Most Academic Points	Gang 8
Hostel Academic Trophy	Hostel Academics	Shorten

GRADE 8:

NMR Hardware Prize	2 nd in Grade	Sourav Maharaj
George Parker Award & TWK Prize	1 st in Grade	Keith Miller
Standard Bank Cup & Trevor Smith Prize	Best all rounder in Grade 8 for Academics, sport & section	Keith Miller

GRADE 9:

Jacques Abbatoir Prize	2 nd in Grade	Mathew Genlloud
George Parker Award & TWK Prize	1 st in Grade	Antonio Filipe
Fairhead Cup & NDC Prize	Most Enthusiastic Technology	Ross Asherwood & Chad Mathee
Exclusive Books Prize	Best all rounder in Grade 9 for Academics, Sport & Section	Antonio Filipe

GRADE 10:

Frost City Wholesalers Prize	2 nd in Grade	Themba Zaca
George Parker Award & TWK Prize	1 st in Grade	Spheshile Makhanya
Exclusive Books Prize	Best all rounder in Grade 10 for Academics, Sport & Section	Spheshile Makhanya

GRADE 11:

NDC Prize	2 nd in Grade	Cebo Mchunu
George Parker Award & TWK Prize	1 st in Grade	Sifundo Mbali
Exclusive Books Prize	Best all rounder in Grade 11 for Academics, Sport & Section	Cebo Mchunu
UKZN College of Agriculture, Engineering & Science Award	Outstanding performance in Science and Maths	Sifundo Mbali

GRADE 12: (ALL GRADE 12 PRIZES ARE SPONSORED BY TWK)

Highest Marks in English	Wandile Nzimande
Highest Marks in Afrikaans	Owen Brown
Highest Marks in Life Science	Siyamthanda Nxumalo
Highest Marks in Agricultural Management Practices	Edward Cadle
Highest Marks in Agricultural Science	Siyamthanda Nxumalo
Highest Marks in Physical Science	Siyamthanda Nxumalo
Highest Marks in Mathematics	Siyamthanda Nxumalo
Highest Marks in Life Orientation	Siyamthanda Nxumalo
Highest Marks in Agricultural Technology	Edward Cadle
Highest Marks in Business Studies	Luke Killen
Highest Marks in Geography	Caleb Shaw
Highest Marks in Maths Literacy	Gareth Montile
Highest Marks in isiZulu	Lindani Khanyile
	Thando Khumalo

Lynton Bauer Memorial Trophy	Leadership	Wandile Nzimande
2 nd in Grade		Luke Gillitt

Syme Trophy & George Parker Award		
1 st in Grade & DUX of Weston 2017		Siyamthanda Nxumalo

Headmaster's Award & Dean Grundy Cup		Wandile Nzimande
Top Student 2017 based on Academic Ability, Practical Ability, Sporting Ability, Character & Leadership		

A POEM FROM HEADBOY, LUKE GILLITT'S, PRIZE GIVING SPEECH

Side by side we ride across this land,
Brothers by choice more than the shake of a hand.
Damned for the patch you fly,
Wanting to be free and high.
Like the desperados of old,
Riding free and being bold.

From long hair and leather to the iron on your side,
From horses to steeds of steel.
The wind is what you long to feel.
Brothers in arms protecting each other from harm,
Brothers, not through blood,
But through Weston.



2017 PRIZE GIVING



Akhona Hadebe
Best All-rounder
Cricket



Wandile Nzimande
Most Spirited Player
1st Team Rugby



Manelisi Khumalo
Best Backline Player
1st Team Rugby



Akhona Hadebe
First Team Player of
the Season
Soccer



Campbell Robertson
Best Endurance Rider



Timothy Cunningham
Best U14 Sportsmen



Waldo Du Preez
U15 Best Sportsman



Jonathan Taylor
U16 Best Sportsman



Avela Makaula
Best Stockman



Luke Killen
Best Practical Work
In Agricultural Technology



Bruce Taylor
Best Practical Student
Grade 10



Leonardo Filipe
Moffett Trophy
Dedication on the Farm

2017 PRIZE GIVING



Manelisi Khumalo
Grade 11 – Best
Sportsman



Edward Cadle
Grade 12 – Best
Sportsman



Akhona Hadebe
Outstanding
Achievement in Sport



Sven Lindeque
Clay Pigeon Shooting



Wandile Nzimande
Craig Austin Trophy - for
exceptional progress in academic,
sporting and farming practice by
creating opportunities from
adversity.



Keith Miller
1st in Grade 8



Antonio Filipe
1st in Grade 9



Spheisihle Makhanya
1st in Grade 10



Sifundo Mbali
1st in Grade 11



Wandile Nzimande
Lynton Bauer Memorial Trophy
for Leadership

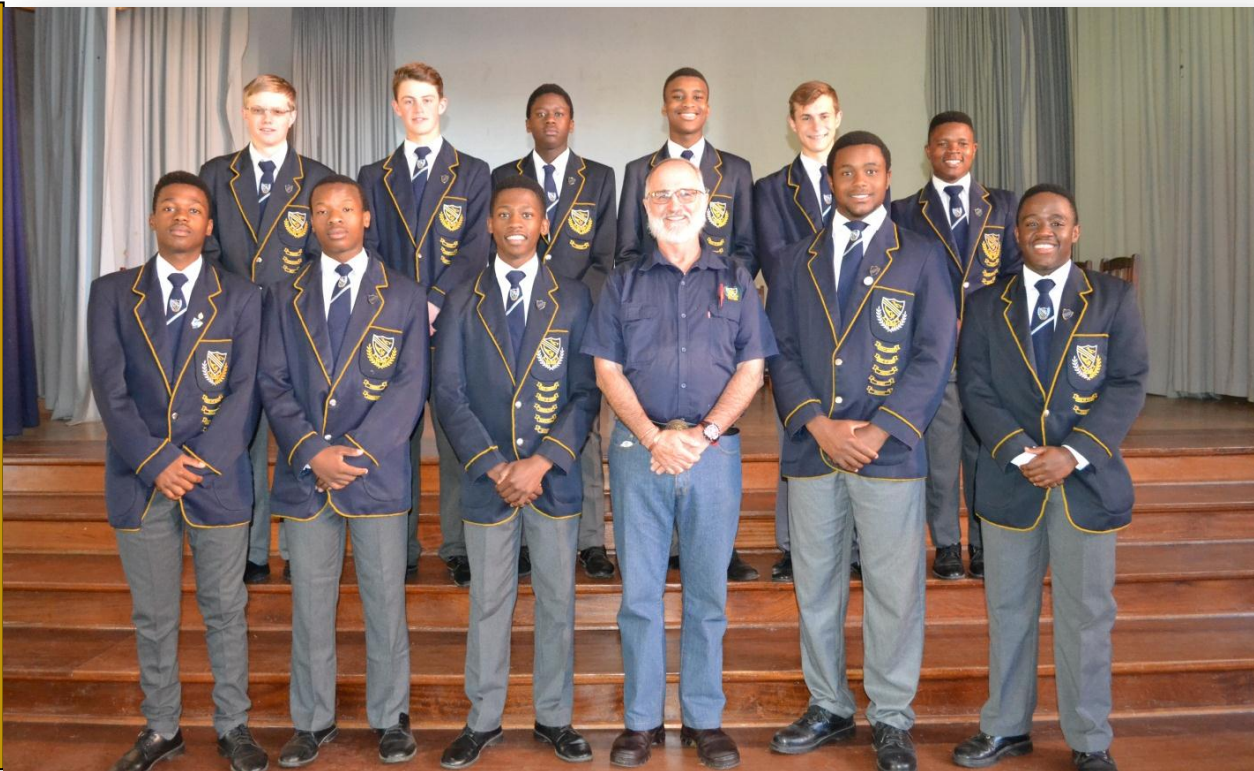


Siyamthanda Nxumalo
1st in Grade 12
DUX of Weston 2017



Wandile Nzimande
Headmaster's Award &
Dean Grundy Cup

2018 PREFECTS



BACK ROW:

Mark Ortmann, Thomas Dilks, Mbulelo Masikane, Mlungisi Ndlela, Mark Freedman, Avela Makaula

FRONT ROW:

Akhona Hadebe, Fisokuhle Hadebe, Cebolenkosi Mchunu (Headboy), Douglas Robertson (Principal), Manelisi Khumalo (Dep. Headboy), Mondli Lembete

2018 HOSTEL PREFECTS

Parker House – Avela Makaula
 Paterson House - Mbulelo Masikane
 Shorten House - Mark Freedman
 Charlton House - Mark Ortmann
 Smythe House - Thomas Dilks

2018 DAY SCHOLAR PREFECT

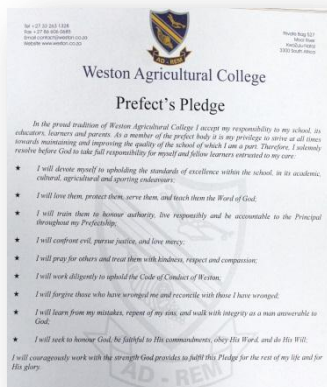
Fisokuhle Hadebe

2018 HEAD OF HOUSE

Parker House – Cebolenkosi Mchunu
 Paterson House - Manelisi Khumalo
 Shorten House - Akhona Hadebe
 Charlton House - Mlungisi Ndlela
 Smythe House - Mondli Lembete



Principal Douglas Robertson
 with 2018 Headboy, Cebolenkosi Mchunu
 and Deputy Headboy, Manelisi Khumalo

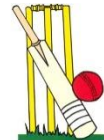


The Prefects' Pledge



Principal Douglas Robertson
 with outgoing Headboy, Luke Gillitt and
 2018 Headboy, Cebolenkosi Mchunu

2017 CRICKET SEASON



FIRST TEAM CRICKET REPORT

Weston's first team had a mixed run of results this year, with some very good victories and also a couple of losses which makes cricket the humbling sport it is.

There were only four matrics in the team and they all played a very important leadership role. The captain, Edward Cadle, was a pivotal leader and will be sorely missed. He has handed over the captaincy to Akhona Hadebe and BIG congratulations must go to Akhona as he was also chosen to represent the school in the President's XI side this year.

We had very good contributions by all players throughout the season but special mention must go to Troy Pereksles who was our top run scorer this season and to Akhona Hadebe who was our top wicket-taker for the season.

We will have a very young side for our 2018 season and I look forward to working with them.

- Bobby Govender - Weston 1st Team Coach -



Weston 1st Cricket Team

U15 TEAM CRICKET REPORT

It was a tough season for the U15 Cricket Team, winning just one of four games. We beat Wembley by four wickets. The team players, however, learnt great sportsmanship and produced very good leaders in Antonio Filipe (Captain and top bowler) and Josh Govender (Vice Captain and top batsman). With more practice this team has the potential to develop dedicated players in the future.

Stem Siwela & Wikus Erasmus – Weston U15 Team Coaches



Weston U15 Cricket Team

U14 TEAM CRICKET REPORT

The U14 squad had an average season, winning 3 out of our 5 games. We lost to a Treverton Juniors and Maritzburg College u14C. We beat Howick High, KZN Inland Hubs and Grace College. The lads have been phenomenal in executing their game plans and applying their skill sets. We started with pre-season training at the start of term three. It makes a coach's job that much easier when you have a group of players who are keen to improve the level of their game. Both Tim Cunningham and Sourav Maharaj were great ambassadors for Weston at the KZN Inland trials. They both reached the last round of the u15 selections. With them being a year younger than the rest, they still have next year to make an impact on the selectors. Sourav Maharaj and Phila Zuma played for the KZN Inland u15 Invitational XI that participated in the Sunfoil Township series that was held at Hilton College over the July holidays. Sourav and Tim represented the KZN Inland u15 President's XI at the Voortrekker series also held in the July holidays. We received a lot of positive feedback from the organisers about these lads. Sourav Maharaj was named the bowler of the Voortrekker series with the most number of wickets taken.

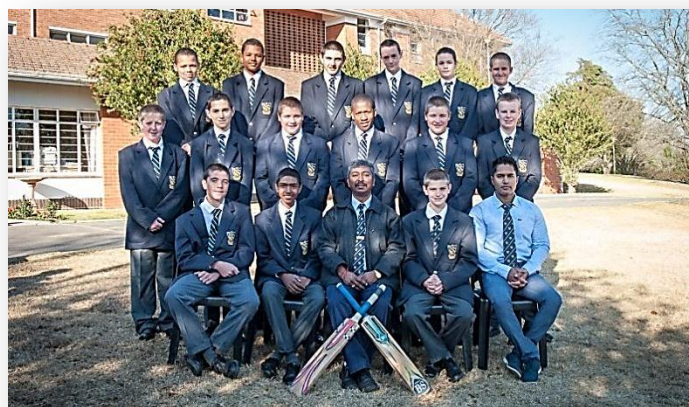
The statistics for the players who performed well are displayed in the table below:

NAME	RUNS SCORED	WICKETS TAKEN
Marco Viviers	167	12
Sourav Maharaj	210	10
Timothy Cunningham	22	9
Bradley Dickson	62	N/A

It was an honour and a pleasure to coach this group of lads.

Many thanks to Sourav, Tim and Marco for leading the lads by example.

Danny Maharaj – Weston U14 Team Coach



Weston U14 Cricket Team

2017 EQUINE ENDURANCE SEASON

2017 has been another good year for Weston's Equine Endurance riders. Weston riders completed 2870km this year, down slightly from last year's 3230km. On average we had a 70% pass rate, which is up from last year's 64% pass rate. This is probably due to more boys riding carefully to finish and fewer entering the tougher rides like the National Fauresmith 200km.

Weston also hosted two endurance rides, one being the KZN Champs, which went off successfully. Thanks must go to our surrounding farmers and community for their assistance in this endeavour. We look forward to their continued support.

Willie Oosthuizen (Gr9) was chosen to represent KZN Young Riders (U21) at the South African International Challenge (SAIC) in a 120km race, but unfortunately was eliminated on the last leg.

Ian Currin (Gr9) was chosen to represent KZN schools at the SANESA interprovincial schools ride at Heidelberg where his task was to ride as close to 16km/h as possible, but not exceed that. He did very well to complete his 80km at 14.69km/h.

One of Weston's horses, Buddy, completed Fauresmith for the fourth time without being eliminated.

SUMMARY OF 2017 RESULTS

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Total Km Entered</u>	<u>Total Km Completed</u>	<u>% Pass</u>
Abdullah Ameen	80 (2x40km) 160 (2x80km)	80 80	67
Willie Oosthuizen	520 (7x80km) 120 (1x120km)	430 0	67
Mpendulo Khanyile	320 (4x80km)	320	100
Avela Makaula	240 (3x80km) 200 (1x200km)	160 0	36
Jason Fletcher	240 (3x80km)	220	92
Daniel Kohlberg	240 (4x80km)	160	67
Campbell Robertson	480 (6x80km)	300	63
Ian Currin	400 (5x80km) 200 (1x200km)	400 0	67
Bruce Taylor	40 (1x40km) 80 (1x80km)	120	100
Cameron Karg	240 (4x80km)	120	50
Cameron Wright	80 (1x80km)	0	0
Taine Louwrens	80 (2x40km) 80 (1x80km)	160	100
Tanner Pitout	160 (2x80km)	0	0
Thomas Dilks	160 (2x80km)	320	100
TOTAL (ALL RIDERS)	4100	2870	70%

Many thanks must go to all the supporters of Endurance at Weston, notably parents, the Weston Farm, Franco-C Saddlery and Mr Robertson. We look forward to your continued support in the future.



Willie Oosthuizen (Gr9) at
SAIC (120 km)



Ian Currin (Gr9) represented KwaZulu-Natal at
SANESA in the step-ladder 80km ride.
Ian and his horse, Jadon, came 4th overall.

In 2012 Mr & Mrs Paterson introduced Endurance Horse Riding to Weston. Over the years Weston has achieved great successes and bitter disappointments in Endurance. Mr and Mrs Paterson's great joy is seeing boys moving out of the novice phase of riding and growing into notable horsemen. Mr Paterson has had a great year, coming second in his last ride and winning best condition. Mrs Paterson is Team Manager of the SA National Equestrian Schools Association (SANESA) for KwaZulu-Natal. They would like to see some Weston boys passing the Fauresmith National ride in 2018 where "To finish is to Win". Hopefully 2018 will be another great year.

2017 BASKETBALL SEASON



Basketball is a fast growing sport, and at Weston it is no different, with the number of players increasing every year. When I think back a few years on how we struggled to find 2 teams - now we have 4 full teams. The boys are keen and play with passion.

Great assistance came from Khulukani, a student based in Bruntville, who gave up his time to referee, coach and assist our Weston teams. He both motivated and inspired the Weston boys to give of their best and play basketball at a much higher level. Without his dedication and support we would have struggled to achieve such a great level of success.

2017 was the first time we had players chosen for KZN trials. Ricardo Rugani was chosen to represent the KZN Inland Team and Lethabo Dukada was chosen in the 2nd round of trials to represent the KZN team.

The 4th term of 2017 gave us very little time to get matches played before exams started and fixtures were compressed. Our best match was against a very strong Linpark 1st team. Lethabo Dukada managed to score 7 baskets from behind the 3 point line, which helped us to win the match 22 -26. This type of accuracy has never been seen before, and it is wonderful to see such an improved performance.

Well done to Shorten House for winning the Interhouse Competition and to Lethabo Dukada for winning the prize for the most improved player. We look forward to a great season in 2018

Chris Nowlan - Basketball Coach



1st Basketball Team with Coach Chris Nowlan



Lethabo "DK" Dukada was Man of the Match against Linpark and recipient of Most Improved Basketball Player at prize giving this year.

2017 FISHING CLUB



The 2017 Fishing Club with "Master Fishermen"
Danny Maharaj, Bobby Govender and Stem Siwela

The Fishing Club visited both Marina Beach and Zinkwazi during the year. They caught an array of fish species including Blacktail, Bronze Bream, Shad, Crayfish and Octopus. Culinary seafood chef, Jannique Spaumer (Gr8), collected and prepared creamy mussels for dinner. Also on the menu was grilled and Masala fried fish.

7's RUGBY



Weston scholars Luyanda Kheswa, Cebolenkosi Mchunu (Headboy) and Manelisi Khumalo (Dep. Headboy), have been selected to represent the KZN Barbarians 7's rugby team which departs for Dubai on 27 November. Travel safely boys.

PRACTICAL AGRICULTURAL COURSES

On Tues, 24 Oct, the Grade 11 Agric Science and Agric Management students were hosted by Mr Carl Gathmann of CMT Farming at his farm in Kranskop. They were treated to a day's experience of **PRECISION CROP FARMING** in action. The boys watched demonstrations on variable application rate fertiliser spreading according to the need of the soils, GPS controlled planting with 3cm accuracy, cultivating and variable application rate herbicide spraying. The Weston boys learnt a great deal and enjoyed the demonstrations and lectures tremendously.



Grade 11 Weston boys attended a basic **ELECTRIC FENCING COURSE** presented by Stafix from Pietermaritzburg on 26 October. They learnt all about the formation, uses, setup and overall purpose of these fences both in residential and agricultural sectors. It was an ambitious and successful course with two extremely enthusiastic lecturers giving brilliant presentations and demonstrations.



On 17 October the Grade 11's attended a **CHAIN SAW SAFETY COURSE** presented by Vikesh Yakub and Power Products from Pietermaritzburg. Here they learnt the importance of respecting a dangerous machine, wearing correct protective clothing and the maintenance of chain saws. This was followed by a chain saw demonstration.



INNOVATIVE SCHOLARS' PROJECTS

Weston Gr9 boys, Ross Asherwood, Andrew Haacke and Ian Currin bought an old quad bike frame from a matric for R200. They stripped the engine then took the brake lining off and sent that to Escourt to be recrimped. This turned out to be too expensive so as first they did without brakes. The three boys managed to convince Weston's Estate Manager, Braam Oosthuizen, to sell them an old water pump engine from Polokwane. They then cut and welded the frame to mount this engine. As the engine turned out to be too weak to push them, they had to run a gear system to get more power. Lots of bells and whistles were added and a new bumper was needed after an incident with a tree. Later they found brakes off an old electric scooter which took a few days to figure out how to fit. Their next modification is to adjust the exhaust so that it no longer comes out the front and hope to fit dual back wheels. "Mud Bug" takes ten minutes to get to the top of the farm and spends many hours waiting for them to finish fishing.



"Mud Bug", in its days as a push-bike, being transported by donkey cart to a braai at Poops Paradise.



The three "Engineers", Ross, Andrew and Ian.



"Mud Bug" in the workshop waiting to be modified.

CHOW TIME



This is the team that keeps the boarders' tummies full. Sethembile Hadebe, Khombisile Dlamini, Judy Mncube, Gawie Meyer, Maxwell Dube, Sarah Mchunu, Zandile Mchunu.

SHORTEN REWARDED FOR ACADEMIC CUP



At prize giving in October, Shorten House was awarded the academic cup for the house with the most academic points during the past year. On Monday, 20 November, students from Shorten were rewarded with a braai at the swimming pool and also treated to some good music and ice cream. Bob, the rooster, was also invited and enjoyed the poolside cricket game.



Estate Manager, Braam Oosthuizen, and his team



Seed and Fertilizer packed and waiting to be planted.



Piglets galore.



Eggs on the way to the supermarket.



90% Calving rate

FARM REPORT

MAIZE

Andrew du Plessis from Pannar has kindly arranged the donation of enough seed to plant 50 hectares of maize for silage at Weston as soon as weather permits. Kevin Horne from Farmers Agri-care, through Syngenta and Arysta, have sponsored all the chemicals required for this silage maize to be planted.

PIGGERY

All seven of the new sows have farrowed with an average of 12 piglets. One sow had 15 piglets with a little help from Mr Nowlan at two in the morning. The farm piggery is now sustainable and is supplying the hostel's kitchen as well as Jacque's Abbatoir in Escourt with pork. The boys enjoyed pork spare ribs this week.

BEEF

A 90% calving rate has kept staff busy this season.

DAIRY

The dairy is producing 15 litres of milk per day and this figure is climbing.

POULTRY

The farm produces 200 trays of eggs a week and is presently supplying Weston's kitchen as well as Saverite and Spar supermarkets in Mooi River.

CLAAS PLOUGHING COMPETITION

Claas has agreed to loan the school a TALOS 240 Tractor which will be used by them to train the Grade 11 and 12's during February and March 2018. Scholars will be nominated as Best Tractor Drivers and the school will then hold an inter-house ploughing competition. Winners of this competition will be nominated to attend the NAMPO show in May 2018 and compete in this show's ploughing competition.

We would like to thank Westonians Doug Fletcher, Clive Cunningham and Mike Blythe for securing these donations as well as for their assistance and guidance on the farm.

BRAAM OOSTHUIZEN – ESTATE MANAGER

STAFF NEWS



Weston Principal and Teaching Staff



Weston Principal and Administrative Staff

This year we will be saying farewell to Mrs Anthea Jansen who has resigned and will be leaving us to help her husband with a chicken project in Shongweni. I would like to thank Anthea for always putting Weston first, nothing was too much for her – she not only did the finances but did much with regard to the marketing of Weston by going to schools in KZN and in Gauteng to promote Weston.

We will also be saying goodbye to two of our interns: Mr Bheki Yenzela and Mr Wikus Erasmus who will be moving on to pursue their chosen fields - Mr Yenzela in the financing arena and Mr Erasmus in the electrical engineering field.

Mr Tony Craighead will also be leaving us at the end of November. I would like to thank Mr Craighead for his enthusiasm and passion for Weston – it has not been easy for Mr Craighead, however, I would like to thank him for the positive changes he has implemented in his year here with us and wish him all the best for his new venture.

Looking back over the year I am reminded of the many positive moments that we have had and most of these are due to the team work I have experienced from my staff and the boys.

PRINCIPAL DOUGLAS ROBERTSON

DONATIONS



DONATION ITEC

On Tuesday, 21 November, Weston received a donation of R110 000 from IT company ITEC's Sales Manager, Daryl Payne.

With him is Mrs Lorraine Deale of Just Build Company and Weston's Principal Douglas Robertson.

In order to improve security at the school ITEC will be placing surveillance cameras in the passage ways of each hostel.

DONATION DOHNE MERINOS

On Friday, 10 November, the Dohne Merino Breeders Society, under the management of Dr Kobus Delpont, donated 30 ewes to Weston and have offered to assist our school in initiating our very own Dohne Merino Stud.

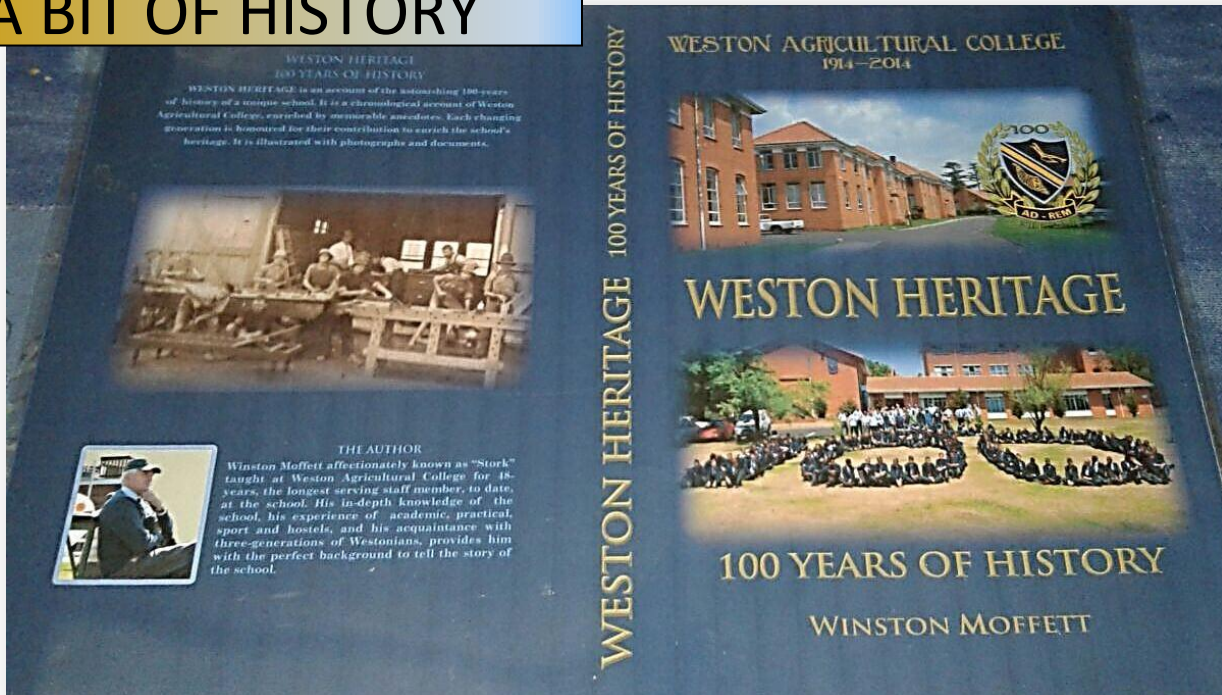
This generous donation was co-ordinated by Dr Delpont and the Dohne Merino breeders to give Weston learners a chance to gain experience in managing a small stock stud.

We are very grateful to be afforded this opportunity and hope to make the Society proud of our efforts.



Weston representatives with Dohne Merino breeders, Mr Clark Rattray, Mr Julius Beukes, Mr Andries Greyling, Mr Freddy Schmidt, Mr Danie Bruwer and Mr J. Boshoff, who each donated 5 ewes to Weston.

A BIT OF HISTORY



Author of this beautiful book, Winston Moffett, affectionately known as “Stork”, taught at Weston Agricultural College for 48 years. His in-depth knowledge of the school, his experience of academic, practical, sport and hostels and his acquaintance with three generations of Westonians, provides him with the perfect background to tell the story of the school.

The book is available for sale at R570 incl VAT and R10 for packaging.

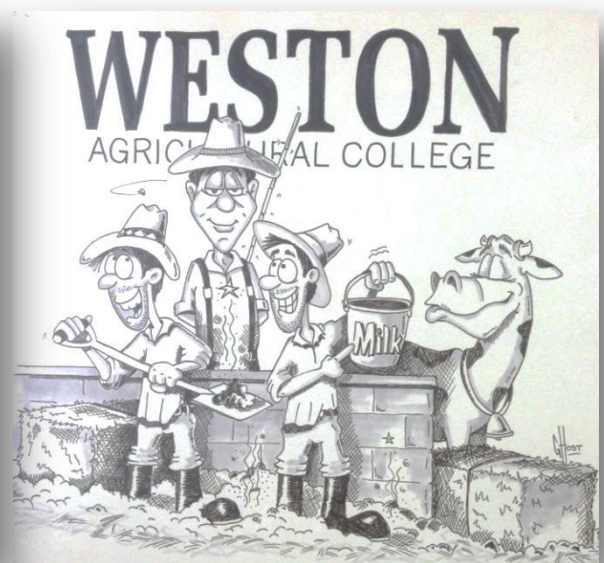
Only five of thirty two limited edition, signed, leather bound and numbered books are still available at R5000 incl VAT per copy.

Kindly contact Christine Nash on oldwestonians@gmail.com to place an order.

DO YOU REMEMBER...



Do you remember where this sign is at Weston?



Do you remember who drew this sketch which is in the reception office at school?



NOTICES AND REMINDERS

PROGRAMME FOR END OF 4TH TERM

Please note the programme for end of Term 4, on Friday, 24 November, is as follows:

- 06:30 Breakfast for boarders
- 07:15 Awards assembly at basketball courts for all scholars
- 07:30 Exam session begins
- 10:00 Exam session ends. Desks back to class.
- 10:30 School Bus Departs and Scholars may be collected from school.

WORK WEEK

School will end for these Grades on Friday 24th November to accommodate Work Week which will run from 27th November to 6th December. We need to do this to accommodate a number of our teachers who will be away marking matric papers.

A letter has been sent out to students explaining Work Week and asking them to have this letter completed by the company that the scholar will be working with. For any further enquiries kindly contact Mrs Paterson.

2018 NEW SCHOLAR APPLICATIONS

Should you have any friends or family interested in enrolling as a new scholar at Weston kindly contact Mrs Paterson on admissions@weston.co.za for further information.

2018 BOARDING AND TUITION FEES

These have been posted on D6 under "Resources – General". Please contact the School Bursar on bursar@weston.co.za should you have any queries.

UNIFORMS

Weston uniforms can be purchased from Bellims in Mooi River. You can contact Bellims on 033 263 1372/083 713 7181. It is advisable to contact Ahmed or Yasmin to make an appointment.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parents, guardians, scholars, teachers and auxiliary staff a blessed Christmas, a peaceful holiday and a prosperous New Year filled with God's graces and blessings.

