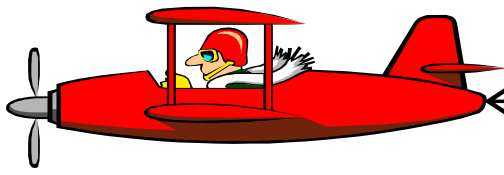


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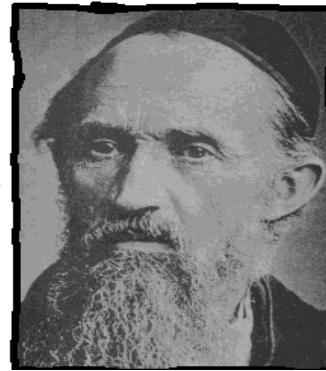
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THE STORY OF ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE

Abbot Francis, the founder of Mariannahill, was a man of far-sighted vision. He felt that for the establishment of a healthy Christianity among the African people, education of the right kind was essential. Arriving in 1882 at a district in Natal, 17 miles in land from Durban, which he called Mariannahill. In 1884 he built a boarding school for boys at the monastery. Two years later a school for girls, called St Anne's, was founded at the convent, which is now the girls' hostel. Later it was decided to combine the two schools into one and St Francis' school came into being. Abbot Francis saw the beginning of the college build-



Abbot Francis

ing, but not its completion, as he died in 1909. In 1915, however, his long cherished wish was fulfilled when St Francis' School became a Catholic Training Center for African teachers. The well-known late Fr Bernard Huss C. M.M became the first principal of the school, then called St Francis' College. St Francis has always worked for the all round development of students. Our school has been up and going for many years and still maintains good results in studies of students. "Ora et Labora" is our motto and we will keep it alive till the end, for we are a Christian Independent School. Viva St Francis Viva!!!

THE EDITORS LETTER

(A WELCOME TO THE NEWSPAPER)

Holla if you can hear me!!! Well, as you know, it is nearly June, and wow, time flies so quickly. As young pupils in St Francis' College we have thought of an idea which we hope that you will enjoy. For a long time there has not been a

school magazine, but this new improved school newspaper has it all for all ya peeps (WADDUP ST FRAN). This school newspaper contains a lot of interesting bits that will leave you with open mouths. You will be amazed to know that putting this all together takes a lot of time and effort. Most

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of you have been wondering when you will be able to see this newspaper, well there you have it, and you just gotta what? Well we hope you will really enjoy it. Well from me chaw and don't forget to close your mouth after reading our newspaper.

LOVE YOU ALL, OH! DON'T DROOL COZ YOU RULE, PEACE OUT!!!

TECHNOLOGY AT ITS BEST!!!

Ms Lewis was interviewed by ZAMO BUTHELEZI of Grade 9 and this is what Ms. Lewis had to say.

I have been teaching children from the time I left university. It has been 6 years since I started. I've spent one year and two months at St Francis' College, which has been a wonderful experience. I think St Francis' is wonderful, with different cultures. The setting of the school and the children are beauti-



ful, but I do think we need some changes, for example the way children interact with each other. In order for the children to obtain higher achievement, we need to get more research materials and the children need to be more exposed to the current news happening in their country. I am highly qualified in technology, Biblical studies and Guidance Counselling. I studied for teaching at Bethesda Bible College, University of Durban Westville and the University of Natal. I'm currently furthering my studies at the University of KZN in the hope of becoming a lecturer. My motto is, to make the best of every day, and my advice to the learners is that "You should have the ability to dream. Never allow obstacles to stop you from dreaming."

LIFE

Some people find life intimidating and unfair, causing them to take their own lives. Is this really necessary? No! These are people who have "failed" life; life has not failed them, because life is what you make of it.

Whoever said that life was fair?

Life is a journey and should be enjoyed, But unfortunately one has to make one's own happiness. The life that you live today should not be a day wasted but should be a reflection of your future. To enjoy life you have to work hard and play by the rules because in this world nothing falls into your lap. It may not be easy trying to keep up but believe me, the hard work you put in today, will pay off tomorrow.

No living being is here by mistake. God put eve-

ryone on this planet for a reason (with a talent or two for survival), so why waste time on things you know will not benefit or improve your life. No one wants to look back one day and realize that they have wasted their lives and God-given talent. Life is fair to those who are fair to life, so live every day like it's your last and always do your best. In the end you will reap what you have sown, with the help of God of course!

So if you were dragging your feet all this time, get yourself together, get up and get a life!!!

CLOWNING AROUND

MARITAL BLISS

A marriage counselor is trying to find out about his patient's attitude by asking her some questions. "Did you wake up grumpy this morning?" He asks. "No" says the woman. "I just let him sleep!"

If girls tend to marry boys who are similar to their father, do you still wonder why mothers cry at weddings?

12 COMRADES MARATHON

Two friends in a jungle come across a lion. One of them reached into his bag, pulled out his takkies and put them on. His friend, feeling very confused, asked "What are you doing?" "You can't out run a



lion". His friend smiled slyly at him and replied, "It's not the lion I have to outrun!!!"

BLONDE BRAINWAVES

A blonde and a brunette try to commit suicide. They jump off a high building at the same time. According to Sir Isaac Newton's laws of motion, which one will reach the ground first? The brunette, because the blonde will stop to ask for directions on the way down!

THE BEAT GOES ON

Are you ready for explosive views on your favorite celebrities? If you answered yes, then that is exactly what you are going to get! Just sit back and I'll show you exactly what you want!

HOTTEST HITS:

- MLANJENI-MAFIKIZOLO ***
- NTOFO NTOFO PITCH BLACK AFRO ****
- YEAH-USHER *****
- RETARDED-BLACK EYED PEAS *****

COOL CLUBS Y-NOT

- WAVEHOUSE Have you been to y-not
- TILT If not, why not?
- WILLOWS fine brothas, cute gals
- WHYNOT cool DJ's & fresh jams
- H2O what more could you want?
- CLEAR

FREE FOR ALL

Students at St. Francis College have been anxiously waiting for **FREE FOR ALL** since last year. Now that our school has it, students can't wait until the following month for the next edition. So far, everyone at our school seems to be enjoying this fantastic newspaper, which has a great impact on the lives of high-school learners today. Word



puzzles, posters, quizzes, jokes, competitions, messages to & from people from other schools all in one and the nice thing about it is, it's for free. Another thing about this wacky newspaper is you get to learn a whole lot of new and exciting facts about life. Fortunately, St. Francis' College is one of the many lucky schools in South Africa to receive **FREE FOR ALL** and we appreciate it. Thanks to the grade 8's of last year.

All about Anna!

Stha interviewed one of the helpers in the school from Germany. She's very sporty, filled with energy and loves being around people. Well, I'm talking about Anna. Let's find out more about her.

Hi Anna, tell us:

S: What do you do in the school and do you like it?

A: Well, I work in the bookshop; go around to different classes for supervision and I also do sports with the students in the afternoon. I normally play with them; basketball, soccer and aerobics. I really do enjoy doing all these things because I get a chance to communicate with the students.

S: Could you briefly tell us what kind of person you are?

A: I'm a very sporty person, very honest, helpful and very moody, especially in the mornings.

S: How was it leaving your friends, family and close relatives from Germany?

A: Actually I was very excited because I knew there was something new and nice that was going to happen in my life, but I just have to say that at the beginning it was kind of strange.

S: What do you normally do in your free time?

A: We go for trips to places that we haven't explored yet and also to other sites that are interesting like malls, movies and, I just love going to the sea! It's a really nice and fresh place to hang around.

S: Could you just fill us in and tell us a little more about what Germany is like?

A: Well, let me think...almost everything's the same as South Africa. We wear jeans and all that fashion stuff in our country, but the only different things are that when we have weddings we don't wear traditional things and there is no such thing as a 'boarding school'. In schools in Germany we wear our own casual clothes, not uniforms, but all I can say is that it's a beautiful country and you just HAVE to know the German language if you want to visit there.

S: Since you've come to South Africa what do you think of it?

A: All I can say is I LOVE IT, it's not just a beautiful country but it's also got beautiful people especially from this school. The students from this school were really friendly, open and they all accepted me for who I am and all I can say is 'KEEP IT UP'!



Anna from Germany

Out of Austria Mr Schwank

I: So... Tell us where you come from?

Mr.S.: I come from a city in Austria called Vienna

I: At which University did you study?

Mr.S.: I studied at the University of Vienna

I: Out of all places in the world, why South Africa

Mr.S.: Well, it wasn't really my choice to come to S.A. It's part of the law in our country that when you reach a certain age, you have to do civil service. You could either go to the army or be a volunteer worker for a certified period of time in another country.

I: Any family members, etc?

Mr.S.: Back at home I lived with my mom, dad

and my little brother.

I: What do you enjoy most about your job?

Mr.S.: I enjoy the communication that takes place between me, the staff members and the other students.

I: What would you rather do during your spare time?

Mr.S.: I like playing soccer and reading.

I: What are your views about St. Francis College?

Mr.S.: I think this is a very nice school, great educators and the learners are so full of character. I believe that most of our future doctors and lawyers will come from this school.



Mr Schwank from Austria

A calling for Sr. Catherine

Could you tell us your real name?

My real name is Catherine.

When and where were you born?

I was born in eNtshange on the 14th of November 1962.

Making you a scorpion star sign! Its hard to believe you could have wanted to be a nun , what did you really want to be?

I wanted to be an air hostess.

What made you change your mind?

I did not change my mind, it was a calling for me.

It's something that as I grew up I realized that this is what I was born to be. As I saw other nuns I realized that this is what I was made for.

How was your first experience as a nun.Did you regret it in anyway?

I really enjoyed it and I would not change my decision ever. I have never regretted this choice of mine. It has been the wisest move I have ever made.

What is your favourite meal?

It is curry and rice. Oh, and I just love maas!

Interview with Mr Murg

Could you please tell us where you come from?

I come from Vienna, Austria.

Where did you study at University?

I studied Business Administration at the University of Economics and Business Administration in Vienna.

Could you tell us a bit about yourself?

I am 28 years old and the last 10 years I lived in Vienna. I graduated last November. The last three years I worked in a Controlling department of a big European Insurance Company. In my free time I like to read books or newspapers, playing soccer or since I am back in South Africa, I enjoy catching the waves.

What made you come to South Africa?

I like to travel in general and since 2000 I am very sold on southern Africa. Two years ago I wrote my diploma work about the school system in SA at the University of Cape Town. I met so many nice people, so I decided to come back, to learn more about this country.

What would you be if you weren't a computer

teacher?

In South Africa: I really appreciate to be a teacher, especially a computer teacher at St. Francis' College. So I can not really image having another job here and now.

What do you think about St. Francis' College so far ?

A lot of very nice students, with a lot of power! It is really fun to work here, because the Students here are really motivated to learn and to develop themselves. I am very surprised how good and friendly all of us, teachers and students, are communicating with each other.

Would you return here in 10 years time? Why?

Yes, the same reason why I am here. I love South Africa, it is such a very interesting country with interesting people.

What motivation/inspirational word would you give to the students of St. Francis College?

Enjoy your life and don't forget you are all heroes!



Mr Murg from Austria

Interview with Mr Benum

Where are you from?

I am from Toronto, Canada.

Could you tell us a bit about yourself?

I studied Applied Mathematics and Physics at university, and when I graduated I worked for a couple of years for an investment banking company.

I decided it was time for a career change and left for Sydney, Australia to get my teaching qualifications. I have been working as a teacher, teaching Maths, Computer Programming, and Computer Engineering for the last 6 years. Two years ago, I got married. My wife Kath-

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The ten worst pick up lines

- 1] I love you, like I love a chicken roasting in the oven.
- 2] I lost my number can I have yours?
- 3] Did it hurt when you fell from heaven?
- 4] Are your legs tired? Because you've been running through my mind the whole day.
- 5] If I could rearrange the alphabet, I'd put you and I together.
- 6] You must be a parking ticket because you've got FINE written all over you.
- 7] Was your father a thief? Because he stole the stars and put them in your eyes.
- 8] Was your father a terrorist? Because you are a bomb!
- 9] I'm lost! Can I have the map to your heart?
- 10] Is there an airport nearby or is that just my heart taking off?



Interview with Mr Benum

here with me and works in the Community Outreach Program at St. Mary's Hospital.

What are your interests?

In my free time I really like to enjoy outdoors. In summer I do a lot of mountain biking, hiking, kayaking, camping, wake boarding and windsurfing. In the winter, I ski and snowboard.

Why did I come to South Africa?

My wife and I enjoy travelling very much and also enjoy learning about different cultures. South Africa has a fascinating history and incredibly rich culture. We believe that our lives will be greatly enriched from this unforgettable and amazing experience. So in a way we are here for very selfish reasons, we want to learn and grow personally from this experience. The best way to find out what life is like in South Africa is to go there. I think that exposure to other cultures and ideas makes you become more open minded. My experiences here will change my way of thinking and I think I will approach life differently when I go home.

What do you think about St. Francis College?

I think that the greatest asset of St. Francis College is the students. I am extremely impressed with the students, how they conduct themselves, help each other out, and their level of dedication. The attitude towards education seems to be very different here in South Africa, when compared to North America. Students here are smart enough to see its' value and are therefore more serious

about learning. The desire of students to succeed at school and learn as much as possible make St. Francis' College a great place.

Will you come back?

We would love to come back to South Africa again. We have heard from other volunteers, that once you have lived in South Africa for some time, it is in your blood, and you long to return. Although we have only been here for 8 months, I am already very attached to the life here. We have made some great friends here, and I really have enjoyed working with the wonderful students of St. Francis College.

What are your words of motivation to the students of St. Francis College?

First of all, you should really believe in yourselves, that you are special, talented, and gifted people. You are at an exciting time in the history of your country, in which a lot of positive changes can be made. You should have the confidence to do your best to lead your community into better times.

The thing that impresses me most about the people that I have met in this community is the selflessness and willingness to help each other, no matter what their own situation is. I have met people that are extremely sick and dying of AIDS, yet they are still out in the community helping their neighbours with their problems. This I find incredibly amazing and inspiring. It is something that I will never forget about the people of S.A.



Mr Benum from Canada

INTERVIEW WITH THE BASKETBALL SCHOOL CAPTAINS

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An Interview with Nonlululeko Zwane

Well first of all we would like to say big-ups for all the girls who made it in the basketball school team. We are so proud that we have a basketball girls school team [unbelievable, we believe it] We've waited so long for a girls' basketball team and guess what our wishes were granted, and for all those who did not make it into the team, try again next year.

How do you feel about being the captain of the school girls basketball team?

To be honest I was expecting this position, not because the others don't play well, but I think I played to my best ability and gave it 101% effort.

Is it hard to work as a grade 11 preparing for grade 12 to concentrate on your studies?

No, its not hard at all. I'm an organized person who sets up time for studies and sport but unprepared games do sometimes disturb my studies.

When did girls' basketball start at this school and who introduced it?

Well, basically girls' basketball was never taken into consideration that much because in the year 2001 a girls basketball team did exist but it was

never noticed and appreciated like netball and soccer but now its gone off to a totally different level and its now one of the most popular sports in school and for that we've got one man to thank; MR RAJKUMAR

What do you think basketball will be in the near future?

Now that more and more schools are introducing this type of sport among pupils basketball will definitely reach new greater heights in the future.

Did you ever think you would be chosen for such a position?

Sort of, I don't mean to blow my own trumpet but I guess at the end of the day hard work really does pay off. I believe I can be the captain of this team not only be a friend, a counseled and give out advice. After all that's the job of a captain. Last, but not least, I would like to thank the grade 11's and mostly the grade 9's, not forgetting the people who helped us a lot namely Pascal Mhlongo, Luyanda Dlamini, Nhlanhla Mkhize, Lindo Mkhize, S'fundo Ndlovu, Ntuthuko Tembane, Sibonelo Ngcobo, Mxolisi Ngcobo, Sakhumzi Nqobe and Njabulo Mlaba.

The man behind the frown.

We have interviewed Mr. Nzama MY GOALS FOR THE FUTURE... and he told us a little bit more I am satisfied with being a principal, but only the about himself.

Here is what he had to say ...

I am an honest, hard working person who always aims high in life. I am very disciplined and I believe in working hard for everything that you want . I believe in being punctual and I am a person who always thinks carefully when doing something which is why I have no regrets in life. I am a Gemini.



Lord above knows what I will be in the future. Maybe I will be more than a principal, who knows? I also want to see this school being one of the best in the country.

MY WORDS OF WISDOM...

I always say believe in yourself because we are all capable of being the very best. Work hard, do your best and God will do the rest.

As you all can see, we have one great principal and we just wanna say big up to you Mr. Nzama!

THE GAME OF LIFE

You see him standing across the road. He looks tall, dark and handsome in dim light. A feeling of pride washes over you because he is yours. BUT before you can call him, you see a green-eyed anorexic monster with extensions attached to his arm. Players! Players! Players! Players!

A player is a master of deception who plays with girl's emotions by having more than one girlfriend at a time. Some girls have mastered this art but have been given more emotive names. So, why do good guys turn into players? In my opinion, it's to add some excitement to their pa- Go to page 8

thetically boring little lives. A medical reason could be that some boys can't control their raging hormones.

We girls are also to blame because we fall for these vile toads. They always seem to know what to say. Life is unfortunately very blind! Rather look for the signs before he breaks your heart. If he's too busy looking at himself in the mirror instead of your radiant beauty, dump him. If he calls you "BRITNEY" call him

"HISTORY". If he's always late, leave him behind! If you don't see the warning signs and he does break your heart, don't cry over him, rather pray that he gets wrinkled, bald and fat in his old age. Revenge after all is sweet! You could do something more constructive with your time like throwing darts at his picture on the wall. We can all agree that in this game of life, it's better to be a player than to be played. So don't get angry get EVEN!

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Letter to the Editor

Uniforms are an essential part of school life. As a student I feel that we should feel good in what we wear, and be proud of our school uniform. Our current uniform isn't doing that for us.

"I totally agree with this statement. I wore the same uniform at Primary school. It definitely needs a change!" anonymous.

I also think it needs a change. Look at our

faces we aren't happy, we just wear it because we have to." anonymous.

We're not asking for much just a few minor changes would be highly appreciated. Maybe parents could discuss this issue on behalf of the students of the school.

We'd like to thank Mr.Nzama and Miss Swanepoel for giving us this opportunity to express our views. THANK YOU!

BORN TO BE A STAR

It all started when I was young. I used to sing my lungs out in the shower and of course I always got shouted at, but that never put me down, because I was born to do it .In music class I was always ready to strut my stuff. Irritated they were, but I always said that I would make it to the top. They never knew I was that good until I sang in front of everyone in the school hall. When I was finished every one was quiet. Negative thoughts started running through my mind. What did I do wrong? Until my principal started to clap her hands and a great round of applause was heard! Then I knew I had done it. But what can I say? I was born to be a Diva!



AN UPDATE ON SPORTS

As you all know we have interhouse sports every year and it can be a thrilling experience This year the interhouse sports started in February and I must compliment our sportsmen and sportswomen on a job well done we had the lions zebras springboks, and tigers [although the lions were the best of them all] We have a variety of sports namely; ladies and men's soccer ,volleyball, basketball, netball and chess.

The scores were as follows:

SPORTS	LIONS	ZEBRAS	TIGERS	SPRINGBOKS
NETBALL	8	6	10	4
BASKETBALL BOYS	6	10	4	8
BASKETBALL GIRLS	10	4	8	6
SOCCER BOYS	4	10	8	6
SOCCER GIRLS	8	4	10	6
VOLLEYBALL BOYS	4	6	8	10
VOLLEYBALL GIRLS	8	6	10	4
CHESS	5	9	9	5

ST. FRANCIS HOROSCOPES

So you would like to know more about yourself, then read on!

Uzzi { 20 April – 20 May}

You need a wake up call! Stop sitting, waiting for something to occur in your life. Now is the time to look around the corner, you might just find what you're looking for in your life. Go for it!!

Versace { 21 May – 20 June}

You are taking on too much responsibility in your life. Take a step back and EXHALE! Stop worrying, you have all the answers right in front of you. JUST THINK REALLY CAREFULLY.

Gucci { 21 June – 22 July}

Things are going to start going well for you. You better start smiling! Relationships are in the making but if you're already in one, embrace your good luck by spoiling the one you love.

Hilton Weiner { 23 July – 22 August}

Stop lying to yourself! You need a change and now is the perfect timing for one. Get out of bad relationships or confront someone who has been on your back lately. Remember to do it tactfully or you could end up ruining your own reputation.

Aca Joe { 23 August- 22 September}

Take some time out for yourself. You deserve some serious pampering. Relax and enjoy how slowly things are going for you because it won't be like that forever.

Soviet { 23 September- 22 October}

Stop crying over spilt milk! Turn bad situations into new beginnings. Concentrate on all the good things in your life because they will help you get over this episode.

Polo { 23 October- 21 November}

Your love some life needs attention. There is no getting around that bend. Stop looking for Mr Per-

fect, Mr Right is right in front of you and you can't even see him. HELLO, open your eyes. And be sure to get rid of all the things laying you back in life NOW!

Levis { 22 November- 21 December}

Your creativity is at its peak at the moment. Embrace new ideas and focus your energy onto your schoolwork. Do some dusting on your social and love life, it really needs it. Old friends are better than new! Your lover needs attention.

Loxion Kulca{22 December- 19 January}

Stop keeping quiet and stand up for yourself because you absolutely won't be disappointed. You are capable of a whole lot more than you think you are. This is your time to get up retrieve your mic and get jamming.

Diesel{20 January- 18 February}

You never know when a message will drop on your lap, well... here it is. DO SOMETHING WITH YOUR LIFE! Sitting around won't help and neither will crying and mourning about it, be active and get it sorted now.

Kurt Geiger{19 February- 20 March}

You are in the mood for a party. Get your dancing shoes on and invite a friend. Remember though this party is only for now (to relieve you). There are better things to concentrate on like your schoolwork.

Lacoste{ 21 March- 19 April}

Is he/ she on your mind constantly, then do something about it and stop being a little puppy. This will work out but don't forget your commitments.

BOYTALK

Well since we have GIRLTALK with Zamo, and telling all the girls what they need to know in their social life about their problems, well, HA! I just happen to think that it's just not fair. Why does it have to be GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS? With S'tha on the Boy Talk it's just going to be BOYS BOYS BOYS because girls aren't the only one's

with problems. Guys also have problems which are also quite hard for them to figure out! So, with S'tha, you can tell me all your problems and they'll be answered in less than a second, so why don't you just see what is going on in the boytalk column?

CHECK IT OUT!

GIRL TALK!!!

Have you ever wondered what really goes through a girls mind? Like really when you think about it, figuring out what goes on in a girls mind is as easy as assembling a rocket ship on your own. In other words IMPOSSIBLE. Here are some tips about what girls are really thinking:

WHEN A GIRL SAYS: Its okay, you can go out with your friends.

SHE MEANS: I need you here but all you can think of are your darn friends.

WHEN SHE SAYS: I'm fine.

SHE MEANS: Do I look fine to you, comfort me

NOW!!

CORRECT ANSWERS:

SHE ASKS: Do I look fat in this?

YOU ANSWER: Of course you don't, (even if she really looks ridiculous)

SHE ASKS: Are you okay?

YOU ANSWER: I'm doing great, thanks, (to avoid the, "you always think about yourself lecture!")

That's all! You've probably learned a lot from this and we hope it taught you a lot about the female of the species. Until next time!

PROBLEMS

DEAR NEWS HELPER

My problem is that my school shoes are too tight for me and also all my clothes, but I have no money to buy new things. My head is very big, I want to make it smaller but how? Because I'm being mocked at School, I just want to be loved like everyone else but my face is so Funny!!!! *Anonymous*

DEAR ANONYMOUS

Well since your shoes and clothes are tight and you don't have money I think you should go and do part time jobs. Maybe you'll earn enough, to buy new clothes and shoes. If your head is big, there is nothing you can do about it, you can't just make it small, cause that's the way you were born, all you have to know is that no-one is perfect. I'm sure there are a lot of people who like you, it's just that you can't see it and if people laugh at you just try and ignore them, because God made you for a certain reason.

DEAR NEWS HELPER

My group and I like break dancing and also love rapping but we have a problem that every time we perform or break dance or rap they call us names like fake MC'S or fake niggards so please help us with how we can stop these jealous people. *Mas-termind*

DEAR MASTERMIND

All I have to say is, you have to know that there are these people, who get jealous when you have something nice or are doing something great, because they will do anything in their power to make you people feel bad, don't worry. The only reason

they are calling you guys names is because they can't do it, so if someone ever insults you guys, just tell them, if they can do it better, why don't they come and do it? and then you'll see they'll back off, because they probably can't do it. You also have to just ignore them because if you don't, your break dancing won't go anywhere

DEAR NEWS HELPER

I think it's not fair that we have to cut our hair, because we want to be free with

Our hair because we can control our hair. Here in the school they like to give boys a hard time by setting too much rules I mean what's wrong with bringing cell phones if you're a boarder because we can take care of things, can't we? *Moses*

DEAR MOSES

Moses if you want to be respected and taken seriously in this school, you have to look neat and tidy that also includes your hair. Just imagine if every one was allowed to do any hairstyles for an example Pich Black Afro is in style with his afro and a lot of people like him so they would probably do afros and girls oh! don't even ask about the girls because they always want what's in the latest fashion. You can't bring your cellphones to school because what if they get stolen and who will be responsible for losing your cellphone and most kids here in this school can't afford to have cellphones, so they'll probably feel left out and some kids could do anything to get themselves phones by probably stealing them and of course they'll lose concentration in class.

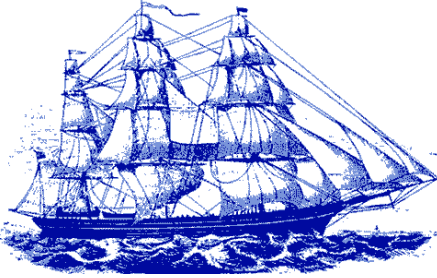
My head is very big!!

I want to make it smaller but how?

journey through life

There is that special day in the calendar
 The day you brought happiness into the world
 The day you changed the lives of your family
 The day you came
 The day you were born

It doesn't really matter whether it was a sunny day or a cloudy day; All I know is, it was a special day, a day to be remembered and celebrated. I remember seeing your mother break into tears when she saw you. She was crying tears of sadness and joy. She was sad because she knew you were now on the road and she knows it is not a safe road to travel



but she has to let you travel it anyway. She was happy because she knew you were here to make a difference. On the way you meet friendly people and rude people too. You make decisions that will affect you through your journey. In difficult times you should stop at the robots and rest a while then the next day go another mile. That day will come after a long journey you will see the sign that says: **“END OF THE ROAD”** You'll look back to your mother for a compliment and guess what she'll say “you've travelled this road well my child”

IMBOKODO

A couple of days ago I heard a group of boys talking and one, with a feeling of utter confidence, said he didn't care if women got a one day holiday because the rest of the days in the year belong to men, the “superior” gender. Of course, as you can imagine, the feminist that I am was left with her mouth hanging open with disbelief! But it got me thinking... what made us women or future women deserve this holiday?

From the beginning of time, men have been the hunters, the providers. Eve only came into existence because Adam was bored with playing with animals.

Women created sin because Eve gave Adam the apple (which he was stupid enough to eat). This shows how influential and intelligent women really are. Eve didn't want to eat the apple first, incase it was poisoned, so she gave it to her idiotic husband to test.

This influence was suppressed for many centuries. Women were not allowed to have a say in anything that happened around them. In the times of cavemen, women were hit over the head and dragged to a cave where they had to wait for their husbands to come home after a **HARD** day's work of playing with the dinosaurs!

**WATHINT'
 ABAFAZI,
 WATHINT'
 IMBOKODO!**

Women had to cook, clean and bear good children. They were not allowed to go to school because it was looked at as a man's purpose to learn and go to work. Women mustn't worry their pretty “little” minds about such important things. Women have spent many years suffering from sexism forced upon by their inconsiderate males, we have only this to say **WATHINT' ABAFAZI, WATHINT' IMBOKODO!**

Now women are the breadwinners. We stand up for ourselves and what we believe in. Men may still be the heads of the households but we are the necks, we **CONTROL** the heads!

Women have become doctors, lawyers, scientists, presidents and politicians. We have a voice and have started using it! And after all this we still have time to be mothers, cook, clean and listen to a nagging husband!

It seems that men have realized that women are the key factor in society Think about it, what would this world be without women? I'll tell you **EMPTY!**

There are a lot of beautiful, extremely extravagant and absolutely divine things in this world. At the top of the list are women! So take five girlfriends, you deserve it!!!

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LAST WORDS!

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PEACE OUT!!!

TIME TO FREAK!

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A FREAKY WEEKEND OR HOLIDAY OR EVEN A FREAKY PICTURE ?

* Well we'd like to hear about it or see it, so grab a pen and paper and get **BUSY**. You can get a chance to win awesome prizes which are up for gabs!

* All you have to do is enter with the entry form given below. Send your picture or a short story to any committee member .**BUT DON'T FORGET IT'S GOTTA BE FREAKY, WEIRD, WILD AND WACKY !!!**

RULES

1. Stories should be short
2. Entries must be in by the 15th of June
3. Judges decision is final. No complaints will be entered into.

Name: _____

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