Nelson Mandela gave 67 years of his life fighting for the rights of humanity.

Mandela Day is a call to action for all individuals to take responsibility for changing the world into a better place, one small step at a time, just as Nelson Mandela did.

The WHPS boys embraced the quote, “Make everyday a Mandela Day”. On the 18th of July our boys immersed themselves in various activities to reach out to our community and show kindness to others in need.

Some of these activities included picking up litter to keep our environment clean, collecting Purity for a children’s home, making lunch parcels for the hungry, making cupcakes for our cleaners, visiting animal shelters, feeding the dogs and cleaning their kennels.

It was wonderful to see the boys reaching out to others, giving of themselves and feeling great about what they did to make someone else’s life a little better.

Delaille Sass / HOD Junior Prep
Mandela Day Continued

Choirs from St John’s Preparatory, Motheong Primary School, Cornwall Hill College, Pridwin Preparatory and WHPS all performed at the Combined Choirs Festival hosted at WHPS on Tuesday, 18 July 2017. The evening was a great success, and all of the boys and girls sang beautifully.
Habit of Mind: #15 Think Interdependently

“Work Together; Learn Together!”

Being able to work in and learn from others in reciprocal situations. Thinking interdependently entails the following four characteristics:

1. Positive Interdependence.

This means that the group sinks or swims together, that they rely on each other. There should be one group goal, not multiple individual goals. Think of sport teams and how they work together? The UBUNTU philosophy of “I am because we are” is encouraged in all aspects of WHPS’ life.

2. Individual Accountability.

Each person should be responsible for their part. Although the task must be a joint task, each person has a role and must be held accountable for completing their part. The recent Combined Choirs Festival was a perfect example of how each boy performed his role to the very best of his ability so that the overall success was enjoyed by all.

3. Equal Participation.

No one can be left to do it all, and no one should be able to opt out. The roles within the group are fairly distributed according to skills and time. Never has this been more evident than now, with staff members taking on added responsibilities as the term reaches its conclusion.

4. Simultaneous Interaction.

To encourage effective group work everyone should be doing something at the same time. We don’t want to encourage the division of labour into a sequence of unrelated tasks. No one should be waiting for others to “do their part.”

The Grade 7 Boys are preparing for their exciting Senior Production and this means everyone needs to be working towards the same end goal.

Take care of each other. Share your energies with the group. No one must feel alone, cut off, for that is when you do not make it.

Brigitte Theunissen / Deputy Head Academics

Sport & Music: Personal Achievements

Stuart van der Merwe had the privilege of representing the South African U12 tennis team in the Lampo Trophy Tennis Tournament held in Rezzatto, Brescia, Italy from 10-15 July. Eight teams participated in the tournament coming from Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Serbia, Slovenia, Mexico, Israel and South Africa. South Africa selected two boys and two girls for the tournament, which was run in such a professional manner and exposed them to the “real world” of International sport. Although it was quite daunting for some members of the team, Stuart seized the opportunity with open hands and both his game and mental strength grew to new levels during his time there. He learnt so much by talking to the boys from the other countries, watching their game preparation, warm-ups, discipline and intensity on the court. Stuart was the only member of the South African team (boys and girls) to win any singles matches and he also took the most games in the matches he lost. He was a great ambassador for WHPS and the SA team.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!!!