



# MAGIC•MOMENTS•MEMORIES

INTRODUCTION: The following strategies and information reflect the activities and general functioning of the school.

## 1. STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE LEARNER PERFORMANCE AND LEARNING AND TEACHING IN GENERAL

### 1.1 Educator Training, mentoring and support:

- The following teachers joined Merensky High School on 9 January 2017:  
Thomas Joubert; Alexandra Dreyer; Greta van Staden; Claudia Olivier; Yvette Streicher, Anché van der Westhuizen, Alex Schoeman, Arno Last and Anri Prinsloo.
- All educators completed their profiles for professional development points and sent it to Bizskills who will manage the admin on behalf of Merensky High School.
- Two teachers were promoted to HOD posts: Mrs Magriet van der Merwe and Mr Jacques Vosloo.
- Mmes Fourie, Labuschagne and Leeuwner received awards at the Limpopo CAT and IT workshop held on 15 and 16 February in Polokwane. Awards were based on the matric results of 2016.  
Merensky was rated amongst the top 3 in 10 of the 12 categories that were awarded. Merensky High School also received the award for the best CAT and IT school in the Mopani district.

### 1.2 Morale Building:

- A counselling session was held by Doreen Lemmer for teachers as well as grade 9 and 10 learners as parents of three of our learners, as well as the husband of a colleague passed away in a short period of time.
- Delegates from the SAPS visited the school on 3 February and addressed the school as part of their youth awareness campaign.

### 1.3 Appointments/Resignations: Mr O J le Roux retired on 28 February 2017. He will be fondly remembered for his contribution to discipline/counselling, mentoring teachers, boy's hockey and archery.

## 2. LTSM:

After the announcement that quintile 5 schools (ex model C schools) are responsible for providing their own LTSM, Merensky had to make innovative plans as the budget for 2017 was already approved. There was no way that the school could provide stationery as well as text books and it was therefore decided that parents had to purchase their children's stationery. A list of the required stationery for every subject and grade was issued to the parents. The feedback from the parents on this decision was favourable.

We budgeted R25,000.00 for paper for assessment purposes.

Due to the increasing numbers we experienced a serious lack of text books for all grades. We spent R205,000.00 at the beginning of 2017 for top-up text books for Gr 11 to 12. We were under the impression that the Department of Education would supply the new literature titles prescribed for grade 12. After being informed by the circuit manager that the department was not going to supply anything, we ordered only the novels for the home languages at a cost of R15,000.00.

Our total expense on LTSM up to now is R245,000.00. This exceeds the predicted income for norms and standards by R89,000.00.

## 3. DISCIPLINE/INCIDENTS:

### 3.1 4 Disciplinary Hearings were held.

### 3.2 Moderate bullying was addressed in more than one incident.

DATE	ACTIVITY	INCIDENT	CONTROL MEASURE TAKEN
02/02/2017	Period 3	Epileptic fit. Learner was unconscious in the class.	Phoned mother. She came to assist. Ambulance was called and she was taken to hospital.
29/02/2017	Period 4s	Epileptic fit in class.	Phoned mother and she took her home.
16/02/2017	Approximately 15:00	Choked on a piece of fruit.	Helped her in the bathroom. Gave her a dry biscuit to swallow which solved the problem.

#### 4. INFRASTRUCTURE:

Five classes were completed for Agriculture. We are in the process of replacing the asbestos classes with brick and mortar classes.

#### 5. ACADEMICS:

##### 5.1 Adopt-a-Genius:

“Adopt a Genius” was introduced to the learners during the assembly of 13 February 2017. Thirteen learners registered as tutors for 2017. They have identified their fellow learners and have started with their tutor sessions. Tutors keep a log sheet of all the activities which they have completed. Our motto is: Turn Knowledge into Action / “Verander Kennis in Aksie”.

##### 5.2 Parents Evenings: On February 2017 all Grade 12 parents were invited to a meeting in the school hall. At the meeting the following was discussed:

- a) The School’s expectations from a grade 12 learner;
  - b) The program for the Grade 12 learners for this year;
  - c) The support of the parent;
  - d) What the school will do to help the Grade 12 learners;
  - e) The importance of a Bachelor pass;
  - f) How to enrol at higher institutions. All the necessary information was supplied;
- There was time for questions and all uncertainties were clarified.

##### 5.3 Interact: A meeting was held with Chris Bill and Belinda Nzadi, the president and vice-president of Interact 2017. Planning is finalized and their programme will commence on 1 March 2017.

##### 5.4 Restaurant Evenings: On 1 February the grade 12 learners hosted their first restaurant evening. 35 Guests were present. On 8 February the second Grade 12 restaurant evening was held and 40 guests enjoyed a scrumptious meal.

#### 6. E-LEARNING:

E-learning at Merensky is still moving forward, but there are still many challenges along the way. Most of the grade 8’s, as well as the teachers, have the SmartClass app installed. The LMS is still under construction.

#### 7. LEADERSHIP/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/RCL:

##### 7.1 Leadership Course: A leadership course was held on 1 February for the grade 8, 9, 10 and 11 learners.

##### 7.2 Executive Committee:

- The EC was involved in the orientation of the grade 8 learners. Activities were performed during the first two school weeks including: ‘Besemsokkie’, Skivvy Concert and Moo-Poo Day. The EC used the time spent with the grade 8’s to teach them the Merensky traditions as well as the Merensky school song and Merensky in Union song. The school usually sings these songs at functions like ‘geesvang’, Merensky Day and Inter High Meetings.
- The EC camp was held on 7 – 9 January to do final planning for the skivvy concert and welcoming of the new grade 8 learners.
- Meetings were held on 7 and 28 February 2017.
- The EC organised a fun-run competition. As many as possible learners ran from the gate to the Wildtuint gate and back. After running they could enjoy a tomato festival and were “showered” and washed by the fire truck from Merensky Timbers. Tomatoes were donated by ZZZ.

##### 7.3 RCL: The RCL for 2017 was elected and trained at Merensky by some of the senior staff. Me Thage presented further training for a small group of the RCL members last week and two Merensky pupils were selected on the Circuit RCL.

#### 8. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

##### 8.1 Grade 8 tree plant ceremony: All the grade 8 learners assembled on 8 February to plant trees around the B-rugby field as well as the area at the Moo-Poo. Different species of trees were planted including Wild Mango, Mitzeeeri and Sausage trees.

##### 8.2 Go Mad: Is held at 17h45 on Wednesday evenings. Learners participate in praise and worship and listen to the Word of God brought to them by one of the youth workers from Tzaneen.

##### 8.3 President’s Awards:

1. Mrs Ada Venter and Ms Yolande Rautenbach accompanied 8 learners from the KEEP THE DREAM foundation and 1 learner from Capricorn High School on their bronze hike in January.

2. 22 learners were awarded their Bronze-level certificates and 5 were awarded their Silver-level certificates in January, which they completed in 2016.
3. 12 of the above mentioned bronze learners will continue with the silver programme and 2 of the silver learners will continue with the gold programme.
4. We have about 23 new bronze participants who enrolled in 2017 and the number is increasing every week.
5. We are currently planning the gold hike and the Residential project for the gold participants which will take place during April 2017.

We are also planning our first bronze hike for 2017 which will take place at the end of March this year.

- 8.5 Blood Drive: Merensky donated blood on the 17/02/ 2017. A total of 39 learners donated blood for this cause. We were invited to the Blood Drive Peer function, but declined the invitation due to logistical problems.

## 9 FUNCTIONS/SPEECH COMPETITIONS/EXPO/EXCURSIONS/CAREER EXHIBITIONS/OLYMPIADS:

- 9.1 Career Exhibition: On 1 March 2017, Merensky High School hosted a Career exhibition in the school hall. 31 exhibitors attended the day. All relevant information, brochures and application forms were handed to Gr 12 learners. Learners are very excited and they will start to apply immediately.
- 9.2 The Valentine's ball was held on 13 February 2017 in the Merensky hall. The theme of the evening was: "My blue Valentine". There were many learners' and it was enjoyed tremendously. The restaurant was visited frequently by the learners for pizza and mock tails. The income, contributes to the matric farewell at the end of the year.

## 10 MEDIA AND MARKETING:

- 10.1 Road Show: The 2017 roadshow is scheduled between 29 May and 7 June.
- 10.2 Open Day: The 2017 Open Day is scheduled for 9 June.
- 10.3 Year Book: The 2016 Yearbook was a huge success. Work already commenced on the 2017 year book with regards to photos and layout strategies. The 2017 Yearbook can be ordered at R70.00 before 30 August 2017.
- 10.4 Notice Boards: Notices, advertisements, motivational slogans and current photos appear on the notice boards.
- 10.5 Websites: The [hsmerensky.co.za](http://hsmerensky.co.za) website is widely used by parents and learners. The news and happenings are up-to-date and important resources are published frequently. The [radiomerensky.co.za](http://radiomerensky.co.za) website is the main streaming site for our online radio station.
- 10.6 Facebook: The Facebook page is very popular and posts are made regularly. Up-to-date news and happenings are published on a weekly basis. Followers: 5429 to date. From February 6 we have reached 36 603 people, had 87 950 post engagements, 3 438 page views and 93 new page likes.
- 10.7 Twitter: Facebook posts are also sent to our Twitter feed. Merensky's Twitter page has 203 followers and 729 tweets to date.
- 10.8 Instagram: The Instagram platform is still very popular. Many learners use Instagram. We have 1521 followers with 53 posts, following 1145 people. We launched a competition wherein the best photos published in 4 categories (sports, academics, social/hostel and culture) won a R150 Spur voucher at the end of 2016. We want to run this competition in 2017 again.
- 10.9 School Communicator: The School Communicator contains the school's calendar (updated at least on a weekly basis) and is being updated on a weekly basis with news, photos and other resources like newsletters and notices. News alerts are also posted. The usage rate of unique users is currently 56%. Active desktop users: 234. Active mobile users: 267. New unique installations in the last 30 days (as on 6 September) is 68.
- 10.10 Local Newspapers: Articles are sent to the two newspapers on a weekly basis. Both the papers publish many of our articles. The parents and general public are well informed on school news through this medium. Merensky has a very good standing with both the local newspapers.
- 10.11 Advertisements: A half page full colour advertisement was published in the Agri-Bulletin of February 2017, advertising Merensky Agriculture.
- 10.12 Monitor: The last Monitor was published and distributed by the local Far North Bulletin newspaper. The next Digital Monitor is scheduled for the end of March 2017, and the Printed Monitor for end of June 2017.
- 10.13 M-Bulletin: The M-Bulletin is still sent out as a weekly e-newsletter. This newsletter is sent out to more than 1000 parents, alumni and friends. The M-Bulletin is sponsored by Auto Pedigree Tzaneen. Included in this newsletter are links to more news on the website. All 2015 and 2016 M-Bulletins are available on our website.
- 10.14 Did You Know? Newsletter: The "Did You Know" newsletter is sent out when we want to bring something specific to the public's attention. This newsletter is also available on our website.

- 10.15 Kalfienuus: The Kalfienuus publication is distributed via e-newsletter to new grade 7 parents and learners at the end of each year.
- 10.16 TV Monitor in reception: Important dates and photos were shown on the monitor during the first few school days. We are working on streamlining the presentation process. We want to show advertisements, news, photos, videos and other relevant material during working hours.
- 10.17 Radio Merensky Cellphone App.: A Radio Merensky app is available on the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.
- 10.18 Radio Merensky: Radio Merensky is broadcasting music 24 hours a day. The approach will change in 2017 from a “community” radio station to an EVENTS radio station where we will broadcast live during certain events in the school, as well as before school when learners gather in the quad, and during breaks. Pre-recorded shows are also loaded to our cloud-system. GTFM (Greater Tzaneen FM), showed interest in broadcasting some of our live programmes on their air waves. A second meeting with management is scheduled on Tuesday, 7 March.
- 10.19 Other: The marketing team sees to it that guests who visit the school (eg. primary schools playing sports on our fields) are greeted and looked after in a proper way. We want guests to feel welcome and enjoy their stay in Plasieland.

## 11 AGRICULTURE:

The new agricultural classes are a huge improvement on the asbestos classes. The building of the new Agricultural Science Laboratory is in process. Mr Arno Last replaced Mr O J le Roux as agriculture teacher. A training session in preparation of the youth show was held on Saturday, 25 February 2017. 30 Learners were introduced to showmanship by Mr Pieter Gerber, Mr Joubert Fourie and Mr Willie Stevens. We are looking forward to a highly successful year in youth shows.

## 12 CULTURE:

- 12.1 Skivvy Concert: After only five days in high school the 2017 grade 8 group presented a super concert to learners and parents. The EC was responsible for the script, choreography, costumes and décor. A most enjoyable “Finding Boeta” was enjoyed by one and all.
- 12.2 Musical: Auditions for the lead singing roles for the 2017 production: “Duvet Blues” were already held in 2016. Auditions were held for acting and group items. The first read through took place during February. Planning for costumes and décor are now under way.
- 12.3 Wowiee Wednesday: Unfortunately this term’s event could not take place because of the singing team’s practice. The EC members had everything prepared but performers and the audience were absent.
- 12.4 Wordworx: This event had to be postponed twice due to Dineo and inter high. It finally took place on 28 February 2017 in the Teatro. Unfortunately only three learners attended but are motivated to contribute to a publication at the end of the year.
- 12.5 A Ser meeting was held at Pietersburg High School to establish the rules and procedures for the 2017 competition. It was agreed that the Ser Competition will be hosted at Ben Vorster as they are the founding school of this competition.

## 13 HOSTEL:

### **GIRLS HOSTEL:**

- 13.1 The number of girls in the hostel increased quite a lot in 2017. There is no space left for new applicants. The hostel is being re-painted at the moment and it looks beautiful. Mrs Marnel Botha has also started painting murals at the bottom of each block and the girls love it. One more block has to be completed.
- 13.2 Cameras have been installed in all the passages and that will help to see where problems occur, especially theft and bullying. A new PA system has also been installed and that will make communication with the learners so much easier.
- 13.3 No major disciplinary problems occurred and the girls are generally behaving themselves. The biggest problem is the tardiness of learners and it is a constant battle to get the girls to be on time. The teachers on duty are however doing a great job in maintaining the discipline.
- 13.4 The biggest problem that we experienced in the 1<sup>st</sup> term was the problem with the erratic electricity supply. During February the electricity was off for three days. It made the kitchen staff’s work, providing food for 400 learners, very difficult and it was very difficult for the learners to study or do their homework as we do not allow candles or paraffin lamps in their rooms due to the fire hazard it has.

### **BOYS HOSTEL:**

- 13.5 Maintenance on the bathrooms, rooms and passages are continuing. Two rooms were done over.
- 13.6 The magnetic locks and cameras are functioning well.

13.7 The hostel will be accommodating all the players in March/April attending the rugby week.

#### 14 COMMUNITY PROJECTS (TSANENG COMBINED SCHOOL):

Merensky invited Tsaneng Combined School to participate in our professional development programme free of charge.

#### 15 SPORT:

15.1 Netball: The 1<sup>st</sup> term is usually dedicated to athletics, and therefore we could only do skills training with the girls between 4 and 5 in the afternoons. We had our official trials on Monday, 27 March where all the teams were finalised. We have registered 9 teams for the league.

15.2 Big Brag: On Wednesday, 22 February 2017 we held our yearly Big Brag, where the community and other learners came to enjoy and applaud our singing team and athletics team and wish them luck for the Inter high meeting on 24 February. The learners, parents and teachers enjoyed it very much.

#### 15.3 Athletics:

- **Inter house: 12 January 2017** - On Thursday 12 February we had our yearly Inter house meeting to identify our top athletes for the 2017 athletics season.

Jnr Girls	Track	Zuleike Ferns
	Field	Nikita Pohl
Jnr Boys	Track	Ignatius Stucki
	Field	Janco Coetzee
Snr Girls	Track	Sancha van Niekerk
	Field	Laurentia van Dyk
Snr Boys	Track	Reuben Caroto
	Field	Marnus Grobler

- **Merensky vs Louis Trichardt: 21 Jan 2017** - Six schools participated and the results were as follows:

1. 1006 Marks               MERENSKY
2. 854 Marks               LTT
3. 176 Marks               Eric Louw
4. 127 Marks               Girls' College
5. 104 Marks               Ridgeway College
6. 102 Marks               Falcon College

Individual trophies were given to the following athletes:

Best Snr Girl	Track	Sancha van Niekerk
	Field	Kgabo Mamorabele
Best Snr Boys	Track	Vutomi Mkhabele
	Field	Thato Shokane

- **Fun Run: 25 January 2016** - More than 435 athletes competed in the fun run. This was to get the students ready and positive for the athletics season. The class with the highest amount of runners were Gr 8. The following was the winners per section.

Jnr Boys: Janco Coetzee (14,14m); Jaco van Staden (16.52m); Matt Myburgh (17.10m)

Jnr Girls: Michelle Brummer (21.20m); Bercha Venter (21.20m); Leone Slabbert (22.39m)

Snr Boys: Francois Notnagel (14.45m); Juan-Jaques Moller (14.50m); Samuel Modiba (14.59m)

Snr Girls: Sancha van Niekerk (17.17m); Simone van den Berg (18.07m); Jenelle de Jonge (18.07m)

- **Merensky vs Rob Ferreira: 27 January 2017**

Seven schools participated. This was a friendly meeting and no results were given. Rob Ferreira A; Rob Ferreira B; Bergvlam; Merensky; Middelburg; Penryn College; Uplands College and Curro Nelspruit. Laurentia van Dyk was the Snr Victrix Ludorum of the day.

- **Merensky vs Piet Potgieter: 3 February 2017**

Merensky participated against 5 schools, the results were as follows:

1. 1286,5 Marks           Piet Potgieter
2. 1170 Marks           Merensky High School
3. 843 Marks           Nylstroom
4. 803 Marks           Louis Trichardt
5. 403,5 Marks           Heuwelkruin

- **Laeveld Prestige meeting 11 February 2017**

Merensky participated at the Laeveld Prestige meeting hosted by Barberton High School. Seven schools participated and Merensky High School ended in 2<sup>nd</sup> place again.

1. 707 Marks Rob Ferreira
2. 597 Marks Merensky High School
3. 296 Marks Bergvlam High School
4. 291 Marks Lowveld High School
5. 192 Marks Barberton High School
6. 134 Marks Frans du Toit High School
7. 68 Marks Sybrand van Niekerk High School

Individual trophies were won by: Dillion de Lange as the best javelin athlete of the day; Noko Malatji as the best hurdler of the day and Sancha van Niekerk as the Senior Victrix Ludorum.

- **Merensky Top 10 Meeting @ TUKS: 15 February 2017**- 12 of Merensky's top athletes took part in the TUKS Top 10 meeting.

Name and surname	Age	Item – Time/Distance	Place	Points
<b>Boys:</b>				
Noko Malatji	U/19	200m – 22,65s	14/ 37	809
Noko Malatji	U/19	110mH- 14,91s	5/13	812
Dylon Herrendoerfer	U/19	200m- 22.89s	19/ 37	782
Dylon Herrendoerfer	U/19	400m – 50,54s	6/14	768
Ruan van Rooyen	U/14	200m – 25.26s	16/21	832
Ruan van Rooyen	U/14	400m – 59,30s	4/8	646
Dillion de Lange	U/16	Spies – 48,90m	7/12	730
Andru Miller	U/15	110m H–14,96s	13/ 24	728
Andru Miller	U/15	High jump – 1,60m	19/ 27	784
Reuben Caroto	U/16	100m – 11,74s	22/39	789
Reuben Caroto	U/16	200m – 23,53s	25/45	875
<b>Girls:</b>				
Sancha van Niekerk	U/17	200m – 26,30s	6th	777
Sancha van Niekerk	U/17	400m – 58,46s	3rd	810
Emma Del-Rimple Hay	U/14	High jump – 1,35	21st	761
Kesia Pohl	U/16	Shotput – 10,13m	17/22	689
Laurentia van Dyk	U/16	High Jump – 1,40m	8th	725
Laurentia van Dyk	U/16	Javelin – 30,62m	10th	650
Salome Lombard	U/14	Shotput – 10,03m	10th	694
Bernalee Benade	U/17	Javelin- 37,44m	3de	756

- **Merensky Inter High Meeting: 24 February 2017** - The Plasies competed in both the athletics and cheerleading (singing) competition at the Inter High Meeting. Our opponents were Pietersburg High School, Eric Louw High School, Louis Trichardt High School, Tom Naudé High School, Northern Academy and Frans du Toit High School. The Plasies did a superb job and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Athletics.

- 1<sup>st</sup> – PHS 781
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Merensky 621
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Louis Trichardt 408
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Frans du Toit 256
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Tom Naude 185
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Eric Louw 134
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Northern Academy 83

- Andru Miller: Best junior track athlete of the day.
- Noko Malatji: Best senior track athlete of the day.
- Sancha van Niekerk: Best senior track athlete of the day.
- Noko Malatji: Senior Victor Ludorum.

15.4 **Singing Team:** Our theme was Egypt. The results were as follows:

1. Prepared song: 2<sup>nd</sup>; unprepared song: 2<sup>nd</sup>
2. Entrance: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cheerleading team: 1<sup>st</sup> (Chris Bill, Riëtte Warmenhoven, Clariska Venter, Belinda Nzadi)

Cheerleader boy of the day: 1<sup>st</sup> (Chris Bill)



15.5 Girls Hockey: Trials were held to select our school teams. No matches was played yet.  
Boys Hockey: The boys' hockey teams were chosen for 2017. The u/14; u/15, u/16 and 1<sup>st</sup> team boys will be taken on tour in the April holidays.

15.6 Chess: The following learners took part in the first tournament in Polokwane on 11 February 2017. The results were as follows:

U/16 (2002-2003)	Names	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Total
Patel	Kishan				✓		1
Strydom	Francois						0
Cloete	Wiehan			✓		✓	2
U/18 (1997-2000)							
Rae	Charney						0
Joubert	JJ	✓		✓			2
Haynes	Louis		✓				1
Van Onselen	Kevin						0
Theron	Danielle		✓		✓		2

15.7 Archery: On 11 February fourteen of Merensky's best archers travelled to Pretoria and braved what is described as one of the toughest competitions in the sport, namely the Triple Crown Leg 1 ABO/3Di, hosted at Magnum Archery.

This adventurous range of 22 butts is set in a natural hunting environment over a distance of 1 to 4km. During this event the archers are divided into groups of four and aim at 3D animal targets as they would appear in their natural surroundings. Participants are scored based on their groupings on the target. This type of competition is challenging in the respect that it forces the archers to navigate rocky and often uneven terrain loaded with shrubbery, trees and outcrops which obscure the view. The targets are placed over distances ranging between 10 and 60 meters and archers compete according to draw weight, sex and age. The course usually takes six nail biting hours to complete.

Merensky Archers palmed many accolades and both teams claimed podium positions.

The second team, consisting of Helgardt Horn, Sean Hunt, Dewald Haagner and De Marco Meyer, earned bronze medals for third place overall while the first team comprising of Lin-Mari Theron, Ryan Jackson, Canell Jackson and André van der Merwe battled their way to second position and earned silver.

During the competition Lin-Mari Theron and André van der Merwe achieved two provincial qualifying scores whilst Mr Ockert le Roux, Ryan Jackson, Sean Hunt, De Marco Meyer, Benéche Jackson, Dawie and Janco Theron all attained one Provincial qualifier.

**18 February 2017:**

Heinrich Pieterse competed in Kempton Park, Gauteng on 18 February and achieved a second place and silver certificate in the u.17 Indoor Championships obtaining 274 out of 300 points and 17 bullseyes. On 19 February he also obtained a silver medal at the Ekurhuleni Indoor Championships with 268 out of 300 points and 13 bullseyes.

**25 February 2017:**

On 25 and 26 February Merensky's archery club hosted the Limpopo 3D championships at Plasieland.

An adventurous range of 22 butts were set in a natural hunting environment over a distance of 1-4km.

During this event archers aim at mock-animal targets as they would appear in their natural surroundings. Two arrows were shot per target and the participants were scored based on their groupings. This type of competition is challenging in the respect that it forces the archers to navigate rocky and often uneven terrain loaded with shrubbery, trees and outcrops which obscure the view.

The maximum distance for adults (over 17) and veterans (over 55) is 60 yards, juniors (13 to 17) is 50 yards and cubs (up to 12 years) is 30 yards. The archers slogged their way through the course in 6 hours.

During the competitions Benno Kotzé, Armand Wiers and Martin Mostert achieved a provincial qualifying score, whilst Lin-Mari Theron attained a sought after national qualifier.

Merensky's medal winners collected a host of accolades in their various categories. Coach Ockert le Roux, Canell Jackson and Izelri Theron obtained 2 gold medals each. Armand Wiers and Martin Mostert received a gold medal each and one gold and one silver was awarded to team members Lin-Mari Theron, Ryan Jackson, Sean Hunt and Benno Kotzé.

Ashley Hunt, Heinrich Pieterse, De Marco Meyer and Janco Theron took home silver medals. SP du Preez and Dewald Haagner received bronze medals.

Merensky Archery salutes Mr Ockert le Roux, founder of the club, for his 10 years of dedicated service and bid him an enjoyable retirement.

#### 15.8 Tennis:

ACTIVITY	TEAM / TRAINING GROUP MEMBERS	RESULT
Gr 8 Evaluations (25 January)	All new players were evaluated during physical training periods as well as during the afternoon sessions.	Number of new players: 15 boys and girls attending practice.
NELSPRUIT BIG FIVE Tournament.	MHS Tennis attend National tournament for all invited schools to participate and compete the Big five cup. Only 6 girls chosen to represent MHS.	MHS finished 8 <sup>th</sup> out of 12 schools. Schools include: Affies, Wilgerivier, Landboudal, Monument, Middelburg, Nelspruit and Garsfontein.
School practice (Tuesdays/Thursdays)	Used to prepare players and team for tournaments and leagues.	Good daily attendance.
School Preparation Practice /Beginners (Mondays)	Good attendance – possibility of a second time slot for another beginner group. Continuous interest.	Good progress.
Tennis Match Day (27 February)	Good attendance even though athletics started. Total of 14 tennis players participating. Any level and age player welcome to play social tennis on a daily basis.	Good technical and physical progress.
Social tennis		Social players: 10-12 per day.
Private Coaching (Daily)	Currently 20 MHS tennis players have the opportunity to receive professional and private coaching. Total of 30 tennis players in and around Tzaneen participate in tennis coaching @ MHS facilities.	Good progress.

15.9 Swimming: Seven of Merensky's learners participated in the Limpopo Championship gala held on 27-28 January and received 1 gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze medal. Doran Kleynhans earned Limpopo colors and will represent Limpopo at the SA School championship in Polokwane, Limpopo. Ronan Theron qualified for the Level 2 Championship, Doran Kleynhans qualified for the Level 3 Championship and Daniel Smit qualified to swim at the Junior National Championship which will take place between March and April 2017.

15.10 Biathlon: Tayla Vos and Donovan van Tonder participated in the Gauteng Inter-provincials on 26 February 2017. Tayla finished 4th overall and qualified to represent Limpopo at the SA Biathlon Championship which takes place in the Paarl during April 2017.

15.11 Cricket: The 1<sup>st</sup> team and u/15A team participated in the super league in 2017 where they played 6 games and won three. Both teams will play in the C league in 2018. T20 (Nationals). The 1<sup>st</sup> team played in the National T20 league. They won all their games and advanced to the semi- final for Limpopo where they unfortunately lost. The cricket week takes place in the first week of the July holiday.

15.12 Equestrian: Anri Janse van Rensburg and Dawie van Jaarsveld were acknowledged for their 2016 achievements during the recent SANESA Western Mounted Games. Anri was crowned the top level 7 WMG rider in Limpopo and Dawie claimed the same acknowledgement in level 4. Laryn Bezuidenhout achieved a second place in the Revil Stables Classic in Polokwane. She was also awarded the Limpopo title as best level 4 in show jumping.

15.13 Bowling: Saira Junquiera, a grade 8 learner, was included in the u/20B bowling team.

15.14 Duathlon: Tayla Vos, a grade 9 learner from Merensky recently qualified to participate in the SA duathlon championships in Paarl this year. Tayla achieved a fourth place at the Gauteng Interprovincial meet on Saturday, 25 February.



16 MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN:

Museum: UV film needs to be put on the museum windows, but there is not enough funds available at the moment. This will take priority as soon as funds are available or another plan can be made. A more cost effective and temporary option might be to hang blinds in front of certain windows.

The old mascot “Koeitjie” found her retirement spot in the Museum. “Koeitjie” is now permanently standing in the Museum, where visitors can take a picture with her.

17 MDDA:

A total of 135 learners registered for a variety of 191 different classes presented by the MDDA. New tutors were appointed for Art: Berthie Greyling; Contemporary Dance: Bonita Jacobs. Unfortunately Mrs Rina Klaver resigned (music) due to personal reasons. Mrs Ingrid Linde will take over her classes.

