

PETER PAN

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OLD
WOODRIDGEAN
ASSOCIATION

Welcome!

It gives us great pleasure to welcome you to the final edition of Peter Pan Says for 2023, the school's official Old Woodridgian Association (OWA) publication.

Keeping our alumni informed about the activities on and off campus, we're thrilled to share the latest details & news from the past few months. Enjoy!

#EnsuringTheExperienceLivesOn



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A MESSAGE FROM... OWA CHAIRMAN, GRANT PUTTERGILL



Hi everyone!

WHERE DID
2023 GO?

One thing is certain, we had a very exciting year so far, with just a bit to do before we bid the year farewell.

As you might recall, we started the year with some brilliant cricket fixtures, followed by the Premier 500 draws and of course the Reunion. The Reunion is just one of those events that has the school humming for days, a weekend I can recommend to every Old Woodridgean to rekindle memories and build fellowship. The camaraderie this year was something to write home about! Not to mention the fantastic entertainment and the celebration of 50 years of Surf Lifesaving.

If you missed the Reunion 2023 newsletter, please feel free to contact Natasha for a copy.

Talking about which, please note that **Reunion 2024** has been confirmed for **5&6 July**, so get ready and we hope to see many familiar faces at a weekend that is guaranteed to be filled with cheer.

Another highlight has been the get-togethers in Cape Town and Johannesburg to establish satellite committees, which are in full swing and I cannot wait to see all the good that will come from it.

I thank Chris Ekron and Victor Calle-Sanchez for their passion and effort to grow fellowship, and we look forward to achieving the same in the Johannesburg area.

We will keep you in the loop!

But for me the one that stands out the most, is our collaboration with the Woodridge Foundation. We see great things coming!

While the OWA's focus is on fellowship, the Foundation makes things happen and we are happy to be part of this initiative in helping to ensure that the Woodridge Experience lives on.

– Grant



You can sit back and enjoy this special edition of Peter Pan Says, shedding some light on the Woodridge Foundation.

Lastly, I would like to make special mention of a remarkable group of young ladies & gentlemen, the Class of 2023!

We recently had the pleasure to formally induct them as Old Woodridgeans. May each and everyone of them prosper in their future endeavours!

Enjoy the festive season ahead, and we look forward to another brilliant year.

Fideliter!

Grant Puttergill

Chairman, Old Woodridgean Association

#WeAreWoodridge

WHOOOP *Whoop!*

On Saturday, 25 November, we had a great day hosting a 6-a-side Cricket Tournament, followed by the last Premier 500 draw for 2023.

A huge congratulations to all our winners, in particular **Jason Kümm** who won the 1st Prize of R25 000 at the draw!

Our 1st draw for 2024 will be held in March, details tba. Remember, we have only a few tickets left, so hurry if you would like to join the club, and also stand a chance to walk away with great prizes. Tickets can be purchased from our [office](#) and our [shop](#) Or contact Natasha at +27 83 521 8203 <<



WHERE ARE YOU?

To update your details, please [click here <<](#)





Hello

» Old Boarders

We want to hear your stories, share your best boarding memory with us!
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A MESSAGE FROM... THE FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN, SONWABO ZIDE



Hello!

IT IS MY PLEASURE
TO GREET ALL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS
OF WOODRIDGE VIA OUR LAST
PETER PAN SAYS FOR 2023.

What a busy year it has been launching our two icon projects, The Aquatic and Fitness Centre and the incorporation of our beloved Woodpecker into the Pavilion, which was recently renamed The Roger Carter Clubhouse.

These are exciting projects and we invite you all to take a closer look at what we are showcasing in this publication. I refer you to our [website](#) and the information on the Foundation's eligibility to issue Section 18A tax certificates.

Soon most of us will be taking some welcome time off to enjoy with family and friends, as we say goodbye to 2023 and hello to 2024.

Sonwabo Zide
Chairperson – Woodridge
Foundation



**THE WOODRIDGE
FOUNDATION**

The Foundation is
authorised to issue
Section 18A where the
donation meets the
applicable criteria.



THE WOODRIDGE

foundation

ENSURING THAT THE
WOODRIDGE EXPERIENCE
LIVES ON

What is what?

Woodridge Trust

Oversight over the management of the College and Prep, financial sustainability and ensuring the School is prepared for the future from a strategic, resourcing and infrastructure perspective.

Woodridge Foundation

Official fundraising arm of the School. It is a registered PBO with its own Board and financial management system.

Woodridge Parents Association

Conduit between the parents and the Executive Heads of College, Prep and the Business.

OWA

Creating a sense of Woodridge collegiality and identification with the School amongst all alumni.



All About it!

About the Woodridge Foundation

From the school's inception, it has demonstrated a powerful capacity to provide that something extra, making the Woodridge "experience" unique and one which binds all Woodridgeans together.

The "experience" knows no bounds and we must preserve its uniqueness for future generations.

The Woodridge Foundation is an initiative that seeks to do just that.

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OUR FUNDRAISING TARGET IS R36 MILLION BY 2036 «



The strategic goals of the school

- 1 Deliver a relevant curriculum in order to **produce innovative problem solvers**
- 2 **Enable an aligned staff** in order to achieve excellence and fulfilment
- 3 **Grow individuals** who have a well-developed strength of character
- 4 Establish Woodridge as a **safe space** where everyone belongs
- 5 Entrench a **clear and distinctive culture** that drives all aspects of school life
- 6 **Optimise** our unique location and natural environment
- 7 Ensure Woodridge is **financially sustainable**
- 8 Ensure the Woodridge **infrastructure** meets the strategic needs of the school

The primary objective of the Foundation is to generate, receive & manage funds that will enable continued excellence of enhanced educational opportunities (through the provision of bursaries or similar funding), by supporting the school's infrastructure, academic, technological & outreach needs.

- excerpt from MOI

The Foundation impacts on all these goals, particularly on Goal 7 & 8



Governance

The Foundation, registered as a non-profit organization (NPC) in terms of the Companies Act, is a separate legal entity from the School and has Woodridge College and Preparatory School as its sole beneficiary. It also has Public Benefits Organisation (PBO) status and as such is authorized to issue Section 18 A tax certificates to qualifying donors.

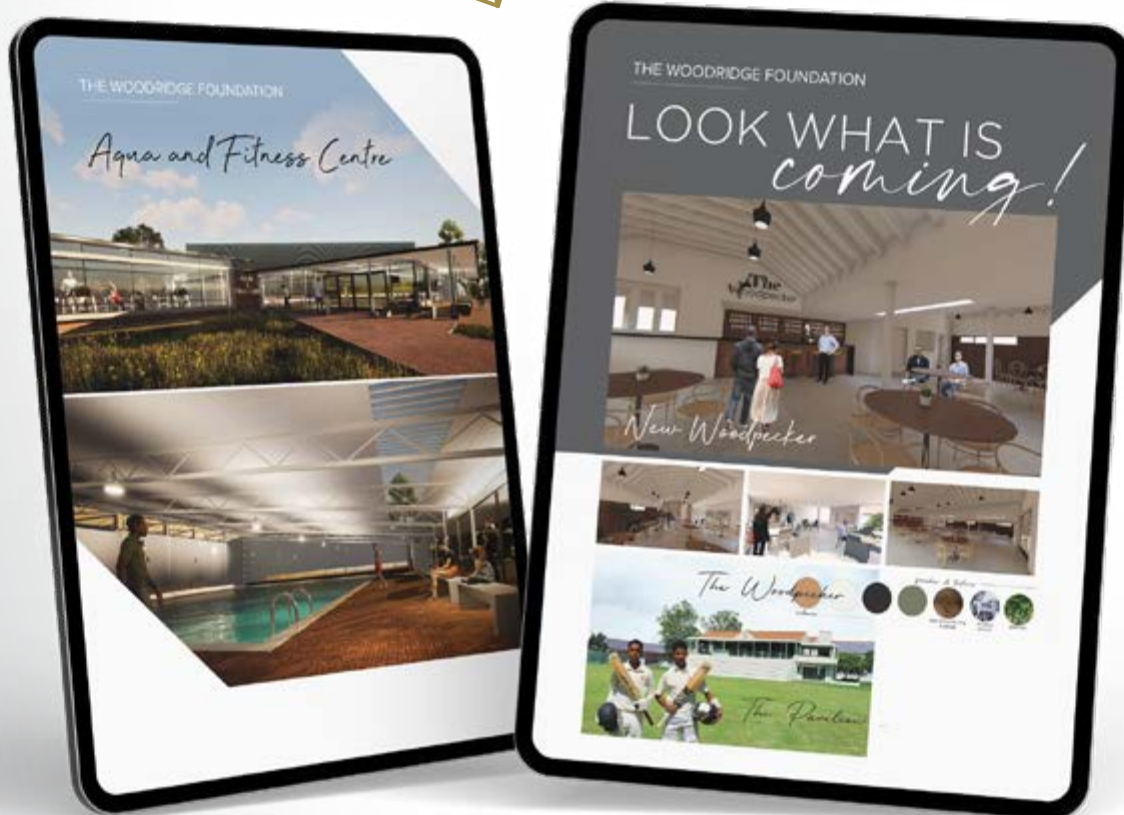
This Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors which consists of independent alumni and ex officio representatives of the Woodridge Trust and the Old Woodridgean Association.

WHAT'S
HAPPENING ?

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PROJECTS THIS IS HAPPENING...

Remember this?



Making progress...

The Woodpecker

The loss of the Woodpecker in the fire of 2017 is felt keenly by generations of Old Woodridgeans. This project will bring back a place to share a drink, laugh and make memories – a space to be enjoyed by past pupils, parents and friends of the school.

The Aquatic & Fitness Centre

With the growth in pupil numbers in recent times, it has become very difficult to manage the needs of the various aqua activities. The Aquatic and Fitness Centre will provide the extra space needed to ensure that our current Woodridgeans have sufficient training time in the water.

Our current gym is well equipped but very cramped and the new facility will enable a more holistic training experience as well as the provision of a rigorous rehabilitation service to our pupils. The facility will also provide a much-needed viewing facility overlooking Monaghan field.

SUPPORTING US!

How can you donate?



Find the Fideliter

WE HAVE **HIDDEN THE FIDELITER** AND OTHER EXCITING PRIZES BEHIND SEVERAL BLOCKS IN THE VIRTUAL POOL. PRIZES INCLUDE:

- » R100 000 travel voucher
- » R50 000 cash
- » R25 000 cash
- » R1000 money back (limited to 25)
- » One night for two at Thunzi Stargazing Dome
- » Two nights at Kariaga Game Reserve
- » Woodridge branded vellies
- » Dinner for four at Remo's Italian Restaurant
- » A case of Schalk Burger wine



ONCE ALL THE BLOCKS ARE SOLD, WE WILL REVEAL BEHIND WHICH NUMBERS WE HID THE ABOVE PRIZES.



There are several ways to donate to these projects:

- » Roger Carter Club House Naming Rights
- » The Woodpecker Naming Rights
- » Roger Carter Club House Plaque
- » Grandstand Plaque
- » Aquatic and Fitness Centre Naming Rights (sole/joint)
- » Walk of Fame
- » Allegiance Gallery
- » Aquatic Mural
- » Swimming Caps
- » Buy A Lane or Buy Them All
- » Learn to Swim

Discretionary donations for any of the above projects are welcome. Visit www.woodridge.co.za/about-us/woodridge-foundation to make a donation.

**Section 18A certificates are available on request.*

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Peter Pan's Statue

In the very early days of World War 2 identical twins, Ian and Robin Stewart, were enrolled at Woodridge Preparatory School. Their legacy still stands on the front lawn of the school, immortalised in the statue of Peter Pan. The head and face are those of the boys.

The artist responsible was their mother, Mrs H Stewart, also the creator of the statuette of Peter Pan's Wendy who stood for many years *"a robust, sturdy, wind-swept child...bearing a shallow bird-bath, her head thrown back with an air of interest and confidence"* in the courtyard of Collegiate Junior School on Castle Hill. This was to replace the original Wendy from 1928 when Collegiate Junior School moved into their own building on Castle Hill. Mrs Stewart's Wendy eventually succumbed to the famous wind of Port Elizabeth and literally lost her head, so that Wendy Mark III was sculpted in 1956 and was later moved to the new school entrance when the schools moved to their present site.

It says much for Peter's stamina that Collegiate are currently blessed with their fourth Wendy while the young man struggles on against the elements, although much repaired and considerably weather-beaten.

L.J.A.Carter, founding Headmaster and creator of stories for young minds, wrote the following in the late sixties:

"He has been standing there for nearly thirty years, Summer and Winter, on the old tree stump in the middle of the lawn. Softly he pipes (for those whose ears can catch the haunting melody) to those who have not been afraid to grow up – to keen ears and childlike understanding of the eternally youthful."

Sometimes on a moonlit summer's night, if you are very quiet, when everyone around you is asleep and you creep softly out of bed and look over the balcony, they say that you will see his friends, the wild creatures, gathered round him listening to his tunes of the forest, the rivers and flowers. Maybe you too, if you are very attentive and do not stir, will be able to catch a few wandering notes of the wild music".

The stump on which he stands has since been cemented over and encased in stone; previously it had held a bird bath, which served as the font when Julian Carter was christened there.