

THE BLUEPRINT

Paarl Boys' High | Hoër Jongenskool Paarl



Foto: EJ Langner

Gysbert laat rekord spat

Brent Goosen

Huidige matriek-leerder, Gysbert Wege, het in 2022 sy naam in HJS se geskiedenis geanker.

Met 1 417 lopies agter sy naam, oortref hy 2010-matrikulant, Leon Le Roux, se vorige rekord vir die meeste lopies behaal deur 'n matriek leerder. Gysbert verklaar dat hy geweet het dat hy naby was aan die rekord, maar toe die nuus gebreek het, was hy geëerd om te sien dat al die harde werk wat hy in die afseisoen ingesit het, beloon is. "Ek voel trots om ingesluit te word in Boys' High se rekordboeke," sê Wege.

Dit is egter nie net Gysbert wat 'n bron van uitnemendheid was nie, maar die hele span wat 'n suksesvolle seisoen gehad het teen 'n handvol van Suid-Afrika se top kriketspanne. Gysbert glo dat die span se suksesvolle seisoen, asook die skool se nuwe grasnette baie laerskool kriketspelers oor die Wes-Kaap sal lok om Hoër Jongenskool Paarl se kriket te verteenwoordig. "Ek glo met die regte afrigting en beplanning sal HJS se kriket in die toekoms nuwe hoogtes bereik," sê hy.

Voormalige internasionale kriketspeler en huidige eerstespanafrigter, Johann Louw, is ook baie tevrede met die kaptein se uitstekende seisoen met die kolf in hand.

"Alhoewel almal dit op hul eie unieke manier doen, is daar 'n paar belangrike ooreenkomste wat jy regoor die wêreld sal vind," sê die ervare afrigter.

"Om 'n goeie kolwer te wees beteken om konsekwent lopies aan te teken," meen Louw.

Gysbert se hoërskoolkrieketloopbaan is nog nie verby nie. Tydens die winterseisoen neem hy deel aan krikettoer in Engeland. Verder, presteer hy nie net in skole kriket nie, maar ook die *Cape Premier League* wat op Sondag beslis word.

Gysbert se kriketstatistieke vir die 2021/2022 seisoen:

Totale aantal lopies vir HJS – 1 417. Dit breek die 12 jaar oue rekord van 1 131 lopies in 'n seisoen wat deur Leon Le Roux in die 2009/2010 seisoen opgestel is.

Gysbert se 1 417 lopies vir HJS kom teen 'n gemiddelde van 70.85 per beurt. Dit sluit 7x 50-talle in, asook 5x 100-talle.

Gysbert is ook 'n kranige bybreekbouler wat die seisoen 22 paaltjies teen 'n gemiddelde van 17.45 per paaltjie geneem het. Dit sluit 'n ontleding van 5 vir 41 in teen Waterkloof tydens hulle toer na Pretoria.

"You were born to be a player. You were meant to be here. This moment is yours." - Herb Brooks

Editor's Letter

Daniël Oosthuizen

Mr Swart's Blue army has been in waiting, due to the trenches of circumstance as well as years of lying low. An army of which less than half its ranks have smelt the stench of battle or tasted the blood pulverised out of the school in the North. Finally, it is time to drag our battered and bruised brothers out of the trenches of the past couple of years.

But, it must be said, much has changed since the fateful month of March 2020, when I believe the first trench was dug in the soft sand by our decaying society. Our age-old traditions have been put to the test. This anomaly has granted the staff, but even more so the seniors of the school, the opportunity to install new ways to distil the same values into the younger brothers in blue. Of course, you could take the glass half empty view and say that some things will never be what it was but I prefer that we appreciate everything put into this institution and that we work with what God has blessed us to make a positive difference in our broken world.

As Editor of the Blueprint, I want to ensure that we do our level best to reinstate the usual quarterly publication as well as further developing our online presence. We appreciate all the support provided by our school, which we wish to return in the form of quality eye-opening articles.

Ons, *boishaaiers*, sal harder moet werk om die drie beginsels van Boys' High, soos ons dit elke oggend sien onder die akkerbome, te bewaar.

Dit is egter almal se verantwoordlikheid om in die voetspore van tradisie te loop. Vanaf jou eerste dag by Hoër Jongenskool Paarl, as jy begin graad 8 hier was, is een woord in jou ingeprent: *respek*. Ek glo dat baie probleme in alle fasette van die samelewing vermy kan word deur respek vir jouself, medemens, omgewing en instansies te toon.

2022 is shaping up to be a year where the blue, white and blue will once more march onto the rugby field. A year in which we can start putting back some of the pebbles that have rolled out from underneath the far-famed rock of granite grey. It is time to put the *boishaai* back into Boys' High.

*All too often unrequited
Enduring throughout the ages
All though very often uninvited
Passionately expressed upon the pages*

*Hopefully it will mature like wine
A principle to outlast the state
An ideal on which to dine
For all eternity on your plate*

*An enduring emotion of excess
So much so that any sacrifice
Is worthy for you to express
What exactly you are willing to suffice...*

*An ideal sent from up above
Oh, Lord what is love!*

Daniël Oosthuizen

Redaksie



Daniël Oosthuizen Justin de Villiers Connor Hess James Roberts Heinrich Söhne Hugo Bruwer Reuben Oosthuizen Brent Goosen

Send your original articles, poetry or artwork to boishaai@paarlboyshigh.org.za

*Why Russia invaded Ukraine***Geography + Politics***Geopolitics**Reuben Oosthuizen*

What exactly does Russia want with Ukraine and so many of its other ex-Soviet territories?

It all boils down to Russia's geopolitical and economic landscape. Lack of defense, a feeling of vulnerability as well as the need for yearlong trading ports all form part of the issues from the Russian perspective. The above issues can, of course be solved through the recollection, or rather reestablishment of its ex-Soviet territories, especially Ukraine. To the west of Russia there is the North European plains, to the north, the Arctic Sea, to the east, the cold Serbian plains and south, the mountainous steppes of Central Asia. During the fourteenth to sixteenth century, Russia was a relatively small nation surrounded by open plains with no natural defense. This was a weakness and has led to many invasions. Russia responded to this crisis by expanding over to the Arctic Sea, frozen Serbian plains, central Asia and eastern Europe. This provides a natural defense in the form of an inhospitable land mass that must be conquered before reaching the Russian heartland.

In order to develop a sustainable economy, Russia needs to export goods and materials. To do that they need a harbour that can be utilised year-round. Although Russia has hundreds of thousands of kilometers of coastline, it is not evergreen, especially in the sub-zero winters that freeze the oceans; making it impossible to do any trading by sea whatsoever. To solve this problem, expansion was the answer. Russia has been in control of Crimean Peninsula since 2014 and is now able to trade and export their products and resources to help stabilize the economy. Russia took control of Crimea easily without too much bloodshed, especially since many ethnic Russians found themselves there after the Soviet Union collapsed. Geography is not all about physical borders but also the ethnicity of the people who live on the land, and even more importantly with what nationality they identify with. This is what Vladimir Putin was referring to in his bizarre

quote, "First and foremost, it is worth acknowledging that the demise of the Soviet Union was the greatest geopolitical catastrophe - for the Russian people. Tens of millions of our fellow citizens and countrymen found themselves beyond the fringes of Russian territory. As most of Russia's neighbouring countries are former states of the Soviet Union, there is a lot of similarities and history between them."

This quote is instrumental in defining Russia's activities abroad - to ensure that all ethnic Russians re-unite under her flag. That is why Russia attempts to influence ex-Soviet states, now independent countries like Ukraine, to support pro-Russian politicians. This superimposes an ideological faith in a type of neo-Soviet Union Russia to live on. All except Ukraine have bowed to this 'regime', where the Ukrainian people have booted pro-Russian political leaders. It was exactly during this political chaos, that the Crimean Peninsula and the most Eastern district of Ukraine was annexed by Russia.

The attacks on Ukraine also make much more sense if you look at the ethnic groups of Ukraine. The Eastern Ukrainians being dominantly Russian speaking with Russian origin, in support of Russian ideas as well as being Orthodox Russian Christians. While the West speaks Ukrainian, and believes in an independent Ukrainian state, in favour of joining NATO. This along with the Catholic element is exactly the idea that infuriates Putin. Thus, to a certain extent, it makes sense that Russia might, hopefully, wish to only gain control of the eastern provinces.

As you can see, the reasoning behind the invasion of Ukraine as well as the radical and often violent annexure and control of ex-Soviet states like Belarus and Crimea, lie within the Geopolitical and economic landscape within which modern Russia finds itself. One could then also argue from the Russian perspective, that there is most probably reasonable cause for Putin's hunger for Ukrainian soil. However, in today's society, I believe there are alternative tools to bullets and innocent blood that might achieve Putin's dream of geopolitical stability in Russia.

Suid-Afrika se gesogte seun is \$300 000 000 000 werd

James Roberts

Gewone besigheidsmanne dink net aan die volgende vyf tot tien jaar, maar hy dink al aan planne vir wanneer die aarde onbewoonbaar is, hy probeer tog sy beste om hierdie onvermydelikheid te keer. Sy visie vir die toekoms van vervoer, kragopwekking asook die stoor daarvan, AI en die mens se brein ondersteun sy kinderdroom, sy einddoel.

Elon se droom om die ruimte te betree, het gestalte gevind in *Space X*. Meeste van sy tyd en energie word daaraan bestee. Die Falcon-reeks vuurpyle is herbruikbaar. Dit verlaag drasties die koste van lansering. Soveel so, dat NASA verskeie lanseerkontrakte aan *Space X* toegestaan het.

Vir NASA is die tipiese koste van lansering, \$152 miljoen, verlaag tot \$62 miljoen.

Tesla, sekerlik die mees bekende maatskappy waarby Musk betrokke is, se aandeleprys het die afgelope 24 maande met ongeveer 1700% toegeneem. Musk se 22% aandeelhouding in Tesla, tesame met sy ander besigheidsbelange het hom die tydelike kroon as "rykste man op aarde" besorg - wie weet, dalk eendag die rykste man op Mars.

Al sy beleggings was einde 2021 \$300 000 000 000 werd, met net sy Tesla aandele wat hom op daardie tydstep as die tweede rykste man op aarde bekroon het.

Hy ondersoek ook nuwe moontlikhede in stadsbeplanning deur tunnels in groot stede te bou om verkeer te verlig.

Hierdie besigheid is komies "The Boring Company" genoem.

Een van sy besighede het ook die wêreld se goedkoopste bakstene vir R1.50 verkoop.

Van die bou van elektriese karre tot ruimtevaartekspedisies en tunnels grou, beheer Suid-Afrikaans-gebore, Elon Musk, sy vyf besighede gelyktydig om die beste moontlike toekoms vir die mensdom te verseker.

Elon wil die volgende met elk van sy vyf besighede bereik:

· **SpaceX** - om ruimtetegnologie te revolusioneer, met die uiteindelijke doel om mense in staat te stel om op ander planete te lewe

· **Tesla** - om die wereld se oorgang na hernubare energie te verspoedig

· **The Boring Company** - om die tunnel-infrastruktuur te bou wat nodig is om vinnige, veilige en gemaklike vervoer (in stede) moontlik te maak.

· **Neuralink** - "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" volgens 'n tweet van Elon self. (Hy verwys na ander maatskappye wat die potensiaal van die brein wil verwerk.)

· **OpenAI** - om kunsmatige algemene intelligensie te verseker - hoogs outonome stelsels wat die mens beter laat presteer by ekonomies-waardevolle beroepe - tot voordeel van die hele mensdom.

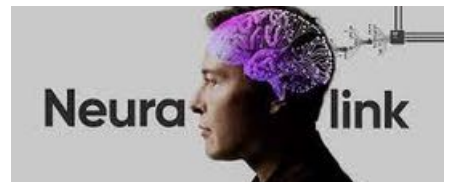


"DON'T CONFUSE SCHOOLING WITH EDUCATION. I DIDN'T GO TO HARVARD BUT THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR ME DID"

Dié basktene is van die grond en sand gemaak wat hulle uit die tunnels in San Francisco en Las Vegas grawe. Daarna het *The Boring Company* vlamwerpers (flamethrowers) verkoop om hierdie projek te befonds.



Elon neem elke sektor oor, tot in die plekke waar hy nie gekwalifiseer is nie. Hy bou breininplantings wat seine kan intepreter en beheer, wat groot vordering kan maak in navorsing oor motorieseneuronitis. En dit is sonder enige mediese graad. Elon glo sterk dat daar veranderinge in die opvoedingstelsel moet plaasvind en het gesê: "Don't confuse schooling with education. I didn't go to Harvard, but the people who work for me did."



Elon Reeve Musk is 'n 50-jarige entrepreneur wat nogsteeds die hart en verbeelding van 'n kind het. Hy bou en grou die pad na die toekoms wat ons nou vir nog eers oor kan droom. Volg jou kinderdrome.

JAN DE BEER

Hugo Bruwer

The Blueprint Balance has always been a big part of what it takes to be a Boishaaier. For our teachers, it's no different. Our new English teacher, Mr Jan de Beer, is an outstanding example of our motto: "Boys' High offers balance."

Mr De Beer attended Durbanville High School where he took part in athletics, cross country, rugby and cycling. He is also experienced in ballroom and Latin American dancing. He studied Sports Science for three years at the University of Stellenbosch. After that, Mr De Beer coached short distance sprinting at schools like Stellenberg and Paul Roos.

He received his degree in Education from Stellenbosch University and taught at Durbanville High School for five years.

In 2016, Jan de Beer did his first obstacle course race, ending in the top ten. From then on he had various other achievements like: 20 Warrior Black Ops Elite finishes, SA Short Course Team Champion, his highest placing being 4th overall and top ten in his age group at the 2018 London Championship. Overall 63rd in the 3 km sprint event and 69th overall in the 15 km.

Mr De Beer cycled for Maties for three years, coming second nationally at the student Championships in 2019. He achieved top 100 in the Argus, with his best time being just 3 minutes behind the winner.

In 2020 he would've been off to Russia for yet another obstacle course competition, but it was cancelled due to lockdown. It was in this time Mr De Beer started his Military Style Obstacle course-based training facility, which helps people train for obstacle course races and hosts events and parties.

Mr De Beer has always wanted to teach at Boys' High because he wanted to be at a school where he could set an example for young boys. He's a good example for all Boys' Highers on how to live a well balanced life and will inspire many more people throughout his career.



Kyle de Bruin

"ENDURANCE IS A KEY INDICATOR OF SPIRITUAL FITNESS."
 - ALISTAIR BEGG

Trotse Trane van Boishaai Blou

Daniël Oosthuizen

Die oomblik waartydens Juffrou Redelinghuys in trane uitbars toe sy hoor dat Ulrich le Roux die Top Akademies Presterende Matriek in Suid-Afrika is, is een van daardie ikoniese oomblikke wat ware trots en omgee wys.

Dus is 'n onderhoud met Juffrou Redelinghuys gevoer om presies uit te vind wat hierdie oomblik vir haar beteken het.

Ons het begin deur vir Juffrou te vra oor die oorsprong van haar passie vir onderwys. Sy vertel dat haar oorspronklike ambisies in joernalisme tuiste gevind het.

Dit was tydens haar tyd by Stellenbosch Universiteit dat sy besef het haar toekoms lê eintlik in die onderwys. Sy het van 'n jong ouderdom daarin belang gestel.

Sy het eers vir twee jaar by Grootte Schuur Hoërskool skoolgegee voor sy aansoek gedoen het vir 'n pos by die Hoër Jongenskool Paarl.

Sy is tans in haar veertiende jaar as Afrikaansonderwyseres by HJS. Volgende vertel Juffrou vir ons spesifiek van haar pad wat sy met Ulrich gestap het. In die vier jaar wat sy hom opgevoed het, het sy hom beter leer ken en 'n verhouding met hom gebou. Sy sê dat sy opgewonde vir Ulrich is, asook trots op hom dat al sy harde werk op iets so merkwaardig uitgeloop het. Sy sê die opgewondenheid wat sy in daardie oomblik op die atletiekbaan beleef het, was vir Ulrich se part. Sy het elke dag gesien hoeveel ekstra moeite hy insit en glo dus dat hy elke prys verdien wat na sy kant toe kom.

Laastens, vra ons vir Juffrou oor enige toekomstige planne wat sy het om meer akademiese uitblinkers, soos Ulrich, in die skool op te lewer. Sy vertel vir ons dat sy graag meer sal wil doen vir die verrykking van topstudente. Sy glo dat 'n uitdaging wat seuns se denke 'n bietjie kan rek en verbeter tot beter resultate en uitslae op die akademiese front kan lei.



Foto: Henk Kruger



Foto: Henk Kruger

Eerste, nie tweede nie

Propaganda

Heinrich Söhnge

Throughout history, especially in Eurasia, war has played a critical role in the development of politics, cultures, borders and even religion. But what is it that drives people into fighting for their country and forming such a strong bond with one another in the form of nationalism?

According to the Oxford Dictionary, 'propaganda' is information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view. In other words, it is the use of books, media and visual presentation by a government or political movement to promote the ideology which they stand for. Propaganda has been around for centuries, dating back to 515 BC when it was utilised by Darius I to claim the Persian throne. It was only up until the Great War, where European armies were in need of more manpower, that propaganda was reinvented in the form of posters.

The kingdom that excelled in this technique was none other than the British Empire. With easy to remember slogans and effective use of visual arts,



the Brits successfully enlisted men from the United Kingdom and its colonies, such as India, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. The Germans would soon follow Britain onto the poster-propaganda bandwagon.

By the end of 1918, roughly 60 million soldiers fought in the war, many of whom were forced to enlist due to conscription, but propaganda kept the people united in their support of their military exploits. Fast forward to 1933, when the Nazi's came into power with the vision of becoming the next global superpower,

as well as seeking revenge for the blame placed upon them for the First World (Great) War.

Joseph Goebbels was appointed as Chief Propagandist by the Führer himself, Adolf Hitler. Goebbels would go on to cement his name in history, as arguably the best propagandist in history. Bringing the Olympics of 1936 to his country's capital, Berlin, he persuaded Europe that Hitler was a peaceful man reuniting a broken nation. When instilling the Nazi ideals into the German minds he turned to films.

All motion pictures available at the time were about either the great Aryan race or dehumanizing Jews and Slavs so that they might be hated by the people. The Nazi regime, with Goebbels in power, brainwashed an entire country into believing they were doing the right thing.

But make no mistake, propaganda is not some old relic from the past, it is still very successful at fulfilling its duties to this day in countries around the world. (A 50 000 strong bot-army is a handy perspeticider.) It is important to stay aware of the things happening around the world. But remember, propaganda's main role is to go unnoticed by the people.

PREVENT THE SPREAD

REMINDERS TO KEEP YOU SAFE FROM COVID-19



"People can be led to believe anything" - Alice Walker

Suid-Afrika se eie James Bond

Daniël Oosthuizen

Hollywood baseer karakters in fliëks op hom. Daar is gerugte dat *James Bond* selfs op sy lewe gebaseer is. Van die *White House* tot die Noordsee, vanaf Bermuda tot Nylstroom, was Fritz Duquesne baas.

Frederik "Fritz" Joubert Duquesne is gebore in die Britse Kaapkolonie in 1877, waarna sy ouers getrek het na Nylstroom in die destydse Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek. Hier het hy nie net sy passie vir jag in die Afrika bosveld ontwikkel nie, maar ook die dodelike vaardighede wat hom die mees bevreesde vyand van die Britse Ryk sou maak.

Duquesne se onstuimige verhouding met die Britse Ryk sou begin met Britte wat hom as spioen sou oplei aan die Universiteit van Oxford asook die Koninklike Militêre Akademie in Brussels, te danke aan die invloed van die President van die Republiek, Paul Kruger. Die belegging in sy opvoeding sou Fritz later in Britse bloed aan die President terug betaal. Hy was nog in Brussels toe die Tweede Anglo-Boereoorlog uitbreek het, hy het sonder twyfel die roepstem van die verlate vlaktes beantwoord. En dis waar die storie begin...

Hy het gou vir homself naam gemaak as die "Black Panther". Hy was besonders goed daarin om alleen in die donkerste van nagte sy militêre pligte teen die Britte uit te voer.

Hy was dus deur President Kruger gekies om die land se goudreserwes oor die grens te smokkel tydens die oorlog. In sy poging om dit reg te kry, verrai mede Afrikaners hom in Mosambiek omdat hulle van die goud wou steel. Tipies *James Bond*, oorleef slegs Duquesne en die onksuldige portiers daardie dag. In die week wat volg het hy die goud weggesteek, sô goed weggesteek dat dit tot vandag toe nie gevind is nie. Die storie staan beter bekend as die geheimenis van die Kruger Rande.

Duquesne is verskeie kere deur Britse magte gevang en in aanhouding geneem, maar het elke keer ontsnap.



Captain Fritz Duquesne as a Boer soldier in 1900. - *Reprobate*

Omdat hy iemand was met wie daar rekening gehou moes word, het die Britte hom uiteindelik Portugal toe gestuur om hom uit die oorlogsveld te hou.

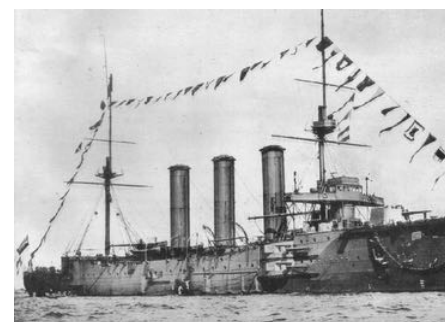
Duquesne was egter baie sjarmant, nes *James Bond*, en het dit selfs in Portugal reggekry om die dogter van die tronkvoorman te verlei. Sy het hom help ontsnap. Daarna seil hy Londen toe. Met sy Oxford aksent tesame met sy onvergelykbare kennis van Suid-Afrika, kry hy die kans om terug te kom Suid-Afrika toe - in 'n Britse uniform.

Terug in Suid-Afrika, reis hy verby sy tuisdorp, Nylstroom, waar hy die verbrande oorblyfsels van die plaashuis waar hy grootgeword het, vind. Hy vind ook uit dat sy ma en suster in die naaste konsentrasiekamp in aanhouding is. Hierdie skok wakker 'n haat teenoor die Engelse in Duquesne aan. Spesifiek Lord Kitchener wat die konsentrasiekampe ontwerp het.

Lang storie kort, hy is weer gevang in sy talle pogings om die Britte te verrai, die keer is hy in Bermuda afgelaai. Nietemin bevind hy homself, steeds 'n voortvluggende van die Britse Ryk, in President Roosevelt se *Whitehouse* om aan die President as grootwildjag-raadgewer te dien. Dit is nadat sy unieke jagstories in *The New York Herald* die

President se aandag getrek het. Wêreld Oorlog I breek uit en Duquesne is die geleentheid gebied om klaar te maak wat hy teen die Britse Ryk begin het. Hy het Duitsland toe gevlug. Fritz misbruik toe sy Oxford konneksies om die Britse skeepstroetes aan die Duitse duikbootkorps te oorhandig. Volgens hom en die Duitsers is dit hoe Duquesne gewet het dat die gehate Herbert Kitchener, die doodskamp-ontwerper, op die *HMS Hampshire* was op pad vanaf Orkney, Skotland, na Rusland toe. Fritz tref toe die nodige reëlins dat hy die een was wat die sneller, vanaf 'n Duiste duikboot, sou trek om vir Kitchener 'n ysige graf op die bodem van die Noordsee te versorg. Hy is gevolglik met die Duitse Ysterkruis van Dapperheid vereer.

Nou, hoe vergelyk dit nie met *Bond* nie?



HMS Hampshire, 1903 | *X-Ray Mag*