RECOGNISING TALENT

Rustenburg – World-renowned writer Richard Bach once said: "A professional writer is an amateur who didn't quit."

The writings of three talented students of Bergsig Academy were chosen to be published in the 'Die Poort' collection.

Hats off to Kyle Denton whose short story *Hello Mammie* is a gripping tale aimed at raising awareness about gender-based violence. His passion for writing was inspired by his Afrikaans educator Lorette Muller and her love for languages.

In an interview with *Platinum Weekly* Gretchen Grobler said her poem *Seisoenale introspeksie* is about things that speak to her soul like music and the sound of rain. She turns to poetry to express her innermost feelings.

Cae-lynn Barkhuizen's Lisa se klavier and Study in Blue will both be published. She loves writing poetry because it evokes special memories and feelings on a whole other level.

Young writers need to be recognised and encouraged to develop their talents and for this reason, *Platinum Weekly* decided to reward each of these learners for their exceptional achievements. They each received a R500 cash prize.

Because we understand the importance of using the right words at the right time to empower and inspire people, we hope that this token will motivate them to continue to develop their skills.



The talented young poet Cae-lynn Barkhuizen.



Kyle Denton wrote a gripping short story to raise awareness about gender-based violence.

THE WHEELS ARE TURNING

Rustenburg – A bus that will be used to test the effectiveness of the long-awaited Rustenburg Rapid Transport (RRT) system was unveiled at the Civic Centre on Monday 29 June.

Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) executive mayor councillor Mpho Khunou, speaker Sheila Mabale-Huma, member of the mayoral committee for Roads and Transport councillor Lucky Kgaladi, as well as municipal manager Victor Makona were among those who boarded the bus for a ride into town.

Once fully functional, the system is expected to ferry 75,000 commuters daily and operate along the same lines as other world-class transport systems in Cape Town and Johannesburg. It is also expected to play a key role in creating new jobs and boosting the local economy.

The RRT system was supposed to go live in 2015 but delays caused by complex and lengthy stakeholder engagements including discussions with the taxi industry and local communities, saw that goal going ip in smoke.

MMC councillor Lucky Kgaladi revealed that despite the delays, 21km of bus lanes have been constructed to date. Station substructures, 40km of non-motorised transport walkways as well as cycle lanes have also been built within the central business district (CBD) and in areas such as Tlhabane.

In an interview with *Platinum Weekly*, mayor Khunou said everyone involved in the project is learning many lessons. He emphasized how, like all residents, the municipality is also eager for the system to be up and running. "This project is a very important one and we have always said that it is a game-changer for Rustenburg. We will have a world-class transport system that will help us ease congestion in town by reducing all the public transport vehicles on the road."

"The buses that will be part of this system will be ozone friendly because they will reduce emissions. It will have a major positive environmental impact,"



The bus was thoroughly sanitised before the ride.





GRADE RR - 12

- During Covid 19- Lockdown REC Schools moved to Online teaching for all grades from Gd R to 12.
- WhatsApp groups were created for all classes and lessons were recorded daily and posted on WhatsApp and Google Classroom.
- Our students were able to communicate directly with teachers, ask questions and receive assistance via WhatsApp.
- All grades are up to date with the syllabus and effectively, no school days have been lost.
- REC will continue with this new online way of teaching in 2020, and a "REC Online Schooling" option will be introduced in 2021 permanently."





On the 1/7/2020 Boitekong and Meriting Taxi Association (BAMTA) Officially appointed Kwalate Funeral Services (KFS) as their new service providers for the next three (3) years (1/7/2020-30/06/2023) The agreement was signed on Wednesday

1/7/2020 at BAMTA offices Boitekong





Executive mayor of Rustenburg councillor Mpho Khunou handed over the keys of the bus to the driver.