College Chatter

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From the Helm

"Love is not just about romance; it's about cherishing every soul we encounter and celebrating the beauty of human connection."

On this Valentine's Day, let us reflect on the significance and profound impact of showing compassion towards others. In a society where love often takes centre stage, there's no greater gift than the gift of love itself. It warms the heart and enriches the soul in truly incomparable ways.

Today, has been an absolute joy witnessing our girls coming together to celebrate a day filled with love. The sharing of notes and cards with words of encouragement and kindness was wonderful. As I walked onto the verandah overlooking the field, I couldn't help but notice the green grass filled with shades of pink and red, a visual reminder of the love and camaraderie that permeates our school community.

The sight of young girls diligently icing their heart biscuits to enjoy at tea time embodied the spirit of giving and sharing that defined this special day. Moments like these remind us of the importance of pausing even if for a moment to absorb the essence of our school - a place where friendships are nurtured and kind words are freely exchanged.

We are truly blessed to be part of such a special school where love and compassion reign supreme. Let us continue to cherish and cultivate these bonds today and every day.

Happy Valentine's Day to all, and may the spirit of love continue to illuminate our lives.
Carol-Anne Conradie
Head of Primary School

College Moment

Our primary school gathered together with our Chaplain, Miss Michelle Edgcumbe, to indulge in delicious sweet pancakes. Pancake Day is a wonderful tradition and celebration of Shrove Tuesday.

Junior Primary

Thank you for the delicious pancakes, the Grade 00 class enjoyed every bite!

Grade 3 girls using their creative flair to make beautiful and colourful bubble wrap Puffer Fish collages.

Junior Primary

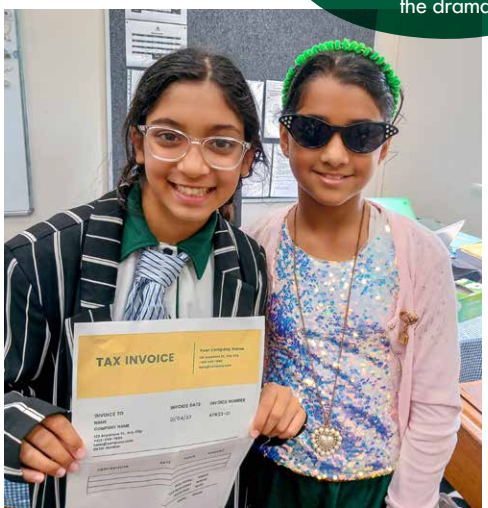
Grade 3 girls using their creative flair to make colourful, bubble wrap, Puffer Fish collages

Senior Primary

Grade 4s baked delicious biscuits as part of their Discovery day.

Grade 5K had lots of fun playing charades in Afrikaans to practice their Werkwoorde.

Photos of our Grade 6 Afrikaans girls dressing up for their dialogue. They definitely brought the drama.



High School

LOVE IS IN THE AIR
The Clifton Gents and College Girls met at the school gates to spread Valentine's Day cheer!

The Matric Mentors spent time with their grades and handed out roses and gifts. The music was playing and the love of sisterhood was definitely in the air. The matrics were delighted to receive their flowers and gifts.

From Our Chaplain

Michelle Edgcumbe

"I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep." John 10:14,15

How appropriate that Valentine's Day falls on the same day as Ash Wednesday this year. The day that is set aside to particularly mark the love that is shared between people also then points us towards the time of year set aside to mark the clearest display of the love God has for people. Often we presume that God's chief job is to make us happy. And yes, he certainly blesses us with lots of things that bring us joy and satisfaction. But his love is not chiefly about giving us what we want. His love for us can be traced from the beginning of time as his plan of redemption unfolds over generations and millennia, resulting in an eternity of relationship and contentment far beyond anything we feel now.

He displays his love for us in a million ways everyday but most clearly in the death and resurrection of Jesus who secures victory over our worst fears and hardest struggles. He dies not as a religious martyr, but as the Maker and King, who lays down his life on purpose and then takes it up again to show his power to do all he has promised. Letting God love us this way requires a change of heart. May this Valentines week and this Easter season challenge our thinking when it comes to who we presume God to be and what it means to be his beloved.

Results

Well done to the following girls who were selected as the 2024 House Captains:

Top row L to R: **Palmer:** Romana Gangat & Ilhaam Moosa
Churchill: Lexi Mitchell & Drisana Bangeni

Middle Row: **Greenacre:** Jamila Hanson & Yara Paruk
Cottam: Aphelele Sibeta & Tori Scott

Bottom row: **Hunter:** Nolwazi Madondo & Luthando Ndimande
Rutherford: Hanna Solwa & Ella Schoeman

Well done to the following girls who have been selected as the various Sports Captains:
Top row L to R: Langelihle Ndwalane and Charlotte Sutherland (Action Netball)
Bottom row: Cristina van der Walt and Sarah Soosiwala (Swimming)

Well done to the following girls who have been selected as the various Music and Cultural Leaders for 2024
Top row L to R: Sarah Smith & Drisana Bangeni (Choir), Jamila Hanson (SCA)
Bottom row: Sayuri Mahabeer & Romana Gangat (Orchestra), Phumelela Dyasi (Marimba Band)

Results

ACTION NETBALL

- **1st Team**
  Won: 27-10 against Ashton College Ballito
  Won: 16-11 against Crawford College La Lucia
- **2nd Team**
  Won: 25-11 against Our Lady of Fatima
- **U16A**
  Lost: 13-24 against Ashton College Ballito
- **U16B**
  Won: 19-10 against Ashton College Ballito
- **Girls-U15A**
  Won: 19-18 against Ashton College Ballito
- **Girls-U15B**
  Won: 23-3 against Curro Heritage House
- **U14B**
  Won: 14-7 against Ashton College Ballito
  Won: 18-15 against Crawford College La Lucia
- **U13A**
  Lost: 4-17 against Our Lady of Fatima
- **U13B**
  Lost: 3-7 against Virginia Preparatory School
  Lost: 5-32 against Crawford Preparatory La Lucia
- **U12A**
  Lost: 1-21 against Glenwood Preparatory School
- **U11A**
  Lost: 3-16 against Northlands Primary School
- **U11B**
  Lost: 1-12 against Glenwood Preparatory School
  Lost: 3-14 against Umhlali Preparatory School U11A
- **U10A**
  Lost: 9-11 against Glenwood Preparatory School
  Lost: 3-12 against Chelsea Preparatory School
- **U10B**
  Draw: 2-2 against Chelsea Preparatory School
  Lost: 3-7 against Northlands Primary School
  Lost: 4-11 against Crawford College La Lucia U14B

TENNIS

- **1st Team**
  Lost: 12-24 against Ashton College Ballito
  Drew: 18-18 against Curro Hillcrest
- **2nd Team**
  Lost: 26-31 against Danville Park Girls' High School 3rd Team
  Won: 19-17 against St Mary's Kloof 3rd Team

INDOOR HOCKEY

- **1st Team**
  Won: 7-0 against Crawford College La Lucia
  Lost: 1-2 against St Mary's Kloof
- **2nd Team**
  Won: 5-0 against Thomas More College
  Won: 2-0 against Reddam House Umhlanga
- **U16A**
  Won: 10-0 against Crawford College La Lucia
  Won: 7-0 against Crawford College La Lucia
  Lost: 1-4 against St Mary's Kloof
- **U16B**
  Won: 4-2 against Westville Girls' High School U16A
  Lost: 0-2 against Our Lady of Fatima
  Lost: 0-7 against St Mary's Kloof
- **U16C**
  Won: 3-1 against Toti
- **U14A**
  Won: 4-2 against St Mary's School Kloof
  Won: 7-0 against Thomas More College
  Won: 3-1 against Our Lady of Fatima
- **U14B**
  Lost: 1-2 against St Mary's School Kloof
  Won: 4-1 against Our Lady of Fatima
  Won: 3-1 against St Henry's Marist College

WATER POLO

- **1st Team**
  Won: 15-1 against Durban Girls' High School
  Draw: 6-6 against St Stithians College
  Won: 22-1 against Danville Park Girls' High School
  Won: 20-8 against Maris Stella
  Won: 8-7 against Clarendon High School
  Won: 10-9 against St Mary's School, Waverley
  Won: 20-8 against Maris Stella
  Won: 11-2 against St Mary's Kloof
- **U15A**
  Won: 7-2 against Durban Girls' High School
  Won: 15-5 against Our Lady of Fatima

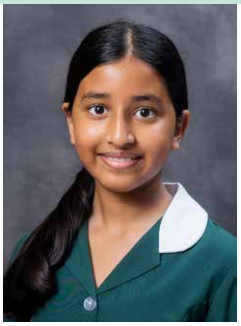
Results – Music Examination Results

Seneme Chiluvane
Grade 6
Passed Trinity Grade 2 Piano with Distinction & ABRSM and Grade 3 Singing with Distinction

Lwandlekazi Dano
Grade 6
Passed ABRSM Grade 3 Singing with Distinction

Romana Gangat
Grade 7
Passed Trinity Grade 3 Violin with Distinction

Sayuri Mahabeer
Grade 7
Passed Trinity Grade 5 Violin with Distinction



Kashmira Naidoo
Grade 7
Passed Trinity Grade 2 Music Theory with Distinction & Grade 5 Violin with Merit

Sonali Naidoo
Grade 7
Passed Trinity Grade 2 Music Theory with Distinction & Trinity Grade 5 Violin with Merit

Kaila Pillay
Grade 6
Passed Trinity Grade 2 Music Theory with Distinction

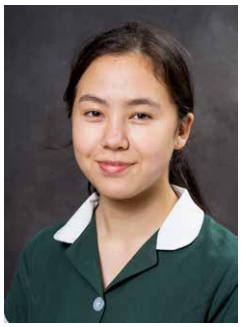
Noniabulo Khumalo
Grade 8
Passed Trinity Grade 5 Violin with Merit

Neha Parshotam
Grade 8
Passed Trinity Grade 2 Music Theory with Distinction

Paige Botha
Grade 9
Passed Trinity Grade 3 Music Theory with Distinction

Damika Naidoo
Grade 10
Passed ABRSM Grade 3 Music Theory with Merit

Xintong Chen
Grade 10
Passed Trinity Grade 6 Violin with Merit and Trinity Grade 6 Singing with Distinction



Sophia Kidson
Grade 10
Passed Trinity Grade 6 Violin with Merit

Leah Laurenz
Grade 10
Passed Trinity Grade 4 Singing with Distinction

Jingqi Lin
Grade 10
Passed Trinity Grade 4 Violin

Mishara Naidoo
Grade 10
Passed ABRSM Grade 5 Music Theory with Distinction

Skyla Eley
Grade 11
Passed Trinity Grade 6 Piano with Distinction

Results

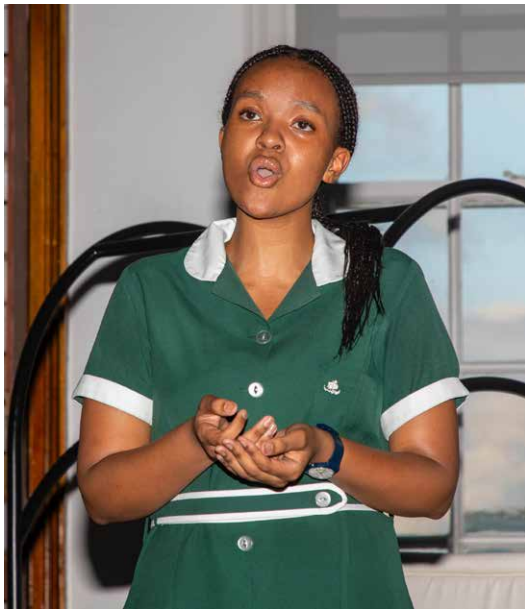
MUSIC

In October last year, our 1st Team Marimba Band participated in the USA Modern and Contemporary International Youth Music Festival.

The competition drew entries from Australia, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, the United States and Vietnam.

Our DGC band scored an incredible 98% and has been awarded First Prize with Honours as well as an invitation to the prize-giving gala in America later this year.

Well done to the following girls who participated in the Trinity College Results, Theory of Music, Grade 2, Level 1 and were awarded certificates of distinction: left to right: Kaila Pillay (Grade 6), Sonali Naidoo (Grade 7) and Kashmira Naidoo (Grade 7)



Owethu Makaula (Grade 12) was chosen to be a soloist at the National Choir Convention under the baton of Jennifer Tham from the Singapore Children's Choir.

SWIMMING

- Well done to Hannah Loots, Grade 2. Hannah participated in the Aquazone Summer Junior Gala and was awarded medals for Butterfly (Gold) and set a new record. Individual Medley 100m (Gold) and Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle (Silver).
- Well done to Oyama Baqwa, Grade 6. She competed in the Ushaka Swimming Gala and was awarded two medals, one for 100m Butterfly and and the other for the 200m Relay.

Calendar

Monday 19 February - Sunday 3 March 2024

Monday 19	**Day 6** HS: 06h00-07h00: Swimming training: Kings Park PS: 06h00-07h00: Swimming training: Kings Park PS: 07h35-08h05: Chapel: Centenary Hall WS: 16h00-18h30: TransCom Meeting - DGC Term 1 PS: 17h30-18h00: U11B Action Netball vs Chelsea Prep: Durban Arena PS: 17h30-18h00: U13A Action Netball vs Chelsea Prep: Durban Arena
Tuesday 20	**Day 7** WS: 07h35-08h05: Assembly: Centenary Hall HS: 15h00-18h00: Edulink International Universities Roadshow HS: 15h00-17h00: 1st Team Tennis vs St Mary's 2: DGC HS: 15h00-17h00: 2nd Team Tennis vs St Mary's 4: DGC PS: 15h00-15h30: U10A Action Netball vs Curro Salt Rock: Durban Arena PS: 16h00-16h30: U10A Action Netball vs Fatima: Durban Arena HS: 16h30-18h30: Grade 8 Meet & Greet and Information Evening: Lecture Theatre
Wednesday 21	**Day 8** HS: 08h00-13h00: Grade 11 Business Studies visit to La Lucia Mall JP: 08h30-10h00: Interhouse Gala Run Through: DGC HS: 14h30-19h00: Co-Ed Gala: Michaelhouse PS: 14h30-16h00: Grade 4-7 Friendly Gala: DGC HS: 17h30-20h00: Toastmasters: Grade 11: Miller Grove Building
Thursday 22	**Day 9** HS: 1st Team Water Polo Tournament depart: St Peter's College HS: U15 Water Polo Tournament depart: Crawford Lonehill PS: Grade 2 Interactive Day with Clifton WS: 07h15-07h45: DGC Moms' Who Pray: College House PS: 09h00-12h30: Shoe Delivery to Kusa Kusa Primary School JP: 14h00-15h00: Gala Maris Stella Grades 2 & 3: Maris Stella
Friday 23	**Day 10** **HALF-TERM** HS: 1st Team Water Polo Tournament: St Peter's College HS: U15 Water Polo Tournament depart: Crawford Lonehill
Saturday 24	HS: 1st Team Water Polo Tournament: St Peter's College HS: U15 Water Polo Tournament: Crawford Lonehill
Sunday 25	HS: 1st Team Water Polo Tournament: St Peter's College HS: U15 Water Polo Tournament: Crawford Lonehill
Monday 26	**Day 1** **HALF-TERM**

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Monday 19 February - Sunday 3 March 2024

Tuesday 27	**Day 2** JP: Grade RD to return Love Language Books HS: 07h35-08h05: Assembly: Centenary Hall HS: 10h00-11h00: Production Performance #1 "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time": Lecture Theatre PS: Gr 4 & 5 Cluster meeting: 14h00 - 16h00: Waterfall Prep School PS: 14h30-17h00: Grades 4-7 Durban Central A Gala: Glenwood Prep HS: 15h00-17h00: 1st Team Tennis vs St Mary's 1: DGC HS: 15h00-17h00: 2nd Team Tennis vs Westville: Westville Girls' High HS: 18h00-20h00: Production Performance #2 "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time": Lecture Theatre
Wednesday 28	**Day 3** HS:10h00-11h00 Production Performance #3 "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time": Lecture Theatre PS: 14h30-16h00: Grade 4-7 B Gala Team: Maris Stella PS: 14h30-16h00: Grade 4-7 A Gala Team: St Mary's HS: 15h30-17h00: Friendly Gala: DGC HS: 17h30-20h00: Toastmasters: Grade 11: Miller Grove Building HS: 18h00-19h00: Production Performance #4 "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time": Lecture Theatre
Thursday 29	**Day 4** WS: 07h15-07h45: DGC Moms' Who Pray: College House HS: 10h00-11h00: Production Performance #5 "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time": Lecture Theatre JP: 14h00-15h00: Gala Grades 2 & 3: Maris Stella PS: 14h30-17h00: Grades 4-7 Durban Central B Gala: Durban Prep High School HS: 17h30-20h00: Open Evening
Friday 1	**Day 5** JP: Grade NR to receive Love Language Books JP: 08h05-08h35: Assembly: PS Hall JP: 08h30-10h00: Inter-house Gala: DGC SP: 09h35-10h00: Assembly: PS Hall HS: 10h00-11h00: Production Performance #6 "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time: Lecture Theatre PS: 10h05-10h30: Grades 3 & 7 Cake Sale HS: 13h30-16h00: Grade 12 Physical Science Portfolio Prac HS: 14h00-14h30: 2nd Team Action Netball vs Inanda: Action Cricket HS: 14h00-14h30: U15A Action Netball vs Maris Stella: Action Cricket HS: 14h30-15h00: 1st Team Action Netball vs Fatima: Action Cricket HS: 14h30-15h00: U15A Action Netball vs Fatima: Action Cricket HS: 14h30-15h00: U15B Action Netball vs Reddam Umhlanga: Action Cricket HS: 15h00-15h30: U14A Action Netball vs Maris Stella: Action Netball HS: 16h30-17h00: U14A Action Netball vs Curro Salt Rock: Action Cricket HS: 16h30-17h00: U16A Action Netball vs Curro Salt Rock: Action Cricket HS: 17h00-17h30: U15B Action Netball vs Curro Salt Rock: Action Cricket HS: 17h30-18h00: 1st Team Action Netball vs Maris Stella: Action Cricket

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Saturday 2	HS: 08h00-16h00: Spar Regional Hockey Tournament: Durban High School HS: 09h00-13h00: 2025 Grade 8 Music Scholarship Auditions: Music Hall PS: 12h00-12h30: U11A Action Netball vs Virgina Prep: Durban Arena PS: 12h30-13h30: U13B Action Netball vs Reddam Ballito: Durban Arena PS: 13h00-13h30: U12A Action Netball vs Ashton International: Durban Arena PS: 13h30-14h00: U13B Action Netball vs Curro Salt Rock: Durban Arena
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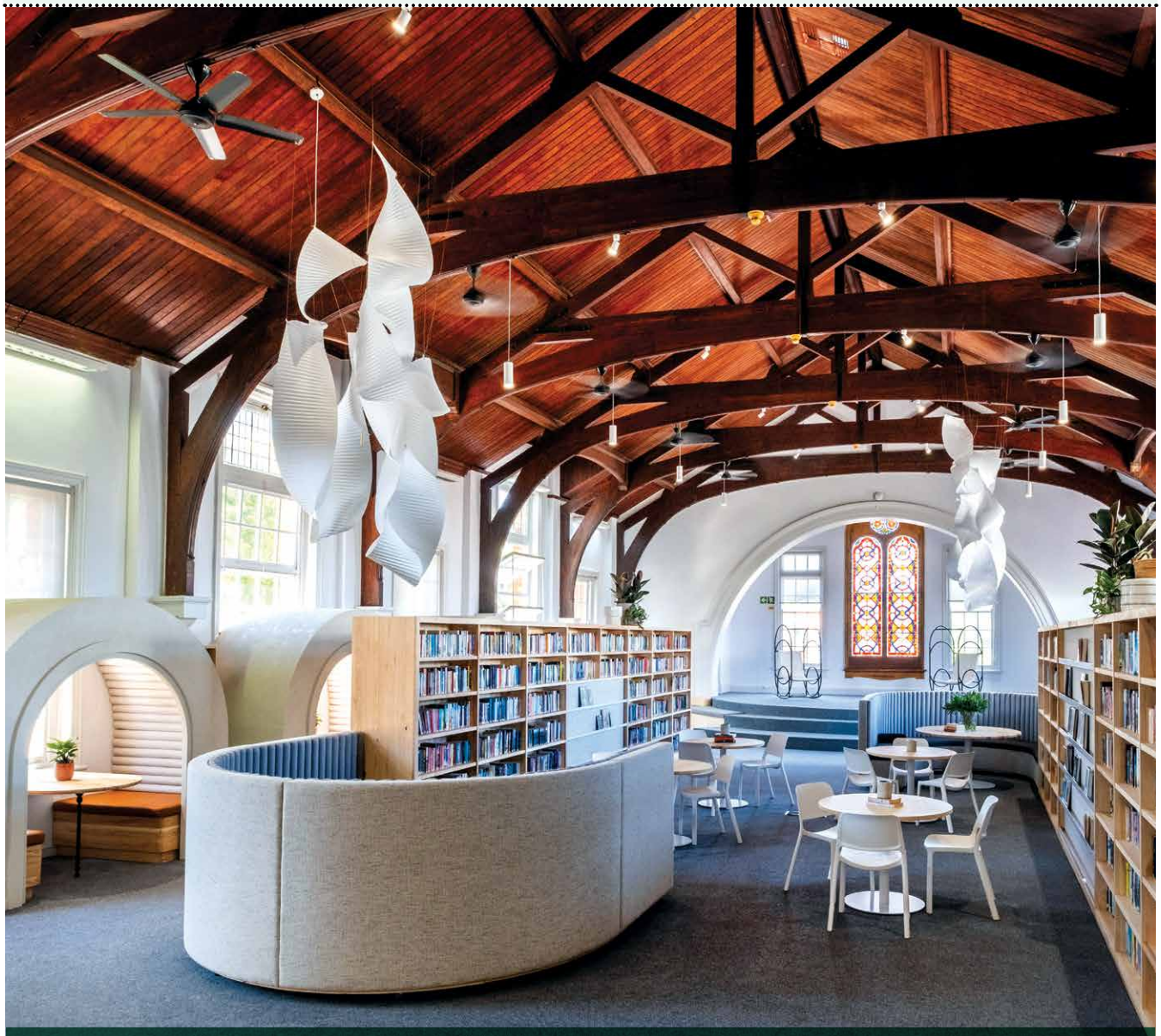

"When you are content to be simply yourself and don't compare or compete, everyone will respect you."

- Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching

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