

MARU-APULA SERVICE ACTIVITIES (TERM 3 2019)

Community (external) Services

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL is a global movement with members and activists in over 150 countries and territories who campaign to end serious abuses of human rights. Students learn about local and international human rights issues, and may be engaged in letter-writing campaigns and online petitions that work to pressurize governments and effect change throughout the world. This service works in conjunction with Ditshwanelo, the Botswana Centre for Human Rights.

BOTSWANA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (BSPCA) is a service that focuses its work at the Broadhurst Animal Shelter, where students help by assisting the employees with small projects and fundraising initiatives.

CAMPHILL SCHOOL in Otse gives specialised schooling to handicapped children of from ages seven to fifteen. Students visit the children on four Saturday mornings during the term, giving the children an opportunity to interact with and learn from their older 'brothers and sisters'. Activities include games, crafts, walks and swimming. Participants are encouraged to forge personal bonds with each individual child.

CHESHIRE HOMES is a rehabilitation centre for physically and mentally disabled children that students visit on Wednesday afternoons to offer its staff a short break from duties while they entertain the children. Participants find their interaction with these children extremely rewarding.

CHILDLINE BOTSWANA is an organisation that provides emergency response services for children in danger or distress. Students who sign-up for this activity work alongside House-mothers at ChildLine. The tasks they undertake include: helping with homework, reading, storytelling and general play. This activity provides an opportunity for students to take control of their service, giving them the responsibility of designing activities for the children.

GABANE FEEDING is two-hour service that takes place on Wednesday afternoons, where students visit Gabane Village to care for the elderly residents without families. This activity is interesting, rewarding and greatly appreciated by its beneficiaries. It suits anyone who has the desire to help with elderly people.

GABANE TEACHING is about offering academic assistance to the students of Pule Primary School in Gabane. MaP students, working in groups of two or three, teach classes of about twenty pupils in Standard Five, Six and Seven. The primary school students enjoy the lessons and the MaP students find the experience eye-opening.

GALALETANG TEACHING is for Form 3s and above who are interested in making a difference in the lives of younger students. The service's mandate is to tutoring Standard Seven students in Maths, Science and English in preparation for their PSLEs.

GASIKO TEACHING is about assisting the students of Gasiko Primary school in Gabane to prepare for their PSLEs. Students from MaP visit Gasiko on Tuesday afternoons to tutor Standard Six and Seven students in Maths and English.

HOSPITAL VISITING is Thursday afternoon activity where MaP students visit the paediatric ward at Princess Marina to play games, draw, and chat with the children. These students make the children's day brighter by giving them joy and companionship.

I AM SPECIAL SCHOOL in Tlokweng houses children with Down's syndrome. Students visit the school once a week to teach and play with the children there. The children enjoy playing with the MaP students and are always excited to see them.

INTERACT is a fun, fundraising service aligned with the Rotary Club. This service allows MaP students to be philanthropic, and although it can be very demanding in terms of time, this service is very rewarding.

MAP MEDICAL CORPS The Medical Corp offers students a chance to help in various medical related activities. These include organizing blood donation drives, helping at Cancer Association events, and learning basic first aid to assist at sports activities. It is ideally suited to students who are considering a career in the medical field.

NALEDI FEEDING is run primarily by the 6th Form, and involves the delivery of grocery items to disadvantaged families living in the Old Naledi area of Gaborone. Funding of this project is mainly provided by the school, although students' contributions include fundraising. Students involved in the service are exposed to the realities of those who are less fortunate in society and find the visits to be both a humbling and mind broadening experience.

NALEDI TEACHING allows MaP students to visit Tlhabologo Primary School and give lessons in English and Mathematics, the two subjects that give the Standard Seven students the most problems. Activities include giving and marking assignments and tests.

RE AGA MMOGO (BARCLAYS BUILD) service helps build homes for those less fortunate in the community. The students taking part in this service enjoy learning about the intricacies involved in building houses as they take part in different construction projects.

VISIONAIRES CLUB hosts government Junior and Senior Secondary schools on Saturdays for three-hour study skills workshops. The aim of such workshops is to show government school students that studying can be fun and it avails the tips, and study techniques, which work best. Visionaires comprises of mostly top achievers who aim to better the education system in Botswana through passing what they have learnt during their stay at Maru-a- Pula to government school students.

WILDLIFE HABITAT exposes students to their natural environment and teaches them the importance of conservation of both fauna and flora. The Club collaborates with various relevant institutions to educate students, as well as give them the opportunity to gain hands on experience as environmental conservationists.

TLHABOLOGO TEACHING is for Form 3s and above who are interested in making a difference in the lives of younger students. The service's mandate is to tutoring students in Standard Six and below.

RAY OF HOPE is a youth-run NGO, which strives to educate and empower underprivileged and marginalised children in Botswana. The NGO consists of committed high school and college students.

School (internal) Services

BOOK COVERING helps preserve the appearance and lengthen the lives of books in the library by covering them, which keeps them in good condition.

COMMUNITY ART allows students to plan and carry out art projects around the school for aesthetic reasons. Projects may include murals and paintings. Students may also carry out fundraising activities in order to buy supplies such as paints, brushes, etc.

ECO-WARRIORS meets once a week to collect paper in around the school for recycling. This group also plans ways to encourage the school to be more eco-friendly by making videos and posters. This group provides a great opportunity to make a difference and is for students who care about the environment.

MaP GARDENING involves the non-chemical growth of plants, mainly vegetables, in a sustainable way, hence the name of the service. The students participating in this service maintain a garden inside MaP, and the produce goes towards some of the school's other community service projects.

LIBRARY SERVICE trains students to cover, repair and shelve books, as well as process new books by stamping and adding on spine labels and bar codes. Students also get the chance to manage the circulation desk, issuing, receiving and entering books into the library's computer system.

MaP JOURNALISTS / PHOTOGRAPHERS is best suited for students who would like to gain some journalistic experience by assisting in producing the school publications. The students write stories about and take photos of life at Maru-a-Pula which, after being edited, are published in either the yearbook, the school newsletter or on our online media. The service fosters a great work ethic, a strong sense of responsibility and a sharp eye for detail in the students that take part in it.

MARIMBA BAND is both a service and an enrichment activity and has an intense rehearsal schedule. Its purpose is to produce world class marimba music by encompassing the development of a sensitive ear and improvement of dexterity through various means. Students signed up for this activity take part in technical exercises, musical studies, rehearsals and elaborate musical enlightenment programmes in various music styles and compositions.

MATHS TUTORS are open to any student who needs help with prep or revision. Tutors are usually 6th Formers or, in exceptional cases, Form 5 Additional Maths students. They are expected to move around the room helping students of all levels with assistance from the teacher on duty. Tutors find that helping their fellow students is a rewarding experience that allows them to appreciate underlying mathematical principles. Tutors are encouraged to do an additional service as well.

MaP MENTORS is a service for senior students who are interested in aiding juniors who struggle with the stresses of high school. It works on the understanding that younger students often feel more comfortable talking to older students, who have been through what they are experiencing. Mentoring is an opportunity to develop relationships between older and younger students that also supplements the Student Support that is available at MaP from Peer Counsellors, Form Teachers, Year Heads and Directors.

SCIENCE LABS ensure the weekly cleaning and maintenance of the school's science laboratories. Students are responsible for: dusting benches and side desks, correctly storing equipment, removing tippex from desks, cleaning sinks, fixing simple pieces of equipment, filing, and making posters and general improvements to the laboratory.

SPORTS SERVICE is a service in which students perform a variety of activities around school to help set up for games and care for equipment, playing an integral role in the sports program at Maru-a-Pula. This is an exciting opportunity to get an inside look at how sports events are organised.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) is where classroom issues, ideas and suggestions for functions and ways of improving the school are discussed with the principal and other members of staff. Each class elects a representative who will attend meetings on Thursday afternoons.

ORCHESTRAL ENSEMBLE plays various styles of music. Its main aims are to encourage students to play together, promote happy music-making, as well as provide the opportunity for the beginners to learn from the more advanced students. The Ensemble meets once a week for two hours. Anyone who has a reasonable level of competency on their instrument may join. All instruments are welcome.

The **MEDICAL CORPS** offers students a chance to help out in various medical related activities. These include organizing blood donation drives, helping out at Cancer Association events, and learning basic first aid to assist at sports activities. It is ideally suited to students who are considering a career in the medical field.

MUSIC THEORY is for all students, beginners and exam candidates, following the Trinity Guildhall syllabus. Students learn how to read and write in musical notation.

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