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On behalf of the Chairman and Executive Committee I would like to wish you all a happy and fulfilling 2013.

We have a number of things planned for the early part of this year with seven festivals, our 70th Annual General Meeting and an Adjudicators' Workshop, all being held this term. While details of the workshop and the Notice of Meeting will be sent to you separately, reminders of these events can be found on page 4, where you can also read about a new Creative Arts Theatre School that has opened in the Midlands.

We are sure you join us in congratulating last year's bursary recipients and the Monologue Competition finalists and winner, on their achievements last year. Congratulations also go to Laddsworth Primary School on its 110th anniversary this year.

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PLEASE NOTE

Since its inception in October 1999 *The Platform* has been posted to you four times a year. However, in order to do our bit to help save the planet, we will be emailing it to you from now on. We hope you enjoy receiving it in this format.

To have your school's details on our website, www.speechanddrama.co.za, please tick the relevant box on your membership form or send me an email.

Include your school badge in pdf or jpeg format.

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Festival News

Festival 2013 is well underway with seven schools having booked festivals this term, and bookings for later in the year coming in each day. By now you should have received your membership and booking forms in the post, so please return the completed membership form as soon as possible so that we can update our database and communicate with you more efficiently. Thank you to those convenors who have already returned their forms. If you have not received a membership form in the post please contact me.

FESTIVALS

Schools that are having festivals this term should have received their entry forms by now. Please return them as soon as possible so that the report sheets can be posted to you in time for your festival.

MONEY MATTERS

The 2013 entry fees are listed below and you will see that there has been only one increase in the fees: Junior Primary individual items are now R15 per item, the same as those for Senior Primary. The fees for Group items remain as they were last year. Our Admin Fee is based on the total amount of your entry fees, so please use the sliding scale on your Remittance Form to calculate the amount to pay, and remember to include it in your initial payment.

WORK SHOPS

As always we recommend that you take advantage of our workshop offers to assist you in your preparations for the festival. Each workshop is tailored to the specific needs of the school concerned and will be held at times that suit you. Use your booking form to book your workshop or phone me to find out more about them.

SYLLABUS

During the course of this year the syllabus committee will be selecting poems for the 2014 - 2016 syllabus and once again we are appealing to you to send us your favourite poems, especially those that you have used successfully for Choral Verse.

FEES

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE - R275

WORKSHOPS - R300 per hour

FESTIVAL ENTRY FEES

Individual items all grades - R15

Group items grades R to 3 - R55

Group items grades 4 to 12 - R60

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

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2012 BURSARY RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded bursaries which they will use for speech and drama tuition. Many, many thanks to the schools that contributed to the Bursary Fund .

<u>ELIZABETH SNEDDON BURSARY</u>	
Sinikiwe Sifumba	Gosvenor Girls' High School
<u>JILIAN HURST BURSARY</u>	
Zulfiya Khan	Brighton Beach Senior Primary School
<u>HAZEL MEYER BURSARY</u>	
Nia Small	Brighton Beach Senior Primary School
Cameron McBride	Atholl Heights Primary School
Cameron Parle	DPHS
Braedon Royal	DPHS
Suvarna Rooy	Glenashley Preparatory School
Paige Williams	Hillary Primary School
Timothy Edley	Hillcrest Christian Academy
Samantha Dijkman	Hillcrest Christian Academy
Tiffany Miller	Hillcrest Christian Academy
Taylor Ebersohn	Howick Prep. School
Jocelyn Fellowes	Howick Prep. School
Owami Buthelezi	Livingstone Primary School
Tyron Barnard	Livingstone Primary School
Khaya Tshabalala	New Germany Primary School
Makaziwe Chonco	St Mary's DSG
Sarah Sparks	Tree Tops
Connor Jenkins	Westville JP School
Drew Townley	Westville SP School
Khairiv Naidoo	Westville SP School
Tayla Morrow	Westville SP School
Pierre Parrott	Westville SP School
Cuan Thomson	Winston Park Primary School

BRUCE PIPER AWARD

MONOLOGUE COMPETITION

The Monologue Competition was introduced in 2003 to honour Bruce Piper who, as many will remember, served as Chairman of the Speech and Drama Association for 21 years.

To be eligible to enter the competition, which is open to high school pupils only, a candidate has to have been awarded an A+ symbol for a monologue during that year's festival, and then be nominated by the adjudicator. From a total of 144 high school students who presented monologues last year, the following 14 candidates were chosen to take part in the competition in November. Congratulations to all of them, their teachers and schools:

- Chanté Seiler, Asgarie Abdulla, Nokwanda Ngcobo, Singobile Mzimela, Sibahle Sibiya - *Northlands GHS*
- Nkululeko Mgobhozi, Bianca Arthur, Redani Mufumadi - *Kingsway High School*
- Sinikiwe Sifumba - *Grosvenor GHS*
- Athi Ndwane, Phumelele Nbcongo - *Port Shepstone High School*
- Naledi Majola, Katy Addison, Ndzalani Mamba - *St Anne's College.*



The winner of the Bruce Piper Award, Phumelele Nbcongo, is seen here with her mother, and adjudicators Prof. Mervyn McMurtry and Mrs. Rosanne Hurly-Coyne, who congratulated all the candidates on the high standard of work.

