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G'town pupils explore the Bay

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FIFTEEN Grahamstown high school pupils who achieved top marks in maths, physical and life sciences explored Nelson Mandela Bay's rocky shores during a three-day outing to the city last week.

Monitored by the South African Environmental Conservation Network, (SAECN) the Grade 11 pupils from Mary Waters, Nombulelo, Ntsika, Nyaluza and T E M Mrwetyana high schools explored the shore outside Pine Lodge, to learn more about scientific research methods.

Information gathered by the pupils was then analysed by rocky shore scientist Adrian Evans, who accompanied the schools on the trip. The pupils presented their findings to their respective schools. SAECN coordinator and education officer Noziphiwo Hambaze said they wanted pupils to be able to conduct any projects they set out to do.

"We teach them scientific methods for those who choose to enter science expos. The pupils are not aware of marine careers therefore this exposure will make them realise that you can go into a marine career without having to go diving, because that is what most people fear," she said.

Having worked with a group of Grade 9 pupils last year, the SAECN is on a mission to see pupils not only participate and excel in science competitions, but to also become aware of careers in marine studies.

"We hope the pupils we working with this year turns into a success as well," Hambaze said.

Science intern Mfundo Bizani said his role is to assist pupils with information with regards to the ocean and the different species living in it.

"When I was at varsity I never got the chance to be exposed to all this methods, therefore I'm here to motivate the young ones and expose them to as much as possible," Bizani said.

Pupils were very excited to be outside rather than inside a classroom, making the best of the three days.

Two Nombulelo High School pupils, Apiwe Sompani, 17, and Zizipho September, 16, felt that working in the field helped them better understand and appreciate the wonders of marine biology.

"I think practical work is the most specific way because in order to see and to understand, we need to see it physically," Sompani said.

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Centenary class of 1964 to celebrate at Pearson

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PREPARATIONS are well under way for Pearson High School's reunion weekend in May, with the celebrations promising to be a memorable occasion for those attending.

The reunion will primarily focus on the class of 1964, who will be celebrating their 50th year out of high school with a number of fun-filled events.

The May 9 and 10 weekend will kick off with a Deary Day assembly on the Friday.

This will be followed by a tour of the school and later a tea for past pupils and teachers, where they can relax and reminisce about the good old days.

On the Friday afternoon, the 50-year reunion class will get to visit the school's old premises in Mount Croix - which is now occupied by

Erica Primary School. The group will gather at Pearson's sports fields the following morning to enjoy a game between Pearson and Alexander Road High School.

This will be followed by a teaching and former pupil get-together in the foyer.

Former Pearson teachers are also invited to attend the assembly and enjoy tea thereafter.

To end off the reunion, the classes of 1984, 1994 and 2004 will join the celebration at a dinner in the school's main hall on Saturday evening.

The dinner will cost old Pearsonites R220 per head and R440 if a partner is brought along. A cash bar will be available.

Bookings for the reunion can be made at the school. Payment by April 11 secures bookings.

Don't miss out on this chance to catch-up with your old school mate.