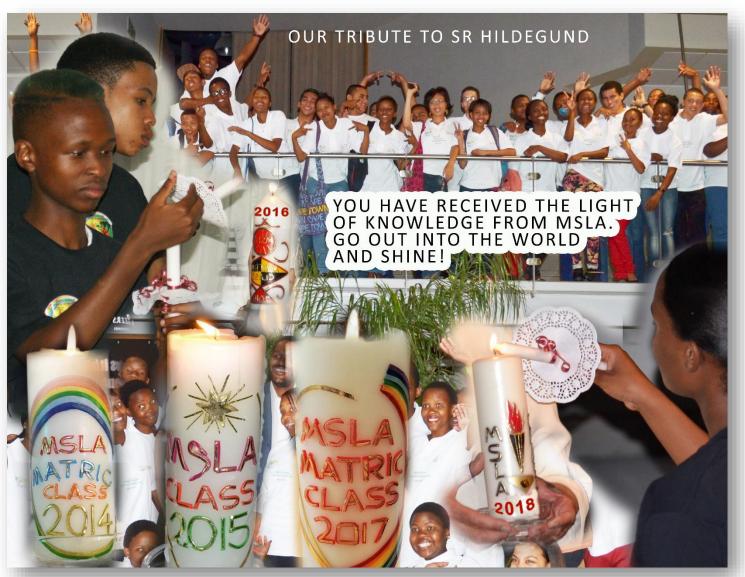


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To all the Oakford Dominican Sisters

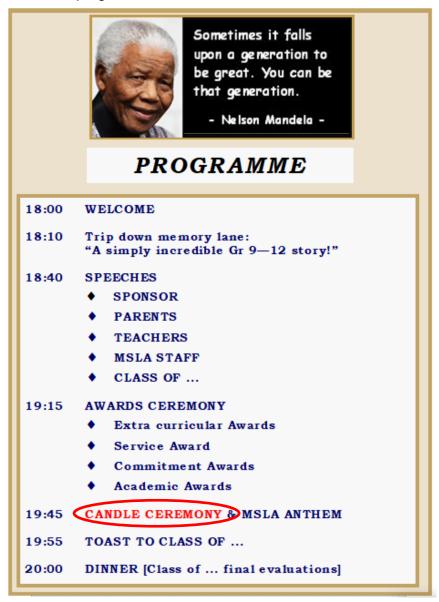
On behalf of 402 MSLA matrics (2014 – 2019), parents, teachers and all of us at MSLA, I wish to pay special tribute to Sr Hildegund.

Allow me to set the background ...

Our whole mission at MSLA is to inspire youth, from under-privileged backgrounds in Kimberley, to have a dream and to provide them with innovative educational opportunities to develop holistically so that they can realise their dreams and become the hope of their families and communities and, ultimately, play a vital role in growing the economy of the Northern Cape Province.

The majority of learners participate in the programmes from Grade 9 through to Grade 12. Many even started the MSLA journey through the Grade 4 – 6 Maths Pi-oneers Programme and remained committed until they completed matric.

At the end of each academic year, MSLA celebrates the matric class through a special farewell event of which the programme is as follows:



From 2014 to 2019, Sr Hildegund made this matric farewell event extra special through her incredibly beautiful candles, shown in the photo. During the candle ceremony, the matrics received their own candles and were invited to come forward to light these candles from Sr Hildegund's special "matric candle", with the words: "You have received the light of knowledge at MSLA. Go out into the world and SHINE!"

"Dear Sr Hildegund, your amazing candles touched the hearts of each and every student. Through sharing your special gift, you brought God's light to so many young people and inspired them to share God's Light in the world and make a difference.

Not only were your candles a symbol of God's presence and a source of inspiration at the matric farewell events, they were also lit in prayer during the matric exams the following year. The vast majority of the MSLA students have gone on to study at tertiary level and are doing well. They are shining out there in these very challenging times.

Thank you, dear Sr Hildegund, for sharing your special light with MSLA. May you enjoy the beauty of God's heavenly light for all eternity. May you rest in peace."

With our love and prayers, Anne & the MSLA Family.