



RedPath

CONNECTING THE REDHILL ALUMNI COMMUNITY

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Dear Redhill Alumni,

With reunions, nostalgia, and unstoppable Redhill energy, our alumni network is alive and thriving!

Catch up on the Class of 2004's unforgettable 20-year reunion from last year.

Warm regards,

Deborah Hele
Alumni & Communications Officer



**STORIES,
SMILES AND
SPECIAL
PHOTOS**

Class of 2004



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GRADE ONE TO MATRIC



FRONT ROW: Tristan Banha, Ketlhotse Sekoko, Jessica Watt, Stephen Ryan
SECOND ROW: Navashnee Pather, Deborah-Leigh Contat, Georgina Roberts, Nicholas Appelbaum, Philip Schwartz **BACK ROW:** Michelle van Straaten, Ciara Rawnsley, Daniel Barnett, George Sirmalenios, Kate Fischer, Alex Stamatiadis, Laura Harris

MATRIC FAREWELL



Philip Schwartz



I live in New York with my wife and two kids - Annabelle (4) and Henry (6 months). I work in Private Equity focusing investments on Software (SaaS) and Data/AI startups. I hope to see everyone at the next reunion!

Gina Emslie
(De Bruyn)

After school I studied Genetics at Stellenbosch and then law at Wits and did articles at Bowman's in Joburg. I had a major lifestyle change in 2015 when I married my husband, Dale Emslie, and we moved to a beautiful but very remote farm in the Winterberg Mountains in the Eastern Cape - 50km from the closest town on a bad gravel road. We farm cattle, sheep and angora goats (wool) and have two wild, sport-obsessed sons, Jordan (8) and James (6). Life on the farm is full of challenges, but it is also very rewarding and I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Hope you all have a fantastic reunion today!



Kim Van Jaarsveld (Japp)



Hello everyone! I'm sorry I can't join. Recently, my husband and I relocated to Lusaka with our baby girl, Penny. I am teaching 6 year olds at a wonderful school and am loving being close to my parents and my brother who also live here. I hope you all have an amazing time together. I can't wait to see photos. 😊

Megan Preston



I am a manager on a Private Island in the Bahamas, commercially known as Perfect Day at CocoCay for Royal Caribbean. I traded in traffic and formal stuff for a life on the beach. When I am not on the island I stay in Fort Lauderdale with my fiancé and our fur child Kabrit.

Ray Norman



My Dearest Redhillians.
 I am STILL living in Bryanston. Happily married for 12 years to my beautiful wife Camille. We have 2 amazing sons Erik & Victor. I am co-director of the largest silicone breast implant distributor in Africa. Yes. I know. I couldn't avoid the inevitable!
 I love heavy metal, rugby, powerlifting and South Africa. I am proud to have matriculated at Redhill and lucky to have shared my high school years with you all. Early 2000s was peak! Sorry I can't be with you all. Today I'm out celebrating Erik's 4th birthday. You are all awesome!
 See you at the 30th reunion I guess...
 Love Ray

Kate Taylor (Russell)



I'm so disappointed I can't attend as we live in New Zealand now. I have attached some pics of us in NZ

We live in Taranaki in the North Island. My son, Finn, is 12 and my daughter, Indie, is 8. They love life in NZ! I have just opened my own yoga studio teaching from home!

I hope you all have the best time reconnecting xxx

Christie Nelson (Davidson)



I am now living in the UK with my husband and gorgeous 2 little girls. Charlotte (6) and Isla (2). After school I went to study industrial design at UJ. I moved to London in 2011 with my then boyfriend now husband Marc after working as a designer and project manager in South Africa, designing furniture and decor for the 2010 Soccer World Cup and implementing all furniture for the suits at Soccer City. I moved for experience and travel...but I fell in love with the UK and never left. The cold doesn't bother me but still can't get use to the dark mornings in winter.

After starting my London career at one of the top design agencies, JKR, I now work for a luxury design agency Studio Minerva as the Production Director working with global brands.

Caroline York (Wilks)



I currently live on the South East coast of England with my husband and two kids (6 and 4 years). For work, my sisters and I run a vineyard and produce wine and gin.

Kailasan Pillay



Moved to Cape Town and trying to keep myself out of trouble.

Vashi Pather

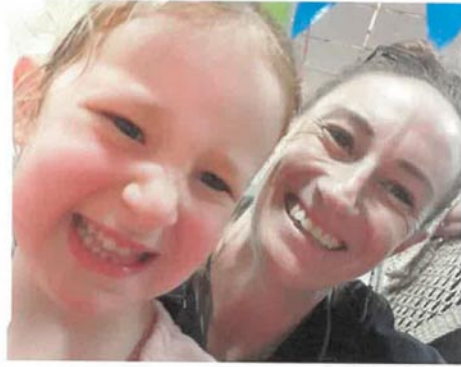


Can't believe it's been 20 years already - surely we're all still in our early twenties?!

I live with my hubby George and baby girl Ariana in Jacksonville, Florida. We moved here in April this year and loving it thus far. I'm currently a stay-at-home mum, so best believe the only songs in my head lately are nursery rhymes and Ms Rachel 🎤

Really wish I could have been there, but alas not in the cards for me. Maybe the next reunion!

Jessica Jacobs (Garratt)



So I live in a small village called Friskney in the UK. I work as an HR Business Partner for a Sports Technology company called Hudl. I have a beautiful little girl called Skylar who is 4 years old and I have been married to Daniel Jacobs for 5 years. We still have our two rescue dogs from SA and a new addition who is Robbie, my young horse.

Nina Richards



I'm currently living in Port Elizabeth with my lovely partner Keren.

I am working as a jeweller and selling at markets along the Garden Route. We are sorry we can't make it but we are there in spirit!

Daniel Barnett



Hey everyone. Sorry I can't make it to see you. I'm by the beach in Sydney these days, living the coastal life. I'm a proud dad—girls rule—and spend my time working on gardens and landscapes. Children's cancer has been a big part of our lives, so I put a lot into raising funds to support cure research. Hope you all have a great time catching up!

Louise Bryson



Heya, good luck today!
Here's me and babies in Cork, Ireland. Working as a water scientist specialising in nature based solutions 🌱

Carla Douglas



Update wise, these days I'm based in Leeds, UK with my husband Dan and our dog Bilbo, and work in Higher Education :) Still visit SA every chance we get! Hope you guys have a fantastic time today! xx

Claudine Calkoen-Wijnhoud



Hi everyone!
After school I moved to The Hague, The Netherlands to study. After my studies I lived in Hamburg for a little while working for Formula BKN and FI BMW. A great experience, but I wanted more, so I moved back to The Hague. I met my wonderful husband Alexander on Queens Day in 2011 and have been together ever since. We have three energetic and adorable kiddos, Philippe (7), Eleanore (5) and Joachim (2). We live in a lovely neighbourhood close the forest and beach. I work as a project manager for the Dutch government, taking on the ambitious task of overseeing large scale renovations and major maintenance of historic monuments and palaces. I would have loved to have been at the Reunion, can't believe it's been 20 years! Hope everyone has a great time and maybe I can make the next one. Much love, x Claudine

Robert Hurry



I live in Oslo, Norway now with my girlfriend Sam and work at a Norwegian Medical technology company that makes devices used in open heart surgery. Partially successfully trying to assimilate into the Nordics!

Wesley Tucker



I'm living in London with my wife Laurian and my two kids Ilaria (6) and Connor (2), running a company called Tracr that traces diamonds from the mines since they're discovered through to consumers.