

Tennis star reaches new heights

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Ruimsig — Charissa du Toit started playing tennis nearly three years ago.

What started as just another sport has become her all-time dream – to play on the international Women's Tennis Circuit.

Having received the Junior Tennis Player of the Year award for the past two years, she plays for Maragon Private School's first team.

Charissa is currently registered on the South African Tennis Association's (Sata) ranking list, enabling her to participate in official tournaments officiated by Sata.

She played in her first tournament in March 2010, and to date she has participated in 13 tournaments.

At the time, Charissa was initially ranked 760th for girls under 16, nationally.

However, she rose to position 129 in May this year.

She has also been recognised by Sata as being one of the top 10 movers in South Africa over that period, for girls under 16.

In June last year, Charissa was awarded her Gauteng West colours, followed by her Gauteng provincial colours in January this year.

In March of this year, she was selected for the Gauteng tennis squad, which will be competing at the SA Summer Games in Limpopo during October.



Charissa du Toit, Maragon Private School's tennis star in the making. Picture submitted.

In order to be in top form, the Gauteng Squad regularly trains at the University of Pretoria's High Performance Centre, where Charissa receives coaching from top national coaches.

She hopes to be in top form to compete in the official International Tennis Federation (ITF) tournament for juniors, to be held at Ellispark in Johannesburg, later during the year.

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Maragon Private School's foundation-phase choir achieved a gold certificate during their debut at the ATKV Applous Randburg Streekfees competition. Picture submitted.

Choir comes from competition on a high note

Ruimsig — Friday, 13 May proved to be a most fortuitous day for Maragon Private School's foundation-phase choir.

The pupils made their debut at the ATKV Applous Randburg Streekfees competition, where they were required to perform two songs in Afrikaans, and a third song in any language, other

than English or Afrikaans.

The choir took on the challenge by putting their vocal chords to the test in Sotho.

In the process, they exceeded all expectations, walking away with a gold certificate.

Maragon is very proud of its young lyrical stars in the making.