

Khellie Golding Born: 24 June 2004

As recounted by her mother, Mrs Petulia Golding (abridged).

Khellie's hockey career started at the tender age of 7, whilst attending Rhenish Primary School. She initially started out as a goalkeeper, but after spending 3 years in this position, the coach agreed, upon my request, to field her in a different position. During her last few years of Primary School, she earned her *Sports Badges, Certificates and Trophies*, which included the *Best Improved Hockey Player*.

In March 2017 Khellie joined the A team group of selected Gr7 players, to take part in the 3-day Knysna Hockey Tournament. And a month later, she was selected along with 3 other Gr7 girls to take part in the U13 Boland IPT Hockey Trials. Eventually, by the final round she was the only survivor of her school's delegation, and she earned her Provincial Colours. And off she went; the Inter-Provincial Tour was held during July in Potchefstroom.

In 2018 she started High School at Rhenish Girls High, and she made it to the U14A team. In March 2018 her team participated in the DF Malan Tournament. At the end of the 2-day tournament, Khellie received the Award for the player scoring the *Most Goals* (five of them!!).

The same year, June, she was again recognised by Boland. She represented the Province in Bloemfontein, now playing U14.

In September, the same year, she accepted an invitation from Boland for their *High Performance Programme*.

Whilst busy with this programme, her skills came to the attention of her school's 1st team coach. Her career received a further boost, when the coach telephonically offered her private coaching. Needless to say, Khellie is now being prepared for U16 High School Trials, in 2019.

Apart from our daughter's hockey potential, she also started playing Marimba as a Bass Player and was selected for the Band. She was also awarded the *Mercia Theron Trophy* for her contribution towards music-awareness, at School. She dances; an active athlete; participated in English/Afrikaans Public Speaking, performed in School Productions as the Main Cast and was a Prefect during mid-year of 2017. Khellie's was voted, by her teachers as the *Deputy Head Girl*. She auditioned for the Stellies Summer Sound Festival, hosted by her School. She ended up being the only learner from her grade to do a live singing performance with the 2014 Idols *Top 3 finalist* – *Lize Mynhardt*. Towards the end of 2018, she auditioned for Stellenbosch Woordfees, and was duly selected.

We, her parents and siblings, are extremely proud of Khellie's achievements, and her passionate infectious demeanour.