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Message from our Head

Dear Parents

Rev. Lorna's message in this week's assembly was about Jesus being the light of the world and how he guides us to safety through the darkness. She explained how light overcoming darkness is a theme in many of the World's religions. Rev. Lorna encouraged each of us to share our love and light with one another.

John 8:12: 'When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."'



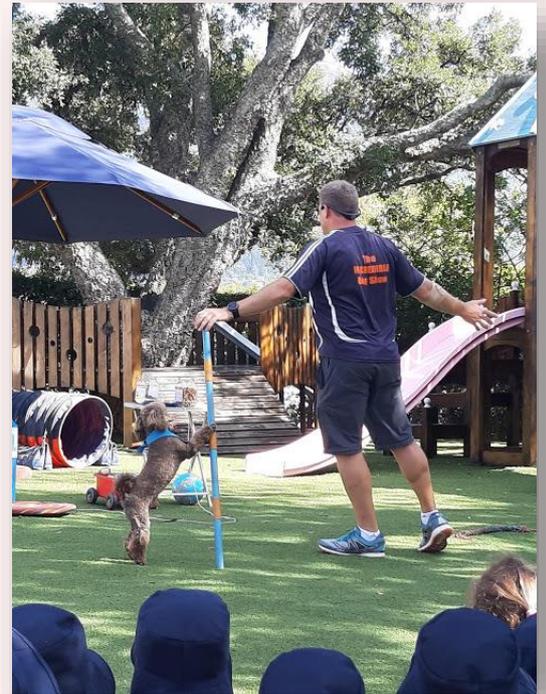
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Tue 19 Feb	09:30 – 11:30 FP Fun Gala at Prep Pool
Wed 20 Feb	09:30 – 12:30 Gr 4 – 7 Interhouse Gala at SS Pool
Thu 21 Feb	17:00 Family Picnic
Fri 22 Feb	Gr 1 Outing to Hout Bay Museum 14:20 A Gala Herschel SS



Pre-Prep

You could feel the excitement in the air as the children prepared to watch the 'Dogs Cool' show. Louise facilitates an entertaining and educational show. His genuine care and passion for animals is evident and his dogs are just too gorgeous. As we were entertained the message of 'looking after your dog responsibly' was conveyed to the children in a fun and energetic way. 'Who let the dogs out!' resounded around the garden for the rest of the day.



★ Stars of the Week!



Congratulations to our Foundation Phase Stars of the Week!

Foundation Phase

Friday, 1 February, was World Read Aloud Day. To celebrate the day we were lucky enough to welcome Liza West from Story Time Club to tell us about her book club. Some of our girls were invited to read aloud to the rest of the Foundation Phase under the oak trees.



Intermediate Phase

Grade 6 Camp

On Wednesday, 6 February the Grade 6 classes left on their annual camp to Wortelgat campsite, outside Stanford. We were welcomed by the camp facilitators Marie, George, Panda, Oscar and Figgy. The girls were randomly divided into four teams and then had to make up group names and a war cry. After eating our picnic lunch the group activities began. These activities were to introduce the girls to their team members, to begin learning to trust each other and work together as a team. After the water relay each group chose a Mud Princess to represent them in the Wortelgat Miss Mud Queen competition. Sienna Roussow, Grace Sales, Julia Luckhoff and Leah Rothschild were chosen. They then had to be dressed by their group and presented to the judges. Leah was selected as the Wortelgat Miss Mud Queen and her first duty was to start the mud fight! Evening games were held in the hall before the highlight of the evening - Stalk the Lantern.

Thursday dawned warm and windy. After breakfast the groups did a rotation of stations, Chimney climbing, Chinese puzzle/memory game and kayaking netball. It was wonderful to see the girls encouraging each other as they overcame the challenge of climbing the chimney. However many arguments broke out during the Chinese puzzle and memory game as the girls slowly began to realise that they had to listen to each other in order to solve the problems. Kayaking netball was huge fun as the girls paddled into reeds and each other as they tried to score goals. The afternoon activities got underway in the shade because of the heat. Co-operation and listening skills were put to the test as the groups completed fun games. After supper it was time for the Owl Trail hike. The groups had to identify animal spoor which were placed on boards as they hiked through the bush. At the end of the hike everyone sat quietly looking at the amazing Milky Way and reflecting about the camp.

The girls were up early packing bags and cleaning rooms. After a camp "chicken" clean up the facilitators spoke to the girls about trusting each other and made them sit on chairs in a big circle. The girls had to lie on the girl behind them's lap and then the chairs were taken away. Many girls managed to stay up and support each other. With the arrival of the bus, the Grade 6 camp was over and 54 weary passengers climbed aboard for the trip home.



Grade 7 Camp

Our Grade 7s travelled to the High Africa campsite with Mrs Barrett, Mr Scheepers and Mrs Blake last week. They spent four days on the banks of the Breede River near Worcester, taking part in outdoor, adventure, team-building and leadership activities. Challenges included raft building, an obstacle course, a climbing wall, a night hike, a potjiekos competition and swimming in the river to cool off – searing temperatures resulted in some very hot pupils and teachers. Mrs Heidmann, Mrs Martin and Mrs Baikoff joined the group for a day of river rafting and the high rope experience. As well as learning much about themselves, girls formed close bonds with one another and supported each other. They have come back ready to face the challenges of Grade 7.



Outreach

Ice Cream Sales: Grade 1 - 7

Ice creams will be sold at first break every Wednesday and Friday outside the Studio. All proceeds go towards the Herschel Outreach Fund. Thank you for your continued support!

Choc Bracelets

Girls were given Choc bracelets in class today. The Civvies Day money at the end of this term will be used to support this worthy cause.



Eco Club

To honour World Wetlands Day, our first meeting of the year was held at the Liesbeek River Garden. Jeremy Shelton, from Living Labs, conducted the session with two of his assistants. The girls had an opportunity to look at the general health of the river by surveying the vertebrates and invertebrates surviving in the water. We were encouraged by the enthusiasm and commitment that the girls displayed. They found fish, flat worms, crabs, tadpoles, frogs and beetle larvae. The hands-on lesson was enlightening and thought-provoking. We extend our thanks to the parents who helped with lifting the girls to the venue.

There will be an Eco Club outing on Saturday, 2 March to Elephants Eye in the Silvermine Nature Reserve. More details to follow on Monday.



Technology

The Design and Technology classroom is in urgent need of the following items:

- 12 or 24 bottle size wine boxes
- Clean, empty glass jars with lids – any size welcome
- Garden and Home type magazines
- Clean jars

Please send directly to Mrs Roebert.



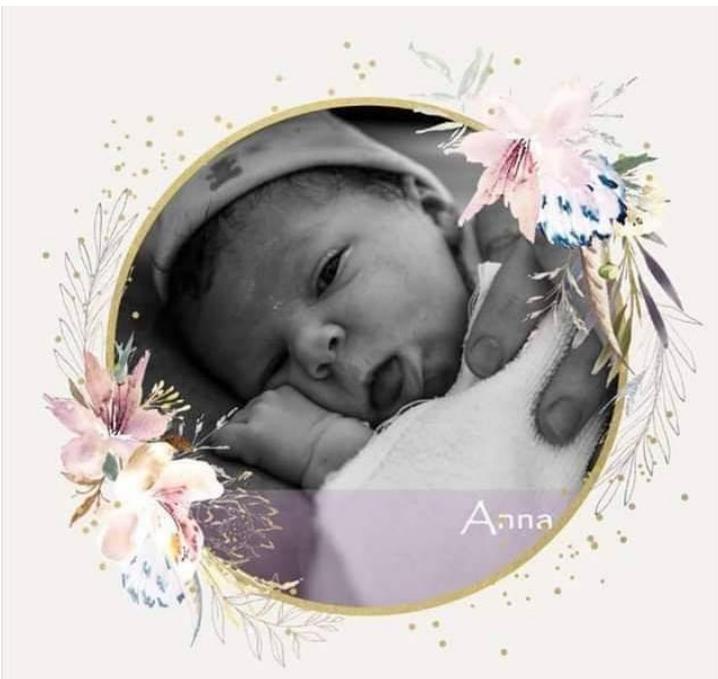
Can Collection

Our next Can Collection is on the 14 March, outside the tennis courts. Remember to rinse the cans before crushing and storing them for Can Collection Day. Please keep a tally of the total cans your daughter hands in on the day.



Music

The girls received their Associated Board of Royal Schools Theory and Trinity College of London Practical Certificates in Assembly on Tuesday. These were from examinations that were sat in 2018 and the results were excellent. Well done girls!



Staff News

Congratulations to Claire and Paul Brittain on the birth of their daughter, Anna Summer. We wish them all the joy and love that she will bring to their lives.





Herschel Prep Family Picnic!

5pm
Thursday 21st Feb
Bring your picnic and your family!

Jumping Castles!
Spur Burgers (Halaal and Vegetarian options)!
Importers Barista!
Ice Cream Ninjas!
Gr 3 snacks and doughnuts stall!
Hair painting and other pranks!
Please bring some cash for the stalls.



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We look forward to our Foundation Phase Fun Gala and the Intermediate Gala on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Parents are reminded about the Family Picnic on Thursday. It is a wonderful occasion for all families to get together and have some fun with staff.

Linking with this week's message in assembly about light and our theme for the term, RELATE, the following quote seems suitable:

**“As we let our light shine,
We unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.”
Nelson Mandela**

Wishing you a happy weekend with your loved ones.

Warm regards
Mrs B. Heidmann
Head of Preparatory

