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Message from our Head

Dear Parents

This week we started the journey of Lent. Rev. Lorna taught us about the tradition about Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday. It is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday Christians went to confession and were “shriven” (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This came to be called the “Pancake Bell” and is still rung today in some cultures. In other countries Shrove Tuesday is known as Mardi Gras Day.

Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients. The ingredients for pancakes can be seen to symbolise four points of significance at this time of year:

Eggs ~ Creation

Flour ~ The staff of life

Salt ~ Wholesomeness

Milk ~ Purity

Rev. Lorna encouraged the girls to focus on these symbols in the build up to Easter.



2019

Mon 11 Mar	Music Workshops Pre-Prep – Gr 5 Parent/Teacher Interviews by appointment 14:30 – 17:00 Gr 7 Parent/Teacher Interviews in the Hall
Tue 12 Mar	Music Workshops Pre-Prep – Gr 5 Parent/Teacher Interviews by appointment 14:30 – 17:00 Gr 6 Parent/Teacher Interviews in the Hall
Wed 13 Mar	Music Workshops Pre-Prep – Gr 5 Parent/Teacher Interviews by appointment
Thu 14 Mar	Music Workshops Pre-Prep – Gr 5 Parent/Teacher Interviews by appointment Can Collection
Fri 15 Mar	Music Workshops Pre-Prep – Gr 5 Parent/Teacher Interviews by appointment



Pre-Prep

The Bouncing Bunnies and Busy Bees had such fun with their grandparents and special people on grandparents day. The girls sang songs to them and the grandparents were asked to join in. Fun art activities were done together with their grandparents and they had a wonderful picnic afterwards.



Intermediate Phase

Dads and Daughters Technology Evening

The Grade 6 girls had a wonderful evening with their fathers when they built a double story dolls house out of cardboard boxes. The house required a staircase, lights with a home-made switch, dolls furniture, a pitch roof and a suitable name. The competition was judged by Fiona Cochrane and Sue Stein from the Senior School. The winning team was Steve and Zara Böttger, Daryn and Leila Pithey and Inga Kepelele. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fun filled occasion.



Guppies



Guppie Girls making sandwiches on Tuesday mornings.



Grade 7 Fair



The annual Grade 7 Fair will take place on Tuesday 30 April 2019 and the proceeds will go to Grade 7 Community Outreach Projects as well as the annual Grade 7 gift to the school.

The Fair is an important aspect of the year as we try to develop social awareness in the girls. The Grade 7 girls are working very hard at school and at home making interesting items for sale to make this a fun-filled and exciting day for the rest of the school. A range of very worthy causes benefit from their hard work and dedication through the year.

Before then, please use this opportunity to have a clear out and send donations to Mrs Barrett's office for:

Whole school appeal:

- TOMBOLA: any items suitable for prizes;
- WHITE ELEPHANT: any items suitable for sale at school;
- SECOND HAND: books, clothes, DVDs, CDs etc.
- PLANTS: seedlings, shrubs, bunches of flowers & herbs

Grade specific appeals are as follows:

- Grades 1 and 2 – cakes, cookies, cupcakes;
- Grades 3 and 4 – sweets for prizes and sale;
- Grades 5 and 6 – small prizes.

Please send your donations (non-edibles and plants) to school any time from now until the 30 April.

Plants should be brought to school the day before the Fair and home bakes on the morning of the Fair.

Thank you very much for your support of this important event on the Herschel calendar.



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!



Easter Egg Collection Pre-Prep – 3

We are collecting EASTER EGGS! All contributions of Easter eggs (only marshmallow eggs – boxes or strips) may be sent to Mrs Martin's office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Soap and Toothpaste Collection Grade 4 – 7

We would like to appeal to all of our Grade 4 to 7s to please contribute bars of soap, toothpaste or wet wipes. These will be allocated to various organisations that deal with the homeless and destitute.

Thank you to all those who have already supported these appeals. Next week is the last week for girls to bring their contributions to school.

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.



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



Eco Club

Hike up to Elephant's Eye

Last Saturday eleven families and a total of 35 people set off for a walk to Elephant's Eye just after 08:00 to spend a morning "in the clouds" as they walked up the mountain to the cave. The rain drops from the light drizzle allowed the hundreds of spider webs to be visible, much to the delight of the children. Everyone felt a sense of achievement when the cave was reached. The hike down was fairly quick. Not everyone was able to stay for a swim but those who could enjoyed the refreshing water. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



Music

Music Workshops

Grade 2:	Monday	11 March 07:40
Grade 3:	Thursday	14 March 07:40
Grade 4:	Thursday	14 March 08:45
Grade 5:	Friday	15 March 08:45
Grade 6:	Friday	15 March 12:15
Grade 7:	Thursday	14 March 13:30



Staff News

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Angela Sass who has been appointed as the new Assistant Teacher in the Cuddly Kittens Class. Mrs Sass is well qualified and has many years of teaching experience. She has an NQF Level 4 qualification and joins us from The Hill Pre-Primary where she has worked as an Assistant Teacher since 2010. We wish her a long and happy stay at Herschel.



I would like to urge parents to please read the letter sent out earlier today detailing how to open an account to allow for access to the Parent Portal on our Engage Administration system. This system is going to enable us to reduce our paper consumption by allowing us to distribute all Term Reports digitally. Parents are encouraged to create and activate their accounts as soon as possible so that you will be able to see the report when it is released.

Good luck to the courageous moms, dads and girls who are going to be riding the Cape Town Cycle Tour on Sunday. I hope that the wind is behind you and that your legs are strong. Have a wonderful ride, enjoy the support and the camaraderie of those on the road.

*"Be brave. Take risks.
Nothing can substitute experience."
Paulo Coelho*

Wishing you a good weekend with your loved ones.

Warm regards
Mrs B. Heidmann
Head of Preparatory



Art Workshop

COME AND GET CREATIVE ...JOIN OUR EASTER WORKSHOP!

When? The workshops will run from **9 am – 1 pm**. Since each project will take 2 mornings to complete, **you will need to attend on both days** for your age group. On the last day, the Friday, anyone from Grade 2 - 7 may attend, and we will complete that project in a morning.

Mar 25 and 26 Grade 1 – 3

Mar 27 and 28 Grade 4 – 7

Mar 29 Grade 2 - 7

Where? Art room, Herschel Prep

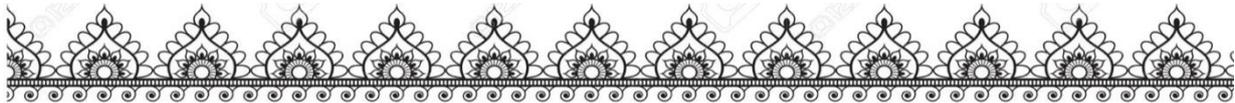
Cost? R260 per day (this includes all materials)

What to bring? Juice and a snack, art overall

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SUPER SKILLS PRE-SEASON HOLIDAY HOCKEY CLINIC 2019

VENUE: Herschel Astro

DATES: 26 & 27 March 2019

Gr R, 1, 2,	14:00 – 15:30
U9, U10	14:00 – 15:30
U11, U12, U13	15:45 – 17:30

DATES: 2 & 3 April 2019

Gr R, 1, 2	14:00 – 15:30
U9 U10	14:00 – 15:30
U11, U12, U13	15:45 – 17:30

*** Sessions can be attended independently or girls can attend 2, 3 or 4 days.

For more information or to book your place. Email:
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