



No 07 – 20 Mar 2019

Message from our Head

Dear Parents

Our music staff presented the various wind instruments on offer at assembly last Tuesday. Ms Conrads, Ms Ward, Ms Jones and Mr Prest explained how the flute, clarinet, saxophone and trumpet worked. Currents students demonstrated each individual instrument and the staff then put them all together for a rendition of Duke Wellington's, *Don't Get Around Much Anymore*.

Please contact Ms Conrads at pconrads@herschel.org.za if your daughter is interested in learning any of these instruments. (Grade 4 onwards)



2019

Mon 8 April	Term 2 Starts for Staff & Pupils
Tue 9 April	Gr 1 – 7 Hearing Screening
Wed 10 Apr	07:30 PA Meeting Gr 1 – 7 Hearing Screening 15:15 Netball Open A vs Dubai Touring Team
Thu 11 April	07:45 Class Reps Meeting Gr 1 – 7 Hearing Screening
Fri 12 Apr	Gr 1 – 7 Hearing Screening U9, U10, U11 Somerset House Hockey Festival Matric Dance
Sat 13 Apr	Open A Somerset House Hockey Festival Parents Bursary Dance

LAST DAY
OF
TERM 1



Pre-Prep

Our Grade R girls learnt about the beach and took part in creating their own small world activity linked to the beach theme, then they went on a beach outing to Camps Bay Tidal Pools. The girls had so much fun as they enjoyed swimming and building sand castles.

The Pre-Prep girls also enjoyed a fun 'Out of the Box' day this week. Classrooms took on a new look with areas being changed around including some of the tables being turned upside down. The children experienced varied sensory activities such as painting large boxes, painting on cling wrap, lying down to draw on the underside of tables, playing in mud, gloop and starch, as well as fun with scrubbing brushes and soapy water.



Foundation Phase

The purpose of a storyteller is not to tell you how to think, but to give you questions to think upon." - Brandon Sanderson

On Thursday 14 March, Storyteller Gilly Southwood, entertained the Foundation Phase with a few Myths and Legends. The stories encouraged the girls to listen intently, explore cultures past and present and allowed for critical thinking.

Grade 2 Outing

On Thursday, 7 March, both Grade 2 classes had an enjoyable outing to the Kirstenbosch Educational Centre. The girls had an opportunity to engage in various sensory activities while learning about the importance of water. Focus was given to the organisms that inhabit water and what threatens them. It was a pleasant and informative outing for our girls. We extend our grateful thanks to the parents that lifted our excited young ladies to and from the venue.



Intermediate Phase

Grade 5 Camp

The Grade 5s spent a fantastic three days on camp in Stellenbosch last week. They participated in many teambuilding activities which included some mental and physical challenges. Free time was spent swimming and playing with friends. Definite highlights were a beautiful night hike and a very impressive campfire concert.



Enrichment Day

The Grade 4 - 7 girls engaged in two days of enrichment at the end of the term. Activities included study skills with Elevate, Thinking Skills with Mrs Aubin, mindfulness practice, coding using html and Sphero balls using blocks of code and iPads, STEM activities with Young Engineers and a Bananagram competition with Games4Brains. The NSRI came to talk to us about safety on and in the water and Annalize Sainsbury entertained us with her experiences as a Survivor contestant. Ms Steenkamp spent time with each grade on self-reflection and exploring diversity. The Grade 6s learnt how to play the marimbas with Ms Conrads. Finally, all the girls participated in an incredible rhythm workshop with Julie Blundell, where we made music together using tubes and sticks.

Grade 4 - 7 Enrichment Day



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.

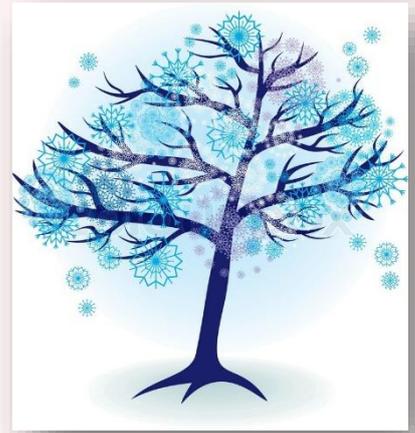
Plants should be brought to school the day before the Fair and home bakes on the morning of the Fair.

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



Uniform

Pupils are permitted to wear either their summer or winter uniform when we return in Term 2. Winter school uniform will become compulsory from Monday, 6 May.



Can Collection

Congratulations to the entire school for collecting 22 688 cans this term. The proceeds of this will go to Primrose Primary school in Athlone. Special mention needs to be made of Iman Levy who collected 2000 cans! Grade 5A were the winners of the class competition. Merriman the winners of the interhouse competition. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to collect and bring cans to school. Our next can collection is on 6 June.



Farewell

We bid farewell to long standing service provider of gymnastics at Herschel, Blyde Hopkins. Blyde will continue her lessons at Simon van der Stel School in Wynberg. We wished her all of the very best for the future.



As Term 1 draws to a close and I look back on the term, I am in awe of the number of events and opportunities that our girls have had the privilege of attending and being a part of. It has been a fantastic term academically, culturally and on a sporting front. Our girls have thrived in all areas of school life and have really embraced our RELATE theme this term. It has been fabulous watching the girls make every effort to engage in new relationships and opportunities and try in every possible way to see the perspective of others in each situation.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to attend many of the events and sporting fixtures this term. It is always good to spend time with the girls and their parents off campus. I have particularly noticed the way in which our girls have made every effort to show determination, perseverance and grit in challenging situations and particularly at highly competitive events. It has also been pleasing to note the positive way in which girls have supported and encouraged each other on camps, at competitions and on the sports field.

The academic curriculum this term has been extremely varied and rigorous and it has been exciting to note how motivated, enthusiastic and engaged the girls are in the learning process.

I thoroughly enjoyed being present as our Grade 6 Exchange girls headed off to St John's-on-the-Hill. There was great excitement and a healthy amount of nervousness as they embarked on their exciting venture overseas.

The last week of term has most definitely been exciting for our girls. Many of them have been involved in various enrichment activities, sporting practices and competitions. It was wonderful to feel the energy radiating from them as they charged around the campus.

I would like to welcome Linda Cowie, Zazie Khan and the 5 Grade 6 girls back from exchange. I look forward to hearing about their experiences and know that they will share these with the rest of the school during the course of the first week of Term 2. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our participants in the All Girls Sports Festival in Bloemfontein during the holidays, a successful and enjoyable experience. This type of tour enables our girls to gain valuable experience and allows for the growth and development of skill at the start of the season. I look forward to seeing the girls in action in Bloemfontein over the weekend.

I would like to thank parents for their ongoing support in so many areas of the school's life during the term. I love the way in which parents are so willing to assist with flowers, lifts, the organising of events and I value their positive presence on the school campus on a daily basis. I would particularly like to extend my gratitude to parents who have served on the various committees this term. The extra time that they give to the School is invaluable.

I would also like to thank the wonderful team of academic, admin, grounds, estate, maintenance, security and cleaning staff with whom I have the privilege of working. Each individual's contribution is valued and appreciated. It is this team that makes Herschel the most wonderful school.

I hope that during the course of the holidays you are able to spend quality time with those who are special in your life. Very often during the course of a term life is so rushed that we do not have the opportunity to stop and just enjoy the moment. I love this quote by William Feather:

**“People miss their share of happiness,
not because they never found it, but because they did not stop to enjoy it.”**

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

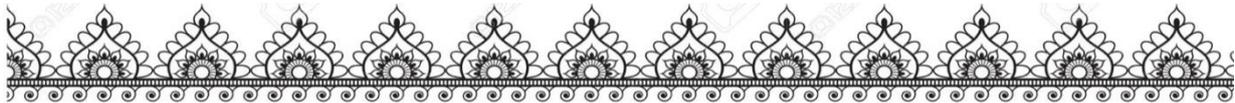
Cost? R260 per day (this includes all materials)

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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