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Message from our Head

Dear Parents

During the weekend prior to the start of the term I had the privilege of joining our staff, girls and parents in Bloemfontein at the All Girls Festival. It was a fantastic experience and I was so proud of the way in which our girls conducted themselves in every situation. They demonstrated grit, determination and resilience in a very competitive arena and achieved excellent results. Added to this, the girls were fabulous ambassadors for Herschel as far as their sportsmanship was concerned. They showed fantastic spirit, supporting each other and the participating schools, as well as care and kindness to those injured along the way. Thank you to the wonderful parents who joined us, your support, assistance and enthusiasm was so appreciated and valued. Thank you too to the staff members who sacrificed family time to be with our girls.

The start to the term has been extremely busy. We launched the new theme, CARE, at our first assembly last Monday. I shared the definition of caring with the girls and reminded them that our School Song speaks of caring for each other. The word CARE signifies for us the ability to Care for All and Respect Everyone. I referred to Philippians 2:4, where God asks us to look after the interests of others and Ephesians 4:32, where we are asked to be kind to one another, tender-hearted and forgiving. Our aim for the term is for each girl to actively look for opportunities to care for others, both at home and in the school environment. We will provide each girl with a CARE journal, which will be shared within their Family Groups at the end of the term.

This week at assembly Reverend Lorna focused on Holy Week. She explained the events that led up to the crucifixion on Good Friday and the significance of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Our Easter Service takes place on Tuesday, 23 April at St Saviour's Church. We remind parents that they are welcome to join us for this holy celebration.



2019

Fri 19 Apr	Good Friday – Public Holiday
Mon 22 Apr	Family Day – Public Holiday Earth Day
Tue 23 Apr	10:15 Easter Service at St Saviours
Wed 24 Apr	09:00 Grade 1 Outing to The Science Centre 18:30 – 19:30 Grade 6 & 7 Parent 'Elevate' info evening in the Hall
Fri 26 Apr	08:30 Pre-Prep Easter Chapel Service 13:30 Eco Club Cross Country Race 1



Pre-Prep

The Pre-Nursery girls are learning about colours this week and are enjoying dressing up each day. Can you guess which colour we are learning about today?



The Pre-Prep girls enjoyed a puppet show about bullying. Puppet World used dinosaurs to tell the story and some girls were chosen to dress up and act out some of the story.



Intermediate Phase

Grade 5 Board Games

The Grade 5 girls spent the first term studying the geography of Africa in Integrated Studies. In pairs they researched aspects of certain African countries and then used this information along with their imagination and creativity to devise board games about Africa. The girls had great fun playing their board games last Friday.



Grade 6 UK Exchange

Despite arriving in Wales without any luggage, the Herschel exchange girls and teachers had a wonderful time at St John's on-the-Hill School. The host families were kind and made the girls feel at home. To help with the jet lag they walked to the local Chepstow Castle and explored the village. The girls enjoyed dry slope skiing in Gloucester, where Pippa and Ava showed everyone how to ski. Other outings were to Gloucester Cathedral, the SS Great Britain, The Science Centre in Bristol, Cardiff Castle, Tintern Abbey, Bath Abbey and the Roman Baths. Of course, there was time for shopping before boarding the coach to London. That evening, they watched the Lion King after enjoying a delicious dinner at Wagamama. On Saturday, they visited Windsor Castle where the Queen was in residence but they didn't see her. Time was spent jumping on and off the famous Red Bus between visits to Madam Tussauds with much posing and photographs being taken; the London Eye - with amazing views; the London Dungeon which was very scary and the Harry Potter Studio Tour. On the last evening, the girls saw the show, School of Rock.

The last morning was filled with packing, shopping and more packing.

"I think that exchange was an awesome experience and I know that we appreciated being able to go."

Charlize Karimi-Tabesh.



Eco Club

There will be a fun activity on Friday, 26 April at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. We will only be able to accommodate 15 girls. A letter will be sent out on Tuesday next week. This will be done on a first come first served basis.

On 11 May there will be a family hike up Elsie's Peak. More details to follow.

Uniform

Currently, girls are permitted to wear either their summer or winter uniforms. Winter school uniform will be compulsory from Monday, 6 May. Details with regard to the uniform requirements will be sent to parents next week.

Can Collection

Can Collection will take place on 6 June. Cans should be washed and squashed for the collection. Please drop all cans off at the tennis courts on the day.

Music

Orchestra

Easter Service - Tuesday 23 April
Grade 6 & 7 girls playing in this service to bring their instruments to school.

After the Easter Service, rehearsals for the full orchestra will resume as follows:

Saturday 4 May: 08.30 – 10.30

As from 15 May, rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at lunchtime.



Parents in Prayer

Parents in Prayer will now meet on Tuesday mornings from 7:30 - 8:00 to pray for our school family.

We are currently meeting in the Foundation Phrase HOD office along the way from the bottom Grade 3 class. All parents, grandparents etc. are warmly welcomed - we look forward to meeting you! Please feel free to give Caren Fürst a call if you have any questions - 0829994777.



Grade 7 Fair



THE GRADE 7 FAIR

will be held on Tuesday 30 April 2019
from 09:45 to 12:00 in the School hall.

There will be games, arts & crafts,
food, books, clothes, tombola,
a white elephant stall & much more!

Girls, please bring some
money & have lots of fun!



The annual Grade 7 Fair will take place on Tuesday, 30 April 2019 - the proceeds of which 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 to sell, to make this a fun-filled and exciting day. A range of very worthy causes benefit from their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Please use this opportunity to have a clear out and send donations for the following stalls to Mrs Barrett's office:

Whole school appeal:

- TOMBOLA: any items suitable for prizes
- WHITE ELEPHANT: any items suitable for sale at school
- SECOND HAND ITEMS: 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 for selling
- Grades 5 and 6 – small prizes for games

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

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

Thanking you in advance for supporting this important Herschel event.



To those running in any of the Two Oceans Marathon events, I would like to wish you strong legs, lots of energy and wonderful support along the road.

May all our Christian families have a blessed and peaceful Easter.

As the week draws to a close I would hope you all have a wonderful long weekend with family and friends.

Warm regards

Mrs B. Heidmann

Head of Preparatory

