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Dear Parents

This week has been an exceptionally busy week at the Prep as extra-murals have begun. It has been fabulous to see the girls excited about being involved in their various sports and cultural activities.

Carmen, one of our service staff members, returns to work next week after being off for 2 months. She visited today and expressed her gratitude for the way in which she has been cared for and supported after the tragic loss of her new born son, Raeetz.

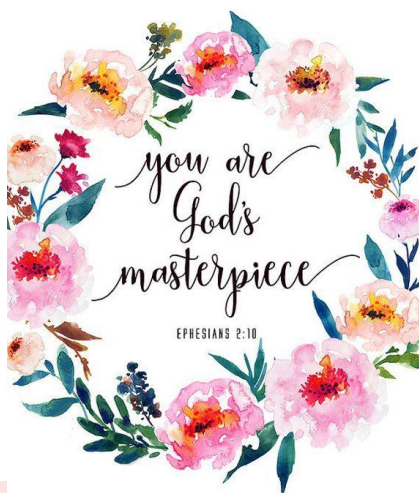
We extend our condolences to Anne-Foale Price and her family on the loss of their aunt. She has appreciated the care, concern and support of her colleagues during the course of this week.

At the meeting on Wednesday evening, I shared with you that Sonja Bräsler had undergone surgery. Sonja is progressing well and was moved from ICU into a general ward yesterday.

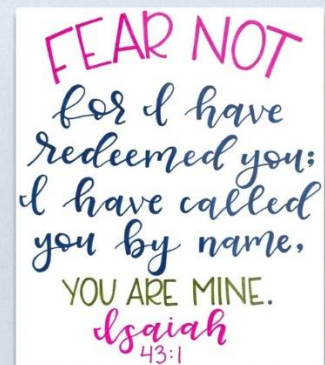
At assembly on Tuesday Rev Lorna spoke about how we are all special in God's eyes.

God made us all to be unique, individual and one-of-a-kind. No one has ever or will ever walk the earth who is exactly the same as us. We are his special masterpiece. God loves us just exactly as we are because he created us, God will always be with us, protecting us.

The reading came from Isaiah 43:1-2



Wed 29 Jan	PA Meeting 07:30
Thu 30 Jan	Class Reps Meeting 07:45 Pre-Prep: Individual & Class Photos All Sibling Photos
Fri 31 Jan	Grade 1 – 7 Individual & Class Photos World Read Aloud Day 14:20 A Gala @ Wynberg
Sat 01 Feb	08:30 – 10:30 Orchestra Rehearsal 11:00 – 13:00 Choir Rehearsal



## Pre-Prep

A warm welcome to all our new and existing parents and their girls. We also welcome Mrs Kebeni and Ms Mwela, our two new teacher assistants to our Pre-Prep fold.

Our girls have all settled in well and we hope that 2020 will be a year of 20plenty. Plenty of learning, discovery, fun, love and laughter. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered as class representatives. We would like to encourage those parents who are willing to assist their class teacher to come on board.

Wishing our girls, parents and teachers in the Pre-Prep much love and happiness this year. We look forward to sharing a joyous, fun and enriched experience with you all.



## Foundation Phase

The Grade 3 girls enjoyed their first week at school, and their first experience of Golden Time/Free Play.



## Stars of the Week!



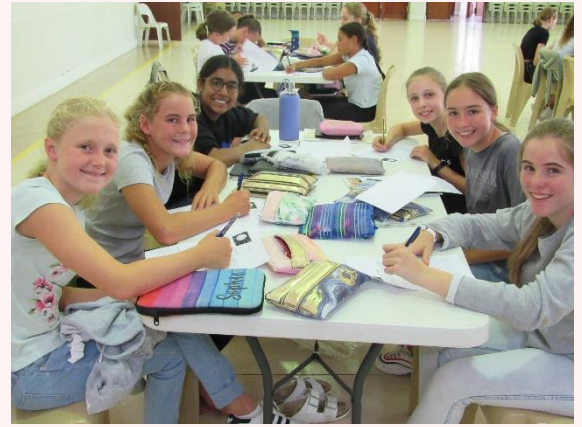
Congratulations to our Foundation Phase Stars of the Week!





## Intermediate & Senior Phase

On Monday 20 January, the Grade 7s enjoyed their Leadership Day. Isabel Lappin had this to say about the day. "We participated in entertaining group situations that really challenged us. We were all interested in the talks about what it takes to be a leader and enjoyed the different perspectives from the speakers. We also had an opportunity to ask questions in an open floor chat with the Head Girl and leaders from the High School. It was an enjoyable and stimulating day for everyone."



### House Captains

On Tuesday our newly appointed Class House Captains were announced for each class. This system will replace the traditional Class Captains. The Class House Captains will take on the responsibilities that the Class Captains used to do and will be given additional responsibilities, which will aid in increasing house spirit. We congratulate these girls and thank them in advance for their spirit and commitment.



## 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 support!



## Sun Smart Policy

As part of our ongoing implementation of Herschel Prep's 'SunSmart' policy and the dangers of exposing our skin to the harmful rays of the sun we are insisting that the girls wear sunscreen and hats when they go out for breaks. Please remind your daughter to have her hat at school every day. Class teachers will put reminder stickers in the Homework books of girls who forget their hats. As parents, we request your assistance to ensure that your daughters are adequately protected from the sun. A copy of the SunSmart policy can be found on the D6 School Communicator under Resources: Policies.

We have contacted the Bishops School shop and asked them to source a rash vest for our girls. We will keep you updated on the progress of this item of clothing.



It was good to see so many parents attend the Grade 1 – 7 Parent Evening this past Wednesday. We look forward to a very positive working relationship with our parents. Mrs Heather Goedeke was introduced to parents. She shared her vision for the Herschel of the future with us all. There was synergy between our theme 'Empower Me' and the Senior School theme of 'Belonging'.

The outgoing PA were thanked for their commitment, dedication and service over the past year and the new PA were elected. The new PA will have their first meeting next Wednesday and we will formally introduce each member in next week's newsletter.

I know that with your support the girls will be encouraged to demonstrate grit in difficult times and work on growing and developing their skills and talents in order to be the best possible version of themselves.

I look forward to a busy weekend of sport and hope to see many of you on the pool deck at Reddam.

It is important for our girls to have heroes who demonstrate grit and encourage girls to share their feelings, opinions and ideas.

*i want every  
girl to know  
that her voice  
can change  
the world.*

Warm regards

**Mrs B. Heidmann**

**Head of Preparatory**

