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Message from our Head

Dear Parents

We thank you for your co-operation and understanding over the last few weeks as we endeavour to make sure that our traffic flows more easily. We will continue to review the situation as the term progresses and communicate any further changes that may be necessary.

Staff are assisting by walking girls involved in our extra-mural activities to their allocated departure gates and this will hopefully be of assistance to parents. Girls in Grade 1 and 2, cannot be left at gates if parents are late. In this event, they will be taken to the Aftercare to be cared for until your arrival.

In our Assembly this week we appointed our new Grade 7 leaders into their portfolio areas. I shared a message with the girls about authentic leadership. Our idea at Herschel is that we would like every girl to feel a sense of belonging and in order for them to do this we realise that they do need role models. Role models that they can look up to, role models who come from similar cultures, backgrounds, languages, races and religions. We are endeavouring to ensure that our Grade 7s become those role models for the younger girls. They have already been hugely helpful in many areas around the school in the last week and we thank them in advance for the leadership that I know they will show during the course of this year. We are really looking forward to working with them as a team.

Rev. Lorna told the story of David and Goliath. This is truly a story of contrasts. Goliath was an experienced warrior; David was a shepherd. Goliath was huge; David was small. The giant wore armour; the boy refused to wear armour. The warrior carried a sword, a spear, and a shield; the shepherd carried a staff, a sling, and five smooth stones. Goliath scoffed at the God of Israel; David trusted the God of his fathers. There are some lessons about leadership that we can learn from the story of David and Goliath. We, like David, must be convinced of the rightness of our cause. There is no point fighting for something if you don't believe in it.

David was confident that God would help him win. Know your strengths and weaknesses and put your faith in God. Be authentic, run to meet the challenge and don't run away from it. Remember with God, all things are possible.



2021

Thu 25 Feb	Photographs: Pre-Prep Individual & Sibling
Fri 26 Feb	Photographs: Prep Individual & Sibling
Thu 04 Mar	Can Collection Day Grade 8 2022 Music Scholarship Auditions
Fri 05 Mar	Flip Flop Day
Sat 06 Mar	Eco Hike (TBC)





Grade 7 Leaders

The Prep proudly presents our 2021 Grade 7 leaders. We know you will serve Herschel with empathy and commitment and we look forward to the year ahead.



Grade 7 Monitors



Heads of Houses



Grade 7 Public Relations



Class House Captains





Community Engagement



Grade 7 Sustainability



Heads of Service Portfolios



Heads of Music, Library & Spirituality



I would like to extend my thanks to our phenomenal staff members who are fulfilling so many extra duties beyond just the classroom. In order for us to run our Covid-19 protocols as we need to, many staff are starting work at 07:00 in the morning to ensure that they are available for little people arriving and they also assist at the gates during arrival and departure times.

Please do not hesitate to contact Class Teachers if you have concerns. Parents are requested to remain respectful and considerate when communicating with staff members even in a moment of frustration. Staff will endeavour to address your concern and respond at the earliest opportunity.

Our new PA and Class Reps have been elected and I have met with Class Reps from the Pre-Prep and Prep School as well as our PA over the last two weeks. I think that the team we have for this year is truly outstanding and I look forward to a great 2021 with them. Class Reps will remind you about events and functions around the School. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be introducing them to you, via the newsletter. I believe it is lovely for parents and the community to have the opportunity to get to know more about our PA and Class Reps.

Thank you for the positive feedback from parents on the music and sports programme. It is lovely to get positive responses from parents when things are going well.



Staff

Meet part of our Support Team, we are so grateful for all that they do at Herschel.

MEET OUR CLEANING STAFF

SHAMIERA ADAMS

Shamiera has worked at Herschel for 9 years.

She enjoys watching tv & viewing social media activities.

Shamiera is passionate about cooking, cleaning & has a love for music & dancing.



MEET OUR CLEANING STAFF

CARMEN STEMMET

Carmen has worked at Herschel for 9 years.

She enjoys listening to music.

Carmen is passionate about cooking and trying out new recipes.



MEET OUR CLEANING STAFF

WILLAMIENA WAGIET

Willamiena has worked at Herschel for 5 years.

She enjoys socialising with friends & reading.

Willamiena loves being involved in church activities, working with children & watching sport.



MEET OUR CLEANING STAFF

AYSHA SIAS

Aysha has worked at Herschel for 10 years.

She enjoys reading.

Aysha loves working with children.



MEET OUR CLEANING STAFF

TRACEY JOHNSON

Tracey has worked at Herschel for 5 months.

She enjoys reading & watching tv.

Tracey loves cooking and spending time with family & friends.



Staff continued...

The staff below make up our Nursery Academic Team in the Pre-Preparatory.



MEET OUR NURSERY STAFF

MARY MARTIN
BUSY BEES

Mary has worked at Herschel for 20 years.

She enjoys crocheting and trying out new patterns.

Mary is passionate about working with children.



MEET OUR NURSERY STAFF

KIRSTY MEYER
BUSY BEES

Kirsty has been working at Herschel for 6 Months.

She enjoys being outdoors, partaking in aerial arts as well as spending time with her family and friends.

Kirsty is passionate about travelling and working with children.



MEET OUR NURSERY STAFF

NICOLE BARENDs
BOUNCING BUNNIES

Nicole has been working at Herschel for 4 years.

She enjoys photography and being creative.

Nicole has a passion for working with children and loves doing her nails.



MEET OUR NURSERY STAFF

CLAIRE BRITTAIN
BOUNCING BUNNIES

Claire has been working at Herschel for 10 years.

She enjoys swimming, running, outdoor activities, spending time with family & friends, and good food with great people.

Claire is passionate about Early Childhood Development & Sport.



Pre-Prep

'Sharing the love'

Our girls in the Pre-Prep certainly shared the love. In Grade R we made friendship bracelets and did lots of teamwork activities. In Nursery we played games called 'duck-duck goose' and in 'Dippy ducks' pond, we tested things that sink and float. We had so much fun at the gym and tea garden in Pre-Nursery. We also painted and discovered insects in the sand.



Foundation Phase

The FP has had a very busy couple of weeks. We wrote stories and read them aloud to our peers on World Read Aloud Day. We managed to enjoy some group work socially distanced from each other where we had to get our creative juices flowing. We acted out stories in Afrikaans (Die Drie Klein Varkies). We loved celebrating the school's 99th birthday and Valentine's Day last Friday dressed in red and pink. The pink and blue cupcakes were a massive hit!

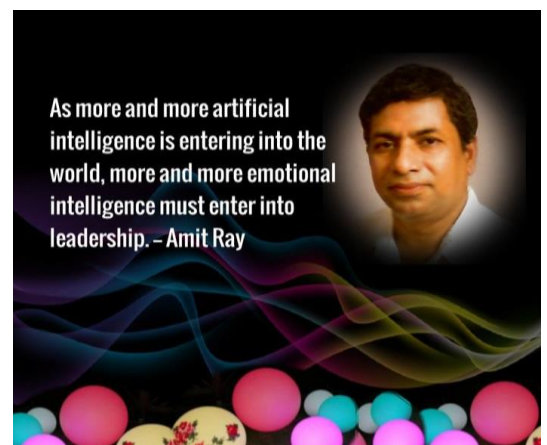


The Social & Emotional Development of Grade 1 & 2 Girls

A webinar for Grade 1 and 2 parents was presented by our school counsellor, Ms. Lizette Steenkamp on Thursday 18/02/21. The presentation, for caregivers who were unable to attend, is available for viewing: https://drive.google.com/file/d/10aa-mGHK59Ef4-NK2jObIrHqclTT_4qo/view?usp=sharing.

If there are any questions around your daughter's emotional development, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Steenkamp on:

Email: lsteenkamp@herschel.org.za



Sport

All of our learners in Grades 4 to 7 attended a 3-part workshop run by Ruan Schlebusch from Sportsthink 360.

Part one unpacked the highs and lows of the COVID roller coaster ride. Difficult topics were sensitively unpacked, and some positives were even found - such as family activities, trying new things and appreciating aspects of our lives more than we did before.

Part two explored the concept of resilience. How are we more resilient now than we were a year ago? What are we currently working on to make us even stronger in the future?

Part three challenged everyone to come up with a concrete plan to improve their sports skills in order to guarantee that they would make progress regardless of the difficulties that we currently face.

This is what some of the participants had to say about the workshop:

- Nurah Harnekar – “Keep your head up even if the waters pulling you down”
- Kira Totaram-Jacobs – “self-motivation is key”
- Kelello Dube – “the world is your sports field, never give up”
- Sophie Leinberger – “even though its COVID we can still have fun and learn new things”
- Nina Wides – “even during covid we can still find motivation”
- Alex Ovendale – “covid was a negative time and you should take it and turn it into a positive and look for ways to learn different skills”
- Samantha Nimb – “we learnt to try new things during COVID”
- Alice Bailey – “don’t ever give up and do what you love to do”
- Nicole Roberts – “do everything to the best of your ability when the opportunities arise”
- Sarah Ashbolt – “never take even the simplest things for granted”
- Rachel Murray – “as long as you set yourself a goal in life you can achieve anything”

New Swimming Caps

We are pleased to inform you that the Bishops School Shop now has stock of the **Swimma** swimming caps in the Herschel House Colours. **Swimma** swimming caps are made of 100% silicone and are designed to fit diverse hair types and hairstyles.



Sustainability

Due to Covid 19, Oasis has discontinued the collection of recycling from Herschel. However, they receive certain household waste at their premises. We would like to encourage all families to support this worthwhile organisation by dropping off their clean glass, card, magazines and paper at 33 Lee Road in Claremont.

Please collect clean food and cooldrink cans for Can Collection Day on 4 March 2021.

To help us create an ethos of recycling in the school would you please encourage your daughters to bring bread tags, plastic bottle tops and used batteries to school and deposit into the specially allocated bins in the Library.



Beach Clean-up

Join us on Saturday, 27 February for the Muizenberg Beach Clean-up. We will meet outside the Shark Spotters building at Muizenberg Beach at 09:00.

Wetland Photographic competition

Thank you to the girls who have submitted their photographs.

A reminder about the photographic competition that is running to celebrate Wetlands:

1. There will be 3 age groups: Grade 2-3; Grade 4-5 and Grade 6-7
2. The girls are to take "positive" photos of any wetland scene using a **cell phone**. (wetlands include rivers and estuaries) They may use the app SnapSeed to edit it.
3. There are 3 categories: Flora; Fauna and Wetland Scenes
4. Each girl may submit a maximum of 3 photographs. (all three can be submitted into one category if she so desires)
5. A photo may only be entered into a category once – in other words a photograph of a family picnic next to the river with some birds at Kirstenbosch cannot be submitted into the Fauna and the Wetland Scenes category. The girl needs to decide – is it more a wetland scene or a fauna scene and enter the category accordingly.
6. The girls will submit these on the specially created Google Classroom. Girls upload each photograph to:
<https://classroom.google.com/u/0/c/MjYzMzcwMTcyNTA4>
7. Each photograph is entered with her name and grade.
8. Payment of R5 to be placed in an envelope with your daughter's name on and given to Miss Schreuder, Mrs Roebert or Mrs Van Eyssen.
9. Competition closes on 24 February at 15 00.



Community Engagement

Puzzle, Books and Toy Collection

A huge thank you to all our families for 'Sharing the Love' by the generous donations of books, puzzles, and educational toys we received this week. We appreciate you.

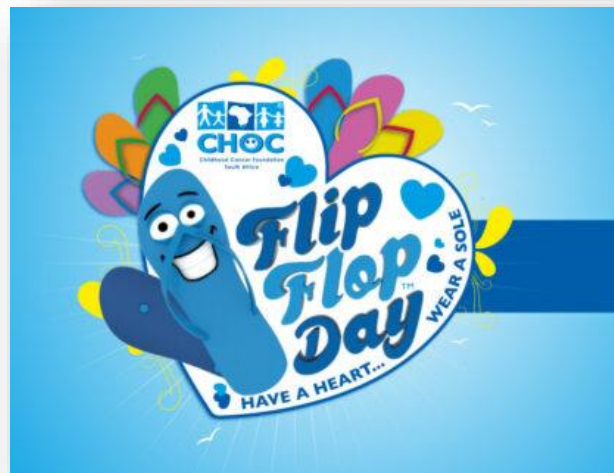
We are so grateful for this wonderful act of kindness and know that it will have a positive impact in the lives of the children.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" Acts 20:35



Flip Flop Day – Choc Foundation

Girls are encouraged to support the Choc Foundation on Friday, 5 March. Pupils who wish to support this appeal will need to pay R10 and they will receive a Fit Flop keyring and may also wear flip flops to school on this day.



Music

Please access all information on our Prep Music Department on the link below:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1A74AGENrywIM0mx6aNcq20FkJRr--zcSB8f_sKNk2EQ/edit?usp=sharing



Thank you for the positive feedback from parents on the music and sports programme. It is lovely to get positive responses from parents when things are going really well and we look forward to another week at Herschel. The activities really have picked up and so there is great excitement and lots of movement, energy and laughter around the school and I am loving that.

I hope that you have a fabulous weekend with your girls, and that you, as parents, are able to relax a little as your girls get back into a routine at the start of a new year.

Warm regards

Mrs B. Heidmann

Head of Preparatory

