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Message from our Head

Dear Parents

In assembly this week I addressed our Grade 7s on Leadership and service to the school as they took up their roles as leaders in the Prep School.

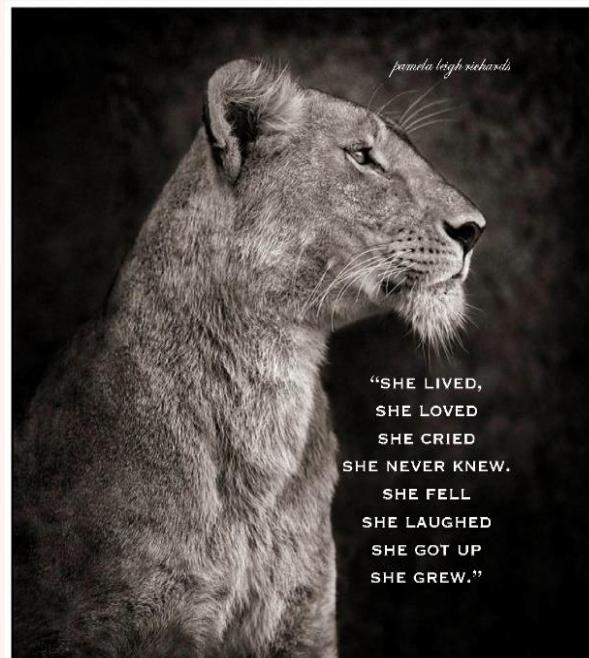
I encouraged the girls to lead with the heart of a lion and a lioness. That they should value all members of our Herschel family as each one is equally important and valuable and should be treated with respect. I further encouraged them to lead authentically within themselves.



Mon 3 Feb	09:00 – 10:00 Pre-Prep Dogz are cool
Tue 4 Feb	Gr 7 Depart for High Africa
Wed 5 Feb	07:45 – 09:00 Pre-N Parent Info Morning Gr 7 on camp
Thu 6 Feb	Gr 7 on camp 10:45 – 12:45 Gr 4 Historical Walk around Claremont
Fri 7 Feb	Gr 7 return from camp 14:20 Gala @ Oakhurst



We congratulate the girls who are going to serve in individual leadership portfolios and we thank all the Grade 7s for the various roles they will be playing as they serve the Prep School.



Pre-Prep

Hip, hip, hooray, our Little Lambs and Cuddly Kittens have all arrived. They have been building puzzles, learning to paint and creating amazing things out of play dough. Best of all has been the fantasy play area. Sawing, pouring tea, pushing baby in the pram, taking photos and ironing. The conversations in the fantasy area this week have been quite a treat to listen to and to quote a cuddly kitten, "Now let me thee, what can I put into the microwave?" The social interactions have been a pleasure to observe. What a good start to the year Kittens and Lambs!



Foundation Phase

The Grade 3s had a Mini First Aid course this week where they learnt all about assistance given to any person suffering a sudden illness or injury. The girls were split into small groups which were managed by first aid coach Vanessa and her team from Safe-Med. Throughout the morning the girls actively looked at things like nose bleeds, cuts, burns, breaks and choking. They also experimented with bandages, splints, fake blood and breathing dummies. The girls were very involved throughout the process and learnt a lot about how to help someone in trouble and maybe save a life.



Congratulations to our Foundation Phase Stars of the Week!



Intermediate & Senior Phase

Grade 4

The Grade 4 classes moved into their new Flexible Classrooms today. There was much anticipation and intrigue around the atrium and many squeals of excitement and delight could be heard. The classrooms are equipped with special seating from KCSA. These are ergonomically designed for comfort and movability. The classrooms were designed by Jam Interiors and are colourful and bright. The Grade 4s are loving settling in to and exploring their new classrooms.



Grade 6

As part of their water theme for the term, and in celebration of World Wetland Day on 2 February, the Grade 6 classes enjoyed an outing to Lower Silvermine Wetlands. We were met by Kim Kryshaar and Eavan Rothwell who are active environmentalists and passionate about wetlands. The classes split, 6A first to explore the vegetation and animals in the wetlands - finding an otter sunbathing spot! 6alpha walked to a catchment area, where they looked at how healthy the wetlands were. Eavan took water out of the pond and the girls looked for different insects in the water. They were very excited to find a dragonfly larvae and a small crab. The water was recently polluted by a sewerage spillage after an Eskom Power Outage caused the water pumps to fail. The findings of these creatures meant that although the water was still polluted it had improved from the cleaning effect of recent rains. The classes then swapped over to repeat the process.



World Read Aloud: Grade 1 - 7

World read aloud day was celebrated with the Grade 6 classes reading to the Grade R classes, Great fun was had by all.



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!



Choc Flip Flop Day

We will be supporting the Choc Flip Flop Day on Thursday, 13 February. Girls are encouraged to wear their flip flops on that day and make a contribution of R10 to support this worthy cause.



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.



Eco Club

The date of the hike has been moved to 29 February.

We will meet at the Newlands Forest Car Park (near the fire station) at 07:20 to start promptly at 07:30. The walk will follow a loop in Newlands forest. It will take about 1.5 to 2 hours. It involves a bit of uphill to start, but isn't too difficult. The loop follows some magical hidden and covered paths, deep in the forest and is very shady. Sign up details to follow.



Can Collection

Inter-House and Inter-Class Can Collection Competition

Please collect all tins and cans and bring to school on the morning of 20 February. Each child who brings cans is awarded House Points. The more cans a girl brings, the more house points are allocated. The class with the highest average of girls bringing 10 cans or more is awarded a prize. Most importantly of all, the cans do not go into the municipal land fill sites but are recycled. The proceeds from the metal are donated to Primrose Primary School.



Music

As the Grade 3s are being introduced to the 5 continents that are participating in the 2020 Olympic Games, they started their journey learning about music from The Netherlands, a country which belongs to the Blue Olympic Circle (Europe). A lot of fun was had with cutting, pasting, folding paper hats and singing about tulips and cheese.



Parents in Prayer

PiP, Parents in Prayer, is a group of parents who meet once a week to pray for our school family. We have been meeting in prayer for almost 10 years now! PiP is a safe, informal space where we passionately lift up all our amazing girls, the families and the many varied staff teams on the Herschel campus. All prayer requests are kept strictly confidential. You are warmly invited to join us on a Tuesday morning from 07:30 – 08:00 in the Foundation Phase HOD office. Please feel free to contact myself, Caren Fürst, on 0829994777 if you have any questions or request some more information. We look forward to meeting you!



This week has been an extremely busy one at the Prep as we have had our first PA and Class Representatives meetings. I would like to thank all those who have offered to serve in these areas for 2020. Their support enables us to ensure that communication between parents and the school is effective.

Our Grade 7s are looking forward to their camp at High Africa. This camp is always a highlight of their Prep School career and the girls are challenged to experience something different and put themselves in positions that are very often out of their comfort zones. I know that all the girls will thoroughly enjoy their time away from the standard school programme and return enriched. I look forward to visiting the girls on camp and have no doubt that when they return they will share their experiences with excitement and energy.

“Only when the mind has learned to be still can joy and beauty find a place.”
Pam Brown

Warm regards

Mrs B. Heidmann

Head of Preparatory

