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## HERSCHEL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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### Message from our Head

Dear Parents

Our School Assembly on Tuesday began with great excitement as the girls tried to find Mrs Juries' lamb, Muffin. He had wandered off in the hall somewhere. The process of finding Muffin was linked to our Bible Story from Luke 15:3-7 'The Lost Sheep'. In our second week of Lent, the girls were encouraged with the fact that they matter to God and are very important to Him. Even though we may stray away from God like the lost sheep, Jesus rejoices when we come back to Him. We do this through spending time with Him, acknowledging Him in our day and just loving Him back because He cares about each one of us.



Mon 9 Mar	Pre-Prep – Gr 5 Parent Teacher Interviews 14:30 – 17:00 Gr 7 Parent Teacher Interviews (The Space) 15:00 Jnr Interhouse Tennis Gr 6 St John's Exchange Departs
Tue 10 Mar	Music Workshops Gr 6 Exchange Pre-Prep – Gr 5 Parent Teacher Interviews 15:00 Snr Interhouse Tennis
Wed 11 Mar	Music Workshops Gr 6 Exchange Pre-Prep – Gr 5 Parent Teacher Interviews 08:30 Gr 2al outing to Rosen Castle
Thu 12 Mar	Gr 6 Exchange Pre-Prep – Gr 5 Parent Teacher Interviews 08:30 Gr 2A outing to Rosen Castle PGSGU Interschool Tennis Tournament @ Springfield
Fri 13 Mar	Gr 6 Exchange Pre-Prep – Gr 5 Parent Teacher Interviews 14:20 B Gala @ Springfield
Sat 14 Mar	Herschel Bursary Fund Dance



## Pre-Prep

It was a week filled with love and laughter, in Pre-Nursery, as we celebrated the gift of Grandparents. We started the day with songs and rhymes and then did creative activities with grandma and grandpa and to end it all we had a picnic in the garden.

On Friday, it was the Nurseries turn to share their love. We had a moms and daughters picnic in the garden where our moms poured our tea and we had lots of cake and treats to eat. It was a special time, spent with very special people.



The Pre-Prep donated books to Claremont Primary's Library and this morning the Grade 7 Outreach team went to read to their Grade R pupils.



## Foundation Phase

On Friday 28 February, the Grade 1s went on an outing to The Hout Bay Museum. We spent a fascinating few happy hours finding out more about rock pools, which are natural aquariums left behind by the tide. They allow us to see what lives in the sea. Our tour guide taught us more about starfish, sea urchins and many more creatures.



### Stars of the Week!



Congratulations to our Foundation Phase Stars of the Week!

## Intermediate Phase



We are excited to announce that the Grade 4 – 7 girls will be presenting the Legend of Pocahontas from 14 – 17 October 2020.

Auditions are underway and all girls invited to a call back audition will be posted on the Music Board on Monday 9 March. The lead roles will be posted on the Music Board at the end of this term. All Grade 4 – 7 girls will be involved in the production. Rehearsals will be starting in May. Full rehearsal schedules and information will follow next term.



## Intermediate Phase...

### Grade 6 Dads & Daughters Tech Evening

On the evening of 27 February, a group of excited Grade 6's and their reluctant fathers gathered to hear the design brief set for the evening. In no time at all, the entire make shift structures that had to protect them overnight began to take shape. Congratulations to Charlotte Jacobs and Kyra Totaram-Jacobs and their dads for coming first. Thank you to the judges Mervyn Walsh and Fiona Cochrane for assisting on the evening.



### Grade 7 Camp

Our Grade 7s travelled to the High Africa campsite with Mrs Billett, Mrs Robbertze, Mrs Baikoff and Mrs Barrett last month. They spent four days on the banks of the Breede River near Worcester, taking part in outdoor, adventure, team-building and leadership activities. Challenges included an obstacle course, a climbing wall, a night hike, a potjiekos competition and swimming in the river to cool off – searing temperatures resulted in some very hot pupils and teachers. Mrs Heidmann and Mrs Martin joined the group for a day of river rafting and the high rope experience. As well as learning much about themselves, girls formed close bonds with one another and supported each other. They have come back ready to face the challenges of Grade 7.



## Elevate Education

The Grade 6 and 7 girls have completed the first of their Elevate Education workshops for the year. The Grade 6 workshop was on study skills and effective note taking and the Grade 7 one looked at efficient time management skills. Grade 6 and 7 parents have also had the opportunity to attend a parent seminar. These skills will be reinforced and practised this year. If you would like further information, please click on this link: <https://tiny.cc/parentza>

Log-in details to the Elevate student website:

<https://zastudent.elevateducation.com/>

If prompted for a password: springbok



## Grade 7 Fair Collection

The annual Grade 7 Fair will take place on Wednesday 22 April 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.

We therefore appeal to the whole School community to support the Fair on Tuesday.

Before then, please use this opportunity to have a clear out and send donations to Mrs Billett'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-perishables) to school anytime from now.

***Plants should be brought to school two days 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.



# 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!



## **Easter Egg Collection Pre-Prep – 3**

We are collecting EASTER EGGS! All contributions of Easter eggs (only marshmallow eggs – boxes or strips) may be sent to Mrs Martin's office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## **Soap and Toothpaste Collection Grade 4 – 7**

We would like to appeal to all of our Grade 4 to 7s to please contribute bars of soap, toothpaste or wet wipes. These will be allocated to various organisations that deal with the homeless and destitute. Please send all contributions to Mrs Billett.



# Eco Club

On Saturday 29 February at 07:30, a happy group set forth from Newlands Fire Station to enjoy the beauty of the forest together. A huge thank you to Alan Woodcock for leading the hike and to all the Herschel families who participated.



## Music

Please support your daughter in the upcoming Music Workshops. Her music teacher will inform you if she will be performing.

Tuesday 10 March

07:45 – Grade 2

08:45 – Grade 4

11:45 – Grade 3

Wednesday 11 March

08:15 – Grade 5

10:45 – Grade 7

11:45 - Grade 6



## Bursary Dance

Dear Herschel Parents,

Book your tickets at [www.herschelbursarydance.co.za](http://www.herschelbursarydance.co.za)

Click on the "Booking" tab for group or individual bookings.

Please see the flyer attached for further details.

Hurry and secure your ticket to the event of the year!



Our Grade 6 UK Exchange pupils, accompanied by Mrs Aubin and Mrs Holtzhausen depart for St John's-on-the-Hill on Monday, 9 March. We would like to wish them everything of the best as they embark on this exciting adventure. We look forward to hearing all about their travels when they return on 24 March.

Good luck to the courageous moms, dads and girls who are going to be riding the Cape Town Cycle Tour on Sunday. I hope that the wind is behind you and that your legs are strong. Have a wonderful ride, enjoy the support and the camaraderie of those on the road.

We welcomed back our Grade 5s and 6s from their respective camps. We look forward to including news on their adventures in the Newsletter next week.

As we approach the last two weeks of Term 1, I wish you a weekend filled with rest and good quality time with your loved ones.

*“What lies behind us and what lies before us  
are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.” Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Warm regards

***Mrs B. Heidmann***

***Head of Preparatory***

