



HERSCHEL SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

We enjoyed the most beautiful Easter Service at St Saviour's on Tuesday this week. The music provided by The Chorale and Dinaledi added a deeply moving dimension to the service which was conducted by His Grace the Archbishop Makgoba.

The Archbishop's message served as a powerful reminder of our shared humanity and his reference both to the disaster caused through flooding in KwaZulu-Natal and the Langa fire in Cape Town reminded us of the importance of sharing and of caring for each other. Archbishop Makgoba visited Ethekwini district on Saturday over the Easter weekend and on Easter Sunday he spent time in Langa visiting the community whose loss is substantial. His example of being present when others require support is a powerful one and central to all faiths.

This morning, we offered places to prospective students for 2023. We share an offer date with Springfield and St Cyprian's School so that all offers go out at the same time. I am conscious of the impact of the pandemic and of the sacrifice that many parents make in order to give their daughters a top-quality education. Some students are selected for awards and it is always a humbling experience phoning parents with this good news. But, and it's a big 'but'; as wonderful a conversation as that is, it always comes with the knowledge that there are many deserving applicants who do not get 'that' phone call.

I am hoping that we can grow access to Herschel and that we can find sponsorship for a greater number of students to attend this incredible school! Every time I walk through the gate to school in the mornings, I imagine what it would / could be like if all South African children had access to a school such as Herschel. Each small step towards making it possible for even ONE more student to attend, is a step in the right direction!

Today we celebrated World Book Day and our campus is filled with interesting looking characters, including a colourful looking Exec who were all 'out of the box' (dressed as crayons) and with some a little sharper than others! We acknowledge books as cornerstones of knowledge and in a country such as ours the importance of literacy is also a message that is felt by many on this particular day.

I have no doubt that many of you will be relieved that this is not my usual 'epistle' – but I shall make up for it next week!

Enjoy the weekend!



WELCOME TO THE HERSHEL FAMILY



We welcome three new members of staff to the Senior School this term. Johan Swanepoel joins us in the Music department, Waheeda Pregnolato joins us as Academic Secretary and lastly, Carol Sawyer joins us in the Boarding House.

We wish them a long and happy journey at Herschel.



A WORTHY CELEBRATION!

This week we celebrated legendary teacher and colleague Mrs Helen Botha on the occasion of her 40 years of service to Herschel! Helen started as a PE Teacher on 19th April 1982 and is now the much-loved Head of Sport.

Congratulations Helen and thank you for your incredible passion and commitment to our school and its students.



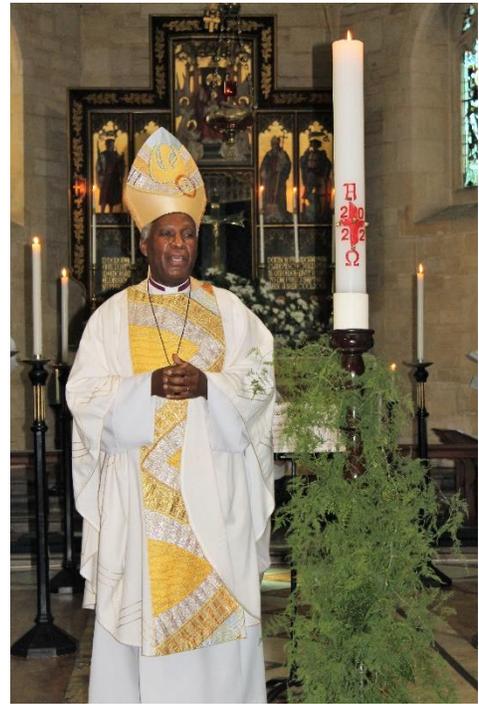
Wildlife Conservation Trip

On 26 March 14 pupils and 2 staff members travelled to Limpopo on a Wildlife Conservation trip. The group was based on the Makgokolo Game Farm and completed various activities during the 5 days they were in Limpopo. These included game drives and bush walks identifying animal tracks, various birds and insects, and different vegetation species. They also set up camera traps to help monitor wildlife for research purposes, visited a reptile farm to learn about various reptiles and observe snake and chameleon feeding time. Lots of fun was had by all.



EASTER EUCHARIST SERVICE

Our annual Senior School Easter Eucharist Service was held this week at St Saviour's Church. The Service included the lighting of the Easter Candle, a moving sermon from His Grace the Archbishop Thabo Makgoba and much joy through the music performed by Dinaledi and the Chorale.



DONATIONS FOR LANGA FIRE VICTIMS

At our Easter Eucharist Service this week, His Grace the Archbishop Thabo Makgoba challenged the Herschel community to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Langa who have been victims of a devastating fire which has left more than 700 people homeless and with nothing except the clothes on their back. In response to that we are asking for you to reach deep into your hearts and pockets to help.

As we are a part of the Diocese of Cape Town, we would like to channel our assistance through The Archbishops Development Fund. The Archbishop visited Langa and his development fund knows exactly where the funds are needed.

Bank: Nedbank Limited
Branch: Nedbank Corporate Investment Banking
Account number: 1043696474
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Swift: NEDSZAJJ
POP to be sent to Ms M Jankie:
molly@archmakgobadevtrust.com

There is also a collection point in the Sports Centre for clothing, shoes, blankets, towels, kitchen utensils, stationery and food (rice, oats, samp, beans, tins, sugar, tea, long life milk, pasta, peanut butter, packets of soup)

We would like to get these necessities through to Langa as soon as possible, so kindly drop off any items early next week.



SWIPE IT UP AND WIN WITH YOUR MYSCHOOL CARD!

We challenge our Herschel community to use their MySchool cards or linked Woolworths cards when doing their shopping this month. Each swipe is an entry into the MySchool competition which could see Herschel winning their share of R230 000 in cash!

The proceeds of the MySchool initiative go towards learnership funding. The ten schools with the highest percentage growth in card swipes for April will stand a chance to win in this April Challenge.

New Herschel families are encouraged to be Supporters too, as Supporters also stand a chance to win their share of R200 000 cash.

To apply for your MySchool card or to make Herschel your official beneficiary, please click on this link <https://www.myschool.co.za/>

This competition runs until the end of April, so get swiping and earning and help give back! Remember, every extra swipe boosts your chance of winning PLUS you'll be increasing your monthly MySchool funds.



World Book Day

Students and staff celebrated World Book Day by dressing as characters from a variety of well loved books. Can you guess which book they are representing?



Today, the 22nd April, is Earth Day which is celebrated across the world. This year the theme of Earth Day is 'Invest In Our Planet' which encourages us to come and work together to build a prosperous life by green prosperity.

Our Earth Matters Club is busy creating a mural in the Atrium, which is the start of an awareness campaign by the club about reducing plastic use, recycling everything that can be recycled and putting an end to littering. Members of the Club have created a video about this awareness campaign that will be shared with our students.

Furthermore, the Earth Matters Club has also created WhatsApp groups for a variety of residential areas so that parents can organise lift clubs to reduce our school community's carbon footprint as well as save fuel (money) and time. A letter will be emailed to all parents with the QR codes of the groups so they can join the group for their area.



INTERHOUSE SINGING - Save The Date!

