



# HERSCHEL SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

*"Music has always been a matter of Energy to me, a question of Fuel. Sentimental people call it Inspiration, but what they really mean is Fuel. I have always needed Fuel. I am a serious consumer. On some nights I still believe that a car with the gas needle on empty can run about fifty more miles if you have the right music very loud on the radio."*

— Hunter S. Thompson

I have always loved this quote by Thompson. It sprung to mind while watching Interhouse Singing on Wednesday night. Our students refueled us — their energy, passion, talent and joy is absolutely inspiring and it was a privilege to watch them and to be swept along through the decades! I was also hugely impressed at the level of expertise of the talented musicians who played in the respective bands. Live music at its best! An element of fun was added by the staff 'choir', most of whom have recognised their need to stick to their day jobs! That said, the fun factor was in and of itself uplifting. I loved seeing the staff have fun too.

On Friday evening the Crescent Society and senior school executive observed Iftar at Herschel, joined by the SACS boys as well as the children and staff from the Vision Orphanage. It was a wonderful occasion, well hosted by our students and generously supported by parents, to whom we are immensely grateful.

I hope that all Muslim families and members of the Herschel community who celebrated Eid experienced a joyous time after the month of Ramadan and the observance of fasting.

My thanks to all who have contributed thus far to the collection of items for those families who lost everything in the fire that ravaged Langa nearly three weeks ago. We will deliver the collected items during the course of next week. Should you still wish to contribute, please send in contributions by Monday. Thank you!

Yesterday's LO day saw our students being taught self-defence in one of the modules arranged by the LO and Sports departments. I addressed the importance of self-defence in assembly yesterday morning and I believe that this practical and empowering workshop is one that needs to be repeated regularly. It is an important layer to building self-confidence in young adults and it equips them not only physically, but also emotionally.

I am looking forward to this weekend's sports derby against Rhenish, from Stellenbosch. While the weather looks to be a little wet and cold, we hope to see as many supporters as possible and look forward to a competitive two days of sport at Herschel.

Enjoy the weekend!

Kind regards  
Heather

## Engage and viewing pupil's marks

Pupil's marks are visible on the Engage Portal in the form of raw assessment marks. We encourage parents to check Engage regularly throughout the term in order to track their daughter's progress in various academic subjects. This allows parents to have conversations with their daughters and teachers about academic progress and support that can be put in place to assist them.

If parents have any concerns in a specific subject, please contact the specific teacher so that these can be addressed. If there is a broader concern, i.e. in a number of subjects, we encourage parents to contact the tutor and deputy house director so that support processes can be put in place.

We believe that making these raw marks available, as well as communication as soon as there is a concern, is an effective way of monitoring academic progress and receiving feedback.



 &  PRESENTS:

# CAREERS *Expo*



**FRIDAY, 20TH MAY**

**TIME: 18:00 - 20:00**

**VENUE: Herschel Sports Centre**

*Plan your Next!!*

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## Interhouse Singing



Each House performed the Set song and then an Own Choice song which had to be a song selected from the specific decade each House was assigned.

### Set Song

*Can't Stop Singing Under My Umbrella*

The song, specially arranged by Mr Johan Swanepoel, is a combination of *Singing in the Rain* (first released in 1929 and written by Arthur Freed and Herb Brown; made famous by Gene Kelly in 1952); *Umbrella* (by Rihanna in 2007); and *Can't Stop this Feeling* (Justin Timberlake in 2016)

### Carter: Decade: 60's

Song: *Age of Aquarius* – The 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension



### Jagger: Decade: 70's

Song: *Don't Stop Me Now* - written by Freddie Mercury



### Merriman: Decade: 90's

Song: *Together Again* – Janet Jackson



### Rolt: Decade: 80's

Song: *Man in the Mirror* by Siedah Garret and Glen Ballard



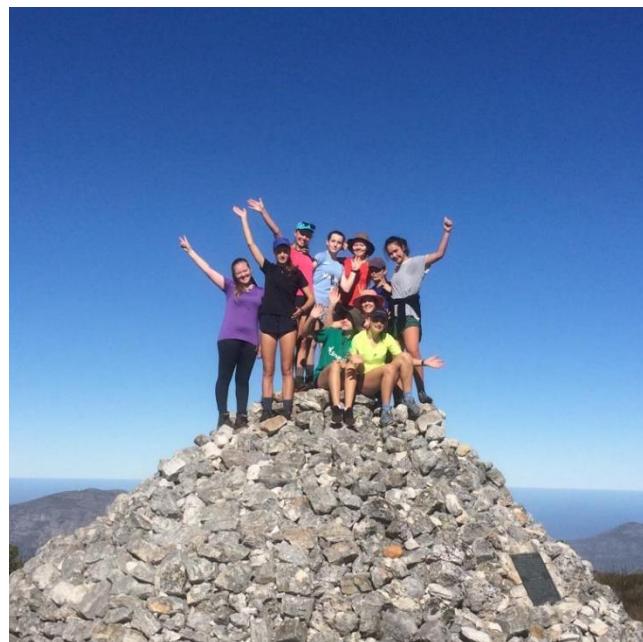
## Slipper Day

Pupils and staff donned their comfy slippers in support of National Slipper Day. Funds raised will be donated to Reach for A Dream and CHOC.



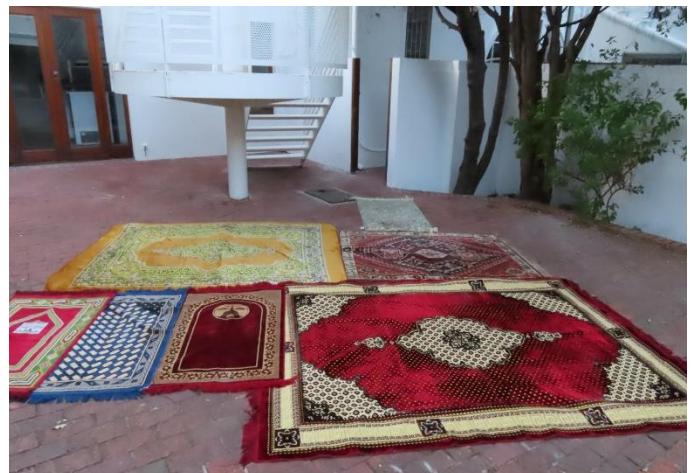
## Hiking Club

The Hiking Club spent a magnificent day exploring Table Mountain, hiking up Skeleton Gorge to Maclear's Beacon, via the Valley of Red Gods to the top of Grootkop and descending via Llandudno Corner...an 18km hike!



## Herschel Crescent Club

Herschel's Crescent Club, in collaboration with SACS, hosted children from Vision Child and Youth Care Centre for the breaking of the fast on Friday evening. It was a joyous event accompanied by the call to prayer, the breaking of the fast and evening prayers.



## ENGLISH GRADE 8 POETRY MODULE

The Grade 8 Poetry Module pupils cut out paper leaves and wrote a quotation about poetry on them as a conclusion to the poetry module. These were then hung in the tree near the fountain.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL MOMS...  
WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL  
CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY



# Rhenish Derby Day Update!!

*The Netball matches have been rescheduled due to the rain predicted for today and Saturday morning.  
All Netball will be played in the Sports Centre.*



## Friday 6 May

Hockey & Netball	<b>Derby vs Rhenish</b>
Hockey	15h30 U/16C
	16h30 U/14A
	17h35 U/16A
	18h40 2 <sup>nd</sup> team
	19h40 1 <sup>st</sup> team

## Netball

<b>At Senior School</b>
<b>Sports Centre</b>
15h30 U/15A
16h10 U/16A
16h45 2 <sup>nd</sup> team
17h30 1 <sup>st</sup> team
18h20 U/14A
19h00 U/14B

## Saturday 7 May

Hockey & Netball	<b>Derby vs Rhenish</b>
Hockey	08h00 3 <sup>rd</sup> team
	09h00 U/16B
	10h00 U/16D
	11h00 u/14B

## Netball

<b>At Senior School</b>
<b>Sports Centre</b>
08h00 U/15B
08h40 U/15C
09h15 U/14D
09h50 U/14C
10h30 U/16C
11h10 U/16B