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HERSCHEL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

“And who knows, that you have come to your royal position, for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14

This week in our Leadership Assembly our theme was Servant Leadership. Our girls were encouraged to lead like Queen Esther from the Bible. Esther used her position to achieve God’s purpose and to protect God’s people. Identity, humility, wisdom, bravery and being a voice for the voiceless were qualities that Esther had. These are also qualities of a Servant Leader, but more importantly it is what each person should strive to have in their hearts.

Congratulations to our leaders of 2023!



Head of Portfolios

Ruby Watson, Ava Tresfon, Cara-Grace Henriques, Layla Slatter, Jasmiya Naidoo, Ayesha Moolla, Layla Ofsowitz, Rachel Batchelor





Heads of Music

Margaux van Mill, Georgia Böttger, Eva Hacking



Heads of Library

Daniela McIvor, Dylan Land



Heads of Spirituality

Margaux van Mill, Georgia Wessels



Heads of Art

Caitlin Campbell, Iman Gafoor



Heads of Houses

Sinéad O'Connor, Liah van Zyl, Amelia Weir, Scout Ferguson, Olivia Maskew, Ashlee Hundermark, Hania Hendricks, Summer Duchenne



Heads of Sporting Codes

Ruby Lumb, Rana Rinqest, Aryana Cloete-Hopkins, Katie Ward, Abigail Jacobs, Emily Raubenheimer, Lyndsey Philipps, Emelia Slatter, Annabelle Leith, Stella Keers, Ella Floquet



Pre-Prep

Hip, hip, hooray! All our Pre-Nursery girls have arrived. We welcome all our new families to Herschel, and we wish you a long and happy stay with us.

“Sometimes
the smallest things
take up the most
room in your
HEART”





Our Grade R and Nursery girls who are new to Herschel.



Intermediate Phase

Congratulations to the following girls who have been chosen as Class House Captains for Term 1:

	Rolt	Merriman	Jagger	Carter
Grade 4A	Rebecca Osler	Sophia Hart	Kristin Hundermark	Mila Lobert
Grade 4 alpha	Isabella Millar	Mbali Sidaki	Fatimah Ismail	Ava Duff
Grade 5A	Isra Abdulla	Zimi Pana	Harper O'Hagan	Ariana Salie
Grade 5 alpha	Darya Daya	Solange Akampurira	Lily-Mae Sickle	Lilah Gonsenhauser
Grade 6A	Sophie van Zyl	Nsovo Baloyi	Amelie Hardres-Williams	Daria Naidoo
Grade 6 alpha	Imogen Brogan	Gem Ferguson	Inara Hersov	Ariana Daniels
Grade 7A	Layla Ofsowitz	Emily Raubenheimer	Ayesha Moolla	Jasmiya Naidoo
Grade 7 alpha	Daniela Mclvor	Jade O'Brien	Stella Keers	Ruby Lumb



Grade 4



Grade 5



Grade 6



Grade 7



Trolls Production

We were delighted by the number of girls who auditioned for a lead or supporting role. It has been wonderful to see all the talent Herschel girls have to offer.

Callbacks have been announced and we now face the difficult task of choosing our leads.

Acting callbacks for leads will take place after school on **Monday, 30 January**.

Music callbacks for leads will take place during breaks from **Tuesday – Thursday, 31 January – 2 February**.



It's her journey

Save the Date

Herschel Girls School
Grade 8 2024 Open Day
13 & 14 February 2023

Bookings open on Quicket 1 February at 8:00
and close on 6 February at 16:00

Learning to make a difference

The Herschel Sports Department invites
Grades 6 -12 pupils involved in sport, and
their parents to attend a

**Sports Information
Evening**

Monday, 30 January
17:30 - 19:00

Theatre

RSVP
Please respond by **Thursday, 26 January @ 11:00**
for catering purposes.

Email Address: meloff@herschel.org.za

Community Engagement

A warm welcome to all our parents and girls to the start of 2023. Our first term calendar has been finalised so please pay careful attention to the activities and how you and your daughter may be of service to the greater communities in need.

Whole School

- Sandwiches for Kewtown – Every Tuesday
- 21 February: Picnic of Hope – beneficiary: Ladles of Love (via Karri App)
- 13 March – 24 March: Easter Egg collection & distribution. (Various Charities)
- 31 March: **CIVVIES DAY:** CHOC “Have a Heart for Children with Cancer” – wear your flipflops to school. **(R11)** (via Karri App)

At the end of last year, we gifted Zonnebloem girls some phonic readers for Grade 1 and 2. Thank you to all the moms who covered all these readers. The books were purchased from the proceeds of the Grade 7 Fair. Please click on the link [Thank You from Zonnebloem Girls](#) to see more. Thank you, Herschel, for your outpouring of LOVE. The school Principal, Mrs Lenders, is extremely grateful and extends her heartfelt gratitude to the Herschel Community.



Sustainability

Eco Outings and Activities to diarise

Please remember to sign your daughters up for the Eco Events happening during the course of the next two weeks.

2 February World Wetland Day – Liesbeek River Study (school bus organized)

Thank you to those of you who have signed up. The link has been closed and families have been notified.

9 February - Rondevlei Nature Ramble (school bus organized)

The girls will leave straight after school and return at 17:15 (depending on the traffic) At Rondevlei, the girls will enjoy the wetland whilst identifying plants, grasses, insects and birds under the guidance of Cape Bird Club members. Should your daughter be interested in attending this activity, please complete the link:

[Rondevlei Nature Ramble Outing](#)

11 February – 13 Peak Challenge - Devil's Peak re-take

We meet at the end of Tafelberg Road at 06:45 to set off promptly at 07:00. The hike is approximately 4 hours long. Details will be sent to the families who join. Should you and your family wish to join the hike, please complete the link: [13 Peak Challenge - Devils Peak Retake](#)



HERSCHEL PREP SUPPORT UNIT

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SUPPORT, EDUCATE, EMPOWER PARENTS

SAVE THE DATE.....

Please join us on **Wednesday 8 February** for a conversation on Integrated Learning Therapy

08:00 – 09:00 in The Studio

More details to follow soon



Herschel Prep SunSmart 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 apply sunscreen at home before school and wear 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 School Communicator D6 Resources. Girls who do not have hats for break time will be required to eat their lunch in the Studio.





Join us on the 17 February for 'Herschfest' - a magical musical celebration on our 101st Founder's Day. Started by incoming Cultural Head Olivia Doidge in 2019, Herschfest is an event for the whole family.

Come and experience a wide variety of contemporary acoustic music performed by the talented students from Grades 6-12. Bring your own picnic or have a bite to eat from one of our food trucks.

In addition, performers from the Herschel Rock Bands, 'High Maintenance' and 'Major Storm', our acapella group 'Fusion' and the Marimba Band 'Amawhololo' will add to the ambiance whilst you unwind under the fairy lights and the stars. Bring your friends and family in support of this special Herschel Community event!

Tickets will be on sale on Quicket from 28 January, R80 Students, R100 Adults and Children under 6 Free.



Music, Arts and Culture Acknowledgements

We know that many of our pupils are achieving wonderful things in the cultural sphere. Please do share these achievements with us so that we are able to acknowledge our pupils appropriately.

Email all cultural achievements (Music, Art and Drama) to Mrs Crystal Davids cdavids@herschel.org.za

Vehicle access to school

We would like to remind parents that you are required to have a blue Herschel car sticker which will allow you access to the School premises. Should you not have a sticker, please do collect one at the Prep School Office.

Reminder about School Starting Time

Parents are reminded that the school day for girls in Gr 1 – 7 starts at 07:30. Please can we request that girls arrive at school timeously so that they can be in their classrooms by 07:30. This is essential so that they can unpack and the class teachers are able to connect with their classes, in order to be ready for the first academic lesson which begins promptly at 07:40. Please note that the top gates at the Music Centre and the tennis courts will be locked from 07:30. Parents arriving after this time are requested to drive around and drop girls off at the Main Gate.

It was wonderful seeing so many parents on Wednesday. Thank you for your attendance and support. We trust you found the evening informative and that you have connected with your daughter's class teacher.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Linda Martin

Acting Head of Preparatory

