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HERSCHEL SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Pupils

What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived, it is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead. (Nelson Mandela)

What a wonderful start we had to the term when we welcomed pupils back on 18th July, Mandela Day. The day started with House activities in which all pupils and staff came together, participating in a range of projects: making dog cushions (for DARG), sleeping bags (for The Service Dining room in Cape Town), Jars of Hope (to be donated to 'Where Rainbows Meet' in Vryegrond and 'Living hope' in Masiphumelele), and play dough and colouring-in books (for the St Joseph home in Montana). The projects were arranged towards the end of last term to ensure that we had all the materials required to complete and deliver on this special day of reflection, community-in-action and appreciation of the legacy of Nelson Mandela. Enjoy the photographs which capture the spirit and involvement of staff and pupils as they worked together towards completing their projects. It was a very special morning.

Collectively we spent 67 minutes working together towards making a difference, mindful of the spirit of Mandela and inspired by his legacy. Nelson Mandela fought for justice for 67 years of his life and by devoting 67 minutes of our time – one minute for every year of Mandela's public service – we can take a step towards a global movement for good.

The day was conceptualized to shine a light on the legacy of Mr Mandela whose commitment to human rights, conflict resolution and reconciliation stands as an example to us all.

Mandela Day is an international day of honour, servitude and remembrance, celebrated each year on 18 July, on Nelson Mandela's birthday. The day was officially declared by the UN in November 2009, with the first UN Mandela Day held on 18 July 2010. Since then, Mandela Day has encouraged a movement of people across the globe, seeing each person dedicate 67 minutes of their time to collectively make a difference. Of course, South Africans have a vested interest in leading this given the profound impact Mr Mandela has had here.

A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination (Nelson Mandela). What a wonderful mantra for this term. In assembly, through the teaching of Rev Lorna and in the welcome back message to the school, we focused on the importance of being real, being courageous; of having a bold vision, of knowing, sharing and living our values; of modelling courage and goodwill, of being more generous, less judgmental.

At the start of term we welcomed back Ms Liesl Juries, Ms Lindsay Wills and Mev Louise van Wyk, all of whom have been on maternity leave. With Mrs Candice Lacerda having emigrated to Canada at fairly short notice, we have been fortunate to have procured the services of Mrs Wendy Walter – well known to the

pupils as an experienced and passionate teacher of Science. Mrs Walter will teach Mrs Lacerda's classes until the end of this year.

We are delighted to have appointed Mrs Jeanne Trickett, a highly experienced IEB Science teacher as Subject Head of Science. She is relocating to Cape Town in January 2024, from Gauteng, where she has been teaching at St John's College, Houghton.

This week we also welcomed to Herschel a number of Exchange students who will be immersing themselves in life at Herschel. We wish them an enriching and fun-filled experience at school, and in this beautiful city of Cape Town.

At Tuesday's assembly, we applauded the wonderful achievements on the part of our sportswomen this past holiday! We are super proud of their efforts and success. I hope that you have seen the social media posts celebrating their successes during the holidays.

#likeagirl: My coach said I run like a girl and I said if he ran a little faster he could too.

We look forward to Herschfield next week! This year's Herschel versus Springfield derby is more extensive than that of previous years and we are excited that more pupils will be involved across a range of activities, both sporting and cultural. This is an opportunity to celebrate girls in sport and cultural activities and we look forward to the participation, competition, camaraderie, collaboration and sportsmanship that such a derby provides.

In the past there has been some social media 'hype' which has not contributed positively to this event, and we have made it clear to the pupils that the build-up and participation needs to be undertaken in the true spirit of fellowship through sport and culture. Please do come and support the various cultural and sporting contests and games. It promises to be a fun-filled and

spirited occasion (and don't forget to wear something pink so that we know whose side you're on! 😊)

Here's to a happy and productive Term 3!

Warm regards

Heather

CONGRATULATIONS!

The results of the MySchool *Swipe to Feel Good* campaign are in, and Herschel is a winner!! During April and May 2023, we challenged our supporters to better our prior year's swipes – and that is exactly what's happened – you, our parents, have risen to the challenge and WON!

Herschel has WON R10 000 and has secured sustainable, monthly income from highly engaged and loyal MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet supporters.

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Mandela Day Activities:

"Sometimes it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom." - Nelson Mandela.





Interhouse Eisteddfod

The annual Herschel Interhouse Eisteddfod is an opportunity for all pupils to take the stage, pick up a paintbrush, put pen to paper or put their creative and critical thinking skills to the test. Whether pupils are seasoned artists or performers, or are looking to bravely showcase a hidden passion, the Eisteddfod is a chance to celebrate the diversity of talents and skills at Herschel.

Entries close on the 1 August, and the Eisteddfod will take place on 8 August. The entry form can be accessed via the pupil portal on the intranet.



CATEGORIES ON OFFER:

ART

DANCE

DESIGN

DEBATING

DRAMA &
PLAYWRITING

PHOTOGRAPHY

MUSIC

ENGLISH

AFRIKAANS

FRENCH

ISIXHOSA

ACADEMIC NEWS

English Olympiad Results – 2022/2023

GOLD (80%-90%) Esther Couves (3 years in a row)

Kayleigh Campbell

SILVER PLUS (79%) Camilla Campbell

SILVER (70%-80%) Claire Murphy

Yumnaa Rawoot

Anni Dall

Samantha Gutsche

Gabby Botton

Julia Wellington

Salma Moosa

BRONZE (60%-70%) Suzannah Whall

Kaitlyn Knight

Zahra Gouda

Amanda Tadokera

Keryn Van der Westhuizen

MERIT (50%-60%) Romy Myers

Special mention of Esther Couves, who has received a gold for the 3rd year running. Thank you to Mrs Bodenstern for her organisation of this wonderful opportunity and for supporting the pupils in this endeavor.



Congratulations to Zoë West, who was awarded a Highly commended for her story *The Bicycle* which she entered into the Kingsmead Young Writers' Competition. We are very proud of Zoë's achievement, especially seeing as she entered the competition with no assistance from her teacher.

Zoë's story will be published as an e book on the Kingsmead Book Fair website.



Cameron Van Wyk, Chelsea Thompson and Suzannah Whall received certificates for participation in the IEB Geospatial Task. This task involved working with GIS systems, managing data, and working with different types of data. Thank you to Mrs Parker for her support and organisation of this task.

Sports Wrap

Equestrian

Congratulations to Mia Scheibe and Sienna Scheibe for their outstanding achievements at the recent Western Shoppe South African Youth Championships held from 26 June to 2 July.



Mia achieved her Junior WC Provincial Equestrian Colours. The WC team, which Mia was part of, placed 2nd in the Open Equitation and the WC team placed 3rd in the 1.10m Showjumping. Mia was awarded the Junior Novice Victorix Ludorum (winning the Novice Freestyle Championship; the Novice Qualifier 6) and she also placed 2nd in the Eventing 85 Championship.



Sienna placed 2nd in the Junior Novice Equitation, 3rd in the 90cm Showjumping Championship and 4th in the Eventing 85 Championship.

National Selection and Representation

We are proud and excited to showcase the remarkable achievements of the talented Herschel athletes who have recently been selected to National teams/squads. Their selection serves as testament of their incredible hard work, dedication and commitment and we could not be prouder to have them respresent Herschel on the national stage. Congratulations to the following pupils:



• Basketball

Five of the Herschel basketball players represented the Western Cape at the u17 Inter Provincial Basketball Tournament hosted in Bloemfontein in July. Western Province went on to achieve the Silver Medal.

Congratulations to the following players for their selection to the u17 National Team Squad: Intando Taitai, Kiera Howard, Leah Faurholm and Nina Kabalin. Special mention to Leah Faurholm who was selected for the All-Star Team of the tournament.

- **Hockey**

Samantha Flint (below left) has been selected for the u16 South African Tournament Squad after she participated in the u16 Inter Provincial Tournament. The WP u16A team which she was part of, won the tournament.



Mbali Antony (above right) has been selected to the South African u18B Hockey Team after the recent Inter Provincial Tournament where she was part of the WP u18A team who placed 4th overall.

Congratulations to Samantha and Mbali for their selection.

- **Swimming**

The Youth Commonwealth Games are taking place from 4 to 11 August in Trinidad and Tobago. We are extremely proud to announce that Cassidy Burgess has been selected to represent South Africa at the Youth Games. Congratulations Cassidy, this is an exceptional achievement and we wish you all the best.



- **Lifesaving**

Eve Abrahams has been selected to represent the National Lifesaving Team at the International Surf Rescue Challenge taking place from 20 to 23 September in the South Padre Island, Texas, USA. Well done Eve and all the best for your participation in this prestigious event.



- **Karate**

Tay-yibah Ebrahim and Raabi'ah Ebrahim represented South Africa at the International Karate World Championships during July. Raabi'ah went through to the quarter final round of the Kumite competition.



Tay-yibah competed in the final round of the Kumite competition and placed 2nd overall. Congratulations to Tay-yibah and Raabi'ah.

Netball Tour to Makhanda

The u14 netball team took part in the u14 Netball and Hockey Tournament hosted by DSG from Thursday 22 June to Sunday 25 June. The team played a total of eight matches and they grew from strength to strength. In their match against Clarendon High School for Girls (the team who placed 2nd overall), they were 0-7 down after the first quarter but ended the game with a final score of 19–20. The u14 team placed 5th overall. Congratulations to Camryn Fürst for winning the shooting competition and to Leila Billimore and Ophelia Loggenberg for their participation in the dance competition.

Thank you to Ms Nicole Mangondo and Mrs Sue Schooling for accompanying the pupils.



Riding the Waves of Success

Our very own Miss Pamela Bowren is set to make waves on the global stage as she represents South Africa at not just one, but three IBC World Tour Bodyboarding competitions.



Miss Bowren's love for bodyboarding runs deep and her commitment to excellence extends into the thrilling world of competitive sports. Her dedication in pursuing her passion is an inspiration to all of us.

The IBC World Tour gathers some of the most skilled bodyboarders from around the globe and we are proud to have her represent the school and country at these events. As she takes on the waves, we know her tenacity and resilience will shine through the water.

Below are the dates of the three events she will take part in:

- 3 – 12 August in Maldives
- 15 – 25 September in Onrus
- 29 September – 8 October in Morocco

To follow the events and see Miss Bowren perform, please [click](#) here.



We wish Miss Bowren the best of luck and success for the upcoming events.

**Go, Miss Bowren,
Go!!!!**



HERSCHFIELD 2023



WEDNESDAY 26 JULY CULTURAL EVENING

Time: 18:00
Venue: Springfield Centenary Hall

FRIDAY 28 JULY

SOCCER (SFC FIELD)

Match Time	Team
14:20	Springfield vs Herschel

THURSDAY 27 JULY

SQUASH (HERSCHEL)

Match Time	Court 1	Court 2
15:45	Player 3	Player 4
16:45	Player 1	Player 2

CROSS COUNTRY (SFC/WYNBERG PARK)

Race Start	Age Group	Distance
15:45	U19	6km
16:00	U14, U15, U16	4km

FRIDAY 28 JULY

NETBALL (SFC COURTS)

Time	Top Court	Court 1	Court 2
13:00	U14A	U16B	U14C
13:35	U15A	U14B	U15C
14:10	U16A	U15B	U14D
14:45	U19B		
15:15	Break		
15:45	1st Team		

HOCKEY (SFC ASTRO)

Time	Team
13:00	U16B
13:50	U14B
14:40	U14A
15:40	U19B
16:30	U16A
17:30	Break
18:15	1st Team

HAU WINTER DINNER

Book your tickets now



We would like to extend an invitation to all members of the Herschel family, their partners, children, and friends, to join us at our annual Winter Dinner on Wednesday 16th August at 6pm in the Mary Jagger Hall. Tickets are available through Quicket [here](#). We encourage the whole family to join for this wonderful night out.

Your ticket includes a three-course meal, drinks, and an address by Herschel Alumna, Melanie Rice, titled 'Fact or Fiction: #Behind the Scenes of TV News.' We are delighted that Melanie, the national news anchor of Etv's flagship news bulletin, Etv News at 8, has accepted our invitation to speak.

When you book your dinner tickets, you will see that there is an option to add a donation to your ticket price. All money raised will be going towards the HAU contribution to the Herschel Bursary fund, an extremely worthwhile cause, and we have set a target for R5000 to be raised through the hosting of this event.

