



No 10- 24 Mar 2023

HERSCHEL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Music

Please take note of the Music Workshops for Term 1:

Wednesday, 29 March 2023	Thursday, 30 March 2023
07:40 – 08:40 Grade 3	07:40 – 08:40 Grade 1 & 2
10:30 – 11:35 Grade 6	09:10 – 10:10 Grade 5
13:30 – 14:30 Grade 4	12:05 – 13:05 Grade 7

You are invited to join our Music Workshops and listen to the girls perform and showcase what they have been working on throughout the term. They will be held in the Music Auditorium. (Entrance at the back of the Music Department).

Your daughter’s Music teacher will be in touch with you if your daughter is performing. Please be mindful that not all girls are ready to perform at the start of a year and some will receive an opportunity to perform at a later stage. The Music Workshops are meant to be a fun and relaxed performance opportunity and if a girl is unprepared, she may have a negative experience. Please respect the teacher and his/her decision.

If your daughter is in Grade 2 – 7 and has lessons outside of Herschel, and would like to perform at the Music Workshop, please fill in the link below no later than 27 March [Music Workshop Submission](#)

Ensembles, Choirs and Theory sessions:

Please note all ensemble, choir rehearsals and Music Theory classes will continue to the end of term, unless otherwise communicated by the respective specialist teacher.

Please note: No Junior Choir on Thursday due to Grade 1 & 2 Music Workshop at that time.



Pre-Prep

Learning through play is what we are best at in the Pre-Prep. The Pre-Nursery and Nursery girls rounded off their family theme with some creative activities.



The Grade R girls are learning about the letter 'S' and made some slimy discoveries with snails.



Intermediate Phase

Grade 7 Drug Prevention Talk

On Wednesday 22 March the Grade 7 girls participated in an interactive drug prevention talk by Robert van der Feyst from Narconon Cape Town. The purpose of the talk was to educate about the adverse health effects drugs have, as well as spark discussion around the choices one can make which help to make life better than any drug. The talk was honest and pertinent and brought about a greater understanding and awareness for the girls.



Community Engagement



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Thank you to all our parents for their kind contribution to the Easter Egg drive. We will extend the closing date to Wednesday 29 March for families that still want to contribute some Easter Eggs.



13 March – 29 March –
Pre-Prep – Gr 7 Easter Egg

Reminders:

- Let's make this Tuesday a bumper Tuesday for our Sandwich drive for Kewtown Primary.
- 31 March - **CIVVIES DAY**: CHOC "Have a Heart for Children with Cancer" – wear your flipflops to school. (R11) (via Karri App)



Sustainability

Such excitement, energy and creativity went into the building of the Can Castles. Thank you to everyone who participated. Final results will be disclosed next week during Assembly.



Notices

Draw takes place 29 March
2023

Easter

EGG HAMPER RAFFLE
CARNIVAL FUND RAISER

Pre Prep and Prep raffle- win
one of 2 Easter Hampers:
Chocolates, Yokico, Lush, Typo
plus more!

Tickets R20 each via the Karri App





YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED
TO

*Take Back Your
Parenting Power*
by
Mandy Herold

19 April 2023
18:30
Herschel Girls School Theatre

RSVP: [by clicking here](#)

OISESA - Term 2

We have started an OISESA (Office of Independent Schools Evaluations Southern Africa) quality assurance evaluation which will involve all stakeholders at Herschel. OISESA began operating in May 2022 to re-establish the process of quality assurance in ISASA schools, following the rather disruptive period of the pandemic. ISASA's vision, "Boldly leading the independent school sector in its pursuit to provide quality education", holds its member schools to high standards and requires them to undertake a whole school self-study/reflection every six years. There is always room for improvement and this process promotes strategic thinking and encourages adaptability.

This is vital in a rapidly changing educational landscape: "Working through a process of critical reflection and self-evaluation enables schools to affirm and celebrate their strengths and identify areas of vulnerability. Participation in the process also demonstrates the school's willingness to be held professionally accountable and enhances the school's credibility with its stakeholders and the wider community."

Part of the process involves the collection of evidence which requires feedback via surveys and I would ask that you please respond to the parent surveys in earnest, as the more feedback we receive the more valuable and meaningful the process will be. The surveys will be distributed next term to allow us to collate the feedback and to form focus groups for further discussion. Three OISESA mentors (one for each phase of the school) will then visit Herschel in July (upon return to school in Term Three) for a verification visit and to assess the efficacy of our process. A final OISESA Quality Assurance Self-Study Report will be written for their review, after which they will produce their own report to complete the process.



All Girls Festival



I would like to congratulate our Herschel Sports Department on an exceptional 2023 All Girls Sports Festival! Hosting this event was a wonderful opportunity to showcase and market our beautiful School and I am extremely proud to be a part of the Herschel team.

The festival brought together girls from 14 different schools. The diverse range of sporting activities that were available ensured that everyone had an opportunity to participate in a sport that they enjoyed and realise their potential. Furthermore, the positive and supportive atmosphere that was fostered throughout the festival was truly remarkable. The disco and aquarium were highlights and really added something special to the event.

Liane Karsten, Marise Laubscher and Vicky Hawkins certainly outdid themselves. Their planning and attention to detail was exceptional. The positive feedback and praise we have received from Heads of Schools, coaches, managers and parents alike has been phenomenal. I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Prep staff who gave up their time this past long weekend to assist. The success of this Festival would not have been possible without their overwhelming support and team-work.

I would like to wish our Muslim families well during this Ramadan period.

Linda Martin
Acting Head of Preparatory

