

happy holidays!



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HERSCHEL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Family Groups

“When I am shining with GOODNESS, I choose how to be, I fix my mistakes, I’m in charge of me!”

This was the opening poem to Family Groups on Friday, 24 March. The family groups discussed how goodness cannot be determined by outward appearances and how our character inside us matters the most. We spoke about what good character traits are and how we would like to fill our school with this kind of goodness. Together the family groups came up with ways to do this and made suns filled with pledges to shine goodness on the school and to remind those that see them how to fill Herschel with goodness.



Pre-Prep

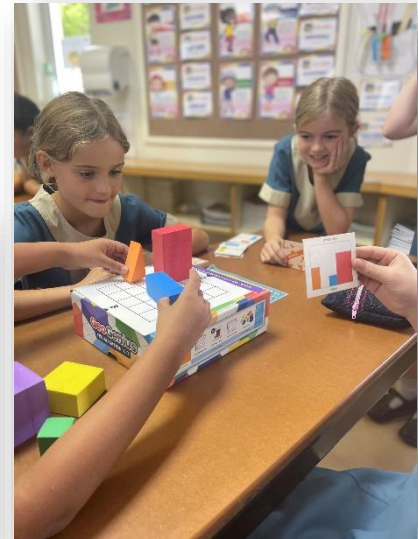
The girls in the Pre-Prep have been very busy with Easter preparations. They made cards and Easter eggs and went looking for what the Easter bunny had left behind for them. The Grade R girls welcomed the Grade R boys from Western Province Preparatory School for a playdate. This was the highlight of the week. They made Easter baskets, iced biscuits, and had an Easter egg hunt. It was great to meet up with their siblings too.



Foundation Phase

From my viewpoint...

The Grade 3s learnt to play GeoGenius - a visualisation game that requires them to think strategically and also work co-operatively in order for their team to solve the 3D challenge.



Intermediate Phase

Grade 5s teach Grade Rs

Using their iPads, the Grade 5s developed a book using Book Creator to teach the Grade Rs the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates. The 'lesson' was followed by a quiz or game to test the Grade Rs new knowledge. The Grade 5s loved every moment of being an educator.



Mrs Robbertze hosted a brand-new Afrikaans house event for the Intermediate Phase. Each house had to complete a variety of Afrikaans challenges and was awarded house points after each challenge. Each team worked so well together and had great fun hearing and using the language more.





SPELLING BEE

In the final week of this term, all Gr 4 – 7 girls took part in an Interhouse Spelling Bee. There were three sections: some competitors had to write down words, others completed a Quizizz task on iPads and there was a verbal round.

The winners in each grade were as follows:

- Grade 4 Carter
- Grade 5 Carter and Jagger (tied)
- Grade 6 Jagger
- Grade 7 Merriman

The final results were:

- 3rd Rolt
- 2nd Jagger
- Merriman tied and Carter came 1st overall.

Well done to all the girls and thanks to the judges.





We need your help!

The White Elephant Stall is very popular and well supported. We are looking for any GOOD QUALITY secondhand items that you are willing to donate. This can be anything from adult or children's clothing, to books, games, puzzles etc.

Please clean out your cupboards and bring all items to either Ms Bosch or Mrs Holtzhausen by **Wednesday, 19 April**.

The Grade 7s are working hard to put together fun games to play at the fair. Please can each Grade assist with collecting the following that will be used as prizes:

- Grade 4s:** Small packets of sweets
- Grade 5s:** Small chocolates/packets of chocolates
- Grade 6s:** Fizzers/suckers
- Grade 7s:** Small prizes such as stickers, fun stationery etc.

Please can these items be handed in to Ms Bosch or Mrs H by **Wednesday, 19 April**.

Thank you so much for your assistance with this! We look forward to another successful Grade 7 Fair!



Community Engagement

Thank to our Herschel families for their kind contribution of Easter Eggs. We were able to send eggs to Zonnebloem Girls School, Laverne Primary, Rosmead Primary School, the Early Learning Resource Unit, Llitha Educare, Victoria Hospital, Red Cross Hospital, Maitland Cottage, St Francis Home for Boys, Lilibloem Childrens home, various churches in the Mitchell's Plain, Khayelitsha and Delft areas and Ladles of Love.

The Community Engagement girls went to do an Easter Egg hunt at Lady Buxton Educare and Preschool on Thursday morning. Pictured below are girls handing over Easter Eggs to the Early Learning Resource Unit who in turn will distribute Easter Eggs to many ECD centres in and around Cape Town and the rural areas.



Sustainability

Snorkelling 24 March 2023

A mixed group of Grade 1 – 7 pupils went snorkelling with an organization called Cape Town Freediving. The water was cold, and visibility was disappointing – but despite this the girls had fun. They learnt to breathe correctly whilst wearing a mask and snorkel and discovered some of St James' secrets. Thank you to everyone who participated.



Can Collection

The Grade 7 Sustainability girls wanted a can collection with a difference and decided to build Can Castles – the idea came from Iman Gafoor, a member of the Sustainability Team. The grades engaged enthusiastically by filling their allotted space with a castle. A total of 9000 cans were collected on the day. The indisputable winner was the Grade 3 group, with the Grade 1s in second place and the Grade 7s third.

As part of their prize, the Grade 3s will wear civvies, the Grade 1s funky socks and the Grade 7s will get to arrange their hair in a special way. The teachers will inform the girls of the day.

Thank you to everyone who participated.



Senior School

Herschel Careers Workshop, 19 May 2023

***Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another.
We're strongest when we cheer each other on.***

Serena Williams

We would love to invite you to Herschel to share your journeys, life-lessons, wisdom, successes, failures, challenges, authentic selves with our current pupils in a workshop-style morning, culminating in refreshments. The power and impact of relationship, shared experiences and connection knows no bounds and in terms of fostering a more cohesive Herschel community, we hope that this will be the start of an ongoing annual shared experience.

We are inviting women who are role-models, change-makers, creatives, researchers, professionals, collaborators and academics and whose real-life experiences we know will inspire, encourage and embolden our pupils in their decision-making as they start to contemplate what field of study / area of interest to enter into when they have finished matric.

How will it work?

We would like to welcome you to Herschel at 09:15 for some tea and snacks on Friday, 19 May, so we can get you settled and set up in your designated venue before the sessions start at 09:50.

As a result of the feedback received last year, we anticipate each session being 30 minutes and there being 5 sessions in the day. We are hoping to attract many more potential guest speakers this year, so that we can offer each presenter a break during the morning. The sessions will end at 13:00 and we invite you to join us for lunch afterwards.

If you are interested in being a part of our Careers day, please fill out the following google form:

[Herschel Careers Workshop - Sign up Form](#)

More information will be emailed to you once we have collated everyone's responses.



PARENT ASSOCIATION FEEDBACK – TERM 1

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the PA Committee 2023:

Anjena Chagan
Elaine Bergenthuin
Gareth Watkins-Neethling
Navashnee Naidoo

We look forward to your valuable support and contribution in the coming year.

Family Picnic

This awesome event was held at the Douglas Murray Field on 21 February 2023 in partnership with Ladles of Love.

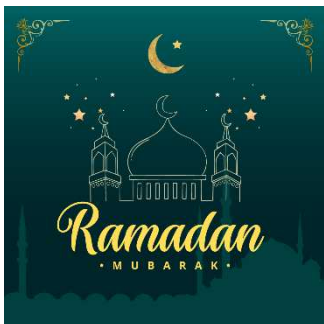
Through the kind and generous contribution received from the Herschel Family, we raised an amount of R 28 270.00 towards the Ladles of Love Feeding Project.

A fun evening under the beautiful Cape Town skies was held by all.



Religious Holidays

Wishing our Muslim Community, a blessed Ramadan Mubarak. Wishing our Christian Community, a blessed Easter and to our Jewish Community, a blessed Passover. We hope that the time spent with your loved ones is happy and joyous.



Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday period.

Kind regards,

PA Committee 2023

Uniform Notice

Girls may wear Summer or Winter uniform for the first 3 weeks of Term 2. It will be compulsory to be in Winter uniform from 2 May.



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



Congratulations



Congratulations to the East egg Carnival Fundraiser raffle winners, Arabella McDonald in Nursery Bunnies and Naledi Soko in Grade 5A.



As we come to the end of a busy Term 1, I would like to thank the parent body for the support I have received during my time as Acting Head over this past year. It has been both a privilege and an honour to have been afforded such a wonderful opportunity to serve and lead this phenomenal School of ours. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the Prep staff for their hard work and dedication. It is thanks to this incredible team, who work tirelessly to ensure that every need of our girls is met, that makes Herschel Prep what it is. I look forward to welcoming our new Head, Reneé Swartz to the Preparatory at the start of Term 2, and have no doubt that under her leadership and guidance, the Prep will continue to thrive.

May our Muslim families have a blessed Ramadan Mubarak, our Christian community a blessed Easter and our Jewish families a meaningful and blessed Passover.

Enjoy the holidays with your families and loved ones! We look forward to welcoming you back at the start of Term 2.

Linda Martin

Acting Head of Preparatory

