



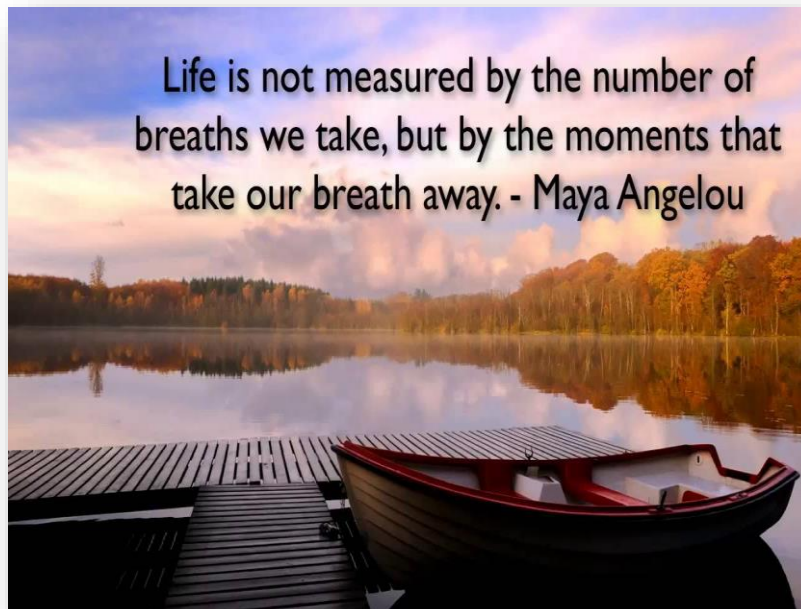
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HERSCHEL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Message from the Head of Prep

Dear Parents

Building relationships takes time, and I am slowly but intentionally making my way to personally connect with each young lady at Herschel. The last three weeks I gave the Grade 1-3 girls an opportunity to choose their best piece of work and meet me in my office for some positive words of affirmation like just saying: good job; you are awesome; well done. What I valued most was seeing their agency developing as they decided which piece of work they felt was their best. Not by my standard but by their own. An important reminder even for me as a big girl “my best is enough”. In a world where we as woman are often pitted against each other to outdo the next, here at Herschel your best is enough. I spent such quality time with my Foundation Phase Herschelians as they described their best work for me in detail.



Meeting your young ladies was one such moment.



3...2...1... Blast Off!

We were honoured and privileged to be visited by a phenomenal woman who inspired us to dream bigger and reach higher. Nicole Stott is a NASA astronaut, amongst other things, who has spent 104 days 5 hours and 49 minutes in space. She shared her story with our Prep girls, highlighting the ground-breaking work astronauts and most importantly women have had on space exploration. Our girls were awestruck and entertained by life in space and the incredible views from space of our planet Earth – a reminder that we are all one human race living on one extraordinary planet and that many of our problems are solvable, we just have to think bigger and work together.



Pre-Prep

What do you want to be when you grow up? This was the question posed to the Nursery classes this week. Parents came to share their occupation with the girls and the girls got to dress-up too.



The Pre-Nursery girls did some sorting, and counting to develop their numeracy skills, they built their own farms while exploring the new theme and they chose different roles to play in their fantasy restaurant. They also did some tracing activities in their playground.

What an exciting week we had.



Foundation Phase

Congratulations to our Stars
of the week



Grade 1A: Kate Maggott, Francesca Elliot
Grade 1a: Insaaf Pillay, Christina Peroglou
Grade 2A: Saarah Joseph, Gia Swartz
Grade 2a: Jessica Miller, Maya Gajjar
Grade 3A: Aaliya Dollie, Olivia De Souza
Grade 3a: Alayah Salie, Zia Rinquest



Grade 3s visit Avondrust

The Grade 3 girls were delighted to visit Avondrust Retirement Village this morning to perform to the residents there. The girls performed a variety of songs including some old favourites that had the audience singing along. As the Grade 3s have adopted the motto of 'being a bucket filler' we hoped we got to fill the buckets of the many residents that flooded the hall to watch. In the one photograph you will see we were joined by Dr Elsworth, an old Herschelian, who matriculated in 1945.



Intermediate Phase

Grade 4 Afrikaans

The Grade 4s are enjoying a new online programme from E.A.T. Afrikaans. The girls are covering 300 Afrikaans high frequency words; by watching a video and then completing a quiz. Certificates are awarded for high results. Well done to these high achievers!



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Our General Knowledge team competed in the first round of the Interschool General Knowledge Quiz on Friday, 12 May, at Herzlia. There were some extremely challenging questions, but our girls acquitted themselves well and finished 12th out of seventeen schools.

The team was made up of Georgie Bottger, Chloe Pruin, Daria Naidoo, Satara Govender, Charlotte Plummer and Amélie Hardres-Williams.

Thank you to the parents for lifting the girls to Herzlia and for their support.



Spirituality

The Prayer stations set up in the Library yesterday, drew many excited, curious young ladies.

They came in eager to create, write and pray. They folded pipe cleaners into fish, made paper chain prayer links and wrote names of those needing healing, on plasters to be stuck on to the cross. It is a very special moment witnessing girls thinking of others and making the time to send up a prayer for them. We are looking forward to the Grade 4 – 7 girls coming in to visit and participate.



Family Groups



The focus around last week's Family Groups was communication as this is integral to making connections and building relationships. With Sign Language recently being introduced as South Africa's 12th official language, the Grade 7 girls kicked off the session by teaching their Family Group members some basic sign language. The girls then enjoyed enhancing their communication skills by playing Broken Telephone and Pictionary.



Community Engagement

In our centenary year each grade did 100 minutes of kindness. This year each grade will endeavour to do 101 minutes of kindness. This week, the Grade 3's did an act of kindness by visiting an old age home and performing some musical items for the residents. Thank you Grade 3s for reaching out and for showing kindness to others.

It's a DRIVE TIME Reminder!

15 May – 2 June – Pre-Nursery to Grade 2 - Toys and books collection. Please send any well-loved toys and books to the main foyer. There are 2 clear canisters awaiting your donation.



Grade 3 to 7 – Toiletries Collection

Last year Hannah Gordon of the Stone Dragon organisation collected our toiletry packs and distributed it to many women and young girls in the rural areas. Let us help Hannah do the same this year. Please support by sending the following:

- Grade 3 – wash cloths
- Grade 4 – toothbrushes
- Grade 5 – toothpaste
- Grade 6 – soap
- Grade 7 – sanitary towels



Sustainability

Eco Warriors

Congratulations to Layla Ofsowitz and Abigail Lange for achieving their Silver Badges. Well done girls. Thank you for your commitment to making a difference to our planet.

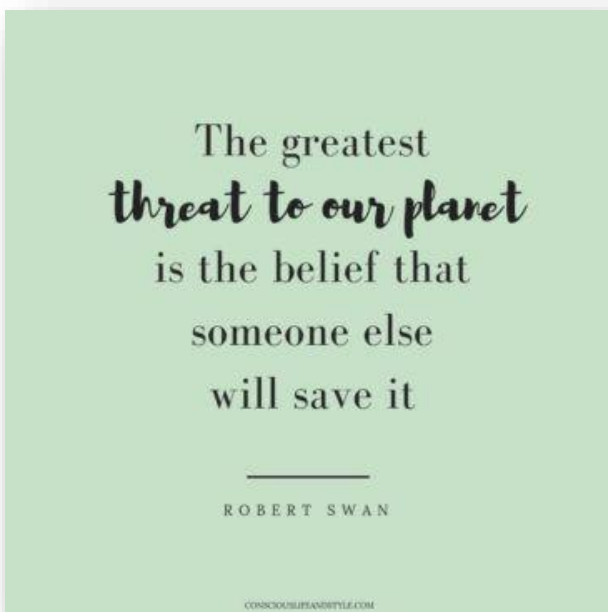
13 Peak Challenge - Klaaskop 13 May 2023

A chilly morning from start to finish, but the most beautiful vista when we reached the top. Well done everyone who reached the summit. Thank you to Alan Woodcock for once again leading a successful hike.

The seventh challenge is a bit longer in distance than Klaaskop but an easier up and down. We will start from Silvermine dam. Please sign up on the link: [13 Peak Hike - Constantiaberg](#) More details will be sent to the families who join.

CAN COLLECTION 15 June 2023

Start collecting all cans including food cans in preparation for our next CAN Collection. More details to follow.



Important Notices



Ticket Sales Open

Bon Appetit!

A Hair-raising Adventure
Adapted from **Trolls**

Ticket sales for Bon Appetit are now live on Quicket with a number of shows available:

Wednesday	7 June	19:00
Thursday	8 June	19:00
Friday	9 June	19:00
Saturday	10 June	14:30 and 19:00

You may access ticket sales on the link: <https://qkt.io/heYnq2>

Important to Note:

Due to the late evenings for the Grade 4 – 7 girls during the production, pupils will be permitted to only arrive at 09:00 on Thursday, 8 June and Friday, 9 June. There will be a holding space for those pupils who are unable to arrive late. All Foundation Phase and Pre-Prep starting times remain unchanged.

Reminder for Medical Information Form:

A reminder to all parents to please complete the medical information pertaining to your daughters onto the Engage portal. It is absolutely crucial to the well-being and safety of your daughters, that this information is correct and easily accessible to all, hence the need for it to be updated. We urge you to complete all the sections that pertain to your child as a matter of urgency. Once this data is captured onto our systems, it will allow you to edit or add new information as the need arises.



There is much excitement around the school as the girls prepare for their upcoming production. We know that it will be a spectacular production where the girls will get to showcase their talents. We are so looking forward to this special event.

I wish you and your family a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards
Reneé Swartz
Head of Preparatory

