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HERSCHEL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## Message from the Head of Prep

Our school term comes to an end today. My first term as the Head of Herschel Girls Preparatory School has been filled with “moments that have taken my breath away”. These moments span from a hugely successful Grade 4-7 Production, to the quiet moments I spent with each young lady showing me their best work. Even more so when I look out of my office window and see the mountain and smell the fresh air of this beautiful city, and appreciate the real and authentic connections I have made with staff and parents. These have left me breathless.

Thank you to all staff, pupils and parents who have contributed to a successful term of teaching, learning and growing. We will ‘rise’ next term to face the challenges and joys of what the new term will bring.

As we all take a few weeks to “catch our breath” during the school holiday, I wish you well and safe travels during this time with your families.

A special message to each Prep pupil, ‘have an awesome holiday my **Herschel Girls!**’



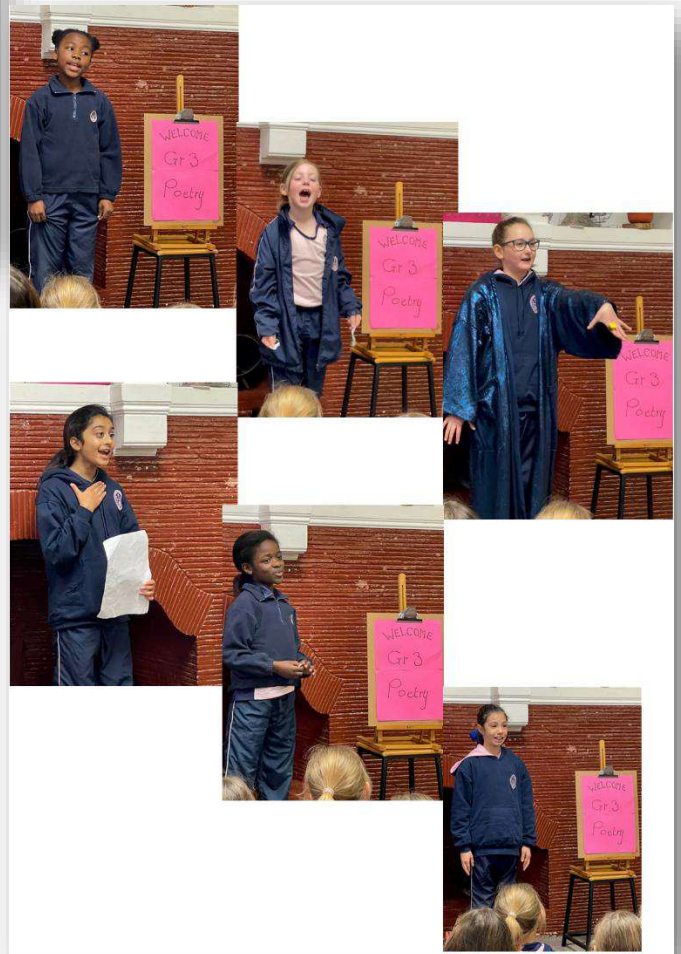
## Pre-Prep

Last week we celebrated Father's Day with both our dads and some moms. They had to make a mode of transport for their daughter's fluffy toy. The girls tried out their vehicles and had loads of fun pulling their toys around.



## Foundation Phase

The Foundation Phase thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Poetry Eisteddfod. They showcased a wide range of entertaining and captivating poems, and we were immensely proud of the confident girls who presented them before an audience. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs Moritz for her attentive listening and invaluable positive feedback.



## Grade 2 Yes Day

On Wednesday Grade 2s had a “YES” day. It was based on the story, “Yes Day!” by Amy Krouse Rosenthal. The girls got to suggest ideas of things that they would like for the day. They got to bring a stuffed toy and blankets while having extra brain breaks, more playtime and they were allowed to sit at any desk. As many of the girls have said, ‘it was the best day ever!’



## Intermediate Phase

### Grade 5 Integrated Studies

In Integrated Studies this term, the Grade 5 girls have been learning about the early people of South Africa. In the past few weeks we have focused on the early African farmers. The girls were tasked with using their knowledge of the way in which the African farmers lived to build a model of a farming village. They worked in groups of 3 or 4 and first designed their village carefully before constructing it out of clay, cardboard, sticks and various other items. The results were impressive and reflected a good understanding of the way in which these early people lived.



### Grade 7 Outing

On Monday, 19 June, the Grade 7s enjoyed a visit to the Slave Lodge. The outing brought to life what the Grade 7s have been learning in Integrated Studies – Slavery at the Cape and the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Although the outing was enjoyed by all, it was a sobering reminder of the atrocities of the past.

The Grade 7 girls are commended on their exemplary behaviour whilst on the outing, as well as the keen interest and respect they showed.



## Community Engagement



*18 July - Mandela Day*

*67 minutes to take action, inspire change and make a difference in someone's life*

This winter has been extremely cold for everyone, but more so for the people living on the streets of Cape Town. We would like to do a collection of blankets (new or pre-loved), soup and socks for our homeless people on Mandela Day. Please collect these items over the holidays and bring to school on the first day of Term 3.



*Chores for a Cause*

*June/July Holiday activity*

Chores for a cause sponsorship forms will be sent home for the holiday. Each girl is asked to do some chores around the house and for parents to sponsor their efforts so that we can purchase stationery packs for the 644 children at Kewtown Primary. Please support your daughters in this regard.



## Sustainability

### Bird Talk by Mike Buckham

Mike Buckham, chairperson of the Cape Bird Club, kept the girls enthralled and inspired by his bird stories on Monday. Some comments by the Grade 4 and 5 girls:

- Mr Buckham is so knowledgeable and passionate about his birding hobby.
- He has been chased by lions!
- So many birds are green.
- I didn't know that there are so many different breeds of birds.
- How amazing that a bird can be found 4500m high.
- I did not know that some birds are only found in certain areas.
- It looks like so much fun going on trips looking for birds.
- I loved the Cape Rockjumper.
- Birds are very interesting creatures and not just boring animals.
- I think I want to start watching birds in my garden.
- The bird with a beak longer than a body is amazing! (sword billed hummingbird)

Thank you Mr Buckham for sharing your birding passion with us.

The Cape Bird Club shared their buzz with us:

<https://www.capebirdclub.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Birding-Buzz-June-2023-23.pdf>



### Can Collection and Newspaper Drive

This term the girls collected 8477 cans. Thank you to everyone who brought on the day. A special thanks to Imaan Levy and her family for contributing 4500 cans to the total. Congratulations to the Grade 3s who had the highest average of girls bringing ten cans or more.

Next term we plan to have an interclass newspaper drive. Please keep your newspapers and local papers in a safe place until 20 September. More information will follow closer to the time.



## Important Notices



**Ballet**

We welcome Megan Swart , the new Ballet teacher to Herschel Prep School. She will be teaching Ballet classes at the Prep for the remainder of the year.

Please contact Megan on [megan.vivien@gmail.com](mailto:megan.vivien@gmail.com) if you interested in signing up for Ballet lessons in the new term.

The graphic features a pair of ballet slippers, a flower, and a star on a colorful background.

As part of the Trolls Raffle, Rollercade have very kindly offered a discount to all Herschel families. See info below:



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The graphic includes the Rollercade logo and an image of roller skates.

Have a wonderful holiday creating special memories.

Kind regards  
**Reneé Swartz**  
*Head of Preparatory*



### Become A SPONSOR

#### An opportunity for sponsorship!

We are wanting to install electronic signboards at the entrances to the Preparatory and Senior schools and are hoping that there might be a parent/organisation looking for a sponsorship opportunity in the educational space. The signboards will assist us with communication, notices and updates on a daily and weekly basis and sponsors will be permitted to run their advertorial content in between this school information.

Please contact [marketing@herschel.org.za](mailto:marketing@herschel.org.za) should you be interested in finding out more about this sponsorship opportunity.

