



## Newsletter 21 - 21 July 2023

Welcome back to Term 3 2023. The term will be filled with many learning opportunities through our academic as well as our extra and co-curricular programmes. I believe that we learn more effectively through real and relevant experiences and this term our learning will be underpinned by three relevant themes which makes learning more intentional and purposeful.

We kick off the month of July focusing on engagement and how we connect with each other. We will explore topics such as Bullying and how we can be 'UPSTANDERS' and not 'BYSTANDERS'. Our girls will, through their academics and general school programme, explore this topic in more detail and be given the opportunity to voice their support by treating each other with more dignity and respect. This is a whole school initiative and opportunity will be given to parents to learn more about this theme.

Please take note of special events taking place this term and these you will find on your Pupil Term Planner.

My challenge for this month is to assist our girls to CONNECT better with each other so that they become women who EMPOWER each other.

"Let's be the girl who fixes the next girls crown."



## *Pre-Preparatory*

Coming back to school was so exciting. We were gifted with many beautiful spaces by Mrs Leigh Cattell of Simply Home. These pictures show how much we appreciate your kindness Mrs Cattell.



The term has only started, and we are already in full swing. On Tuesday the Grade R girls made sandwiches for Kewtown Primary as part of the 67 minutes of making a difference on Madiba Day. The Nursery girls made dog biscuits and collected dog food for Megs Mutts Rescue Centre.







## *Foundation Phase*



Congratulations to Lucy MacKay who landed the role of Marta in the musical, *The Sound of Music*, which opens at The Artscape Theatre in December. We are so proud of you, Lucy!

## *Intermediate Phase*

### *Pea Shooter Competition*

Ms Cowie's Grade 6 Maths group had a pea shooter competition to practise ordering Decimal Fractions. The winner with an impressive distance of 4,3 metres was Imogen Brogan, closely followed by Iman Levy with a distance of 4,1metres.





### ***Bon Appetit! A Hair-raising adventure***

We are pleased to announce the recording of the production of “[Bon Appetit! A Hair-raising adventure](#)” on 10 June 2023 is available for viewing.

(Should your daughter have been absent, recordings are available for [7 June 2023](#) and [8 June 2023](#).)

### ***Upgrade Loading...***

We are so excited to see the progress on the upgrade to our Grade 7 classrooms. We cannot wait to see the finished product where the girls will get to experience a new learning space. Here are a few pics of the progress we have made.





### ***Classroom iPad Rules***

A reminder to all Grade 4 - 7 pupils of the Classroom iPad Rules: [Classroom iPad Rules](#)

### ***Elevate Education***

Elevate Education will be hosting a free webinar for our parents on **Wednesday, 2 August**.

Elevate Education works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how you can help better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school:

Wednesday 2 August @ 18:00 (SAST) *How You Can Make Technology an Ally (& Not the Enemy!)* [Click here to register for free](#)

Here's what Elevate will be covering:

- ✔ Technology addiction and how to reduce technology dependence
- ✔ Practical strategies and apps to minimise procrastination
- ✔ How to help your child use technology productively to enhance their learning

## Library



### ***Books for reading talking sharing***

In *Giraffe and Frog* (Zehra Hicks) the two main characters' friendship is in danger when Giraffe tests Frog's patience beyond what any person...er, FROG! ... should be called on to endure. They agree to go to the beach. Frog knows the way, but Giraffe just will not listen, and keeps going off in the wrong direction. At first, Frog patiently tries to show his friend the right way, but when Giraffe *just won't listen*, Frog loses his temper and calls Giraffe a **BEANBRAIN!**

*We read how friendships can be tested. How frustrations can build up.*

*How things are said in the heat of the moment.*

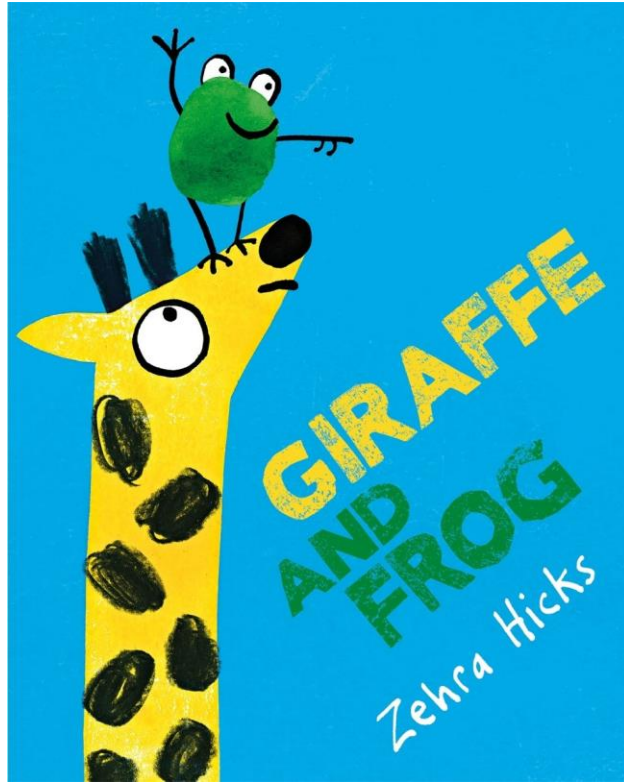
This story inspired many girls to share *their own stories* of the hurts that were caused when words were used to put them down, often under the guise of 'joking' or 'just teasing'. How these insults are often cloaked in humour and how one easily falls into the trap of laughing with the group or the perpetrator, and *only then* realise that the intention behind the remark was hurtful.

Frog and Giraffe persevere with their friendship. They model imperfection, patience, owning up to your mistakes, asking for and bestowing forgiveness, and of course, kindness.

*A truly inspiring tale that speaks to the hearts of all ever-so-smalls to the tallest-of-talls!*

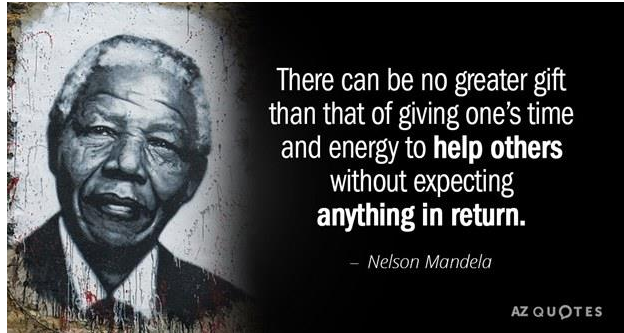
**READERS ARE UPSTANDERS. NO NAME-CALLING. SHARING A JOKE AT SOMEONE ELSE'S EXPENSE IS NOT OK.**





### ***Community Engagement***

Various grades will continue with their acts of kindness this term in line with our theme 'Made for Goodness'.



**Mandela Day Soup, sock and blanket collection has been extended to Friday 28 July 2023.** Thank you for all the wonderful contributions made to date.

The Grade R girls and the Herschel staff made sandwiches on Madiba Day for the children at Kewtown Primary. The Nursery girls made dog biscuits for Megs Mutts, a rescue organisation in Wynberg.



### ***Chores for a Cause***

Well done to all our girls for their effort in raising funds to purchase stationery for Kewtown Primary. Please return all forms and money in an envelope with your daughter's name and hand it to the class teacher. Payment may also be made via the Karri App. Please ensure that all payments are made by Friday, 28 July 2023.

### ***Calling all knitters***

All beanies can be dropped off at the Prep foyer in the plastic canisters provided.



## CALLING ALL KNITTERS!

**There's a shortage of newborn (0-3 mo) beanies at Mowbray Maternity Hospital. We need a helping hand to keep the precious babies warm.**

### PATTERN

BEANIE PATTERN

NEWBORN BEANIE PATTERN

WITH 4.5 AND DK WOOL CAST ON 51 STITCHES( 46 FOR SMALLER SIZE). CAST ON LOOSELY FOR STRETCH WORK 6-10 ROWS IN RIB

CHANGE TO 4MM NEEDLE AND KNIT 30 ROWS IN STOCKING STITCH OR PATTERN OF YOUR CHOICE.

SHAPING

K3 K2 TOG, REPEAT TO END K1

PURL

K2, K2TOG; REPEAT TO END K1

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K1, K2 TOG, REPEAT TO END K1

THREAD ONTO NEEDLE, PULL UP, KNOT AND SEW.



## *Sustainability*

### **Eco Events this term:**

- 22 July 13      Peak Hike - Chapmans Peak
- 5 August      Muizenberg Beach Clean-up
- 12 August      13 Peak Hike
- 1 September      Arderne Gardens Meander
- 8 September      Bike Trail
- 20 September      Inter-grade Newspaper Drive

### **Eco Warriors**

Congratulations to Anabel Alexander for achieving her pink badge. Olivia De Souza and Hannah Galatis were awarded their silver badges. Thank you, girls for your commitment to participating in the Eco Events that the school offers.





***Intaka Island Bird Meander 23 June***

Despite the chilly weather the Eco girls had a wonderful outing. Thank you to Priscilla Beeton and her team of birding ladies for generously sharing their knowledge, allowing us to use the binoculars and for the fun puzzle activities. Thank you too to Miss Cowie for assisting on the afternoon and Mr Jeffrey Kanzi for transporting us safely on the day.







### ***Leopard Toad Alert***

Term 3 is the time when the Leopard Toads move either towards or away from their birth ponds. At this stage it is difficult to say exactly when and where they will be, but suffice to say that when they do start their annual migration a notice will go out to the school calling for helpers to assist with the counting and road crossing of toads.





## *Important Notices*



### HAU WINTER DINNER

WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST 2023  
6PM IN THE MARY JAGGER HALL



We would like to extend an invitation to all members of the Herschel family, their partners and friends, to join us at our annual Winter Dinner on Wednesday, 16 August at 18:00 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 a speech 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 R5 000 to be raised through the hosting of this event.

#### ***MySchool Card***

Herschel has WON R10 000 and also has secured sustainable, monthly income from highly engaged and loyal MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet supporters. Our 749 - 500 active supporters have swiped 10357 times in aid of you during our campaign period. Thank you so much to all of our families who support this wonderful initiative.

## **Sport**

This week's Sports Newsletter can be accessed on the link: [Sports Newsletter - 21 July 2023](#)

## **Staff News**

Love is clearly in the air with our Grade 2s. Ms Kelly Muzzell married Bobby Jo Bassingthwaighte during the holidays and Ms Kirsty Meyer got engaged to Callum Ross. Congratulations to both couples. We wish them many years of love and happiness!

We are so proud of Mrs Anne Lewis who has been selected to be part of the team of officials at the Netball World Cup which launches on 28 July. Well done Mrs Lewis on this fantastic achievement!!!!

### ***Women in the World of Sport***

Such an exciting time ahead for women in the world of sport. Our national women's soccer team, Banyana Banyana will be participating in the FIFA Women's World Cup hosted by Australia and New Zealand. Our national netball team will be participating in the Netball World Cup hosted right here in Cape Town with our own Mrs Anne Lewis as one of the officials.



We started the term by acknowledging Mandela Day and as we look forward to the term ahead of us, we remind ourselves to live in Mandela's legacy of doing good for each other and those around us.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards

***Reneé Swartz***



**Head of Preparatory**

