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## HERSCHEL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

### *God Loves Our Wetlands: A Message of Love and Protection*

*God has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)*

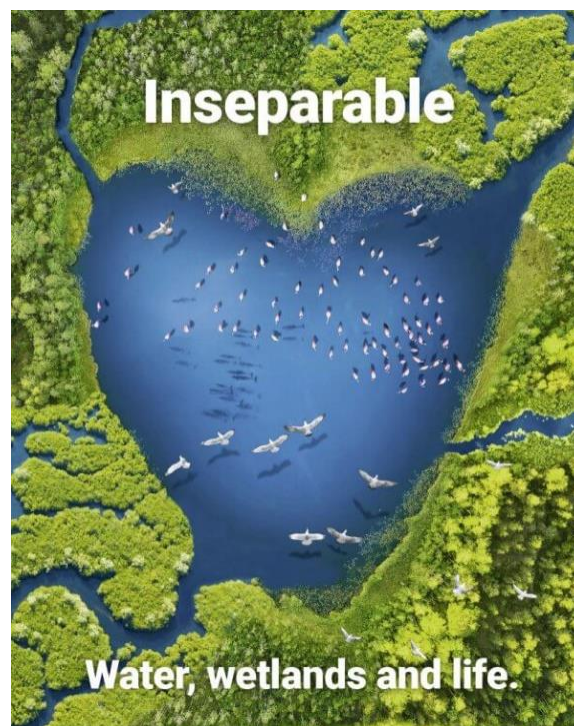
The 2 February was World Wetlands Day. God loves all of His creation, and our wetlands are no exception. These special habitats are home to a diverse array of plants and animals, and they play an important role in maintaining the health of our planet.

God created wetlands with a purpose, and it's up to us to protect and preserve them for future generations to enjoy. We can do this by being mindful of our actions and making sure that we don't harm these precious areas.

It's important to remember that God loves our wetlands just as much as He loves us. He has given us the opportunity to be stewards of His creation, and protecting our wetlands is a way that we can show our love and gratitude for all that He has given us.

So let's work together to preserve these special places, and show God how much we care about His creation and His love for us.

*Every blessing, Rev Lorna*





## Pre-Prep

Me, myself, and I is the first book in our Think Equal programme. We had lots of interesting discussions and many creative activities to celebrate ourselves and our families this week.





## Foundation Phase

Congratulations to our  
Stars of the Week



- Grade 1A: Lily Duncan, Imaan Khan
- Grade 1al: Layaan Rahim, Hanna Vawda
- Grade 2A: Caitlin Buley, Emily Duff
- Grade 2al: Zenande Njana, Helen Neethling
- Grade 3A: Abbey Naidoo, Lucy Mackay
- Grade 3al: Lucia Fontana, Eva Maconachie



### World Read Aloud Day

The Grade 2s and 6s teamed up to celebrate World Read Aloud Day on Wednesday, 1 February. The girls combined to form small groups under the plane trees where the Grade 6s read to the Grade 2s. It was storytime with a difference and the girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Mrs Moritz for providing a wonderful selection of books from the library.





## Grade 3 First Aid Course

The Grade 3s participated in a first aid course hosted by Vanessa from Safe Med. They learnt many vital first aid skills such as how to treat cuts, burns, nose bleeds, broken limbs and how to assist someone who is choking. But most importantly they learnt the emergency number 112 and how to make this call from any cell phone.



## Intermediate Phase

### Grade 4

The Grade 4 classes completed their first week of Think Equal activities. On Thursday they did an activity joining themselves to one another using string. This was a practical way to show the girls how we are all connected in the world and how our actions and management of emotions have an effect on those around us. We spent some time practising “Belly Breathing” and “Hot Chocolate” breathing to assist us in managing our emotions and calming ourselves when we feel big emotions.





## Genius Hour in Grade 6


The Grade 6 classes are hard at work on their Genius Hour projects. For these each girl chooses their own topic to study. To plan good questions, the girls used a Question Quadrant. This helped them design closed and open questions. Some very interesting questions came from the discussion and the girls are ready to design their own driving question.



## Grade 7 Leadership Day

The Grade 7s enjoyed a fun-filled day, learning about different types of leadership, effective teamwork and dealing with conflict within a team. The girls gained valuable insight that they will use within their own leadership roles and portfolios. A huge thank you to all the teachers that were involved.





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## Term 1 Parent Support Series

*Free Parent Webinars*

**[Click here to Register](#)**

Join us for **FREE 60-minute webinars** designed to help you overcome specific challenges that you and your child/ward might be facing this term!

In Term 1 we'll cover:

1. *Motivation*  
**25th January - 6pm**
2. *Time Management*  
**8th February - 6pm**
3. *Note Making*  
**22nd February - 6pm**
4. *Essay Writing*  
**8th March - 6pm**

## HERSCHEL PREP SUPPORT UNIT

### S.E.E.P


SUPPORT, EDUCATE, EMPOWER PARENTS

**PLEASE JOIN US on**

**Wednesday 8 February** for a conversation on  
**Integrated Learning Therapy**

07:45 – 08:45 in The Studio  
(Please note earlier time)

RSVP <https://forms.gle/esCfyKiRHX6SxNWM6>





## Music

On Friday and Saturday last week we held our quarterly Orchestra afternoon and Choir morning respectively. Our ensembles rehearsed with a team of music staff in preparation for Founder's Day and Easter. Orchestra girls got to experience the beautiful new facilities of the Senior School's Inkwenkwezi Music Centre and much progress was made during these sessions.



## Community Engagement

We would like to make an urgent appeal for our sandwich drive on a Tuesday. Kewtown Primary children only receive sandwiches from our school, so it is important that we take this weekly project seriously. The school has 644 children and we would like each child to receive a sandwich. Some classes have a roster, but the idea is for the girls to learn to be of service to others, so they should be making these sandwiches themselves or help to make them each week. We can do this Herschel!

### Reminders:

- Sandwiches for Kewtown – Every Tuesday
- 21 February: **Picnic of Hope – beneficiary: Ladles of Love.** This is a PA event and Ladles of Love have already expressed their gratitude for naming them as the recipients this year. Their project - Nourish Our Children programme, aims to feed 4000 malnourished children in 40 ECD Centres in impoverished communities. The Karri App will be open from 16-28 February for any donations.
- 13 – 24 March: Pre-Prep – Gr 7 Easter Egg collection & distribution. (Various charities)
- 31 March: **CIVVIES DAY:** CHOC “Have a Heart for Children with Cancer” – wear your flipflops to school. (R11 via Karri App)

Our Grade 7 Community Engagement girls will raise awareness throughout the term to encourage our girls across the Pre-Prep and Prep school to support all the events for the term.



# Sustainability

## World Wetland Day 2 February 2023

During Monday’s assembly, the Herschel girls were privileged to listen to Kate Snaddon, a freshwater ecologist who does research on Wetlands and other natural freshwater systems. She spoke of the important role wetlands play in supplying fresh and clean water to the world. She emphasized that only 3% of the world’s total water is fresh, as shown by the small blue dot on the map or low level of water in the jug. Wetlands supply food to many people as rice is grown in wetland and wetland paddies. Rice supplies food to more than 3 billion people. Wetlands are home to a myriad of plant and animal life. She ended by suggesting ways in which everyone can help protect wetlands: by picking up litter, using less “stuff” and by using soaps and cleaning agents that are environmentally friendly as these all too often find their way into our water systems.



## Eco Warrior Badges

The girls can earn an Eco Warrior Badge by participating in School and Community Eco Events. The Eco girls receive a card on which to keep a record of the events they have attended. After attending four outings, your daughter will qualify for an Eco Warrior Badge. This is a school initiative which encourages the girls to enjoy the activities on offer. However, the fact that many families participate in community events is acknowledged and can contribute to one signature per badge level. A photograph of your child participating in this community event needs to be emailed to her class teacher or Mrs Roebert ([mroebert@herschel.org.za](mailto:mroebert@herschel.org.za)) . On the day that a girl achieves a new level, the old level badge is returned. See the table below:

| Pink Eco Warrior Badge                              | Silver Eco Warrior Badge                            | Gold Eco Warrior Badge                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 4 school Eco Events                                 | 4 school Eco Events                                 | 4 school Eco Events                                 |
| 3 school Eco Events and 1 organised community event | 3 school Eco Events and 1 organised community event | 3 school Eco Events and 1 organised community event |



## Eco Outings and Activities to diarise

### 11 February – 13 Peak Challenge – Devil’s Peak re-take

The next hike is Devil’s Peak on Saturday, 11 February. Starting point is the end of Tafelberg road, a few kilometres past the cable station, at the sign that says Devil’s Peak on the right-hand side. This point is labelled as “Devi’ls Peak hike start” on Google maps. Please get there at 06:45 to start walking at 07:00 sharp. This hike is not technical, but it is hard work- there is a big ascent followed by a big descent with no flat in between. There’s no shade and no water, and it can be very exposed at the top. This will be our second attempt to summit- last time a howling wind forced us to retreat. So please bring sun, rain, wind and cold protection as we can’t predict the weather on the day, and Devil’s Peak never fails to disappoint with stern weather. Also bring water and snacks. Estimated time up and down is 4 hours. Devil’s Peak is very rewarding despite the hard climb- the top feels like a real mountain summit with 360 degree views of Table Mountain, the city bowl, the harbour and Robben Island. Please sign up on the link: [13 Peak Challenge - Devils Peak Retake](#)

### 11 February - Two Oceans Aquarium Trash Bash

Please see the invitation below to the Two Oceans Aquarium Trash Bash. This is a community event and would count towards the Eco Warrior Badge. A photograph of your daughter’s involvement needs to be sent to [mroeibert@herschel.org.za](mailto:mroeibert@herschel.org.za), if she participates.



# Library



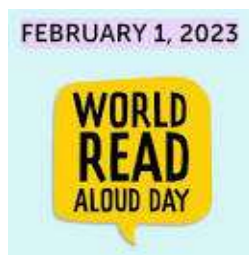
With **World Wetlands Day** being celebrated yesterday, the Prep Library was a-buzz with wetland-themed activities. Grade 1s had to 'remind' Mrs Moritz WHY wetlands were important, Grade 2s recounted the various threats to wetlands and the Grade 3s voraciously campaigned against the threat of 'aliens'!



During break lucky-draws took place and the proud winners of the Wetlands Colouring-in Competition were announced. They were excited to select their *very own* book from the Winners' Collection (yes, they get to KEEP IT)!



Much fun was had on **World Read Aloud Day** on Wednesday as Mrs Moritz regaled the staff with a humorous reading of *Do Not Open This Book* by Andy Lee.



*Coming soon:* The Cape Town round of the very popular inter-schools **Kids Lit Quiz** will be taking place on **Thursday 16 February** from 14:30 to 17:30 pm at The Grove Primary School in Claremont. Very exciting news is that Wayne Mills will be conducting the quiz himself again this year!

Mrs Moritz will be putting together two teams to compete.





Senior School



2023  
Herschel  
Gala Dinner & Auction

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Time: 6pm | Dress: Formal  
Venue: Kenilworth Racecourse  
Cost: R650 Per Person

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*It's her journey*

*Save the Date*

Herschel Girls School  
Grade 8 2024 Open Day  
13 & 14 February 2023

Bookings open on Quicket 1 February at 8:00  
and close on 6 February at 16:00

Learning to make a difference




Win a beautiful  
Valentine's Day  
hamper!

**TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE VIA THE  
KARRI APP.**

**PLEASE PURCHASE A  
TICKET IN SUPPORT OF  
THE HERSCHEL  
BURSARY FUND!**

**TICKETS - R20 FOR 1  
OR R50 FOR 3**



**HERSCHEST**

**CONTEMPORARY ACOUSTIC  
MUSIC FESTIVAL**

A Night of Music under the Stars

17:30 - 21:00

17 FEBRUARY 2023

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BE AVAILABLE

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## Parents Association

The Prep PA is a body that facilitates communication between the School and the parent body and strives to foster a positive, integrative and co-operative relationship. The PA's role is to support the Council, Head and Staff; to raise funds from time to time for special projects; and to discuss and then bring any issues to the attention of Council or School Management for consideration.

Click on the link to see what our Prep Parents Association have been up to in the last year: [Prep PA Infographic](#)







## Thank You Grade 7 of 2022

We are delighted with the final product of the mosaic Herschel Badge that was gifted to the Prep from the 2022 Grade 7s. The mosaic has been placed on the wall outside the Studio at the Prep. It really looks stunning and greatly enhances the look of this area at the Prep Studio. We extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Grade 7 Class of 2022.

## Parents in Prayer Group

The Prep Parents in Prayer group are now invited to join the senior group on the senior campus on Wednesdays from 07:30 - 08:15. For those Prep parents who are unable to make it, Parents in Prayer will still be meeting on a Tuesday morning in the Quiet reading room in the Prep Library from 07:30 - 08:00. All moms, dads, grannies and grandpas etc are welcome to attend. Please feel free to contact Caren Furst on 082 999 4777 if you have any questions.

## Reminder about School Starting Time

Parents are reminded that the school day for girls in Gr 1 – 7 starts at 07:30. Please can we request that girls arrive at school timeously so that they can be in their classrooms by 07:30. This is essential so that they can unpack and the class teachers are able to connect with their classes, in order to be ready for the first academic lesson which begins promptly at 07:40. Please note that the top gates at the Music Centre and the Tennis Courts will be locked from 07:30. Parents arriving after this time are requested to drive around and drop girls off at the Main Gate.

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Linda Martin*  
*Acting Head of Preparatory*

