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Lent

Prayer · Fasting · Almsgiving

HERSCHEL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Start of our Lenten Journey

'From dust you are and to dust you shall return and remember God Loves You'

This week has marked a very special and important time in the Anglican Church around the world. We observed Ash Wednesday where each person was called and challenged to look within themselves over the next 40 days of our Lent Journey. Our Bible Reading, from Matthew 4:1-11, reminded us of the temptations Jesus faced in the wilderness and how he overcame those temptations by keeping his focus and worship on God alone.

May we give our thoughts, our actions and our words to God over the next few weeks and allow God to change us from the inside out.



Pre-Prep

We had a very busy week in the Pre-Prep. Our Pre-Nursery girls are learning about pets and made paw prints and fishbowls. The Nursery girls are learning about the body and used starch, while the Grade R practised writing their letters in shaving foam.



Foundation Phase

Congratulations to our
Stars of the Week



- Grade 1A: Clara Whittaker, Scarlett Snaith
- Grade 1al: Nina D'Assonville, Amelia Golding
- Grade 2A: Emma Daniel, Mia Knight
- Grade 2al: Isabella-Rainn Meyer, Deeyana Kader
- Grade 3A: Abigail Lange, Mia Maggott
- Grade 3al: Tlotlisang Motojane, Saudah Munga



Grade 1 Music

The Grade 1s have completed their first round of the Instrumental Programme. Here are some girls who were being introduced to the recorder and the ukulele.



Grade 3 Orals

The Grade 3s presented orals titled 'All About Me'. The girls love going back in time to tell of their birth and all their milestones. Look how much they have grown!



Intermediate Phase

 **DO NOT : THINK FOR**
 **DO NOT : DO FOR**
 **DO, HOWEVER**
GUIDE / ASSIST / SUPPORT

On Wednesday the 15th we held our Gr 4 Parents Study Skills presentation. We'd like to thank all the parents who attended – it was a fabulous turnout !






TOP TIPS:

- CREATE A VISUAL PLANNER
- INCLUDE FAMILY EVENTS IN YOUR PLANNING
- NO WORKING ON THE BED
- **DOWNTIME ≠ DEVICE TIME**
- BE CONSISTENT
- REMEMBER, YOU ARE THE PARENT

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Elevate Education - Parents Seminar - Herschel Girls' Preparatory School

All Grade 4 – 7 Parents are invited to attend a webinar hosted by Elevate Education on study skills:

There is no need to register, just click on the link below to join.

Thursday, March 2:

18:00 – 19:00

Video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/but-asha-muz>



Music

The Prep Orchestra accompanied God Bless Africa (by Stephen Carletti) in Assembly on Monday. A select ensemble accompanied the school singing The Lord's Prayer during our Ash Wednesday service in the school hall.



Herschfest

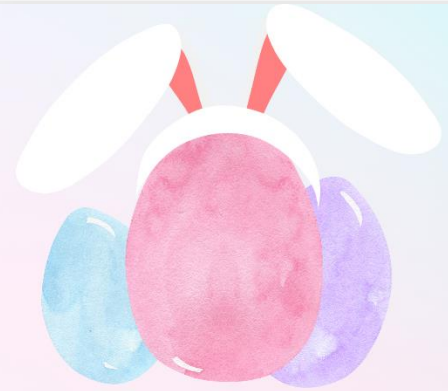
On Friday night some of our Herschel Prep girls joined the Senior School for Herschfest, a student-initiated contemporary music festival of ensembles, bands and soloists. Friends and families sat on the Inkwenkwezi Music lawn enjoying picnics and delicious meals and snacks provided by a range of food trucks, while being entertained by Mr Daniel Nambassi and Rhoda Martin as Masters of Ceremony and our host of talented Herschel musicians.



Community Engagement

Reminders:

- Sandwiches for Kewtown: Every Tuesday
- 31 March: **CIVVIES DAY:** CHOC 'Have a Heart for Children with Cancer' – wear your flipflops to school. **(R11)** (via Karri App)



13 March - 24 March

Pre-Prep - Gr 7 Easter Egg collection & distribution.
(various Charities)



Scouts Founder's Day

On the 22nd February, Scouts across the world celebrate Founder's Day by wearing their uniforms to school and spreading awareness about the Scout movement. Lord Robert Baden-Powell started Scouts in 1907 and he would have turned 166 on this day. Some very smart Cubs (7-11 year olds) and Meerkats (5-6 year olds) proudly showed off their uniforms and all the badges they have earned so far. They spend time every week with their Cub Pack or Meerkat Den learning outdoor skills, how to be kind and helpful to others and completing requirements in order to earn more badges. Well done, girls, for "Doing Your Best" and "Standing Tall".



Sustainability

Talk by Dr Peter van Coeverden de Groot

Dr Peter van Coeverden de Groot from Queens University in Canada addressed the girls during Assembly on Polar Bears. He shared his story on how he uses the local Inuit population to gather DNA from the polar bear. This work, with the genetics of the animal, provides information about polar bear health, behaviour and breeding habits. In turn, this knowledge can underpin predictions on how to keep the polar bear flourishing. In addition, he addressed the Grade 5 class on his work on rhinos. The girls were fascinated to discover that he has the largest source of rhino DNA in the world. They learnt that it is not only poaching that impacts the rhino population but also the in-breeding. When white rhinos were taken from Umfolozi Game Farm in KZN to re-populate the Kruger National Park, no cognizance was taken in checking the gene pool. His unique information will assist game rangers in the future to keep the gene pool as varied and healthy as possible.



4 March Beach Clean-up - Muizenberg

A reminder that we meet outside the Shark Spotters Hut at 09:00 and work until 10:30. This is an unsupervised event and parents need to accompany their children. Please bring gloves and a black bag as the organisers sometimes run out. Remember to wear sunscreen and a hat. We look forward to seeing you there. Please sign up on the link:

[Beach Clean-Up Sign Up Form](#)

Inter Grade Can Collection Competition - 23 March 2023

This term the girls are building a CAN CASTLE out of their cans. The cans need to be rinsed and counted when they come to school. They will be easier to stack if they are not squashed. More details to follow.



Family Picnic

A huge thank you to all our parents for attending our Family Picnic of Hope in aid of Ladles of Love. It was wonderful to see so many parents and girls supporting this event. A special thank you to our PA team for all the organisation that went into making the evening such a success. The Karri App is open until 28 February so there is still time to share your LOVE.



Wishing all of our Grade 5, 6 and 7 girls a wonderful, happy camp next week. We trust they will enjoy the experiences and challenges presented and use the opportunity to bond with their teachers and peers.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend.

Linda Martin
Acting Head of Preparatory

