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# HERSCHEL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## Pre-Prep

The Pre-Nursery and Nursery girls are learning about families. The Pre-Nursery girls made a family tree and the Nursery girls shared information about their own family with the rest of the class.





The Grade R girls are learning about the letter 'e'. They made egg and mayo sandwiches for the Haven Night Shelter and played with elephants on their small world activity table.



Mr Sun came out so we could play outdoors too.



## Foundation Phase



### World Mathematics Day

The Foundation Phase enjoyed a celebration of World Mathematics Day this week. The excitement was high with activities, costumes, magic and jokes! Click on the link to see how much fun we all had!

<https://tinyurl.com/WorldMathDay2023>



### Grade 2 Outing to Rosen Castle

The Grade 2 classes have been learning about how things work and last week they visited Curro Rosen Castle. They had great fun learning about banking, television stations, shopping, baking and veterinary clinics. The girls loved taking on the different roles and they came away with new insights and knowledge. Thank you to the parents who lifted.



## Intermediate Phase

### Grade 4 Outing

Grade 4s enjoyed two days of outings as part of their studies on the history of Herschel and Claremont. On Thursday the girls walked to St Saviours, where Rev Lorna gave a lesson on the church. Girls were fascinated to learn about Sophy Gray, who designed St Saviours. Afterwards, we discovered how much history there is on the tombstones in the cemetery. Finally, girls took a (very hot) walk to Grove Primary to see the obelisk which marks the spot of John Herschel's telescope.

The following day we visited Neave Street and learnt about how the Claremont area shifted from rural to residential. Thereafter, we visited the Senior School to study the buildings and see artefacts in the Herschel Archives. The final stop was Arderne Gardens, which Ralph Arderne established on Stellenberg farm.



### Grade 5 Camp

The Grade 5s spent a fantastic three days on camp at Simonsberg Campsite in Stellenbosch last week. The girls were randomly divided into groups and participated in many team-building activities which included some physical and critical thinking challenges. Favourite activities included the obstacle course and mud swing. Free time was spent swimming, chatting and playing with friends. Definite highlights were a beautiful night hike and an entertaining campfire concert.

Grade 5 Camp Photos:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZZYiumfpXcUJdc1A>



## Grade 6 Camp

On 1 March, 51 eager campers and 3 teachers set off for the much-awaited Grade 6 camp. Two hours later, our bus reached the Bonamanzi camp site on the Breede River. The girls unpacked into their rooms and then the fun began. With the many team-building exercises, and personal growth and reflection sessions, the girls were constantly kept busy. We returned on the 3 March, exhausted but happy. What a wonderful adventurous camp we had!

Grade 6 Camp Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/NiyUnaKhTgzebwhv9>



## Grade 7 Camp

The Grade 7s enjoyed an adventurous and fun-filled camp to High Africa, nestled along the Breede River, from 28 Feb -3 March 2023. They participated with enthusiasm in a variety of team building activities, further developing their leadership and collaboration skills. Highlights of the camp were the 12m high obstacle course, river rafting and a competitive potjiekos cook-off. Many happy memories were made and we are sure the girls will remember this experience for years to come.

Grade 7 Camp Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/mVJJtJAL2FhMvZgE9>



## Sustainability

### 4 March Muizenberg Beach Clean-up

A group of Herschel families gathered outside the Shark Spotter's Hut before being sent off down the beach equipped with bags and gloves. From a distance, Muizenberg Beach looks fairly clean and free of plastic – this is picked up daily by the Municipal workers - but on closer inspection small pieces of plastic, cigarette butts and sucker sticks can be found on the sand and between the kelp. These items cause much damage to the eco system where they are either eaten as food or break down into damaging micro-plastics. Thank you to Clean C and the Herschel girls who joined on the day. You really make a difference by removing these harmful items.



### Upcoming Eco Activities

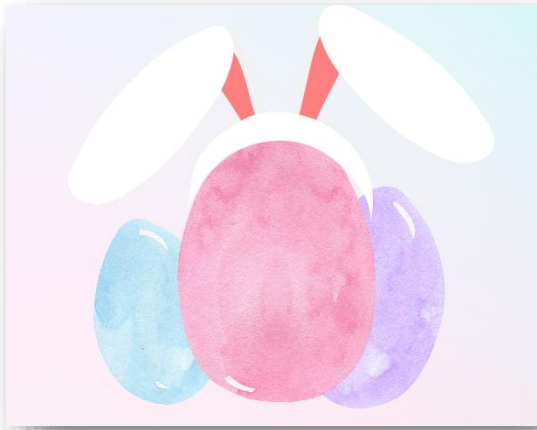
- 11 March: Maclear's Beacon part of 13 Peak Challenge  
Link to join: <https://forms.gle/2KkDd9i2p44ZPvPQ6>
- 23 March: Can Collection – Inter Grade Competition – Build a Can Castle
- 24 March: St James Snorkel Adventure 14:00 – 16: 00 (details to follow)
- 25 March: Earth Hour
- 13 May: 13 Peak Challenge
- 27 May: 13 Peak Challenge

### Scavenger Hunt for World Wildlife Day

This year the focus for World Wildlife Day was on the diversity of species and how these interrelate to keep the planet healthy. The Foundation Phase celebrated the day by doing a scavenger hunt. They had a list of photographs and needed to find a variety of plants and find a nest, identify animal scat and answer some trivia questions. Many girls discovered some of Herschel's secrets including the worm farm and bug hotel.



## Community Engagement



13 March – 24 March

Our Easter Egg collection starts on Monday. Each year we support over 25 organisations, orphanages, schools, and Educare's with Easter Eggs. We would greatly appreciate your support.

Drop off points will be the Prep and Pre-Prep Foyers.

Please only supply marshmallow Easter Egg boxes.

### Reminder:

- 31 March:

**CIVILIAN DAY:** CHOC 'Have a Heart for Children with Cancer' – wear your flipflops to school. **(R11)** (via Karri App)

## Reminder



**REMINDER:** Vision screening will take place from Monday 8 March and is offered to all girls from Pre-Nursery to Grade 7. Please complete the Google form should you wish for your daughter's vision to be checked.

<https://forms.gle/GSon74KfCPppgho76>



## Staff News

### *Congratulations Mrs Young*

Please join me in wishing Nicole and Brendan Young a huge congratulations on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Maximilian Robert Young this past Tuesday.



### *Farewell Mrs Davids*

We sadly bid farewell to Mrs Tamsyn Davids as she has accepted a Grade R post at Surrey Primary School. Whilst this is a huge loss to Herschel, we are so happy for the new journey she is embarking on and we wish her everything of the best at her new school.

What an exciting week it has been with the many activities happening in and around the Prep campus and on the sporting front. Well done to the swimmers who triumphed at both the galas this week and to the Open Water Polo team who attained silver medals in the WP Water Polo finals. You certainly have made Herschel proud.

Good luck to our girls and parents who are riding the Cape Town Cycle race this weekend.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

***Linda Martin***  
***Acting Head of Preparatory***

