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HERSCHEL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Be a Bucket Filler

On Monday the Grade 3s presented our assembly and the theme was 'Being a bucket filler.' The special message they shared was that every person all over the world has an invisible bucket and when your bucket is full you feel nothing but overwhelming love and goodness. When your bucket is empty you feel sad, bad and alone. The Grade 3s told the story of Jewel, a 9 year old at Herschel Girls Prep who went through an entire day losing goodness from her invisible bucket due being late for school, struggling with work, not having friends to play with at break, not being helped, being ignored and having a sick grandpa. At the end of her day her bucket was empty, and she had nothing good left to give to anyone. The Grade 3s then realised that when we fill someone else's bucket we get to help fill our own and they came up with many ways to fill Jewel's bucket and give her back the hope and love she had lost. They ended their assembly with a beautiful song about always trying to be the best bucket fillers we can be.

The message was a simple one: Let us all be bucket fillers and not bucket dippers! Let us make sure we fill ourselves and each other with goodness. The more we give – the more we get! It was a wonderful message and a perfect reminder of our 2023 theme that we are: 'Made for Goodness'.



Pre-Prep

Last week the Grade R girls went to visit Camps Bay Beach as they were learning about rockpools and various places in our city. Even though the day started out misty, the sun soon showed up and the girls enjoyed dipping their toes into the ocean.



Foundation Phase

Congratulations to our Stars of the week for last week

Grade 1A: Zeah Koopman, Ashley Fairweather
Grade 1a1: Gigi McGregor, Emma Brasecke
Grade 2A: Skylar Akampurira, Annabel Dowling
Grade 2a1: Meg Thomson, Stella-Belle Sale
Grade 3A: Nabiha Ebrahim, Sloane van Loggerenberg
Grade 3a1: Emma Wood, Erin Pryor



Stars of the week for this week

Grade 1A: Isla McClelland, Zia Hendricks
Grade 1a1: Amani Buthelezi, Elizabeth Murray
Grade 2A: Aayah Khan, Lily Pienaar
Grade 2a1: Eva Szabo, Unjali Naidoo
Grade 3A: Reyna Daya-Feasey, Ifrah Hassan
Grade 3a1: Jessica Boyes, Emily Melck

We are delighted with the outstanding results achieved by our girls in the International Drama examinations from 2022. Congratulations to the following girls on their achievements:

Trinity College, London

Top Solo Performer in the Western Cape and Top Achiever for the Third Year in a row: Rana Rinquest 97%

Top Achievers:

Sophie van Zyl 93%

Distinctions:

Hania Hendricks 89%

Rebecca Liddell 88%

Amy Rich 86%

Nsovo Baloyi 85%

LAMDA London EXAMS Distinctions

Gia Yazdanpanahi 91%

Charlotte Groenewald 82%

Music, Arts & Culture



Sustainability

13 PEAK HIKE: Maclear's Beacon: 11 March 2023

Many were put off by the rainy start which meant a small group walked up Platteklip Gorge to Maclear's Beacon. The hike was beautiful with shining water drops and running streams that poured down the mountain. Thank you to everyone who joined on the day. Term 2 hike dates: 13 and 27 May.



Can Collection - 23 March

There is much excitement about the grade CAN CASTLE competition which happens between 06:34 and 07:30 next week Thursday, 23 March. Please can the cans be clean and counted. The brief given is: Use a maximum of 750 cans to build a creative castle in your 1m x 1m allocated space which is as tall as can be, as creative as you can manage but at the same time, sturdy and not easy to topple. You may add embellishments at the end such as a moat, a flag, an entrance or doorway. NO GLUE OR TYING together of cans is allowed. The sturdiness comes from building a strong base and working upwards from there. ALL EXTRA cans not used in the Can Castle will be put into the Can Bags. The Sustainability girls and Grade 5s will help keep tally of the total. Judges' decision is final!



Community Engagement

The Warriors of Hope Organisation is looking for Parents or Companies to partner with them to support girls and young women in the communities of Cape Town. Please see information below. Click on the link to learn about the programmes offered at various schools in the community and how you can help.

The Warriors of Hope have been striving to educate young girls to learn more about their menstrual health and also make use of the sanitary towels we produce so that they can avoid skipping school. The unaffordability of disposable sanitary towels results in menstruating girls missing school and eventually dropping out and missing out on their opportunity of overcoming their challenging economic circumstances. Bearing those circumstances in mind, we proactively seek the assistance of the community to help us achieve our goal to manufacture and distribute sanitary towels to the disadvantaged areas. The reusable sanitary towels are environmentally friendly and a constructive way of reducing our carbon footprint. <https://woh.co.za/>



WARRIORS OF HOPE



13 March – 24 March

Our Easter Egg collection is underway. 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.

Reminders:

- **Please support our Easter Egg Drive. We are hoping to share the love with as many of the organisations on our list as possible. Drop off points will be the Prep and Pre-Prep Foyers.**
- Sandwiches for Kewtown – The best response we have ever had to date. Thank you, parents and girls for your outstanding effort!
- 31 March - **CIVVIES DAY:** CHOC 'Have a Heart for Children with Cancer' – wear your flipflops to school. **(R11)** (via Karri App)



Staff News

Congratulations Mrs Juries

Please join me in wishing Mrs Liesel Juries a huge congratulations on the birth of her beautiful baby boy, Kai this past Friday.



We look forward to an exciting weekend as we host the 2023 All Girls Festival. I would like to wish all our participants good luck for the festival. My hope is that the girls play hard, have fun and participate in the true spirit of sportsmanship. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Ms Karsten, Mrs Laubscher and Mrs Hawkins for the dedication and hard work that has gone into ensuring the success of the All Girls Festival. A special mention too, to all the staff who have so willingly given of their time over the long weekend to assist at the festival. We could not have done this without the incredible team effort from the Prep Staff.

I look forward to seeing many of our parents supporting the various teams. The programme for the All Girls Festival can be accessed on the link: [All Girls Festival 2023 Programme](#), the website for the Festival can also be accessed on the link below:



May you all enjoy the long weekend as we celebrate Human Rights Day on Tuesday.

Linda Martin
Acting Head of Preparatory

