

Dear Theodorians

II "Strive not to be a success, but rather

to be of value."

Albert Einstein

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I find the quote attributed to Einstein an interesting one. It is well known that as a School, we place huge emphasis on values – universal ones. They are reinforced naturally and intentionally on a daily basis. In the process, it is about developing one's character, growing one's principles and with that, one's values.

Yesterday saw the High School Academic Top 5 and Co-curricular Awards Assembly. It was good to acknowledge the successes of many of our students. I was reminded again by Einstein's words that success, without having principles, values and character is meaningless. I am busy reading the book, "*Hidden Potential*" by Adam Grant (I highly recommend reading it!) and he makes a statement that reflects my belief too. He says, "Character skills do more than help you perform at your peak – they propel you to higher peaks...character skills predict and produce success in life."

These character skills are being honed and scaffolded from Grade 000 until Matric. They are encouraged at school and reinforced at home. Home and school working together is our hope and aim. Whether the "character skills" are being learnt while playing in the sandpit or garden of our beautiful Pre-Primary School, or in the classrooms, sport-fields and clubs and societies of our Primary and High School, the aim of all of these contexts is the same – to grow children and young men and women of character, of substance.

The first term has ended well, along with a flurry of activities. It has been a "successful term" on so many fronts. Busy too. The Inter House Athletics and Gala events, Open Days, camps, hikes and the like, all seem to have happened long ago, and yet not so. My hope is that through the experiences your child has had this term, he/she has grown in character. With character in place, "success" will follow.

I thank *Mrs Liezel Ristow* who has most ably stood in as our locum Gr 8 – 10 Mathematics teacher for the first term. She has undoubtedly made a significant impact in a short space of time. I thank her for her commitment to our students and our School. We welcome back *Mrs Natalie Weatherall-Thomas* who has been away on maternity leave.

I thank our Judaica Department for their involvement in co-ordinating the significant Purim Festival which will be enjoyed at our end of term with the Purim Parade.

The following few weeks will see significant religious moments celebrated, acknowledged and commemorated: To our Muslim families I wish you *Ramadan Mubarak*, to our Jewish families I wish you well as you prepare for Pesach which takes place at the end April, while to our Christian families, I wish you a blessed time as you celebrate Easter and Good Friday in late March. May each of these respective times be meaningful to you and your family.

With this being said, I wish you all a well-earned holiday, and look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 3 April.

Kind regards

Viktor

Viktor Kurz Executive Principal

We feel proud of...

Adrian Jones participated in the C Group Gala held at VP Grey and won all of his races! He also participated in his first EC Champs Nipper Competition.



Pre- Primary School News

Our Theodorables built houses from boxes and then drew images of what they had built. Practicing 3D to 2D forms pathways in the brain.

They also practised measuring and counting this week by making pink bunny milk. Scoop, pour, stir and enjoy!



Primary School News

We celebrated our love for reading with an amazing Book Day! Our students brought their favourite stories to life through creative crafts and shared their literary journeys with classmates. Swipe to see the magic of reading unfold through their imaginative project.



High School News



SCHOOLS with HEART

High School Term 1 Academic Achievers: Grade 8









Ruhi Doorgapershad Crystal van Tonder Gabriel Müller Camilo Ncoyo Tsebo Maliehe Grade 9



Lemika Moodley



Grade 10



Callan Crone Shree, a Panchal



Yumnaa Moosa



Adri Fourie



Sienna Scribante Sibahle Tebelele Chloë Smith





Liyemah Funani Yusuf Mansoor Nicholas Pitsiladi Grade 11







Rachel Honeyball Taahir Carloo





Daena Franklin



Amber Joubert Zunaira Ansari Robert Ferguson Nabil Aslam













School Term 1 Sports' Awards: Athletics



Zenande Piti JNR MERIT



JNR MERIT





Ruhi Doorgapershad Daniel Naidoo JNR COLOURS



Kai Bruinders Adrienne Schmidt Zamajola Nxiweni JNR COLOURS JNR COLOURS

JNR COLOURS



JNR COLOURS

Rachelle Soine JNR COLOURS



Mikuwo Luka SNR MERIT



Mason Wippenaar JNR HONOURS



Alexander Parkin Morgan Johnson **SNR MERIT**

Ana Weber **SNR MERIT**





Analeah Vlok

Michaela Schwind SNR MERIT



Monde Magigaba **SNR COLOURS**





High School Term 1 Sports' Awards:

Cricket



Keanu Kruger SNR COLOURS

Equestrian



Kamva Mpongwana SNR COLOURS



Jemma Schewitz JNR HONOURS

High School Term 1 Cultural Awards:

Performing Arts



Qhayiya Madokwe JNR HONOURS



Ntsika Madokwe SNR HONOURS

Important notices

THEODOR HERZL HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S

DIRECTED BY NIQUI CLOETE - BARRASS CHOREOGRAPHY BY CHIREEN STRONACH

IGHTING DESIGN BY DAVID LIMBE

April 11 - 18

Theodor Herzl School Hall

Tickets available on Quicket

for block bookings of 20 or more Bookings Open: 1 March





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