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Principal's Corner

Dear Theodorians

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*"I can't change the direction of the wind,
but I can adjust my sails to always reach
my destination."*

[Jimmy Dean](#)

*As people of Gqeberha, we can certainly attest to
the wind factor in our city!*

The quote by Jimmy Dean is a simple one, reflecting on skills we all hope to acquire in our (and our children), no matter the context: the ability to "adapt and flex" in an ever-changing world, change one's perceptions...the list is an endless one.

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The curtain came down last night on what has been a cultural feast for the past week. The production of Shakespeare's Macbeth has stretched our students in so many ways. They have grown in ways that they will only possibly realise in months and years to come. Talk about true and authentic learning (about life, too) outside the classroom! Each night's performance has been to packed audiences and each night has thrown a "curved ball." Yet our our children/students and Director, Mrs Niqui Cloete- Barrass have adapted and adjusted, with the culmination of last night's final performance being a fitting end to what has been an extraordinary week.

I congratulate Mrs Cloete-Barrass on this, her inaugural production at Theodor Herzl School. What a treat it has been to see it all unfold on the stage! It has been collaboration on every level.

As I have reflected on numerous occasions, our children/students matriculate from Theodor Herzl School as well-rounded citizens of the world, ready, we believe, to face the world and its so-called "prevailing winds." This past week has reinforced again, the "demands and expectations" that our children/students encounter (no matter the age).

From playing sports matches (hockey, football and netball etc), participating in the cultural activities on offer, all the while engaged in academic studies, readying themselves for the upcoming academic examinations and assessments in our Primary and High School - I am so proud of our students.

A quick pause and a moment's reflection is required: I was shown a packet of 12 beautifully knitted and crocheted "beanies" by *Jade Meyer* (Grade 9). Other students are also busy creating similar beanies. I thank them. Lovingly crocheted and knitted, they have been created to be distributed to a charity organisation identified by our Science teacher, Mr Oosthuizen. This is the heart of Theodor Herzl School; in the hurly burly world in which we live, there is a realisation that there is a bigger reality out there. There are others in need- and it is the "other" that we embrace and accept whenever possible.



I wish all of our Jewish families a blessed Pesach, as we "press pause" again for the next few days and reflect on the meaning of this time. To those of you travelling as you take opportunity of this holiday time in the next few days, I wish you safe travels.

May you have a good weekend and week ahead.

Kind regards

Viktor

Viktor Kurz
Executive Principal

Jewish Life

Our Primary School Jewish pupils had the best time designing and creating their very own Seder plates for Pesach. May they be put to good use this Pesach.



Pesach explained

Mr Bevan Franklin writes:

Pesach, also known as the Festival of Spring and of Freedom and the Matzot Festival, will be celebrated this year by Jewish people from Monday night, 22 April to Tuesday night, 30 April.

In this time of rejuvenation which is celebrated by families all over the world with joy and gladness, we learn that we may never be a slave to anyone or anything.

Instead, we must each teach ourselves to face our own challenges and create solutions. We need to create solutions in order to grow and with the right approach, to learn to grow with each other so that we can establish a system of Ubuntu filled with peace and harmony.

May all be blessed with a wonderful break over the Passover holiday.

Wishing the whole Theodor Herzl Community a Chag Kasher ve Sameach – a time of blessing and joy for all.

Pre- Primary School News

Our Pre-Primary School Theodorables absolutely love taking care of the plants in their beautiful garden.



Primary School News

Our Grade 1 Theodorians worked on their Critical Thinking Skills this week. They had to design some offensive and defensive weapons for Diplodocus.



Sports News

Primary School Sports News:



Date	Sport	Opponents	Result
18 April	u11 Soccer	Parsons Hill	Draw 2-2
18 April	u13 Soccer	Parsons Hill	Won 5-1
18 April	u11 Netball	Westering	Won 9-1
18 April	u12 Netball	Westering	Won 4-0
18 April	u13 Netball	Westering	Won 16-3

High School Sports News:

The past week has been a whirlwind of practices, fixtures and sporting excitement. The teams have made every effort to complete their scheduled fixtures in the short time before the exams start and with the Pesach break.

The 1st Team Boys' Soccer started the season against Westview, with a tough match, going down to the visitors. Their match against Willow Academy sadly did not take place, and then they played Bonzai on Tuesday 16th April, losing 3-1, and finished the week on Thursday afternoon playing against Alex at home and lost 1-0. The 2nd Team played against Alex's 2nd Team on Tuesday 16th April, and were unable to compete, with Alex winning the match. The 2nd Team finished the week with a match against Bonzai 1st Team, losing 3-2. Thank you to Mr Nel for Coaching. The U15 soccer boys had a fantastic win in the U15A league against EduPlanet, winning 3-2,

The Hockey Boys started their season against St Dominics on Wednesday, playing away in Miramar. The boys are coming together well as a team, and learned a lot from the match, losing 4-0.

The Netball girls played in a round-robin competition with the other schools from Zone 3. The purpose of this was to rank the schools in order to place teams in the leagues for the year. Matches were played against Pearson, Victoria Park, and Harvest. We will now wait for the fixtures to see who we play during the season.



Important notices

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