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Principal's Corner

Dear Theodorians

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*“A teacher who is attempting to teach without
inspiring the pupil with a desire to learn is
hammering on cold iron.”*

Horace Mann

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With World Teacher Appreciation Day having been acknowledged a few days ago on 5 October, it was appropriate that our High and Primary School Marimba Bands performed at the Main Road Walmer Spar shopping centre for the public. Special vouchers for any teacher who was shopping while the bands were performing were a bonus for any teacher (from any school – we did send out invitations to all schools) who happened to be shopping! The performing bands certainly added a vibey moment for all shoppers as their music filled the shop's aisles! I thank the Walmer Spar for their support of this worthy cause!



Horace Mann is on the button when he states that a teacher's personality determines a child's/student's desire to learn. To be frank, a school's greatest asset is its staff, and we are blessed with outstanding staff at Theodor Herzl Schools. Yes, each of us is unique, but we all share one thing: our love of teaching and growing children.

I also appreciate the well-loved Dr Seuss's sentiment and realism when he says that, "You can get help from teachers, but you are going to have to learn a lot by yourself, sitting alone in a room."

Our Matric High School Prize Giving held yesterday reflected the hard work of our Matrics along with our teachers who have prepared them for their final examinations. The formal matric Valedictory Ceremony held last night, was also an opportunity to honour our class of 2024, their teachers and their parents. Both events provided special and poignant moments of recognition and appreciation.

Headmaster's Award: Nabil Aslam



Dux Award: Amber Joubert



Honours Award: Daena Franklin



Our Grade 2 children and their teachers, *Mrs Kylie van Niekerk* and *Ms Carla Clark*, hosted the children's grandparents to a special High Tea this week. With "Postman Pat" in attendance, the children spent quality time with their grandparents, "writing letters" to them and explaining what made their respective Grandparents special to them. I loved the focus on the importance of family ...and the **values** that are associated with family. A good wholesome experience for our children.

Speaking of **values**, I appreciate the weekly commitment of our large Judaicare Society in the High School, which sees its members willingly give up their time each week to make sandwiches for the children of One Life Organization, an NGO with whom we have a close affiliation. For us, in the High School, the coming together of students from a variety of backgrounds, all with a common cause while making the sandwiches is beautiful to see.

There is always action at the Pre-Primary School, where life lessons are intentionally and unintentionally learned. Judging from the photos of each Wednesday's "Ice Lolly Day," it is a day that is looked forward to with much excitement. And that is the nub of it all—**learning and experiencing life through play**. Another bonus? This is how they raise funds to enhance our garden and equipment – a significant asset in the "wonderful Land of the Pre-Primary School."



It is good to see that our sportsfields, courts, and other appropriate spaces are buzzing with sporting practices and matches—for both Primary and High School children. This is a short and sharp term. With our Matric Final examinations commencing next week (15 October) and our High School examinations on 4 November (three weeks away), time is fleeting!

I wish our Jewish families a blessed time over the weekend, as **Yom Kippur**, the Day of Atonement, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, is acknowledged this Saturday, 12 October.

May the weekend and week ahead be a special and meaningful one for you all.

Kind regards

Viktor

Viktor Kurz
Executive Principal

Jewish Life

Our Judaica Department had a special Tashlich ceremony at the Baakens River this morning. Tashlich is a beautiful and meaningful tradition during the Jewish High Holidays, where people symbolically cast away their sins by tossing breadcrumbs or pebbles into a flowing body of water. It's a moment of reflection, renewal, and letting go, helping to cleanse the spirit for the year ahead. The ceremony also carries a hopeful message—just like the flowing water, we have the ability to move forward, leaving behind our mistakes and starting fresh with joy and positivity!



We feel Proud of...

Iviwe Sizani and *Mayuri Masher* who participated in a Chess Competition at the Baywest Mall. Iviwe won a Silver Medal and Mayuri a Bronze Medal.



Alison Rennie competed at the South African Irish Dance Championship held in JHB. She came 1st in the Reel, 1st in Single Jig, 2nd in Hornpipe, 3rd in Light Jig and 3rd in Slip Jig. Ali was chosen as the overall winner and is the South Africa Champion. She will represent South Africa at the World Irish Dance Championship held in Dublin next year.



Adrienne Schmidt for being selected to captain the u/15 EP Football Team and SA u/15 Team.



Kellen Jones broke 2 EP swimming records.



BK Makamba and *Mason Wippenaar* for being selected for the EP Soccer Team.



Jemma Schewitz and *The Beat* competed in the SANESA National Championship held in JHB. She came 1st in the 95cm Stadium Eventing National Championship, placed 6th in 110cm Show Jumping and 7th in Open Equitation.



Pre-Primary School News

Wednesday is ice-lolly day at the Pre-Primary School. Our Theodorables look forward to Wednesdays. This is our way of raising funds to enhance our garden and equipment.



Primary School News

Our Grade 1s applying themselves in a Critical Thinking exercise: Design a machine that will flip or roll a coin so that it will always show heads when it comes up. Learning in action!



High School News

We congratulate our top 5 academic achievers.

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High School Term 3 Top 5 Academic Achievers:

Grade 8



Crystal van Tonder Ruhi Doorgapershad William Greenwood Camilo Ncoyo Vela Sogoni

Grade 9



Jade Meyer Lemika Moodley Yumnaa Moosa Ané Becker Shreeya Panchal

Grade 10



Adri Fourie Kira Olivier Ana Weber Lyemah Funani Kirsten Lewis Ashley Filtane

Grade 11



Sienna Scribante Chloë Smith Rachel Honeyball Sibahle Tebelele David Horak

Grade 12



Amber Joubert Zunaira Ansari Robert Ferguson Nabil Aslam Daena Franklin

Sports' News

Primary School Sport:

Date	Sport	Opponents	Result
8 October	U10 Tennis	VP Grey	Won 15-0
8 October	Open Boys Tennis	Sunridge A	Won 23-19
9 October	U13 Cricket	Astra A	Won by 30 runs
10 October	U11 Cricket	Newton Park B	Lost by 1 run
10 October	Open Girls Tennis	Bluewater Bay	Won 25- 5



High School Sport:

Theodor Cricket team started the term 4 season off with a BANG! Playing at home against Otto Du Plessis , Theodor scored 142/8, thanks to runs from *Aiden Joubert*, *Yusuf Mansoor* and *Aiden Zeelie*. The bowling attack was spearheaded by *Janreu Oosthuizen* opening and taking 3/6, with Captain *David Horak* having figures of 4/12. Theodor bowled out the visitors for just 47 runs to claim a massive victory!



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