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Principal's Corner

Dear Theodorians

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"Nothing is impossible; the word itself says

"I'm possible!"

[Audrey Hepburn](#)

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It is often said and felt by many people that this time of the year is a notoriously "difficult time" of the year for many of us, no matter the contexts or roles we fulfil in life. We are close to the end of the year (with all of its possibly associated pressures), yet still have a way to

go....and so the pressure mounts. In the educational space, the teaching curricula are being wrapped up, with teachers ensuring that the planned curricula have been accomplished and taught. Planning for 2025/2026 is and has been in full swing. Life is busy. Hence, my choice of quote by the late actress Audrey Hepburn and her positive take on life.

Our Matriculants began their Matric Final examinations earlier this week, and thus far, all has gone smoothly. The examinations end on 25 November—the month of November is going to be a long one!

As I mentioned in the opening paragraph, this time of year also sees one beginning to reflect on the year that has been, thinking and pondering on "successes" and aspects that could have been done better. By now, you would have all have received the letter from me concerning the evaluation by OISESA (Office of Independent Schools Evaluation Southern Africa). With all independent ISASA-schools involved in the evaluation process every six years, I am excited about the conversations and the process in general, that lie ahead. As OISESA has stated as its aim, it is essential in the rapidly changing world of the 21st century for schools to **evaluate and reflect** on how they operate. The evaluation process through various platforms in the months ahead will give us much information about "how we are doing." It is a positive process, allowing us to "celebrate" what we do well but reflect on what could be done better.

I always feel it important to revisit our **School's Vision and Mission**, as it talks to the essence of who we are and what we constantly aspire to be. It also serves as a "measuring tool" to determine how we are shaping up as we aspire to be the school we claim we are.

...and our Vision and Mission is:

“Theodor Herzl Schools are independent, co-educational English schools with a difference. Our pre-primary, primary and high are schools that care. Schools with human emotions. Where wonder, curiosity, acceptance, imagination, joy and empathy develop. Nurturing unique attributes in young people and encouraging individual successes. Infusing excellence in all we do – with care. Where we don’t just all know your name; we know your potential. Here you can stand out and become outstanding in what you are good at. Being the best that you can be. Where ethics and work ethic go hand in hand, linking the head with the heart. These are not just schools, but schools with heart.”

The weeks ahead will be filled with many exciting moments: The Trivia Evening (an exciting evening with superb prizes), concerts, “graduation ceremonies,” and Prize Givings in the lands of our Pre-Primary and Primary Schools. I look forward to seeing you all there.

I wish our Jewish families a blessed time as they celebrate Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah in the days ahead. May it be a special and meaningful time.



I wish each of you a blessed weekend ahead. We return to school on Monday, 28th October...and then 1 month remains...time is certainly racing by!

Kind regards

Viktor

Viktor Kurz
Executive Principal

Jewish Life

Celebrating Sukkot in our very own Sukkah at school.



We feel Proud of...



Iviwe Sizani participated in a chess tournament at Mount Pleasant Primary School, on the 19th October against 15 children from 7 different schools. As the only Theodorian, she beat all of them with a clean score of 6 out of 6 games. She won the trophy for the chess player of the month, for the Grade 2 group.

Jemma Schewitz and **Chloe Wiese** put Theodor Herzl on the Equestrian Map at the SANESA Prize Giving!



Our Junior and Senior Chess players represented Theodor Primary at the Nelson Mandela Bay Chess Union Schools League.



Pre-Primary School News

Our Pre-Primary Aftercare Theodorables had some Sunflower fun.



Primary School News

The Grade 7 Market Day at school provided our students with a practical opportunity to develop entrepreneurial skills, engage in creative problem-solving, and gain real-world experience in handling money and customer interactions.



High School News



A heartfelt thank you to our Matrics for donating their school shoes!

Interact launched this initiative this year. Some pupils brought their shoes to the Valedictory ceremony and since then we have received many more pairs.



Mole Day Celebration at Theodor was a Huge Success!

The Theodor Herzl Science Club proudly hosted the 34th international Mole Day celebrations on 23 October at 6:02 (am), joining forces with DF Malerbe High and Alexander Road High to commemorate the significance of chemistry worldwide.

One of the event's highlights was the inspiring talk via Zoom by Dr. Estee Vermeulen-Miltz, a renowned oceanographer from Cape Town. She encouraged students to explore oceanography's vast opportunities, highlighting local university programmes in this field. Her passion and expertise left a lasting impact, illustrating the ocean's vital importance to our existence.

An interschool titration competition was also held, where two learners from each school standardised an acid using volumetric analysis. Congratulations to the winners: **Richard West and Sibahle Tebelele** from Theodor Herzl.

The morning was filled with excitement, delicious flapjacks, and camaraderie among students and staff. Seeing so many students enthusiastic about chemistry, even at the early hour, was truly wonderful.

Mole Day 2024 was an unforgettable experience, fostering teamwork, scientific skills, and a love for chemistry among our young minds.



Sports' News

Primary School Sport:

Date	Sport	Opponents	Result
15 October	U10 Tennis	Summerwood	Won 12-3
15 October	U9 Cricket	Settlers	Won by 7 runs

High School Sport:



Cricket

Aiden Zeelie and *Janreu Oosthuizen* created havoc for the Pearson bowlers at home on Wednesday, Zeelie scoring 56 runs off of 54 balls and Oosthuizen firing with 63 runs off of 38 balls. Theodor posted a score of 162 in 20 overs.

Janreu Oosthuizen spearheaded the batting performance against DF Malherbe, scoring 68 off of 47 deliveries! Great performance!



Important Notices



Attention all Maths, Math-Lit & Science Peeps			
	MRS SCHMIDT HELP DURING EXAMS	HISTORY ROOM	
		TIMES:	
WEEK 1	Monday, November 4, 2024	10 till 12	
	Tuesday, November 5, 2024	10 till 12	
	Wednesday, November 6, 2024	10 till 12	
	Thursday, November 7, 2024	10 till 12	
	Friday, November 8, 2024	10 till 12	
WEEK 2	Monday, November 11, 2024	10 till 12	
	Tuesday, November 12, 2024	10 till 12	
	Wednesday, November 13, 2024	9 till 12	
	Thursday, November 14, 2024	10 till 12	
	Friday, November 15, 2024	10 till 12	
WEEK 3	Monday, November 18, 2024	9 till 11	
	Tuesday, November 19, 2024	8.15 till 9.45	

Join us for Trivia Night @ Theodor

with Mr Hyam for his last event



IN-PERSON
VENUE: THEODOR HERZL HALL

OR

ONLINE
JOIN FROM YOUR DEVICE!

Book a seat at a table for R100 or
book a whole table for R1000 and
let the trivia begin!

Pay R50 cash per person for a
chance to win awesome prizes

PARENTS AND OTHERS (18+)

FOR STUDENTS

At 18h30 to 20h30 on October 31st 2024

For bookings/proof of payment and further information, contact
vyverv@theodorherzl.co.za



- 3 Night stay away at Sandspoor guesthouse (worth R12 000)
- 3 Night stay away at Sandspoor cottage (worth R6000)



- 1 Night stay away at Addo Wildlife (worth R3 800)

PAYMENT DETAILS

(TABLE BOOKINGS)

Reference: Trivia_Surname
Name of Account : United Hebrew
Institutions of PE
Bank : Standard Bank – PE
Branch Code : 05-00-17
Account No. : 080 214 754

PRIZES:

Stand a chance to win awesome prizes such as collagen packs, sorbet, R300 supper
@ SUKI and even an overnight stay at Addo Wildlife for 4 people with a
complimentary breakfast and R200 to spend at the Tangelo Restaurant at Addo!



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