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Principal's Corner

Dear Theodorians

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"The possession of knowledge does not kill the sense of wonder and mystery. There is always more mystery."

Anais Nin

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Having enjoyed the fun of last night's well-supported Trivia Evening, which saw the High School Matric Dance Committee (Dance.com) organise the evening to raise funds for the 2025 Matric dance, it got me thinking about the notion of knowledge. The weekly newsletters and social media posts reflect the "world" of Theodor Herzl Schools, where there is an intentional attempt to ensure that the wonder and "awe" of learning new things, be it in the classroom or outside, is never lost.

I thank Mrs van der Vyver, Mrs. Bouwer, and the Matric Dance Committee for organizing a most successful evening!

This week, we have images of our Pre-Primary School children having fun while learning on a "rainy day," our Grade 1s developing their Critical Thinking Skills, our High school Science students enjoying and learning the wonders of "Mole Day," and our Grade 9 Science pupils interacting with Arduino sets and learning about simple coding.

All of these little "snapshots" reflect the wonder of learning. It is about being **curious** and our fostering moments where **curiosity** is ignited.

Learning comes in various forms, and this week, we witnessed the servant-heartedness of our high school students. During this week's assembly, our Interact Club donated over R3000 to the "Love Story" Organization, while our Judiicare Club provided much-needed stationery to the One-Life Child Organization. Additionally, yesterday's Mad Hat/Hair Day at the high school showcased some



creative hairstyles and hats—all aimed at supporting the local charity organization, Ubuntu Pathways, by purchasing an “Ubuntu bracelet.” Formerly known as the Ubuntu Education Fund, Ubuntu Pathways is a nonprofit organization that offers an integrated support system of health, education, and social support in the townships of Gqeberha.

I am looking forward to attending the Pre-Primary Concert this coming week! The theme is “African Safari,” and accompanied by a picnic in the beautiful gardens. It promises to be a more than enjoyable evening.

I wish our Grade 8 – 11 students well as they commence their end-of-year examinations this coming Monday. Knowledge is key!

I am a keen follower of Jonathan Haidt's writings and thoughts. He is an American social psychologist and author who is also the Thomas Cooley Professor of Ethical Leadership at the New York University Stern School of Business. His main areas of study are the psychology of morality and moral emotions. His thoughts and opinions on our modern child are certainly worth noting. In his blog, Tim Jarvis, the School Counselor at Michaelhouse, references Jonathan Haidt's thoughts in his (Haidt's) book, “The Anxious Generation.” The sub-title on the front cover of his book summarises his thoughts aptly: *how the great re-wiring of childhood is causing an epidemic of mental illness*.

The link to Tim's blog is <https://timothyjejarvis.blog/2024/10/12/has-childhood-been-rewired/>

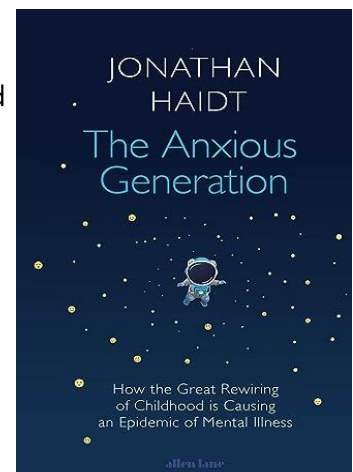
I wish our Hindu families a blessed and happy time during Diwali!

As always, may the weekend and week ahead be memorable and meaningful for you all.

Kind regards

Viktor

Viktor Kurz
Executive Principal



We feel Proud of...

Jemma Schewitz participated in the Derby Show at PE Riding Club last weekend. It was her first show on her new horse, **Callaho Liberty** and their new journey started on a high! Jemma on Callaho Liberty attained a 1st place in the 1m Accumulator, 2nd place in the 1m A2 jumping classes and came 2nd in the Maxi Derby. Jemma and **The Beat** attained a 1st place in the 1.1m 2Phase jumping class and a 4th place in the Maxi Derby.



Pre-Primary School News

Creative activities at our Pre-Primary School, are all about the process and not the end product. Despite learning and developing through the process, our work is beautiful too!



Primary School News

Our Grade 1s were applying their Critical Thinking Skills to solve a problem. The problem? While out protecting Rhinos, one of your Ranger Team slips and breaks a leg. Design some way to get them home safely!



High School News


All Grade 9s who selected Science for 2025 were exposed to some Arduino Sets and simple coding procedures. This came from the NMU STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) group doing recruitment for the Selected Learner Programme. The programme requires interested Grade 9s to apply online to commence with the programme next year.



The Grade 10s were very focussed in their Laboratory Practical, testing a simulation of breastmilk samples for alcohol in an investigation on Foetal Alcohol Syndrome.



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



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