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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents / Guardians

*"To deny people their human rights
is to challenge their very humanity."*

Nelson Mandela

As we acknowledge Human Rights' Day tomorrow and remember the Sharpeville Massacre 65 years ago (21 March 1960), where 69 people were killed while protesting the "Pass Laws", it's a timely moment to reflect on the principles and values that

underpin our school's ethos. Our daily commitment at Theodor Herzl Schools to fostering an environment of acceptance, respect, and empathy is linked to the universal human rights we commemorate. I believe strongly that by acknowledging and understanding these rights, we not only honour the struggles and triumphs of the past but also actively cultivate a community (be it at Theodor Herzl Schools or the broader communities from where we come) where every individual **feels valued, safe, and empowered** to reach their full potential. This commemoration is not merely a historical observance; it's a living reminder of the values we strive to embody daily at Theodor Herzl Schools.

Equally, the Purim Festival held last week Friday was a fitting moment to pause and reflect on the significance of the message of Purim, not only for the Jewish community but for everyone. The ever-popular Parade that followed was certainly a highlight too, and I thank everyone for entering into the spirit of the occasion. In particular, I acknowledge our Matric class of 2025 who ended the proceedings on a more than fitting note with their "High School Musical" themed act, and getting the entire school to join them on the main field. This single act reflected exactly what we strive to ensure: three schools in one. It was a moving moment.

You may have seen on our Social media platforms our advertising the "Parent Connect" evening, which is open to all Theodor parents as well as the broader community. We have long felt the need to create a platform where parents and adults can come and be exposed to topics relevant to us all. It is also about our connecting. Having heard Dr Robert Delgado speak before, I highly recommend you come and listen to his entertaining, enlightening, and thought-provoking

presentation entitled “*Eat well, move well, think well.*” It is a short and sharp presentation - I do guarantee that you will not be disappointed that you popped in to “connect”. Please see the poster below.



Our Marimba Bands performed to rapturous applause at the Harvest Harmony Inter-Schools Music Festival earlier this week. Tonight, the Pantastix Steel Pan Band (Theodor Herzl’s High School Band) has been specially invited, along with Grey, Collegiate and Pearson, to the Opening Concert of the South African Society of Music Teachers’ National Conference, which is being held at Pearson High School. It is an honour indeed to have been invited.

When I see our respective fields, quadrangles and classrooms filled with the excited chatter of children and students, I am again reminded of why I chose teaching as my profession. Seeing our Primary School hosting and playing cricket against the visiting King David Victory Park Primary School (Johannesburg), our high school students excited about participating in the numerous sporting codes on offer and playing their hearts out in practices and competitive league matches, to our “Theodorables” wholeheartedly enjoying life and learning in the utopian “land of Pre-Primary” – these are the gratifying moments upon which to reflect.

I wish you all well over this long weekend. May it be a restful and significant time for each of you.

Yours faithfully

MR VIKTOR KURZ

EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL THEODOR HERZL SCHOOLS

Primary School News

Our Grade 2s went on a lovely outing to SANCCOB where they learnt about the Rocky Shores Biome and conservation.



High School News

Our Debaters recently did Theodor Herzl proud at the Inter-Schools Gavel Club competition, winning the Unprepared Speech category.



Sports News

Primary School Sport

Coach Petro Reports:

Date	Sport	Opponents	Result
11 March	Open Tennis	Grey C	Lost 23-19
17 March	U13 Cricket	King David Victory Park	Lost by 35 runs



High School Sport

Mr Scriven Reports:

Sport results: 10 – 16 March 2025

Swimming:

On Wednesday, 12 March, there was a Top 8 Gala where **Carter Cruickshank** participated in and his results were as follows:

1st – 50m Fly, 2nd – 50m Back, 3rd – 50m Free

Jayden Viduya made us very proud by being included in the **Eastern Cape Swimming Team** that will compete at the SA Schools Championships in Bloemfontein from 4-8 April.

David Daniel and **Kellen Jones** took part in the annual Bell Boy 5km open water swim event on 15 March. Amongst 150 swimmers, Kellan Jones came 2nd and David Daniel came 13th. This is a remarkable achievement.

Soccer:

Our Boys' u16 Soccer Team made us proud with a win against St Dominics Priory.



Hockey:

Jemma Schewitz and **Lemika Moodley** took part in Round Two of the Girls u/16 Hockey EP Trials that was held on Astro at Pearson High School on Sunday 16 March. They both made it through to the 4th round of trials on the day. Well done girls!



Netball:

Our Junior Netball team had their 2nd win this week, this time against Harvest. Our 1st Senior Netball Team also beat Harvest.

Equestrian:

Three of our Equestrian riders participated in the SANESA Core League Competition held at PE Riding Club last Saturday. Our Lassies made Theodor proud! For young **Nuha Jeeva**, this was her first SANESA competition. She attained a second place in the Welcome Equitation class and 2 first places in Dressage on her pony **Riverview Kenya**.

Chloe Wiese attained 2 first places on her boy **Dennys Gift** in the 70cm Show Jumping Class.

Jemma Schewitz attained a first place on **Callaho Liberty** in the 1.10m Show Jumping Class.



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