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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents / Guardians

*"The best way to find yourself is to
lose yourself in the service of others."*

[Mahatma Gandhi](#)

The photograph (below), shared with me yesterday, captures the heart of Theodor Herzl Schools. It depicts **Samantha Baling** (Grade 12) handing over 54 squares that she has knitted for the 67 Blankets Organization. Receiving them is our former Operations Manager, Mrs Haydee Breedt, who is a volunteer for the Organization. I thank Samantha for her kindness.

Our school is one with "heart" – both a tangible and an intangible one. Our universal values that have always underpinned our school, run deep. They must (and do) drive all that we do daily – inculcating these values in our students and children remains our aim.

Whether it be the Pre-Primary School's various drives to collect items for outreach initiatives, the Primary School's involvement in collection of non-perishable foods for various organisations, teachers continually knitting squares for blankets for "Walmer Angels", providing toys for

Zanethemba and entertainment and gifts for the elderly at Laubscher Park, to the High School's strong partnership with the One Life Child Organization, visiting old age homes, or the various outreach initiatives identified by our Interact Society – the heart of Theodor is reflected in what, I believe, is the service-orientated attitude of most of us associated with Theodor Herzl Schools.

This week has again seen our fields filled with children enjoying the various sports on offer at Theodor Herzl Schools. The Winter pre-season training has begun. It's gratifying to see (and hear) the excited chatter of our students and children involved in either matches or practices – looking



sharp and playing hard! Sadly, the past 2 weeks have seen two high school match fixtures against opposing schools, take a turn for the worse (opposition players and a coach verbally abusing the referee/umpire and with the match being prematurely ended by the referee, or opposition players who have become unnecessarily “physical” and verbally abusive towards our students). I am proud of the way our students have responded in each instance – remaining respectful and not getting drawn into the fray. But it is a worrying trend. I trust that they are isolated incidents. Our Head of Sport has prepared the necessary reports, and I have been/will be in touch with the respective Heads of the schools concerned. We will not tolerate ill-disciplined behaviour.

I congratulate **Jayden Viduya** (Grade 8), who has been selected to represent the Eastern Province Swimming Team at the SA Schools’ championships in Bloemfontein this weekend. In addition, **Kellen Jones** continues to make great strides as he represents South Africa in the SA Junior Swimming Team, which will compete in the Africa Championships in Egypt in April. Proud moments for them both...and us!

It has been a long term, and finishing it in a strong position is essential – on every level.

I wish you a good weekend ahead.

Yours faithfully



MR VIKTOR KURZ

EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL THEODOR HERZL SCHOOLS

We Feel Proud of...

Three of our Equestrian riders were acknowledged at the 2024 PE Riding Club & Eastern Cape Show Jumping Awards Evening last weekend.



Bella Hunneyball
Arena Eventing
Star of Tomorrow



Chloé Wiese
EC Jnr 1m Amateur Team
EC PR 70cm Amateur Team



Jemma Schewitz
Show Jumping
EC Junior 1.10m Champion

Kellen Jones participated in the SA Open Water Nationals 7-9 March 2025 in Jeffreys Bay and achieved the following results:

3km – 1st (15-16), 5km – 1st (15-16)
1.5km – 6th, 3km knock out – 7th
Relay – Gold

Kellen has been selected to represent South Africa at the Africa Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships in Cairo, Egypt from the 30 April – 3 May 2025.

Jaden Viduya will be representing Theodor Herzl Schools in Eastern Cape team at the National Aquatics Championships in Bloemfontein during April.



Jewish Life

The Judaicare committee decided to treat the special Grannies who look after the “*One Life Child*” children to a lovely lunch to thank them for everything they do.



Primary School News

Our Grade 1s had to put their Critical Thinking caps on to solve the problem: Design some armour (real or imaginary) to protect Diplodocus from predators.



High School News

The High School Drama students entertained us with some breathtaking Practical performances during this week's assembly.



Sports News

Primary School Sport

Coach Petro Reports:



Stefan Jewell took part in the Top8 Gala . He won gold in the 50m breaststroke and bronze in the 50m freestyle. He is taking part in the SA Level 2 Regional Gala in East London this weekend.

Iviwe Sizani took part in a chess tournament held at Mount Pleasant Primary School in the Gr 3 section and won a silver medal. She has qualified to compete in the EP Trial section in April.



High School Sport

Mr Scriven Reports:

Equestrian:

Theodor Herzl was well represented at the PERC Graded Autumn Show this weekend:

Bella Hunneyball on her pony **Jon-Jon** placed 1st in the Novice Equitation class; 1st the A2 70cm, 2phase 70cm and 70cm Championship Show Jumping classes. She also did some Showing with her pony and attained 1st places in the Show Hunter, Show Riding, Working Hunter, Working Riding and Newcomer Pony classes.

Chloé Wiese placed 5th on her horse **Chief** in the 90cm 2Phase Show Jumping class and 5th on **Denny's Gift** in the 80cm A2 Show Jumping class.

Jemma Schewitz on **Callaho Liberty** placed 3rd in the 1.10m 2Phase Show Jumping class and won the Adult/Junior 1.10m Show Jumping Championship.





Hockey:

The Mixed Team had a great first outing vs Victoria Park on Astro. They unfortunately lost, but the coach is very proud and they put on a good performance!



Soccer:

Our Junior Girls' Team vs DF Malherbe. We lost the match 14 - 9. They also played Bonzai High School and won the match 7-5. Our Senior Girls' Team vs Bonzai lost the match 15 - 8.



The Mixed Age Boys' Team vs Curro Century City u17 team won 2-0. The Junior Boys' Team vs Curro Century City won 6-0.

Netball:

Our Junior Netball Team lost 7-12 against a strong Curro Century City u16 side. Despite some tension on the court, we remain proud of our players' behaviour on the court.



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