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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents / Guardians

*“Manners easily and rapidly mature
into morals.”*

Horace Mann

This week, I have had reason to walk around our three schools more than usual and have been struck by one common fact: being greeted in a friendly and happy manner by the children and

students in Pre-Primary, Primary and High School. They were spontaneous moments. These moments have caused me to think about our role in the education of our children and students, whether in or out of the classroom. For me/us, practising and learning good and appropriate manners goes hand-in-hand with being a “good human being.”

Simple words like *please, thank you, excuse me, and I'm sorry* remain important no matter who one is – they carry a weight far beyond their size. They signal respect, humility, and a recognition of others.

As educators/teachers, we see daily how manners shape the atmosphere of our school. A student who greets a teacher, friends or a visitor politely, who waits their turn, or who thanks a classmate for help is not only practising courtesy — they are building habits of kindness, empathy, and consideration that will serve them for life.

I do believe that at Theodor Herzl Schools, manners are instilled in our children. Manners are more than social niceties; they are the foundation of positive human relationships. In the workplace, in friendships, in families, and in communities, manners create trust and goodwill. They remind us that while achievement is important, **how we treat others is equally vital.**

Although not wanting to sound “preachy”, as parents and teachers, we share the joint responsibility of instilling these qualities. Every “please” and “thank you” at home, every reminder about polite and kind behaviour in public, every act of patient listening — all of these daily lessons are shaping children who will one day lead and interact with others, whether in classrooms, teams, workplaces or communities.

The following article by Annie Volpe, articulates the topic beautifully, with some interesting perspectives on the topic of rudeness. In her article, “*Are We in a Crisis of rudeness?*” she explores the lingering question and suspicion that has bedevilled nearly every generation: “Are our children (and adults) these days getting more rude, more brash, more grossly unapologetic?” It is an interesting read. The link is:

https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/crisis-rudeness-100000182.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAJWbi69R1oXxPzveyXoscLnX4legmKYliMj84vn3FvHTBQqATqWqn2zP-VPG-QOsSj6biy0NuhxgG_q2d_tWXn1az2O3PHCcPgL-cwM9kZYonMVZhZQoskTq-qq_47Tg2uhF1gAwO51WjDgVtxHwQuJYPGdYtNbELuVCHqQID2-w

I wish you a good week ahead!
Kind Regards

V. Kurz

Mr Viktor Kurz
EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL THEODOR HERZL SCHOOLS

Pre-Primary School News

Our Pre-Primary School had a very successful Open Day yesterday. Places are filling up for 2027 already. Get your applications in.



Primary School News

We had a very successful Chess challenge at our Primary School. Our children had the opportunity to develop critical thinking, patience, and problem-solving skills while enjoying healthy competition and teamwork.



High School News

The Grade 10 Life Sciences students spent two days in an 'outdoor classroom' at the renowned Shamwari Game Reserve. They learnt first hand from the Game Rangers about ecotourism and management of a private game reserve. They conducted Mini-SASS river health assessments in the Bushmans River, and visited the Born Free sanctuary and the Animal Anti-poaching unit to learn about poaching and the canned hunting trade. They enjoyed game drives and were privileged to see all of the big 5 except the elusive leopard.



Sports News

Primary School Sport

Coach Petro reports:

Dance:



Alison Rennie competed at the La Lucia Irish Dance Festival in Durban. She did brilliantly, winning the Trophy Reel, as well as the under 15 category. Ali was the youngest in the section. The competition was adjudicated by Ciara Lennon from Ireland and was very good training before SA Championships in October.



Date	Sport	Opponents	Result
18 August	Senior Chess	Kabega	Won 7-0
18 August	U13a Netball	Harvest	Won 12-4
18 August	U13b Netball	Harvest	Won 3-0
19 August	U9 Soccer	Morewag B	Lost 6-1
19 August	U10 Tennis	Collegiate	Won 10-5
19 August	Open Tennis	Summerwood	Won 17-11
20 August	U14 Hockey	Hermitage	Won 2-0
21 August	U13a Netball	Settlers	Lost 10-3
21 August	U13b Netball	Settlers	Lost 10-1
21 August	U13 Soccer	Happy Home A	Draw 0-0
21 August	U11a Soccer	Happy Home A	Lost 4-2



High School Sport

Mr Scriven reports:

Netball:

Junior and u/19 teams unfortunately lost to Pearson.

Netball 1st team lost to 2nd league VP side

Cross Country:

Talia Prahaladh had another good race at the last Cross Country league event @ Collegiate

Soccer:

u/16 Boys Soccer side beat Curro 8 – 2

1st team boys won their league match 6-1 against St Marks

Squash:

Senior Team won against DF Malherbe 7 – 6

The squash team stays unbeaten in the league with a 9-6 win over Alexander Road.

Chess:

St Dominic's forfeited their match which results in a 7-0 win for Theodor Herzl.

Dance:



Ruhi Doorgapershad recently danced in the Friendly City Dance Festival. Ruhi participated in three items on Monday, 11 August 2025, and achieved the following:

- Gold for her Straight Tap Solo (which she choreographed herself to the song 'Fighter' by Christina Aguilera). Ruhi received special mention for this item for best syncopation in the category.
- Silver for her Character Tap Solo (the Wednesday Addams dance)
- Gold for her Group Tap Piece ('Anyone' by Justin Bieber)

Equestrian:

Three of our Equestrian Riders participated in the PE Riding Club Derby Show this weekend:

Isabella Muller on Jon-Jon placed 3rd in the 80/90cm Derby.



Nuha Jeeva on Riverview Kenya placed 2nd in the 50cm Show Jumping classes.



Chloe Wiese on Callaho Summer Love placed 3rd in the 80cm and 4th in the 90cm Show Jumping classes.



Jemma Schewitz on Callaho Liberty placed 1st in the 1.10/1.20m Derby.



Sport Quote for the week: "Simplicity done brilliantly creates greatness"

Important notices

THEODOR HERZL
& MIGHTY KINGS
BOWLS DAY
WESTERN SUBURBS BOWLS CLUB
Friday 26 September 2025
14:00
R600 PER TEAM
4/TEAM
LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE
CONTACT CHRISTO
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Great Prizes to be won!

Theodor Herzl Schools were thanked for the blanket donations in The Walmer Methodist weekly newsletter.

Warmth in Winter: A Heartfelt Thank You to Theodor Herzl School & Investec

This act of compassion reminds us of the power of unity. We are truly blown away by the generosity of both our immediate and extended community. In a time when the need is great, you have stepped in with open hearts and helping hands.



We are humbled to be entrusted as stewards of these contributions and remain committed to ensuring they are used wisely and with integrity. Your support not only meets immediate needs but also uplifts the spirit of our shared mission—to offer support, care, and alleviation where it's most needed.

Thank you for making a difference.



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