



**THEODOR
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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents / Guardians

“Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.”

Socrates

Accounting and Business studies classes in a real-life situation was driven home. The Primary School Hall was filled with colourful stalls, inventive products, and the kind of enthusiasm that can only come from young people who are proud to share their ideas.

Watching them in action was a reminder of the modern skills our children need to thrive in a world that is fast-changing and full of opportunity. The Market Day was a wonderful example of how our students' abilities take shape when they are given the chance to explore, take risks, and learn from both success and failure.

I thank Mr Danzel van der Merwe (our Accounting and EMS teacher) for his enthusiasm in making his subject come alive and giving all the Grade 9s the opportunity to be creative, entrepreneurial, take risks ... and collaborate.

It is the Grade 7s students' turn in a few days' time – I wish them well too! Learning and growing together.

What is more than clear, is that today's children and students will need to master not only the traditional foundations of knowledge, but also other skills: adaptability, problem-solving, creativity, teamwork, communication and resilience. These are the skills that will enable them to navigate uncertainty, to innovate and to lead.

It was a good moment to walk around and watch our Grade 9 students in action at their annual Market Day. Seeing them apply their knowledge to lessons learned in their respective

In an ever-evolving and challenging world, I believe our teachers at Theodor Herzl Schools equip our children and students. It starts with Teacher Helen (Grade 000) and ends with our Matric teachers!

At the same time, I am reminded that none of this happens by chance. Behind every confident child and student is a teacher who has encouraged curiosity, guided discovery, and created the safe space in which mistakes can become learning moments.

From the gentle hand of our pre-primary teachers, introducing the joy of learning, to the specialist subject teachers in the senior grades who stretch and challenge our students, I am proud of the way our teachers play an invaluable role in nurturing these modern skills – all the while growing the **whole child**. Their dedication ensures that our children are not only knowledgeable, but also capable and confident young people. When our Matrics walk out of the front door of Theodor Herzl High School for the last time as students, I know that they have been equipped, to the best of our ability as teachers, to be the best versions of themselves. Ready, we believe, to face the world.

I want to emphasise that this growth and nurturing must happen in the classrooms, on the sports fields, in the venues of our Clubs and societies, and in other activities offered at Theodor Herzl Schools – from our Theodor Pre-Primary, Primary to our High School.

As parents, you too are part of this journey. The journey happens at home too. Together, we are equipping our children not just for examinations, but for life.

All that is left to do is to wish you a happy and hopefully restful weekend ahead!

Kind Regards



Mr Viktor Kurz
EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL THEODOR HERZL SCHOOLS

We are Proud of...

Congratulations to our High School Staff members who have been selected as IEB Matric Examination Markers. In addition we are proud of Mrs Naledi Malunga who has been appointed as a Senior marker for the CAT Practical and Theory Examinations.



Primary School News

What an awesome morning at Theodor Herzl Primary School's Foundation Phase Athletics Day! From the excited cheers of our learners to the encouragement from parents and teachers, the spirit of teamwork and joy shone brightly on the field. A day filled with smiles, running shoes, and community pride!

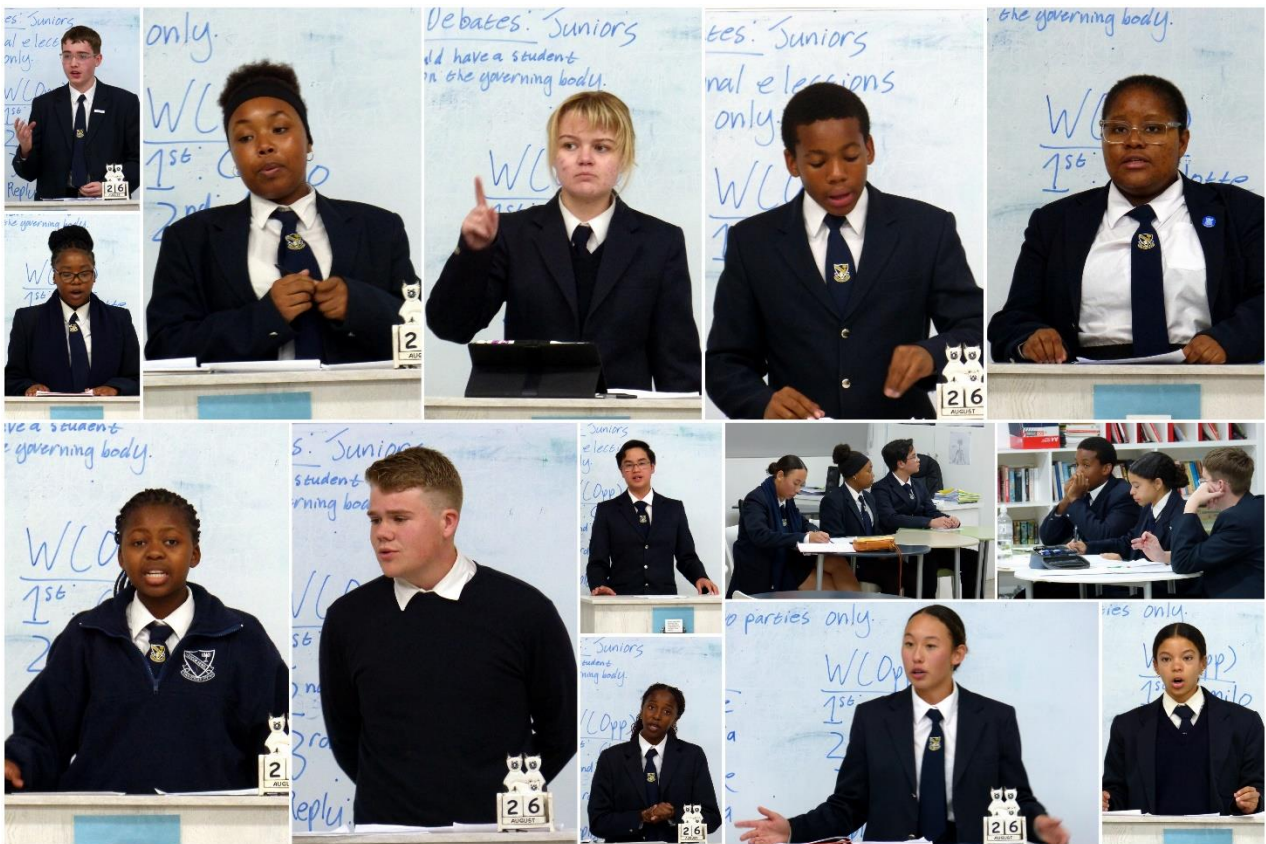


High School News

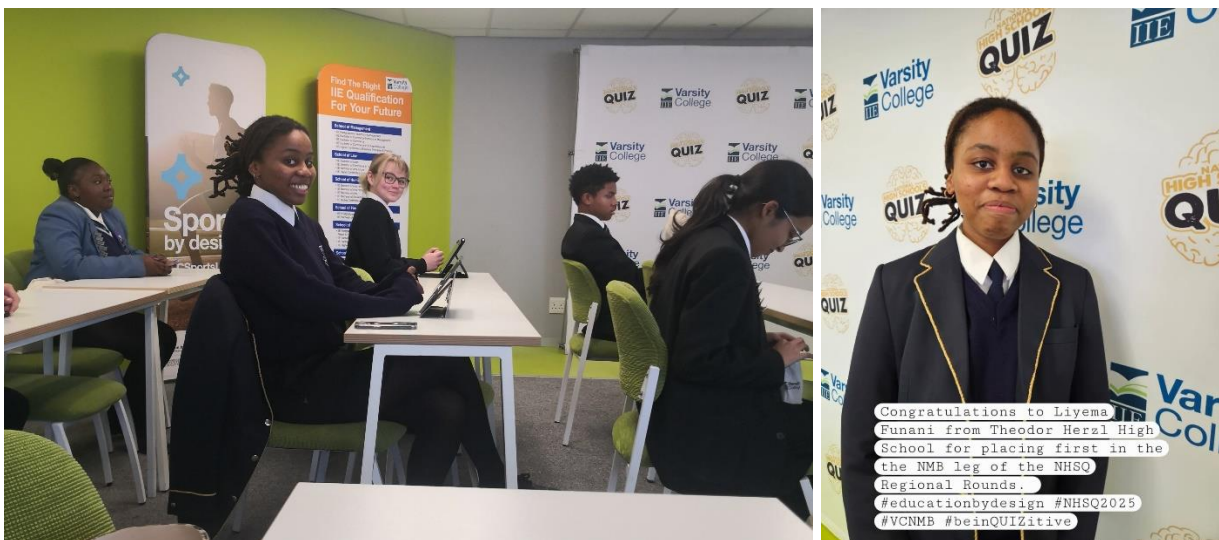
Grade 9 Market Day was a huge success. Thank you to all our Theodorians who supported them!



We are very proud of our Junior and Senior Debaters who participated in the Inter-House Debating Challenge this week. While all teams made good arguments, it was the Weizmann Junior and Weizmann Senior Teams who claimed victory!



We congratulate *Charlotte Marran and Liyemah Funani* on participating in Round 2 of the Varsity College School's Quiz this week. Liyemah secured First place and will be participating in the National Finals in Cape Town in September.



Sports News

Primary School Sport

Coach Petro reports:



Limkhitha Schkolne competed in the Nelson Mandela Bay Dance Festival. She performed a ballet solo and trio, and was awarded a bronze and silver respectively. Congratulations Limkhitha!

Our junior chess team placed first at Herbert Hurd. Congratulations to **Hudson Venter, Olivia Cameron-White, Stian van Loggerenberg and Iviwe Sizani**



Congratulations to **Declan Zeelie** and **Tarhu Machava** on their success while doing Judo over the weekend.



Congratulations to **Carter Arends** who won first place in his Chess division on the weekend!



Leo Tebbutt Played Soccer for Bay United FC and his team won first place in the U8 league



Date	Sport	Opponents	Result
26 August	U9 Soccer	Sydenham	Lost 5-3
26 August	U10 Hockey	Parsons Hill A	Lost 3-1
26 August	Open Tennis	Clarendon A	Lost 15-13
27 August	U14 Hockey	Sydenham	Won 1-0
27 August	U11a Soccer	Excelsior A	Won 4-2
28 August	U13 Soccer	Excelsior A	Lost 4-1
28 August	U11b Soccer	Harvest B	Lost 2-0

High School Sport

Mr Scriven reports:

Soccer:

The u/16 Boys' Team won their final match of the season against Cape Recife.



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!