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# NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents / Guardians

*"Success is the sum of small efforts  
repeated day in and day out."*

**Robert Collier**

One of the themes I have returned to in recent days (and reinforced at our High School Prize Giving this past week) is that **success rarely arrives all at once**. It begins quietly. It starts with small steps, consistent effort, and a willingness to keep going even when progress feels gradual.

In a world that often celebrates instant results and visible achievements, it is worth reminding ourselves, and our children, that **meaningful growth takes time**. Whether in learning, relationships, character, or confidence, "becoming" is a process. There are no shortcuts, only steady commitment.

This idea of growth and story connects beautifully to several important moments coming up across our schools.

Over the coming weeks, we will host Open Days across our campus, beginning with the High School this **Thursday**, followed by the Primary School and Pre-Primary School in the weeks ahead. These occasions are far more than marketing events. They are opportunities for us to **tell our story** - honestly and proudly - and to reflect on who we are, what we value, and how we nurture children at every stage of their journey. Our story is a unique one.

While each school has its own character and focus, **Theodor Herzl Schools is one school**. A single community, united by shared values. Our Open Days allow us to present not only our individual strengths, but also the powerful collective story of a child who can grow, develop, and belong from their earliest years through to young adulthood.

This sense of continuity is also reflected in our Tu B'Shevat tree-planting ceremonies, which have taken place at our respective schools this past week.



Tu B'Shevat reminds us that growth does not happen instantly. A tree is planted long before it offers shade, fruit or strength. It requires patience, nurturing, and faith in the future. While rooted in Jewish tradition, its message is universal: what we invest in today, carefully and intentionally, shapes tomorrow.

As we plant trees with our children, we symbolically affirm our commitment to their future. We teach them that growth takes time, that care matters, and that what we do now has lasting impact.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership, trust, and belief in the journey we are on together. We are rooted in "small beginnings and steady growth" in each of our children and students.

I wish you a good week ahead!

**Kind Regards**

*Viktor*

**Viktor Kurz**

**Executive Principal**

## Pre-Primary School



**DRESS UP DRIVE**  
Supporting learning through play



**Do you have dress-up clothes at home that are no longer being used? We would love to give them a new life at school. Please consider donating clean, gently worn dress-up clothes for our pre-primary children to enjoy 🧡**

## Primary School

Our Grade 1s are often given problems to solve and develop their Critical Thinking Skills. Last week's challenge: Help, the floor is LAVA!



## High School

On Friday, 30 January, we hosted our annual Inter-House Athletics Meeting, where students competed fiercely in a range of track and field events from 11:30 to 16:00, proudly representing their respective houses. The competition went right down to the wire, with only a few points separating the two houses. House Weizmann emerged as the winning house with 494 points, narrowly defeating Ben Gurion on 476 points. It was truly a day to remember, filled with fun, laughter, sportsmanship and fierce competition.



## Sports News

### Primary School Sport

Coach Petro reports:

Date	Sport	Opponents	Result
28 January	U13 Cricket	Verkenner A	Lost by 30 runs
29 January	U11 Cricket	Clarendon B	Lost by 10 wickets
4 February	U13 Cricket	Mount Pleasant A	Lost by 16 runs
5 February	U11 Cricket	Mount Pleasant A	Won by 2 runs
5 February	U10 Tennis	Summerwood	Won 13- 2

## High School Sport

Mr Christo Scriven reports:

### Athletics:

Theodor High School athletes competed at the PE High School Athletics Championships last week. **Olivia Mukheibir** and **Mason Wippenaar** have made it through to Metro Championships taking place at the end of February, while **Ruhi Doorgapershad** just missed out.



### Cricket:

First team cricket played against a very strong Framesby side in their league fixture on Wednesday, 4 February where they unfortunately lost the match. They go again this coming Wednesday against Pearson in Summerstrand.

### Tennis:

The first team boys' tennis team played against Kingswood College's 2nd team on Friday, 6 February, and secured a hard-fought victory. Well done to **Lavela, Max, Phiwo** and **Antonio** on a strong team performance.



Swimming:

*Kellen Jones, Aiden Green and Eli Kannemeyer* have all been selected for the Eastern Cape Open Water team that will be taking part in the SA Championships in March.

Pho3nix Foundation:

*Kellen Jones* was chosen out of thousands of athletes right around South Africa to be part of a fully funded experience designed for 16 aspiring junior athletes aged between 14-18 years.

Equestrian:

Congratulation to *Bella Muller & Jon Jon* who came first in the Woodridge Eventing EV85 competition this weekend.



# Important Notices

Are you ready for a night of laughter, great music and friendly competition? Our Music Trivia Evening promises toe-tapping tunes, brain-teasing questions and plenty of fun for music lovers of all ages. Gather your friends, test your knowledge across the decades, and enjoy an evening filled with energy, camaraderie and memorable moments. Don't miss out - come and play, sing along and make some noise!

**THEODOR HERZL**  
**DANCE COM**  
presents  
**MUSIC TRIVIA 2026**

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**Enjoy the music with us!**

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