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# NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents / Guardians

“Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes.”

[Mahatma Gandhi](#)

As South Africa approaches Freedom Day, I find myself reflecting on the broader meaning of freedom in our national story. Within our school community, I see a parallel: the freedom our children experience each day to discover who

they are and who they can become. Whether through academic pursuits, creative expression, or physical challenges, I see our children/students embracing opportunities that shape their unique journeys.

I loved the fact that our high school students embarked on a memorable experience on the Assegai Trails last weekend, accompanied by two of our staff members. From the memorable hikes that challenge both body and mind, to the commitment shown in their chosen sports, I see our children learning that excellence comes from dedication and passion.

Yesterday's High School assembly remains a particularly significant moment for me, as we celebrated our Top 5 academic achievers, reinforcing the message that at Theodor Herzl, it is indeed “cool to be clever.”

In the high school space, I am excited by our new Photo-Journalism Club, where our students are being trained by outside professionals, to take professional photographs and perfect the skill of journalistic writing. The benefits, both individually and for our respective schools, are invaluable. A lovely life skill!

In the Primary School, I see freedom taking on a wonderfully imaginative form. Yesterday, our Primary School children explored the world of Roald Dahl's *The BFG* through art, and created 2D and 3D dream jars as part of the process. Our providing the "freedom" to think, interpret, and create is hugely important as they grow and develop.

Meanwhile, in our Pre-Primary, I am reminded daily that the foundations of learning are being laid in the most joyful ways. Surrounded by the beauty of their gardens, our youngest children are exploring the world through play, discovery, and guided experiences that spark wonder and curiosity. Here, I see freedom in movement, imagination, and the simple delight of learning something new each day.

As I reflect on Freedom Day, I celebrate not only our country's journey, but also the everyday freedoms that empower our children to grow into thoughtful, capable and confident individuals. As teachers, it remains an ongoing privilege for me/us to witness their journeys and to partner with you in shaping their futures.

Wishing you all a meaningful and restful long weekend.

Kind Regards

*Viktor*

**Viktor Kurz**

**Executive Principal**

## Jewish Life

Our Judaica Department organized a special Yom Hashoah assembly. Images supplied by **Bella Muller & Bryant An.**



## Primary School

Our Primary School Theodorians celebrated World Book Day this week. They are very proud of their BFG dream jars installation, inspired by Roald Dahl's book The BFG.



## High School

Our High School Juniors attempted the Assegaai Hiking trail and have already signed up for the next hike!



Congratulations to our Term 1 Academic Top 5 achievers.



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## High School Term 1 Top 5 Academic Achievers:

### Grade 8



Rija Altaf



Nicholas Shone



Mako Chetsanga



Sachiv Moodley



Zingce Nxiweni

### Grade 9



Jayden Viduya



Tamishka Reddy



Isabella du Toit



Daniella du Toit



Zayd Mansoor

### Grade 10



Ruhi Doorgapershad



Crystal van Tonder



Luke Tucker



William Greenwood



Camilo Ncoyo

### Grade 11



Sarah van der Merwe



Jade Meyer



Fiona Wu



Callan Crone



Tobi Adeleke

### Grade 12



Liyemah Funani



Haroon Aslam



Rebecca Jensen



Kira Olivier



Nicholas Pitsiladi

## Sports News

### Primary School Sport

Coach Petro reports:

#### **IRONKIDS:**

Congratulations to all Primary School Theodorians who participated in Ironkids last Saturday: ***Pietro Monari Luvizeto, Jemima Gatang'i & Zahraa Paruk.***



### High School Sport

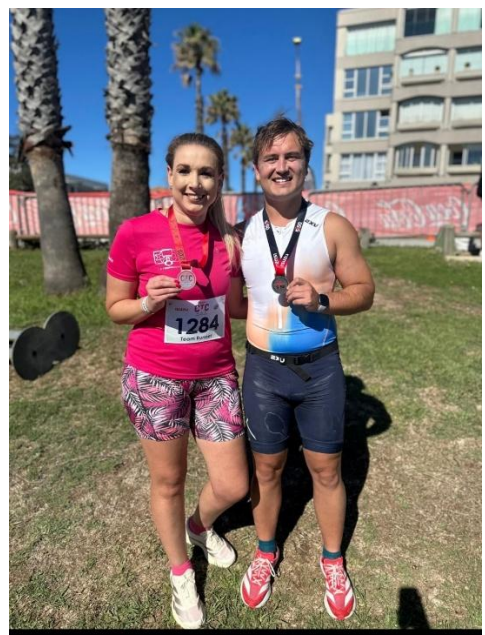
Mr Christo Scriven reports:

#### **IRONMAN:**



Congratulations to all High School Theodorians who participated in the Corporate Ironman last Saturday:

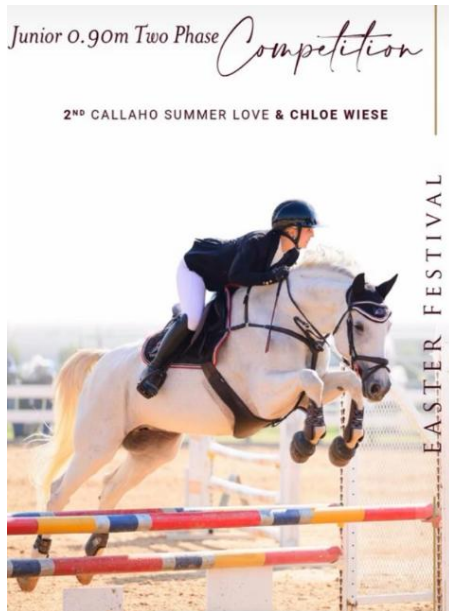
***Daniella & Sophia Gatang'i, Abdurrahman Ahmed, also Mr and Mrs van der Merwe.***



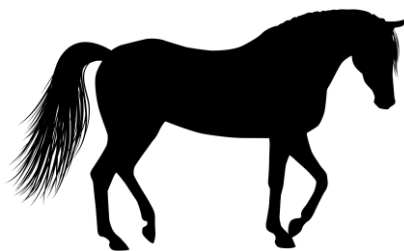
**SWIMMING:**

**Carter Cruickshank** competed in the SA National level 3 Gala from 9-12 April in East London and walked away with 4 x gold medals.

**EQUESTRIAN:**



**Chloe Wiese and Callaho Summer Love** competed at the Toyota Easter Festival Equestrian Show during the Holidays. Chloe attained a 2nd place in the 90cm 2 phase Show Jumping class of 77 competitors and 6th in the championship class.



**DERBY DAY VS ST MARK'S ON FRIDAY 17 APRIL:**

We had a festive Derby Day with some amazing results:  
1st Netball – rained out with scores 2-2, Junior A Netball team won 16-2  
Cross country – First three places to Theodor Herzl, 1st Team Boys Soccer won 2-1  
Chess B team lost to St Marks A team.

Images supplied by **Jenna du Toit & Donna Schewitz**



## **DEBATING:**

Our senior debaters had a match at Pearson yesterday, where they triumphed over Hillside College, with William Greenwood being awarded best speaker. The team consisted of: **Kate Yao, William Greenwood, and Camilo Ncoyo**. The topic was: Assuming there exists technology that can access and project memories, this house would allow using it for evidence in court.



## **NETBALL LEAGUE:**

The official High School Netball League for 2026 started with all three of our teams walking away with convincing wins over Harvest. In the second round of matches this week our 1st and Junior A side lost with 2 goals against Brylin, with our Junior B side claiming a win.

## **SOCCER:**

Our u.17 Boys Soccer team kept their unbeaten record in the Premier Schools League with a 6-1 over HH Academy. For the 1st time in the school's history they are participating in the EC SuperSport Schools Tournament at Urban Academy today.

## Important Notices



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### **Second Hand Uniform Shop**

We have stock of shorts, skorts, tracksuit tops, tracksuit pants and rain jackets.

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Mrs De Maine on 071 687 6567

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Shorts /Skorts - R80.00

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Tracksuit Tops - R150.00

Rain Jackets - Price on Request

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