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## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents / Guardians

**“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.”**

**Margaret Mead**

As we move steadily through the second term, I am continually reminded that education is at its most meaningful when it

develops not only capable minds, but compassionate, resilient and creative young people. I trust that this newsletter reflects this appropriately.

From our Grade 3 children enthusiastically bringing their study of natural disasters to life through volcano projects, to our High School students enjoying moments of connection and school spirit ahead of the mid-year examinations, there is a strong sense of energy, curiosity, and belonging across our campus.

We are immensely proud of the outstanding sporting and cultural achievements celebrated in these pages. Whether competing locally, provincially, or internationally, our children/students continue to demonstrate commitment, perseverance, discipline and humility. The achievements of our students remind us that excellence is built through consistency, resilience, and the willingness to keep striving. Resilience is key!

At the same time, it is important to celebrate the cultural heartbeat of our school community. Our students achieved exceptional success at the Knock on Wood Music Competition, earning Gold and Double Gold awards across a range of disciplines, including voice, guitar, piano, clarinet, percussion, steel band and marimba. I congratulate all the performers, as well as Mrs Candice Parkin and the

Music Department, for fostering such passion, confidence and artistic excellence. Music and the arts remain an essential part of a balanced education, nurturing creativity, discipline, collaboration and self-expression in powerful ways.

As examinations/Review Week begins for many of our children/students, we encourage our students to approach this season with perspective and balance. As is so often stated, success is measured not only by marks but also by growth, effort, integrity, and the ability to learn from challenges. We encourage healthy routines, rest, preparation, and the confidence that comes from doing one's best. I do believe that the world in which our children and we find ourselves, the skill of resilience is of paramount importance. The article by Alex Vance, "Want to raise Resilient kids? Try Lighthouse Parenting", speaks to this topic beautifully.

The link is <https://www.parents.com/want-to-raise-resilient-kids-try-lighthouse-parenting-11871420>

Thank you, as always, to our dedicated staff and you, our supportive parents, for the partnership that makes our school community so special. I believe fervently that when home and school work come together with shared purpose and care, our children flourish - academically, emotionally, socially, culturally and ethically.

Wishing you all a productive and meaningful week ahead!

Kind Regards

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**Viktor Kurz**

**Executive Principal**

## Pre-Primary School

**Mrs Carly Collett (HOD) writes:**

Our Pre-Primary children recently celebrated the special ladies in their lives. Together, they decorated flower pots with sparkly stickers and colourful kokis before planting tiny seedlings — a meaningful symbol of the love, care, and growth shared between mother and child. Watching little hands work alongside moms, grannies, and special family members was truly heartwarming. The morning was filled with sweet conversations, creative moments, and quality time together. It was also such a lovely opportunity for moms to connect, catch up, and meet other wonderful ladies within our school community. Having a supportive village of women around our children is such a privilege, and these moments remind us just how important those connections are. Thank you to all the amazing women who joined us and made the day so special.



## Primary School

The Grade 3s had a wonderful time creating Volcanoes. They have been learning about Natural Disasters and enjoyed a visit from *My Magic Words*, who brought it to life for them.



## High School

Our High Schoolers felt warm and cozy in their hoodies, enjoying some fun before Mid-Year Exams started.



## Sports News

### Primary School Sport Coach Petro reports:

Date	Sport	Opponents	Result
12 May	Junior Chess	Willow Academy	Won 7-0
12 May	Senior Chess	Willow Academy B	Lost 4-3
14 May	U11 Netball	Sydenham	Lost 6-2
14 May	U13 Netball	Sydenham	Lost 6-2
14 May	U11 Soccer	Eduplanet	Won 2-1
14 May	U13 Soccer	Excelsior	Won 3-2



### MUSIC: Mrs Parkin reports:

Congratulations to **Graham Clarke** for winning the Primary School Solo Percussion Category Medal along with a Double Gold award in the *Knock on Wood Music* Competition.

## High School Sport

### Mr Christo Scriven reports:

#### **SOCCER:**

Congratulations to **Mason Wippenaar** who is included in the u.17 EC Regional Schools Soccer team to play at the Provincial Winter Games in East London in the following weeks.

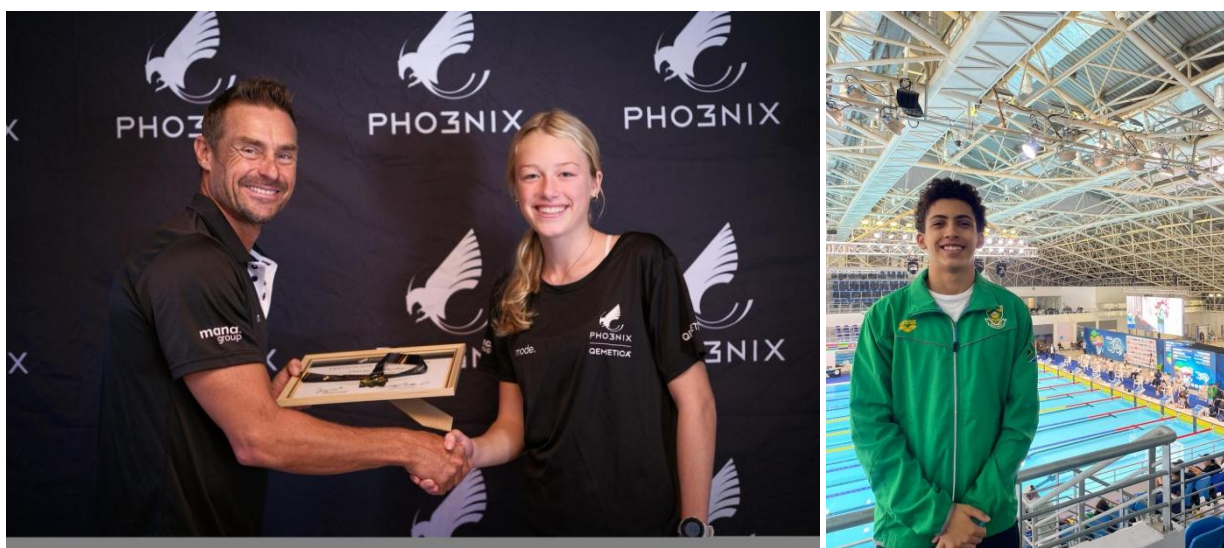
#### **SQUASH:**

Our 1st team put on an excellent performance to finish the term school league match against Alexander Road with a 9 – 3 win.

#### **PHO3NIX FUTURE'S CAMP:**

We congratulate **Olivia Mukheibir** on being selected to attend the Pho3nix Future's Camp in South Africa. Athletes from various schools in the bay and from a variety of sports were selected, based on their achievements and their desire to achieve, learn, grow and be the best athlete they can be.

The Pho3nix Future program seeks to equip promising young athletes with the skills to develop a career in professional sport. Through intensive camps, sports and business mentorship, Pho3nix Future gives promising athletes the assistance and inspiration to fully realise their potential. The incredible Pho3nix Future Camp Africa is hosted by 8-time IM Champion Raynard Tissink. It features a team of experts in sport, business, media, sports nutrition and high-performance training.



#### **SWIMMING:**

**Kellen Jones** represented South Africa at the Africa Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships in Algeria from 5 -10 May and made his Country, School and

Province very proud with exceptional results. Kellen participated in the 400IM and placed 4th, in the 800m free he placed 6th and in the 1500m free he placed 5<sup>th</sup>.

While he was at the event he also received the good news that he has been selected to represent South Africa for the **Open Water Junior World Championship** which will be hosted in Argentina from 3 to 6th Sept.

### **OPEN WATER SWIMMING:**

**Aiden Green** has been selected to represent South Africa at the Open Water Africa Aquatics Swimming Championships, Mont Choisy Beach, Mauritius 6-7 June 2026.

### **BIATHLON:**

2026 Biathlon Awards - Friday 15 May 2026

Junior Victor Ludorum 2026

Despite an injury setback early in the season, **Shah Eli Kannemeyer** showed incredible determination and resilience to make a remarkable comeback. He broke EP records, set the highest points benchmark for his age group, medalled at the EP Championships, and earned Bronze at the SA National Championships.

Eli also received the following awards:

U15 Boys - EP record holder 2119,12

U15 Boys - Most promising athlete

U15 Boys - 3rd SA Champs

Provincial Colours for the second consecutive Season.



U14 Boys - Competitor of the Year  
14 Boys - Stillwater Specialist of the Year  
U14 Boys - Beach Specialist of the Year  
U14 Boys - Nipper of the Year  
U14 Boys - Most Points at Nationals  
U14 Boys - Swimmer of the Year  
Congratulations Eli, well done

## **EQUESTRIAN:**

**Chloe Wiese on Callaho Summer Love** competed in the SANESA Qualifier this past weekend at PE Riding Club. She attained a 2nd place in the 90cm Two Phase Jumping class, a 1st place in the Championship class and a 2nd place in Novice Equitation!

## **MUSIC:**

### **Mrs Parkin Reports:**

A huge congratulations to **Carli Labuschagne** on winning 1st place in the Vocal category at the SASMT *Into The Mix Pop and Contemporary Music* Competition! This is an incredible achievement. Her talent, hard work and dedication truly have shone through.



We are absolutely thrilled with the outstanding achievements of our students at the *Knock on Wood Music* Competition!

Congratulations to our winners:

**Morgan Johnson** - Guitar - Double Gold

**Liya Magigaba** - Voice - Gold

**Carli Labuschagne** - Clarinet - Gold

**Ikhimbali Sisulu** - Voice - Bronze

**Jayden Viduya** – winner of the High School Piano Category Medal and achieving a Double Gold award!

Our ensembles also shone brightly:  
The Pantastix Steelband – Double Gold for their incredible performance and  
The Mallet Masters Marimba Band – Gold

## Important Notices

Get your entries in before 29 May!



*MR & MISS*  
**Theodor Herzl**

Mr & Miss Theodor Herzl 2026 entries are now open—  
join us for an exciting journey.

25 June 2026 ,Thursday | Primary School  
7PM - 9PM | Hall

APPLY ONLINE BY SCANNING QR CODE OR  
FOLLOWING THE LINK  
<https://forms.fillout.com/t/>  
AND COMPLETE THE ENTRY FORM

APPLCATIONS CLOSE ON 29 MAY 2026



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