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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents / Guardians

“The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.”

Marcel Proust

Over the past few weeks, much of our educational conversation has centred on assessments – be they in our Pre-Primary, Primary or High School. This is entirely appropriate. Assessment,

when used thoughtfully, helps us understand what our children know, what they can do, and how we can best support their growth. It certainly provides valuable insights into learning and progress, and it remains an important part of school life.

Yet, as I reflect on the many activities captured in this newsletter, I am reminded that some of the most meaningful learning cannot always be measured on a test paper.

Learning happens in classrooms every day, but it also happens on sports fields, chess boards, horseback, swimming lanes, school excursions, stages, buses, and playgrounds. It happens when a child loses a match but returns to practice the next day. It happens when a child/student steps forward to represent their school, works as part of a team, solves a difficult problem, shows kindness to a peer, or discovers a passion they never knew they had.

This edition of our newsletter provides wonderful examples of these moments. Our young chess players demonstrated patience, concentration and strategic thinking. Our Grade 3 children explored the fascinating world of aviation at the South African Air Force Museum. Across a wide range of sporting codes, our children have experienced both victories and setbacks, learning lessons in perseverance, resilience and sportsmanship that will serve them long after the final whistle has blown. We celebrate outstanding achievements in swimming, martial arts and equestrian sport, but equally, we celebrate the courage it takes simply to participate, compete and grow.

At Theodor Herzl Schools, I believe fervently that education is about far more than academic achievement alone. We want our children/students to develop curiosity, character, confidence and compassion. We want them to discover who they are, what they love, and how they can contribute positively to the world around them. We want them to be good human beings!

As parents and teachers, it is sometimes tempting to focus only on marks, percentages and reports. These certainly matter. But let us also remember to notice the quieter achievements: the child who shows determination after disappointment, the learner who takes responsibility, the friend who includes someone who feels left out, the teammate who encourages others, or the young person who develops a new interest that sparks a lifelong passion.

These are the moments that shape character. These are the experiences that build confidence. And these are often the lessons that endure.

As we move through the busy weeks ahead, I trust that we continue to celebrate learning in all its forms - both inside and outside the classroom. Together, we are helping our children become not only knowledgeable students, but thoughtful, capable and caring human beings.

School sport continues to play an important role in the development of our children, teaching lessons that extend far beyond the scoreboard. The article below by Tim Jarvis provides a thought-provoking reflection on the **increasing commercialisation of youth sport** and raises important questions about how we balance competition, opportunity and the well-being of our young people. The link is

<https://timothyjarvis.wordpress.com/2026/02/13/show-me-the-money-why-school-sport-must-not-be-commodified/>

I wish you a happy and restful weekend ahead!

Kind Regards

Viktor

Viktor Kurz

Executive Principal

Primary School

Theodor Herzl proudly hosted the Chess for Change Primary School Tournament on 31 May 2026, bringing together young chess enthusiasts from Herbert Hurd Primary, Moregrove Primary, Newton Park Primary, Curro, Summerwood Primary, homeschooling groups and many learners from our own school. The event showcased excellent sportsmanship, strategic thinking and a growing passion for chess among our youth.

We were especially proud to see our youngest participants, including Pre-Primary learner, **Joel Tebbutt**, who delivered an outstanding performance and earned a Gold Medal. The tournament was closely contested, with Cruz Dido of Summerwood Primary (Grade 7) emerging as the champion after defeating **Iviwe Sizani** in the final round.

Iviwe secured second place, while **Cayne Jansen** claimed third place. All three players finished on the same number of points, with final positions determined by tie-break scores.



Our Grade 3 Theodorians enjoyed an exciting and educational outing to the SA Air Force Museum! They had the opportunity to explore a fascinating collection of aircraft, learn about the history of aviation and discover the important role of the South African Air Force. They returned to school inspired and with a greater appreciation for the wonders of flight and the people who make it possible.



Sports News

Primary School Sport **Coach Petro reports:**

Date	Sport	Opponents	Result
18 May	U12 Netball	Young Park	Lost 7-0
18 May	U13 Netball	Young Park	Lost 14-1
21 May	U10 Netball	Young Park	Lost 4-2
21 May	U11 Netball	Young Park	Won 4-1
21 May	U11 Soccer	Cape Receife	Won 2-1
21 May	U13 Soccer	Bonzai	Draw 3-3

25 May	U14 Hockey	Greenwood	Draw 0-0
25 May	U10 Netball	Young Park	Lost 4-2
25 May	U11 Netball	Young Park	Won 4-1
26 May	U9 Soccer	Young Park	Draw 2-2
26 May	U10 Hockey	Parsons Hill	Lost 5-0
26 May	Open Tennis	Albertyn	Won 19-9
27 May	U14 Hockey	Astra	Lost 1-0
28 May	U13 Soccer	Bay Christian	Lost 2-0

SWIMMING:

We are very proud of **Milani Butau** who was awarded the following trophies at the Bay Eagle Academy:

- 50 m Backstroke Girls 11/12
- 100 m Backstroke Girls 11/12
- 200m Backstroke Girls 11/12
- 50 m Breaststroke Girls U 11/12
- 100m Breaststroke Girls U11/12
- 200m Breaststroke Girls U11/12
- 400m Freestyle Girls U 11/12
- Top Female Swimmer 200m Individual Medley U12
- Girls Club Champion for the Year - U11/12 Girls



High School Sport

Mr Christo Scriven reports:

MARTIAL ARTS:

Camilo Ncoyo has been part of the PESFA Club since last year for Martial Arts. He participated in the MASA (**Provincial Championship & Festival**), held in Despatch (Ernest Swanepoel Hall), on the 23rd May 2026. He attained a Gold medal in No-GI Grappling and a SILVER medal in Kickboxing.



EQUESTRIAN:

Two of our SANESA riders competed in the Q5 SANESA show at PE Riding Club, with some outstanding results.



Eva Pape on **Flappy** attained two 1st places in the 70cm Show Jumping classes.



Bella Muller on **Jon Jon** attained a 1st in Open Working Riding, 1st in Open Equitation and a 1st in Open Working Hunter.

Congratulations to our riders who participated in the EC Championships held at PE Riding Club this past weekend.



Chloe Wiese and **Callaho Summer Love** attained a 2nd place in the Intermediate Equitation, a 1st and a 2nd place in the 90cm EC Show Jumping classes.



Jemma Schewitz and **Callaho Liberty** attained a 3rd place in Open Equitation, a 1st and a 3rd in the 1.20m EC Show Jumping classes.

We are proud to announce that three of our talented Theodorian Lassies have been selected to represent the **Eastern Cape** at the **2026 Toyota SA Equestrian Youth Championships**, taking place at the Shongweni Equestrian Club from 27 June to 5 July 2026.

Isabella Muller has been selected for the Eastern Cape Open Pony Equitation Team and the Eastern Cape Open Showing Team.

Chloe Wiese has been selected for the Eastern Cape Junior Novice Equitation Team and the Eastern Cape Junior 90cm Show Jumping Team.

Jemma Schewitz has been selected for the Eastern Cape Junior Open Equitation Team and the Eastern Cape Junior 1.20m Show Jumping Team.

Important Notices

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Donation Drive ♥

Let's help keep children warm
this winter ♥

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WE ARE NEEDING DONATIONS OF:

- BLANKETS**
- LINEN**
- WARM WINTER CLOTHES**

♥ Good condition 2nd hand items welcome!

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF WITH
Mrs Everest / Mrs Williams ♥

Thank you for helping
make a difference! ♥

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE
FIRST EVER

Winter Ball

Saturday, 25 July 2026 | 19:00-22:00

Theodor Herzl School hall

Cocktail attire | R250 per ticket

Join us for an elegant evening of dancing, finger food and celebration. Each guest will receive a welcome drink on arrival

Soft drinks will be available for purchase throughout the evening

Exclusively for Theodor Herzl High School Students



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