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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents / Guardians

*"Memory, my dear Cecily, is the diary
that we all carry about with us."*

Oscar Wilde, *The Importance of
Being Earnest*

Oscar Wilde certainly had a wonderful way with words, and this particular observation caught my attention recently. It made me think about the memories and experiences we collect throughout our lives, often

without realising just how much they shape us. Some fade with time, while others remain remarkably clear, even many years later.

The inspiration for this week's newsletter actually came from the title of our forthcoming High School art exhibition, ***The Things We Carry***. I was rather taken by those four simple words. They seemed particularly appropriate when I thought about what happens in a school every day, and what our children ultimately take away from their years with us. Beyond the books, schoolbags, reports, and certificates, they carry so much more, some of which will remain long after their school uniforms are packed away for the last time.

I think this is especially evident when you look across our three schools.

In our Pre-Primary, our youngest children often begin by carrying the simplest things, yet perhaps the most important. The confidence to try something independently, the excitement of discovering something new, the security of knowing that someone cares, and the beginnings of friendships. These experiences may seem ordinary to us as adults, but for a young child they are

enormously significant. A kind word, a patient teacher or the satisfaction of finally mastering something can make all the difference. Of course, they also carry home a remarkable assortment of artwork, sand, and occasionally things that I'm sure were never intended to leave the playground!



As they move through our Primary School, those experiences become more varied and, in many ways, more challenging. Our recent Grade 7 Market Day is a lovely example. Behind the colourful stalls, delicious treats, and enthusiastic sales pitches were lessons in planning, teamwork, responsibility, and perseverance. Some ideas worked beautifully, while others may have required a little creative adjustment along the way. That, too, is part of learning. Our children begin to appreciate that success is satisfying, disappointment is manageable, and working with others requires patience and understanding. These lessons will serve them well long after the profits from Market Day are spent.

By the time our students reach High School, what they carry becomes more complex. Friendships deepen, expectations increase, and young people begin to discover who they are and what matters to them. This week's newsletter celebrates exceptional academic achievements, sporting successes, and our students' wonderful creative talents. We are enormously proud of these accomplishments, and rightly so. Academic excellence remains central to what we do, but I also hope our students carry away something equally important: confidence in their abilities, a willingness to persevere when things get difficult, respect for others, and the courage to stand by their convictions.

Our Matrics, in particular, are approaching that rather special moment when school becomes part of their personal history. I suspect that, in years to come, they will remember far more than the marks they achieved. They will remember the friendships, the laughter, the teachers who encouraged them, the challenges they overcame and perhaps even a few moments they would rather forget! All of these experiences have shaped the young adults they are becoming.

What interests me, though, is that some of the most meaningful things our children carry may never appear in a newsletter. They are found in the ordinary moments of school life. A teacher who notices that something is wrong, a friend

who offers encouragement, a difficult conversation that ends in understanding, or the quiet satisfaction of achieving something that once seemed impossible. We don't always recognise these moments as important at the time, but their influence can last.

I recently came across a rather lovely article entitled "With Kids, Love Is in the Little Things", by Maryam Abdullah, published in "Greater Good Magazine". It explores something I think we instinctively know but don't always appreciate enough: the importance of small, everyday moments of connection between parents and their children. It isn't necessarily the grand occasions or carefully planned experiences that matter most, but often the simplest interactions: when our children know we are genuinely interested, that we are listening, and, most importantly, that we are there.

The link to the article is:

https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/with_kids_love_is_in_the_little_things?utm

I thought it appropriate to share this as we reflect on what our children carry through their school years. In the busyness of our lives, it is easy to overlook the value of an ordinary conversation, a shared laugh, a word of encouragement or simply spending time together. Yet these experiences often give our children a sense of security and belonging. Perhaps it's reassuring to know we don't always have to do something extraordinary to make a lasting difference.

It is also a reminder that, as parents and teachers, we have an enormous influence on what our children carry into adulthood. We cannot protect them from every disappointment, nor should we try. We can, however, help them develop the confidence, character, and resilience to face life's inevitable challenges. Just as importantly, we can make sure they carry the knowledge that they are valued, supported, and belong.

So, as we move towards the final weeks of another busy school year, perhaps it is worth thinking a little less about everything our children still have to accomplish and a little more about everything they have already gained.

After all, what they carry away from their school years may ultimately matter just as much as what they achieved while they were here.

Thank you, as always, for allowing us to be part of that journey. Have a good week ahead!

Kind Regards

Viktor

Viktor Kurz

Executive Principal

Primary School

Our Grade 7s put their entrepreneurial skills to the test at their very own Market Day! From planning and preparing to selling their goodies and serving their customers, our young entrepreneurs had the opportunity to put their creativity, teamwork and business skills into action.

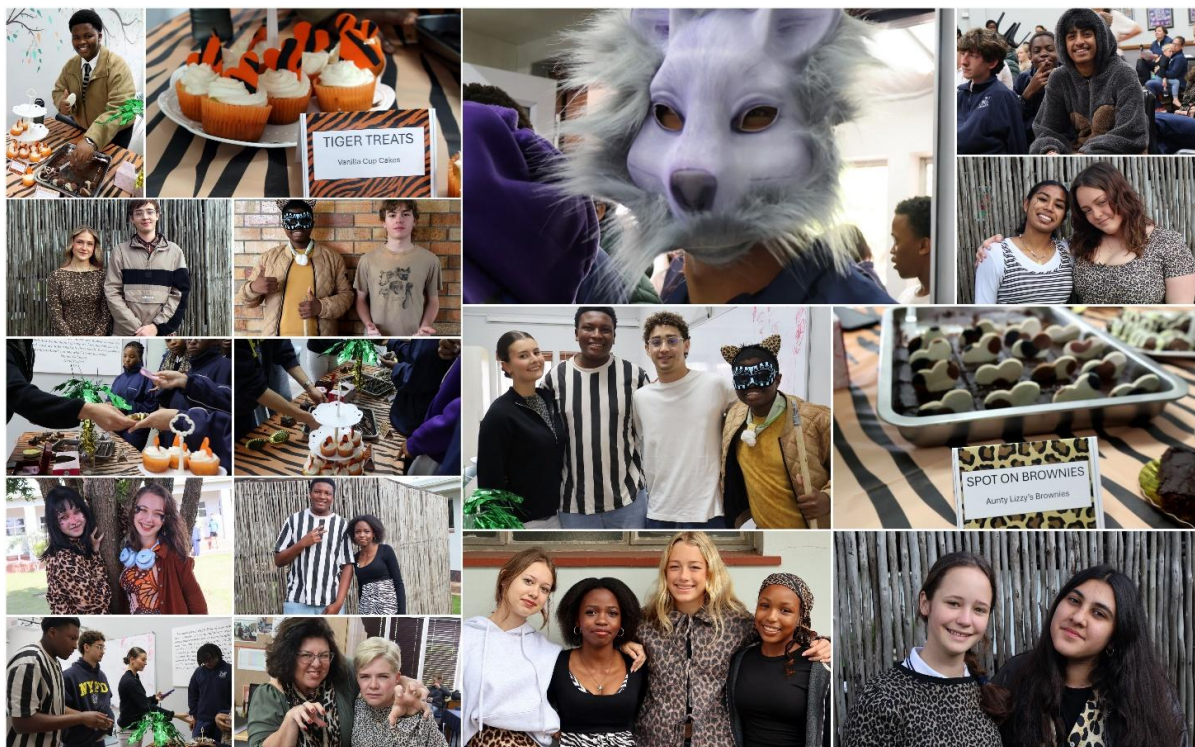
Images supplied by **Jessica Hickman**



High School

We celebrated the beauty of our incredible South African wildlife with a fun-filled "Wear It Wild Day" at our High School! Our staff and pupils embraced their wild sides, arriving in their favourite animal prints and adding a whole lot of colour, spots and stripes to our school! Our Prefects also treated everyone to a delicious cake sale and let's just say things got a little wild at the tuckshop!

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Congratulations to our Term 3 Top Academic Achievers.



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High School Term 3 Top 5 Academic Achievers:

Grade 8



Nicholas Shone



Rija Altaf



Zingce Nxiweni



Angelique Mentoer



Logan Gouws

Grade 9



Jayden Viduya



Isabella du Toit



Daniella du Toit



Talia Prahaladh



Tamishka Reddy

Grade 10



Luke Tucker



Ruhi Doorgapershad



Crystal van Tonder



Camilo Ncoyo



Kirsteen Alt

Grade 11



Sarah van der Merwe



Jade Meyer



Tobi Adeleke



Ella Scheepers



Lemika Moodley

Grade 12



Liyemah Funani



Haroon Aslam



Kira Olivier



Max Schewitz



Rebecca Jensen

Mr Cronje Oosthuizen, Head of Science, writes:

Theodor Herzl High School hosted another International Mole Day celebration breakfast on Friday at 06:02. It was a great celebration of Chemistry with 80 people from 7 schools attending. The topic of the day was “Project Hail Moledy” and the speaker was an astrophysicist from UCT, **Dr Kelebogile Gasealahwe**. What an informative, invigorating and wonderful talk it was. We also held an inter-schools titration competition where learners had to standardise an acid within 20 minutes. The combined winners were Woodridge High School and Alexander Road High School, both obtaining exactly the same correct concentrations. They shared the Mole Day trophy and each walked away with a ‘mole of chocolate’. Fun was had by all. Until next year!

Images supplied by **Donna Schewitz**



Sports News

Primary School Sport Coach Petro reports:

Date	Sport	Opponents	Result
13 October	U9 Cricket	Herbert Hurd C	Won by 19 runs

13 October	Open Tennis	Lorraine	Won 24-14
14 October	U13 Cricket	Excelsior	Won by 40 runs
20 October	Open Tennis	Summerwood B	Won 29- 5
21 October	U13 Cricket	Zwide HUB	Won by 6 wickets

ATHLETICS:

Ivakale Mase participated in the EPA event the past weekend. He achieved Bronze medals for both 200m and 100m u/13 boys races.

200m time: 25.42 seconds

100m time: 12.37 seconds

GYMNASTICS:

We are truly proud of **Lunje Sokoyi**, who represented Eastern Cape Gymnastics in September!



High School Sport

Mr Christo Scriven reports:

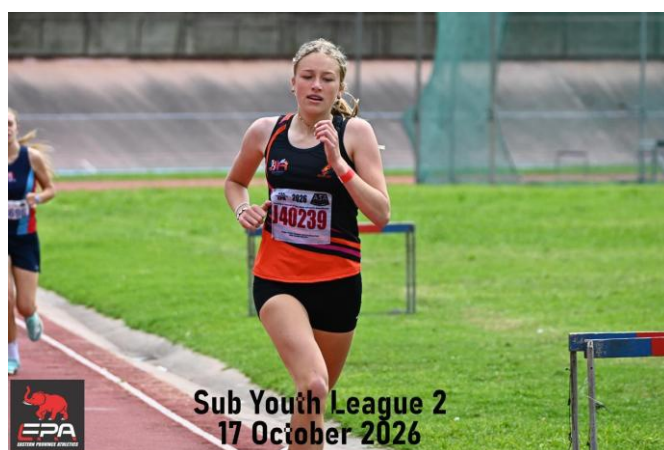
TENNIS:

This term, we're excited to partner with ***Evolve Tennis Academy*** to give our Theodorians access to quality tennis coaching, helping them develop their skills, build confidence and grow their love for the game. Whether it's mastering that serve, perfecting their footwork or learning to rally like a pro, we're looking forward to seeing our players learn, improve and make their mark on the court!



ATHLETICS:

A fantastic performance from ***Olivia Mukheibir*** at the Sub Youth League 2 Athletics Meeting on Saturday! Competing against Grade 11 athletes, Olivia showed great determination and brought home three bronze medals in the 60m, 150m and 600m events. An outstanding achievement, Olivia! Well done!



BASKETBALL:

The boys are hitting the court, sharpening their skills and bringing the energy! With **Coach Luvuko Manana** guiding the way, our basketball boys are working on their game, building confidence and developing the teamwork, discipline and determination needed to succeed both on and off the court.



EQUESTRIAN:

Jemma Schewitz is back in the saddle and making her comeback count! Competing in the SASJ Showjumping Challenge at the PE Riding Club last weekend, Jemma secured an impressive 1st place on **First For Horses Silence S** and a 2nd place on **Callaho Liberty**.



Important Notices

Please support **Ms Dorfling** and her phenomenal High School Art students.

EXHIBITION: 13 NOV - 21 NOV
OPENING NIGHT - TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER AT
17:30 FOR 18:00, DRESS COCKTAIL.

**Art
Exhibition**
The Things We Carry

ART ON TARGET GALLERY - WALMER
(BOTTOM OF TARGET KLOOF)

WE LOOK FOWARD TO YOU JOINING US, AS WE CELEBRATE OUR
TALENTED ARTISTS

THEODOR HERZL HIGH SCHOOL



Theodor Herzl High School Interact Committee

LOVE BOX

HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

On now!

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Help us bring smiles to children who need it most this season. We are collecting new and preloved gifts to support underprivileged kids in our community:

1-2 years: 20 children
3-5 years: 25 children
6-8 years: 25 children
9-12 years: 30 children
13-15 years: 50 children
16 years: 20 children
Even split between boys and girls

How to Donate:
Donations can be dropped off with Mrs Everest or with Mrs Kennedy. Please leave all gifts unwrapped so they can be sorted appropriately by the Interact Committee. Wrapping paper donations are also welcomed! ✨

What to Bring:
New or preloved toys in good condition, crafts, age appropriate gifts or games suitable for ages 1-16. Even the smallest of gifts bring the greatest of joy!





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Good,
Play
Hard! ♥

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