



WATERFALL
PREPARATORY

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 2025

LETTER FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents

Time really flies when you're having fun! Between incessantly rainy days, we miraculously woke up to clear, sunny skies on the morning of Sliding Into Happiness, with sounds of joy and water the order of the day. Thank you for your wonderful support and contribution to what is becoming a day to highlight a foundational value in our school – the importance of family.

I am blessed to spend time with the Grade 5 boys each week in a Life Orientation lesson and, during one of them, I asked them to list the 10 items they would take with them to a deserted island for a six-month adventure, some of which I have shared below:

1	canned beans	to eat, when I'm Hungry
1	deodorant	NOT smell badly (no predator)
9	Bible	To read the word
10	scissors	smelly. so I can cut my hair
10	soccer ball	Practise
7	fotos	reminds me of home
7	fridge	To keep food cold
3	boomerang	To have fun
3	Friends	Have some one to talk (communicate)

The last example is a poignant reminder to us all. Perhaps it is the way time is rushing past (a euphemism for getting old!), but I have been reminded of the need to focus on what is really important to us. We need to build strong and deep connections that aren't reliant on achievement and success, but rather on the appreciation of each other's qualities and interests.

What is MOST important to you and how do you protect it?

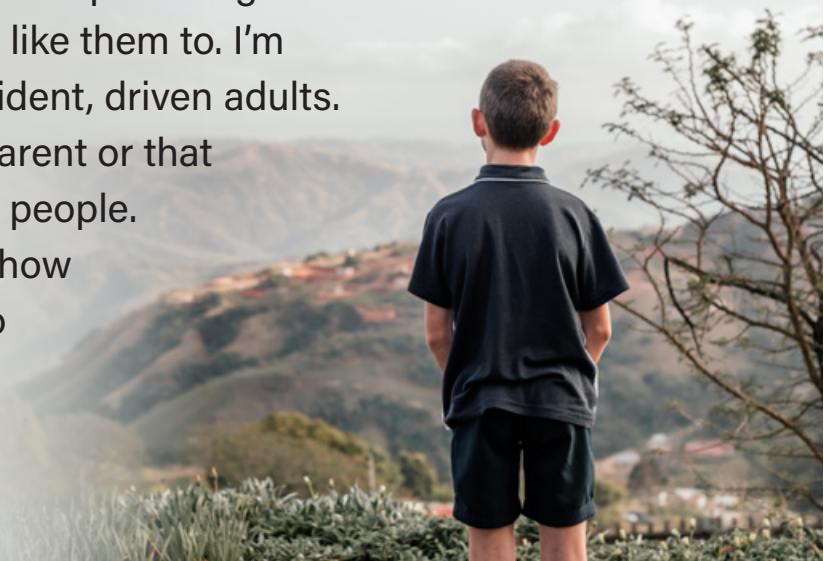
Enjoy the following pages that highlight some of what has taken place over the last few weeks and consider the following: learning can be fun, not all learning takes place at a desk or in a book and there is more to learn than just what is in the curriculum.

In closing, I would like to leave you with this reminder, which I came across recently. I hope it provides some hope and encouragement. Until next term!

Brad Cooper

On days when my children are particularly strong-willed, I like to remind myself that I'm not parenting for the short-term. I'm not parenting to have an obedient child today who behaves exactly as I would like them to. I'm parenting to have emotionally healthy, confident, driven adults. A tough day doesn't mean I'm failing as a parent or that my children aren't wonderful, sweet, caring people. It just means that today is a tough day and how I choose to handle it will teach them how to handle their own tough days.

Melissa Davis



FAMILY NEWS



Congratulations to Mrs Paige Ilgen (n  e Tedder) who married Tristan Ilgen in a beautiful Midlands wedding on Saturday, 15 February. We wish you a lifetime of happiness together.



Congratulations to our Business Manager, Taryn Lowe, and her husband, Tom, on the arrival of their second child in February. We welcome Zoe Lowe to the Waterfall family.



URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE

SMARTPHONE AWARENESS

This term, I have been saddened by the number of children arriving at my office to share what they've seen online. In some cases, it has been the least assuming children, highlighting that the online world does not respect individuals – it responds to actions, not intentions, and many issues have arisen from sincere mistakes. There is an urgency for us, as parents, to stay alert to what our children are doing and monitor their activity, especially on smartphones, where the device is smaller, more portable and easier to navigate.

Rather than neutral canvases, children are highly impressionable and rarely able to contextualise the media they digest. With the best intentions, they are drawn to images and videos without fully understanding their immediate or long-term impact. From what I've been told, some content that students have been exposed to is very explicit. More tragic is that in each case, the children regretted seeing it – even those actively pursuing it. This suggests that, beyond needing help, our children are desperate for it. We have, indeed, arranged for speakers to address the legal concerns of social media, but the moral and spiritual effect on the hearts and minds of our children is paramount. These are the consequences that should truly trouble us, as parents.

I am certain that appropriate safeguarding apps have been installed, but they cannot remove all of the danger. This bolsters my belief that we, as parents, remain the primary guardians. Smartphones are multimedia toys that we must engage with alongside our children and, while there is much value in teaching accountability, I believe the digital world is leaving far more scars than sings. I want to urge parents – especially those of younger students – not to rush into buying a smartphone. For parents who are on the fence, my encouragement would be to wait it out. I understand your child's insistence, but in these formative years, their focus should be on building active, real-life relationships with family and peers.

For parents navigating what is not an easy path with smartphones, please speak with your children. Given the repercussions, this is not about intruding, especially as it comes with a heart of love and a sincere desire to protect them. It is not a time to shame or condemn, but to walk alongside our children. In some cases, sadly, some need to be reoriented and pulled out from the mire they are in. But this is all energy worth spending, especially as we are helping to preserve the hearts and minds that God has given them.

In this vein, I encourage that we pray for our children. An incredible power exists in prayer. As mentioned, the smartphone culture is not only a physical and emotional one – it is also a spiritual one. As parents, we remain the stewards of the souls of our children, so let's do everything we can to protect them and trust the Lord to intervene in their lives. God bless.

~ Mr Kyle, Head of Student Affairs – Waterfall College ~

NEW JUNGLE GYM

Our pupils were thrilled to discover a BIG new jungle gym alongside the field when they came back to school this year. Through the Walkathon 2024, our parents raised money to make this addition to our playground. Thank you to our parents for this gift that enables our pupils to exercise, explore their imaginations and create memories with their friends.



DATES TO DIARISE

Tuesday, 8 April 2025 — Term 2, 2025 starts — Prep children return

Thursday, 10 April 2025 – Grade 4 to 7 Night School

Friday, 18 April 2025 — NO SCHOOL — Public Holiday (Easter Friday)

Monday, 21 April — NO SCHOOL — Public Holiday (Family Day)

Friday, 25 April — Book Character Dress up for World Book Day

Monday, 28 April — NO SCHOOL — Public Holiday (Freedom Day)

Tuesday, 29 April — SCHOOL IS OPEN — FP and IP “Passion Projects Day”

Wednesday, 30 April — SCHOOL IS OPEN — FP and IP “Passion Projects Day”

Thursday, 1 May — NO SCHOOL — Public Holiday (Workers’ Day)

Friday, 2 May — NO SCHOOL — Long weekend

Wednesday, 7 May to Friday, 9 May:

Grade 6 to Infinite Adventures (Bothas Hill) | Grade 7 to Spirit of Adventure at TALA Game Reserve

Friday, 9 May — FP Mothers’ Day

Thursday, 15 May to Friday, 16 May — Grade 5 to Spirit of Adventure at Shongweni Dam Reserve

Friday, 23 May — Grade 4 to Spirit of Adventure at Shongweni Dam Reserve

Wednesday, 28 May — Prep Inter-House Cross Country (during the school morning)

Friday, 30 May — Inter-School Cross Country at Waterfall Prep

Friday, 13 June — FP Fathers’ Day

Monday, 16 June – NO SCHOOL – Youth Day

Friday, 20 June 2025 – Funky Hair Day (Music & Drama Dept fundraiser) and School closes for END of TERM 2

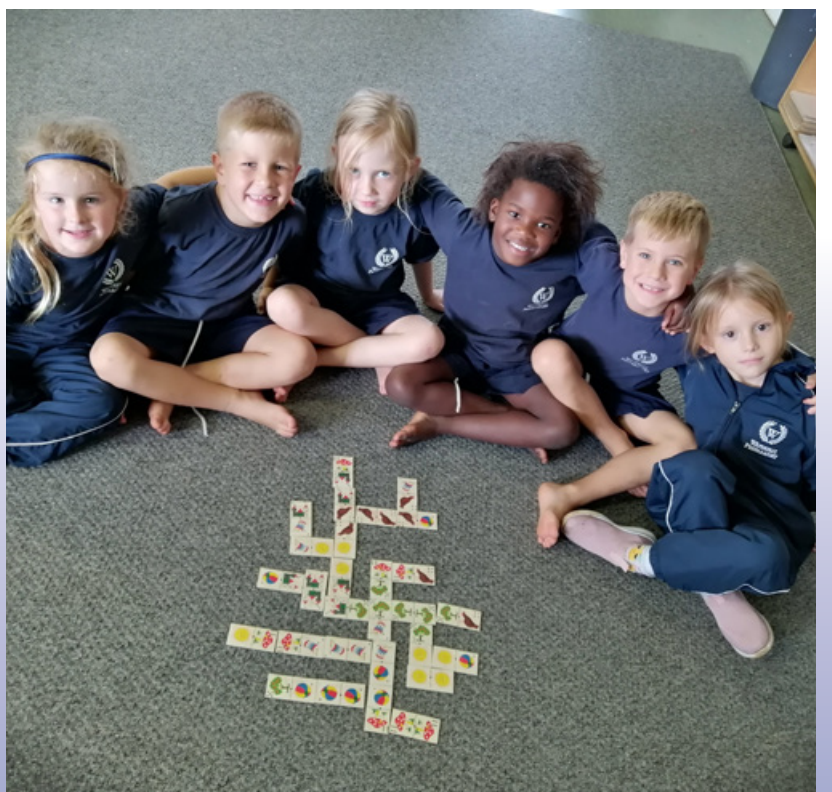
Monday, 30 June to Friday 4 July — NO HOLIDAY CARE

GRADE R

Our little ones have settled so well into 'big school', adapting to our school environment, playgrounds, classrooms, routines, teachers and friends so well. We used Term 1 to develop fundamental life skills, helping our little ones build their own relationships, as well as observing the relationships between their parents and teachers as they found a sense of belonging. They learned how to recognise and express this in various ways. We taught them that they belong to God (above all), their families, our Waterfall Prep family and our community.

As teachers, we observed and connected with the children in teacher-led focus activities, as well as in child-initiated play activities. This helped them understand and recognise the uniqueness and treasure in each of them, as well as the Grade as a whole. As we learn and practise our five Prep values (see next page), we recognise our responsibilities and the needs of others. Excited to grow and learn together, we channel our independence while developing our awareness of each other and our environment, becoming 'Five-Star Friends', after our Five-Star Values.

~ Ms Johnson and Mrs Nair ~



Music Lessons near Kloof Senior Primary and at St Mary's DSG Piano/Keyboard/Guitar

- Beginners (School Gr 2+) to advanced students
- Learn to read Music and play a Piano/Keyboard
- Beginner Guitar
- Classical Piano, Piano Examinations, Theory
- Worship music
- Contemporary Piano
- Adults .. pick up that music again.
- Referrals to most Instruments (drums, strings...)

Many years
of experience with all ages and stages

Contact *Heather Wills*
084 449 3595

Accompanist for Kloof Senior Choir
and St Agnes Church

WATERFALL PREP VALUES



manage myself and behave appropriately



follow instructions



respect myself, adults, peers and my environment



use my words to build, not break



be punctual and well organised

HOW DO STAFF UPHOLD THESE VALUES?

- 1** We remind the child about our values.
- 2** We call Time In – a chance to connect.
- 3** We call Time Out – a change of environment and time to think.
- 4** We ask the child to call their parent/guardian to tell them what has happened and to engage their help and support.

GRADE 1



Wow, what an exciting first term for our Grade 1 pupils! The very best grade has certainly lived up to its name and this first term has been packed with thrilling firsts.

From mastering the art of tying shoelaces during Shoe Tying Week, to diving into the magic of stories at our first Book Fair, every moment has been a new adventure. Our young pupils have discovered the joy of teamwork in group and pair work, tackled their first reading cards, and put their energy into cricket and netball skills, cross country and MTB. And who could forget the excitement of our first Dress-Up Day? The creativity on display was simply fantastic!

With the fun came important new concepts and our little ones were introduced to skills that set a strong foundation for the rest of the year. While we can't wait to see what the second term has in store for us, our pupils (and teachers!) are ready for their first school holiday of Grade 1.

A huge thank you to our amazing parents for your encouragement and support. You help make all these firsts possible. Here's to many more!

~ Mrs Bailey and Mrs Stevens ~



GRADE 2



What a joy it has been to start Grade 2 with so much energy and enthusiasm! This term, we explored new and fascinating facts about jungle animals. As part of our Jungle Safari theme, we became game rangers, donning our very own handmade binoculars to embark on a thrilling hunt for hidden creatures in our school forest. The discoveries we made were not only fun, but also filled us with awe and wonder at the incredible world around us.



Our afternoons were filled with netball and cricket practices that kept us on our toes. Swimmers enjoyed participating in galas and honing their skills, while our cricket and netball teams had a blast competing in Friday fixtures against other schools. Whether we were practicing or playing, we built team spirit, resilience and, most importantly, enjoyed every moment!

One of the highlights of the term was our Friday quiz, which turned into a delightful, messy shaving cream challenge! It was pure fun, full of laughter and a wonderful way to end our week. We've had such a fulfilling time together and we can't wait to dive into even more fun and learning in the next term. Bring on the next adventure!

~ Mrs Davies and Mrs Orchard ~



GRADE 3



The Grade 3 adventure set sail with a wave of excitement! Meeting new teachers, reuniting with old friends and stepping into the role of the 'big fish' in the Foundation Phase made for a fantastic start to the year. With eager hearts and curious minds, we dived into learning about the five oceans, their different layers and the marine life that call them home. One of the highlights of the term was our trip to the KwaZulu-Natal Sharks Board. The pupils were hooked as they discovered jaw-some facts about sharks and even got to witness a messy fish dissection! To wrap up the day, we felt the sand between our toes and enjoyed an ice cream at Umhlanga Beach.

We made a big splash on Valentine's Day with our Grade 3 Cake Sale. Not only did we enjoy delicious treats, but we also spread love and kindness by giving our friends a heart with a word of affirmation to stick into their Kindness Jar. It was a wonderful way to remind each other of the power of kind words and the joy of sharing love with friends. To wrap up an unforgettable first term, we celebrated three months in Grade 3 with a cozy pyjama and pizza party! It was the perfect way to end on a high tide, combining fun, laughter and even a little extra fraction practice along the way. We are excited to continue riding the wave of learning in Term 2, ready to discover even more treasures along the way!

~ Mrs Harburn and Mrs Warmington ~



GRADE 4



As we wrap up a productive first term, we are thrilled to share the wonderful learning experiences and memories made by our Grade 4s, who have settled so easily into the Intermediate Phase. This term was packed with new subjects and opportunities to explore, grow and have fun together!

We kicked off the term with an introduction to fantastic new subjects, including Information Technology (IT), where we explored the world of computers and learned how to use technology responsibly. In Geography, we explored the fascinating world around us. Our Natural Sciences lessons taught us about the seven processes of a living thing by monitoring the growth and development of our planted beans. We built a bird shelter out of recycled materials – a fun project that combined creativity with sustainability. In History, Mr Cooper made a guest appearance and shared the history of our beautiful campus and the development of our special school, providing us with a deeper appreciation for the place we call home.

One of the highlights of the term was the Speech and Drama Fiesta, where our Grade 4s bravely presented their individual and class poems. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their confidence and creativity, and we are so proud of how they all stepped up to the challenge!

It has been an incredible start to the year, and we can't wait to see what the next term has in store for us!

~ Mrs Ilgen and Mrs Cooke ~





GRADE 5

The Grade 5s kicked off the year with an unforgettable trip to the uShaka Education Centre, where learning met laughter and a little bit of “eww”! The day began with a fascinating guided tour through the aquarium and turtle rehabilitation area. From majestic sea creatures to the downright bizarre (like the pineapple fish), the pupils marvelled at God’s incredible creations.

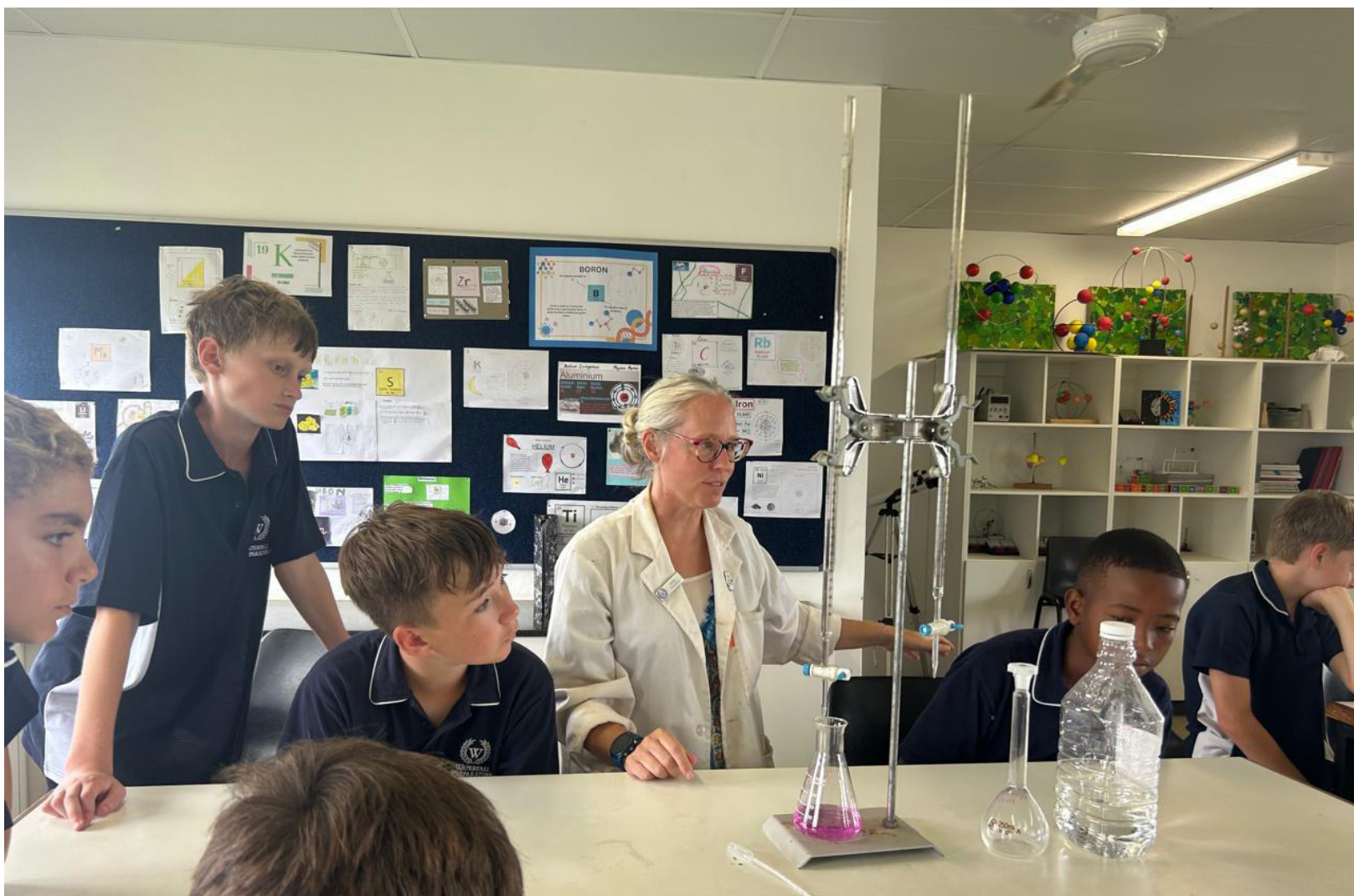
Next, an interactive lesson on vertebrate classification had them realising that science isn’t just in textbooks. Then came the highlight – a thrilling dolphin show! One lucky pupil even got to touch a dolphin. We ended the outing with a thrilling dissection of a sardine and, while some pupils were clearly in their element, others... well, let’s just say they were suddenly very interested in fresh air.

From wonder to squeals of excitement, it was a day of adventure, learning and incredible Memory Making Moments. What a way to start off the year!

~ Mrs Govender and Mrs Morris ~

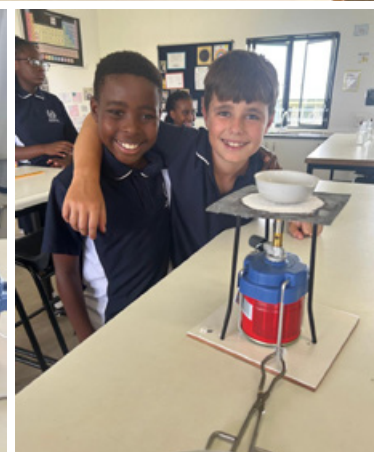


GRADE 6



This term, we delved into the world of science! We have been learning about the different types of scientific equipment used in a laboratory and we even got to try them out ourselves. We tested food samples for glucose using iodine and explored how leaves can also contain glucose. We were incredibly lucky to be hosted by Waterfall College's amazing Physical Sciences teacher, Mrs Goodrick, who guided us through the experiment. We saw a burette in action, carefully measuring small quantities of liquid, and learnt how to use a pipette to suck up liquids without making a mess. We also discovered the tricky error of parallax when measuring in a cylinder. Our experiments saw us heating evaporating basins over Bunsen burners and we even burned magnesium in a flame, creating a super bright light! The highlight was seeing the Van de Graaff generator in action, where static electricity made some of our hair stand on end. This experience was truly special and we are so grateful to Mrs Goodrick for helping us get one step closer to becoming budding scientists. What a memorable and fun adventure in the world of science!

~ Mrs Alborough and Mrs Benn ~



GRADE 7

The Grade 7s hit the ground running (sometimes literally) with an action-packed adventure day hosted by Infinite Adventures. From testing their aim in archery to bouncing around in inflatable soccer balls, there was no shortage of laughter, teamwork and friendly competition. They cracked challenging puzzles, worked together to conquer obstacles and wrapped it all up with refreshing water games, because what's an adventure without getting a little soaked?

The excitement didn't stop there! They got their hands dirty for natural sciences, by building their own ecosystems in a jar and dissecting flowers to uncover nature's secrets. Speaking of dirt, they've been hooked on reading *Holes*, a book that's as full of mystery as it is... well, holes! Their brains got an extra workout, thanks to weekly general knowledge quizzes that put their outside-the-classroom smarts to the test.

When Open Day arrived, the Grade 7s stepped up as school ambassadors, confidently leading parents on tours and showing off everything that makes our school special.

And just when you thought they might finally catch a break, Sliding into Happiness arrived! What better way to wrap up a jam-packed term than by slipping, sliding and soaking up the fun? With a start like this, we can't wait to see what's next for these unstoppable Grade 7s.

~ Mr Harburn and Mrs Ren ~



ISIZULU

As part of creative writing, the Grade 7s learned how to write a recipe. Our pupils got creative and wrote salivating recipes that ranged from chakalaka to peppermint tart, brownies, cupcakes and pizzas. Once the written assessment was done, the pupils had to make their meals using their recipe and bring it to class for all of us to taste. Pupils enjoyed tasting each others' cooking and learning a thing or two about recipe-writing and cooking along the way. We prioritised reading during class time as it is a very important part of language acquisition and, although the pupils found it challenging, they rose to the challenge and showed an impressive improvement in their reading and comprehension skills.

~ Mrs Piyoos ~



AFRIKAANS

Die eerste paar weke van Afrikaans was vol energie, lag en leer. Hier is 'n vinnige opsomming van wat ons gedoen het:

Speletjies en Spanbou: Ons het mekaar beter leer ken deur prettige en interaktiewe spanbou-speletjies te speel waar spanwerk en lag die wenresep was!

STOMPI Chaos: STOMPI-bouspeletjies het gehelp om sinne op 'n maklike en lekker manier te bou en seker te maak dat dit die regte woordorde volg – en ja, soms het sinne baie snaaks uitgekom!

Tye: Ons het deur Verlede, Teenwoordige en Toekomende Tyd gewerk en seker gemaak sinne is korrek gestruktureer en die regte reëls wat gebruik moet word.

Spelling & Begrip: Toetse het gekom en gegaan, en met tyd gaan ons wys dat ons luister, lees en spel kan baasraak!

Afrikaanse Valentynskaarte: Kreatiwiteit was op 'n hoogtepunt toe ons unieke Valentynskaartjies in Afrikaans gemaak het. Liefde in Afrikaans klink sommer mooier!



Idiome Pret: Ons het idiome geteken en hul letterlike en figuurlike betekenis verken – party prente was so snaaks dat ons nie kon ophou lag nie!

Ons hou so aan met die goeie werk! Daar is nog baie om te leer en te geniet hierdie jaar. Afrikaans is beslis nie vervelig nie!

Bly Lekker

~ Mnr Steenkamp ~

MUSIC



The Foundation Phase pupils enjoyed a term of cultivating a love for storytelling and poetry through the use of puppets. The children enjoyed bringing their stories to life, developing characters for the puppets they chose. Watching them explore creativity and imagination was truly special! Jesus often used stories to teach important truths, just as He said in Matthew 13:34: "Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; He did not say anything to them without using a parable." May our young pupils continue to find joy in storytelling, using their gifts to share light and truth.

Our Grade 4 to 7 pupils spent the term gearing up for the Speech and Drama Fiesta. This event gives children the opportunity to stand before an audience and share their love of poetry. Every class presented a choral verse poem and the results were outstanding! Well done to all the teachers for their dedication and hard work. May our students continue to grow in confidence and use their voices to bring encouragement and joy to others.

Here's a poem written by a Grade 6 pupil, Cruz, with assistance from ChatGPT:



*I walk upon the water, over the sea, to meet my God the Father,
Who loves me.
Although I've been sinning, He forgives me.
So I don't need to worry about a thing.
He told me that He loves me more than anything.
He died on the cross, shed His blood, to save us from sins,
So we can have eternal life with Him.
I walk upon the water, over the sea,
Even though the waves are bigger than me.
I don't need to worry because I know He sees me.
The water is never too deep that He can't reach me.
When life feels hard, like waves crashing down on you,
I'm here to tell you,
No matter what you are going through,
If you trust God to walk on the water,
He will split the sea for you.*

HOPE

What a full and busy first term we have had! When we were not out on visits, we were busy at school, sorting donations and putting our creative skills to use! Valentine's Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate love in a tangible way. For this past Valentine's Day, we made cards, baked and packaged biscuits to celebrate our amazing non-teaching staff. We teamed up with the College HOPE Committee to provide cards and biscuit packages for them to distribute during their visit to the Frail Care residents at Waterfall Gardens.

We visited Genesis Pre-School and spent a fun afternoon playing together with new wooden toys. After settling in for 2025, the Grade Rs at Siyajabula Pre-School were ready for our weekly visits. We have enjoyed learning and playing together as we share our phonics and craft activities, and we always look forward to cuddles with the babies before heading back to school.

Later in the term, we made our first Prep HOPE visit to Waterfall Gardens Frail Care, taking with us messages of love, colouring and puzzle activities, and open hearts. Although we were a little shy when we arrived, these special people shared their stories with us, which made us comfortable to share about ourselves too. With each visit, to the young and the old, our hearts are filled with Memory Making Moments as we build special connections.

~ The HOPE Committee ~



SPORT

This term has been jam-packed with exciting sporting activities and valuable learning experiences. Our main sports were mini cricket, mini netball, swimming, hard ball cricket and netball. We also offered softball, mountain biking and cross country, ensuring a diverse range of sports for all our pupils. Considering that sport is not compulsory at the Prep, we are thrilled that almost 80% of our pupils have regularly taken part in the sports programme.

In a pioneering move, we introduced three mini netball tournaments specifically for our Grade 2 girls and others in the local area. Traditionally, Grade 2 pupils do not play fixtures in Term 1. This is to allow them time to learn the game before entering formal tournaments. Our 'coach as you play' tournaments were designed to provide a safe and supportive environment, emphasising learning and growth. We also scheduled five mini tournaments for our Grade 2 and 3 mini cricket teams and four tournaments for our Grade 3 mini netball teams. Unfortunately, many of these tournaments were rained out.

Weather had a big impact this term, with approximately 50% of our hard ball cricket matches and about two-thirds of our Intermediate Phase netball matches affected by rain. Despite these setbacks, the matches we did manage to play were competitive and provided a valuable opportunity for learning, as well as being thoroughly enjoyed by our pupils.

Our swimmers had a busy term too. Our FP swimmers enjoyed five galas, while our IP swimmers competed in three, demonstrating great enthusiasm and improvement in the pool.

We are proud to announce that two of our players qualified for the U11/U12 PADSSA cricket trials. Additionally, we had one U12 girl and one U13 girl qualify for PADSSA hockey trials after competing in the Kwasanti trials. Congratulations to these players!

Looking ahead to Term 2, we are excited to feature soccer, cross country and mountain biking. We are confident that the challenges of this term have only made our athletes more resilient and eager for the adventures ahead. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated coaches, supportive parents and, most importantly, our enthusiastic pupils for making this term memorable. We look forward to another exciting term of sport and fun at Waterfall Prep in Term 2.

~ *Mr de Beer* ~



SPORT (cont.)



SLIDING INTO HAPPINESS



On Saturday, 1 March, Waterfall Prep's Parent Action Group (PAG) hosted one of our favourite events of the year – Sliding Into Happiness! Our field was filled with exciting slides and activities for our pupils to enjoy, such as Go Kart Racing, Parachute Rockets, Surf Boards and a 9m-High Double Lane Slide, to name a few. We were blessed with beautiful weather in a week of heavy rain and while the kids enjoyed the activities, their parents took the opportunity to let their hair down and connect with friends.



A very special thank you to Highway Ford Waterfall, Watercrest Mall and Cotswold Energy Centre for generously supporting our event. We are grateful to be part of such a wonderful community. We'd also like to thank all the parents, Prep and College teachers, as well as College students for helping out, ensuring that the day ran smoothly.



Thank you, and congratulations, to the PAG for organising such a wonderful morning of Memory Making Moments. We raised over R60 000, which will go towards building sports courts on campus. Watch this space for more news soon!





NEWS FROM THE PRE-PRIMARY

We were fortunate to have counselling psychologist Amanda Seidler attend our Parent Evening, sharing valuable insights to help our children thrive. Afterwards, parents took part in art activities in the classrooms, creating surprises for their little ones to discover the following day. With the support of our dedicated teachers and wonderful parents, we are ready to provide each child with the love and opportunities they need to flourish and succeed.

Our children had a delightful Valentine's Day celebration, featuring a cake sale and civvies outfits. We inspire them to express their love for their classmates, teachers, family and, most importantly, to cherish themselves. A heartfelt thank you to the Red Group parents for contributing items for the cake sale. We are excited to see what will be bought with the proceeds to gift an iThemba school in need.

Our fantastic team of staff participated in a team-building session on a Saturday morning, where we had the chance to tap into our inner Picassos. We enjoyed refreshing mocktails while embracing a sip-and-paint theme and, afterward, we enjoyed a meal together. Everyone cherished those tranquil moments spent at school and getting to mingle.

As book enthusiasts, we celebrated World Book Day on 6 March to teach the little ones about the joys of reading and even dressed up as Book Characters. Imagination is a child's best friend and a fantastic way to spark curiosity in your little ones is through reading to them. This is also a great way to spend quality time with them.



NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE



GRADE 8 LEADERSHIP CAMP

The Grade 8 students visited Non-Stop Adventures in Baynesfield for two days in January. The group immersed themselves in the thrill of team-building activities. From tackling the obstacle course to rafting on the river, soaring on the zip-line and conquering their fears on the abseiling wall, every moment was filled with excitement and camaraderie. The serene surroundings, coupled with laughter and teamwork, strengthened friendships and created memories that will last a lifetime. The large hall became a hub for shared meals and reflection, rounding off a truly enriching experience.

Thank you to Ms Lever (Head of Grade), Mr Kyle (Head of Students), Mrs Koekemoer and Mrs Bird (class teachers), as well as class prefects Phume and Trinity for accompanying the students.



I often asked myself, where this Programme has been all my life? I've made so many mistakes with my older children, but I'm committed to doing better with my younger ones while I still have the chance. The more I engaged with the Programme, the more I realized how much I needed to change. Thank you, Focus on iThemba, for bringing hope into our home.

- Parent

2024 HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR PARENT TRAINING PROGRAMME

When parents are intentionally involved in their child's life, their academic performance is enhanced, contributing to their overall success in school. They experience improved self-esteem and motivation to learn.

Understanding the role that parents play in positively or negatively influencing a child's formative development is the motivation behind the establishment of this [Programme](#). Ultimately, it seeks to advocate for the wellness and healthy development of children by focusing on educating and empowering parents with the knowledge and tools to raise highly resilient and capable children. We facilitate an 8-week interactive workshop to parents of the under-served communities we operate in in KwaZulu-Natal and the Western Cape, and have seen it help parents cultivate stronger, more meaningful relationships with their children.

Our commitment to strengthening families through the efforts of this Programme remained a priority last year. We acknowledge the work of our two wonderful Social Workers, Lunga Nxumalo and Noluthando Moshesh, for their devotion to the Programme, and the powerful impact it has had on changing lives.



WE REACHED
400
PARENTS LAST YEAR

97.4%	59.5%
WERE FEMALE	WERE UNEMPLOYED
02.6%	40.5%
WERE MALE	WERE EMPLOYED

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The workshops are interactive in nature and offer parents the chance to share their personal experiences in a safe, supportive and non-judgemental environment. Our trained facilitators are qualified Social Workers who both have a wealth of knowledge and experience dealing with families and communities.

A few of the topics looked at:

- Understanding and applying boundaries
- Time management and respecting other people's time
- Discipline versus punishment
- Identity and self esteem
- Understanding the different parenting styles
 - Family support
- Effective communication





EXTRA LESSONS WITH THE SCHOOL THAT REALLY CARES

Let our qualified tutors help your child (from Grade 1 to 12) gain confidence and improve their academic results, either online or on campus.



GRADE 1 TO 3

English (literacy, phonics, spelling, reading, handwriting), Mathematics (numeracy, bonds, tables, problem solving), Afrikaans and isiZulu.

COST:

Group (up to 5) – R125 per ½ hour
1-on-1 – R183 per ½ hour

GRADE 8 TO 9

English, Afrikaans, isiZulu, Mathematics, IT, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and EMS.

COST:

Group (up to 5) – R245 per hour
1-on-1 – R367 per hour

GRADE 4 TO 7

English, Mathematics, Afrikaans, isiZulu, IT, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences.

COST:

Group (up to 5) – R245 per hour
1-on-1 – R367 per hour

GRADE 10 TO 12

English, Afrikaans, isiZulu, Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy, Further Studies in Mathematics, Accounting, History, Geography, EGD, Business Studies, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Visual Arts and IT.

COST:

Group (up to 5) – R245 per hour
1-on-1 – R367 per hour

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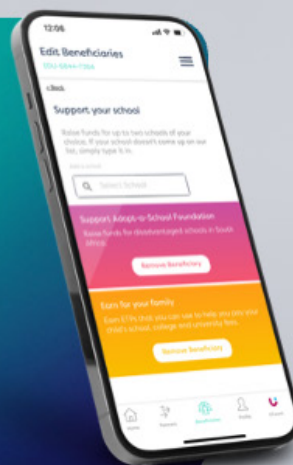
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