



**WATERFALL
PREPARATORY**

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 2025

LETTER FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents

Following the wonderful success of the annual school play, *I Am Alice*, I am once again reminded of the value of finding the balance between embracing the moment and building for the future. At Waterfall Preparatory, we believe that education is about more than achieving success, it's about nurturing the whole child as they learn through a variety of experiences.

In a world that often rushes children toward achievement, we are committed to creating space for progress, relationships and age-appropriate experiences that prepare young hearts and minds for a lifetime of learning. The years between 6 and 13 are full of discovery, emotion and growth. As teachers and parents, we have a unique opportunity to help our children find balance between striving for the future and enjoying the present.

It's natural to want children to succeed, but success is not only measured by marks or milestones. In fact, the most meaningful growth often happens in the unseen moments – during play, conversation, problem-solving and time spent simply being present. When we slow down, we model how to be present in the moment. Taking time to play, laugh, explore nature or simply have an unhurried dinner together reminds our children that life is not only about accomplishments, it's also about connection, joy and learning from everyday moments.

Author Brene Brown wisely said, "We can't give our children what we don't have. Where we are on our journey of living and loving with our whole hearts matters." By modeling balance in our own lives, we teach our children to value both rest and responsibility, both effort and enjoyment.

When we value the process over the prize, we help our children develop perseverance, curiosity and confidence. When we prioritise connection over competition, we teach them that their worth is not found in comparison, but in relationship – with others, with themselves and with God.

As Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” Childhood is its own sacred season. Rushing through it in pursuit of outcomes can rob children of the very foundation they need for long-term growth.

As one educator wisely said, “Don’t prepare the path for the child; prepare the child for the path.” Our shared calling is to walk with our children through each season, helping them grow in faith, character and love for learning.

Let’s continue to walk this journey together, celebrating small steps, nurturing meaningful connections and trusting that the seeds we plant today will grow in God’s perfect time.

Brad Cooper



CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The Prep reception renovation is complete, but for interior decorating, etc. If you have any pre-loved chairs/couches and/or small coffee tables in good condition that are needing a new home, our staff room would welcome them.

The sports courts project is on track to be in use during next term. Mr Clark, our estate manager, and his team have moved into the new workshop and the groundwork for the two new netball/basketball courts is complete, with the concrete slab recently laid. Building the field-side ablution block and permanent cricket nets is also in process. We’re thrilled to be strengthening our sports offering and can’t wait to see these spaces come alive with energy, teamwork and school spirit!



Mr Clark and his team



Mrs Ingerid de Bruyn

FAMILY NEWS

We are pleased to have welcomed Mrs Moore back from maternity leave and to have had Ms Johnston extend her locum contract and move into Grade 1 until the end of the year. We also welcomed Mrs Ingerid de Bruyn to the teaching team as a locum Art teacher until the end of the year, following Mrs Conway’s return to the Grade 1 classroom. They have all settled in well and we are grateful to have them bringing their unique gifts to the Prep experience.

DATES TO DIARISE

Tuesday, 7 October – Term 4, 2025 starts – Prep children return

Wednesday, 8 October – Annual Prep Walkathon during the morning

Friday, 17 October – isiZulu Day during the morning

Friday, 24 October – Afrikaans Day during the morning

Wednesday, 29 October – Evening Art Exhibition

Thursday, 30 October – Evening Art Exhibition

Friday, 7 November – PAG Comedy Evening

Friday, 28 November – Movie Day during the morning

Monday, 1 December – Grade 1 Celebration (08:00 – 09:00).
Parents are invited to attend.

Monday, 1 December – Grade 4 Celebration (18:00 – 19:00).
Parents are invited to attend.

Tuesday, 2 December – Gr R Nativity (11:30 – 12:30).
Parents are invited to attend.

Tuesday, 2 December – Grade 5 Celebration (18:00 – 19:00).
Parents are invited to attend.

Wednesday, 3 December – Grade 2 Celebration (08:00 – 09:00).
Parents are invited to attend.

Wednesday, 3 December – Grade 6 Celebration (18:00 – 19:00).
Parents are invited to attend.

Thursday, 4 December – Grade 3 Celebration (08:00 – 09:00).
Parents are invited to attend.

Thursday, 4 December – Grade 7 Celebration (18:00 – 19:30).
Parents are invited to attend.

Friday, 5 December – End of 2025 School Year
(Aftercare closes at 12:00 for a staff function)

Closing Times

Grade R & 1 – 10:15

Grade 2, 3 & 4 – 10:30

Grade 5, 6 & 7 – 10:45



WATERFALL
SCHOOLS

GOLF DAY

Driving sport forward!



On Thursday, 4 September, the Waterfall Schools Golf Day brought together an incredible community of golfers, sponsors and supporters at the beautiful Cotswold Downs – all with one shared purpose: raising funds for the growth of our sports programme.

Thanks to our supporters' generosity and the organisation of parents Allan and Yashmita Van Ryn, the event raised just over R147 000 – our most successful parent-driven fundraiser to date! This is making a significant contribution to these exciting projects, which are currently underway:

- Brand-new basketball and netball courts
- Permanent cricket nets

The day was filled with sunshine, camaraderie and some fantastic golf. A spirited auction added to the energy and boosted our fundraising ahead of the prizegiving, with some incredible prizes, including a 7-night stay at Umnulu Tented Camp in Limpopo for the lowest gross score.

A heartfelt thank you to Cotswold Downs, to each of our wonderful sponsors and every golfer who took to the course. Together, we are building sporting opportunities that will benefit our students for years to come.





A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO OUR GOLF DAY SPONSORS



INTERN DAY



We were honoured to host teacher interns from across KZN for the annual Intern Conference on Friday, 29 August – a day of inspiration, learning and connection. Guest speaker Mthoko Shange, Founder of the Imbizo Foundation, kicked things off with a powerful talk on The Power of Teams, followed by engaging workshops on creativity, movement, responsibility and more. With over 160 interns from more than 20 schools, it was wonderful to see these passionate young educators building skills that will shape young lives for years to come. This was a real team effort and it was a pleasure to see how the team pulled together to run a full school day, while hosting this dynamic group so well.



GRADE R



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This term, our Grade R children have been on wonderful adventures 'around the world', discovering new cultures, tastes and traditions! We looked at flags from different countries, learning how colours and patterns tell stories and have meanings. Our cooking and baking experiences have been a highlight – from chopping and stirring chutney ingredients for our hearty samp and beans to rolling out sweet, golden ANZAC biscuits from Australia. A favourite treat was enjoying the British flavours of bananas and toffee for banoffee pie! Food exploration has also had some exciting challenges as we tried eating noodles with chopsticks, testing both our patience and fine-motor skills.

We also looked at interesting animals like Australia's marsupials and admired the beautiful proteas of South Africa.

In art, we looked closely at the diversity of God's beautiful flora and fauna, which inspired us in our own colourful drawings and paintings. Music, rhythm and movement gave us more ways to celebrate different cultures. We have had such fun learning and growing together with our global explorers.

~ Mrs Nair and Mrs Moore ~

GRADE 1



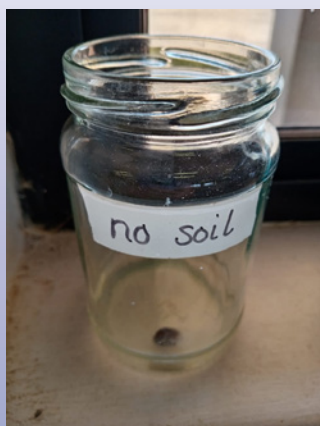
This term, our Grade 1 pupils embarked on a fascinating journey into the world of gardens. Through hands-on activities and observation, they discovered that gardens are not just beautiful – they are full of life, providing food, fresh air and homes for tiny creatures.

One highlight was planting a kidney bean in damp cotton wool inside a ziplock bag. Each child carefully prepared their bag and placed it on a sunny windowsill. Soon, they watched in amazement as roots wriggled down and green shoots reached up. This simple, but magical activity helped them see every stage of plant growth up close.

To deepen their understanding, the class conducted an experiment using seeds in jars with different elements removed: no soil, no water, no light, no air and no space. Over several days, they observed and compared the results, discovering that plants need all these elements to grow.

These activities sparked curiosity, encouraged problem-solving and teamwork, and helped children think like young scientists. Most importantly, they felt proud of their efforts and excited to learn more about nature. The garden truly came alive as a learning space – full of wonder, discovery and growth.

~ Ms Johnson and Mrs Conway ~



GRADE 2



See how we have blossomed in Grade 2! What a joyful and adventure-filled term it has been. Our classroom has been buzzing with laughter, learning and the kind of special moments that make lasting memories.

Without a doubt, one of the highlights of our term was the *I Am Alice* production. After weeks of practicing our dances, preparing our colourful costumes and the excitement of rehearsals, the evenings of performances finally arrived! The children shone brightly on stage. Their confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm filled our hearts with pride. It was an experience none of us will ever forget!

Sports Day was another unforgettable celebration! The children ran, jumped and played their hearts out at each station, showing not only their skills but also their wonderful sportsmanship. Their smiles and cheers carried through the whole day.

Thursday afternoons became a favourite, as we looked forward to our Astro hockey tournaments – the joy of playing together and cheering for one another was infectious.

This year's Spring Day brought bursts of colour and creativity! Dressed in bright, happy outfits, the children made flower bangles, enjoyed a scavenger hunt and spent time celebrating the beauty of the new season together.

Inside the classroom, our learning journey has been just as exciting. In Maths, we explored fractions, built 3D shapes out of marshmallows and toothpicks, and discovered the joy of learning to tell the time – every lesson filled with curiosity and wonder.

Our outing to the Tin Shed was a full day of outdoor fun, laughter, challenges and new experiences left us with big smiles and happy hearts.

As we look ahead, we are filled with excitement for all the magical moments that await us next term. Our Grade 2s continue to grow not just in knowledge, but in kindness, friendship and joy.

~ Mrs Davies and Mrs Orchard ~

GRADE 3



Ciao! Namaste! Olá! Howzit! Brrr... This term, the Grade 3s have greeted the world in many different ways, as they set off on their global adventure. From the colourful festivals of India to the carnival spirit of Brazil, the famous flavours of Italy, the rich traditions of South Africa and the icy wonder of Antarctica, the Grade 3s became explorers of culture and creativity. They researched their chosen countries, created bright posters and proudly became tour guides during their orals. Their Countries Around the World Day was a celebration of colour, costumes and culture – topped off with the chance to taste foods from across the globe!

The adventure continued when the Grade 3s swapped passports for aprons on baking day. Using their Mathematical skills, they measured, weighed and mixed ingredients to make their own butter biscuits. It was a delicious way to see how maths travels into everyday life.

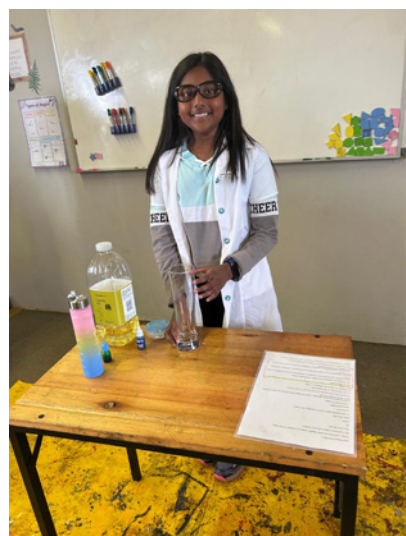
One of the most exciting destinations this term was the stage itself. In the *I Am Alice* play, the Grade 3s lit up the stage as elegant flamingos and serious playing cards. They learnt their dances with dedication and performed with confidence, filling the stage with energy and joy.

From greetings to goodies, posters to performances, the Grade 3s have had a term packed with discovery and delight. Their journey has been nothing short of magical!

~ Mrs Harburn and Mrs Warmington ~



GRADE 4



We travelled through time as we explored the transformation of transport, discovering just how much it has developed over the years. From the invention of the wheel to wagons to carts to cars, we spoke about it all.

In Natural Science, we learnt all about energy and how it works. To wrap up our theme with some sound energy, we constructed our own musical instruments using recycled materials.

From booming to bubbling to blowing, one of the biggest highlights this term was becoming scientists ourselves. We prepared and presented our own experiments, making sure to follow the correct scientific methods.

Of course, not all learning takes place in the classroom. Sometimes it happens through adventure! We tested our speed and agility on our outing to Total Ninja – an unforgettable experience.

What an incredible term of learning, discovery and fun! We cannot wait to see what term 4 has in store of us.

~ Mrs Cooke and Mrs Ilgen ~



GRADE 5

What a term! Grade 5 has been on the wildest adventure — from the snowy forests of Narnia to the golden sands of Ancient Egypt (with a few mug cakes in between).

This term, we stepped through the wardrobe and straight into The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. The children’s love for reading roared louder than Aslan himself! Even better, we dug deeper into the story each week, connecting the adventures of Narnia to the greatest adventure of all — Christ’s love for us.

It wasn’t all books and deep thoughts... we got our hands gloriously sticky too! To bring our Natural Science “Processing” curriculum to life, the children spent a day mixing, stirring and making a bit of a mess. From gooey slime to wobbly jelly, DIY glue to delicious mug cakes, it was a feast for both the brain and the tastebuds.

Speaking of feasts, we wrapped up the term with a grand Egyptian celebration! The children took a trip back in time to Ancient Egypt. For one afternoon, we swapped our pencils for pyramids and our classrooms for ancient customs.

What an amazing, whirlwind, jam-packed, laughter-filled term it has been! Along the way, we have seen the children grow, learn and make countless memories. Grade 5 is ready for a nap... and maybe another mug cake.

~ Mrs Morris and Mrs Govender ~



Processing Day



Egyptian Day

GRADE 6



A Day at the Beach: Learning, Laughter and a Splash of Purpose

The Grade 6s enjoyed a fabulous day at the Durban Beachfront, hosted by a wonderful team from Breathe Conservation at the Point Water Club. This Durban-based non-profit is dedicated to inspiring people to reconnect with nature and protect our oceans. The programme was fun and educational, with informative talks about the fascinating marine creatures living in this local habitat. We discovered how the objects you find in the sand can give important clues about beach swimming safety and learnt more about the ocean and the creatures that call it home.

A strong focus of the day was on the issue of ocean and beach pollution. Our very knowledgeable Breathe guides encouraged us to think carefully about our role in protecting the environment and inspired us to take action. The children enthusiastically put on their gloves, ready for a beach clean-up. Together they filled two full bags of litter, making a small difference to our shoreline!

The weather was perfect and after their efforts, the Grade 6s enjoyed a refreshing splash in the water before being treated to a delicious lunch at the Point Water Club. It was a day filled with learning, discovery, curiosity and fun. The children returned both inspired and proud of the positive impact they made.

"I loved swimming most, but I also liked learning about sea slugs and how colourful sea creatures are the venomous ones." Lonwabo

"The atmosphere at the beach was great. Our guides were so funny, but they knew lots too and I learnt why some beach sand is black. Ask me if you see me." Nathan R

"The beach was beautiful, but when we looked closely at the sand we found it was actually full of pollution, especially plastic. I wish people would treat our environment more responsibly." Caleb

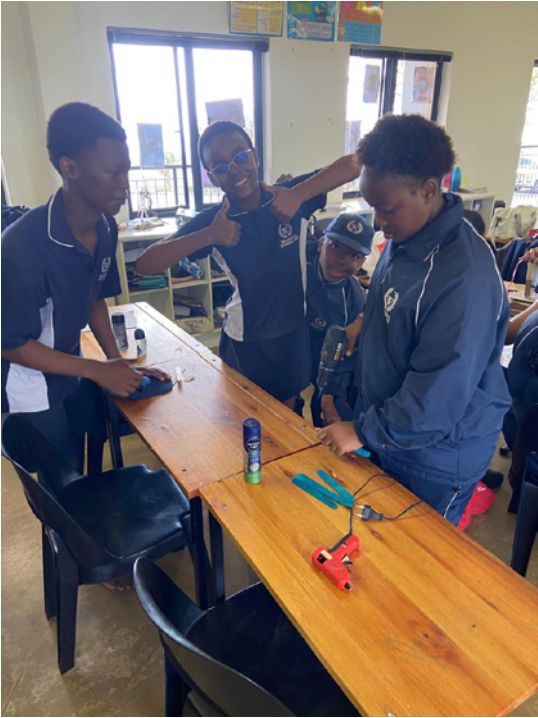
"Our guides made learning interesting and answered all my questions – I had a lot! Swimming was great, but wind and sand together – not so much." Justin

"I loved experiencing learning in the actual habitat we were focusing on." Laila

~ Mrs Benn and Mrs Alborough ~



GRADE 7



This term, our Grade 7s have thrown themselves into learning with enthusiasm and energy. From hydraulics to history and Entrepreneur Day, it has truly been a hands-on and memorable season of growth.

History Week gave our students the chance to step back into centuries gone by. Dressed in outfits from different eras, they immersed themselves in hands-on activities including churning butter, making peanut butter and jam, baking bread, writing with quills and trading items in a lively classroom market. It was a week that reminded us that history is best learned when it's lived (and tasted!).

In Technology, the students explored hydraulics by building their own 'Jaws of Life' using syringes, tubing and clever designs. With curiosity (and a little water pressure), they discovered how science and creativity can combine to create powerful solutions. It was engineering in action and a reminder that sometimes even the smallest mechanisms can make the biggest impact.

The excitement was building as Market Day approached! The students, guided by Mrs Piyoos, prepared to step into the shoes of future business leaders – planning, budgeting and creating innovative stalls. It was a day full of ideas, energy and plenty of entrepreneurial spirit.

This term has shown us just how creative, curious and capable our Grade 7s are. With so many new experiences under their belts, they are proving that they are more than ready for the adventures still to come.

~ Mr Harburn and Mrs Ren ~



THE SOUTH AFRICAN MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

Every year our Waterfall Preparatory mathematicians embark on an exciting journey of logic, critical thinking and problem solving with The South African Mathematics Challenge. With 10 400 students from across South Africa participating in each Grade, we are very proud of our certificate winners who have achieved exceptionally well in this competition. Growing in popularity, Waterfall Preparatory entered 96 Grade 4 to 7 candidates who worked hard to complete Round One. 47 capable little problem solvers were afforded the opportunity to write the second round of the prestigious competition, showcasing their determination and perseverance in even more difficult problems. Flying the Waterfall flag high, we are so proud of our Bronze and Silver prize winners (below) who were recognised for their work in this round.

~ Mrs Benn ~



ART CLUB

This term in Art Club, our Grade R to Grade 7 Art Club pupils have been creating many bright and beautiful creations. One of the highlights was painting stained glass candle holders – a project that truly let their creativity shine!

Each child designed and painted their own unique candle holder using vibrant colours and stained-glass techniques. They explored working with different materials, learning how to blend colours, create translucent effects and carefully apply paint to glass surfaces. The results were stunning – no two candle holders were alike!

This hands-on experience allowed the children to express themselves artistically while developing new skills and techniques. Each candle holder now shines with its own special light, just like each of our young artists does in their own creative way.

We're so proud of the talent and imagination shown by our Art Club pupils this term. Their work has brightened our school and our hearts!

~ Mrs Conway and Mrs De Bruyn ~



WATERFALL PREP WOWS WITH *I AM ALICE*, AN ORIGINAL PRODUCTION

This August, Waterfall Preparatory delighted audiences with *I Am Alice*, a vibrant and heartfelt interpretation of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. The original production, written by Prep staff members Mrs Tessa Louw and Mrs Lauren Rendilheiro, brought a fresh perspective to the classic tale – highlighting a powerful message of self-worth through the eyes of a child discovering who they are, and who they are in God's eyes.

Led by the school's Grade 7s, the show featured pupils from Grades 1 to 3 who displayed spirit and skill in a mix of acting, singing and dancing. With an unforgettable soundtrack and cleverly crafted humour, *I Am Alice* had audiences captivated – laughing, singing and dancing in their seats.

The stage was transformed into a feast for the eyes with vibrant sets and imaginative costumes – from singing mushrooms and enchanting woodland creatures to the dazzling royal court. Grandparents were treated to a special performance ahead of the three-night public showcase, with each evening capturing the hearts of all who attended.

The production was the result of weeks of dedicated preparation, made possible by the tireless efforts of staff, the enthusiasm of pupils and the invaluable support of parents, who helped create the imaginative world of *I Am Alice*.

"I am so proud of how our pupils brought *I Am Alice* to life on stage," says Waterfall Prep Music and Drama Teacher, Tessa Louw. "Through the fun of putting it together, the play reminded us that each child's identity is unique and valuable, and it was beautiful to see them step into their roles with joy and courage."

Waterfall Prep once again proves that with creativity, collaboration and heart, school theatre can be both meaningful and magical.



MUSIC

This term, our Music lessons for Grades 1, 2, 3 and 7 took on a whole new adventure as we prepared for our annual school play. Rehearsals brought great excitement, energy and creativity. Every lesson became a chance to prepare, polish and practice for our audiences.

While the final performance may feel like the “cherry on top,” the true value has been in the journey. The real learning happens long before the applause – through the effort, discipline and joy that come with rehearsing together. I am so proud of how your children embraced this challenge. They didn’t just learn songs or steps – they discovered life lessons along the way. They learned that it takes patience to perfect a line, courage to perform in front of others and perseverance to keep going even when things get tough.

For me, the greatest joy is seeing the children realise that a play is never a one-person show. It takes every voice, every movement and every hand to create something beautiful. From the tiniest Hedgehog to the lively Flamingoes, from the teachers guiding in the wings to the backstage crew quietly making magic happen – it all comes together through teamwork.

That’s the lesson I hope they carry with them beyond the stage. When we bring our talents together, no matter how big or small, we can create something truly wonderful.

~ Mrs Louw ~



EMS

The Grade 7 Market Day is a vital part of the EMS curriculum and plays an important role in the pupils' assessment, with a strong focus on entrepreneurship, budgeting and financial management skills. This exciting event gave our Grade 7s the opportunity to apply their knowledge in a practical and engaging way. They worked with enthusiasm and creativity, pulling off a spectacular day filled with colourful stalls, delicious treats and fun games. Their impressive teamwork and innovative ideas shone throughout the event. A special thank you goes to the parents and pupils, whose dedication ensured the day's outstanding success.

~ Mrs Piyoos ~



ZULU

ISIZULU OLYMPIAD

The Grade 6 and 7 isiZulu pupils participated in the Olympiad for the second consecutive year. A total of 21 candidates wrote the first round and 18 advanced to the final round. All 18 pupils passed the final round and were awarded certificates. The results were outstanding: 2 silver awards, 12 gold awards and 3 diamond awards. Congratulations to all the pupils on this remarkable achievement!



GRADE 5

The Grade 5 isiZulu pupils explored the kitchen theme and applied their newly-learned vocabulary by preparing a salad, effectively demonstrating their understanding and practical use of the knowledge gained.



GRADE 4

The Grade 4 isiZulu pupils worked on the beach theme and applied their vocabulary by preparing an oral about their favourite day at the beach. They also dressed in beach-themed attire when presenting their orals, making learning fun and interactive.

~ Mrs Piyoos ~



SPORT

As Term 3 draws to a close, we reflect with pride on a busy and rewarding season of sport at our school. Across athletics, hockey and mountain biking, our focus has remained on encouraging participation, building skills and celebrating the joy of being active together.

ATHLETICS

The Foundation Phase Sports Day was built on the concept of developing the basic skills that underpin all sporting performance, while also introducing our young athletes to flat races in the form of the 50m and 80m sprints. It was wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm from our youngest pupils.

The Intermediate Phase Sports Day featured a full programme of traditional athletics. Pupils took part in three field events – shotput, hockeyball throw (as a substitution for javelin) and long jump – as well as track events, including the 800m, 4 x 100m relays and 80m sprints. While this event normally also serves as selection for the Inter-schools Athletics meeting, this year’s inter-schools was cancelled due to a clash in the host school’s calendar and no alternative host being available. Nevertheless, the spirit of participation and healthy competition shone brightly at our own sports day.



SPORT



HOCKEY

Our IP boys and girls teams played six fixtures each, while the FP groups enjoyed four exciting tournaments. The boys and girls experienced highs and lows, with the growth across all age groups clear to see. This is a credit to the hard work of both players and coaches. The hockey programme was slightly shorter this year due to the wonderful *I Am Alice* production, which involved both FP pupils and our Grade 7s, but we were still able to make the most of the fixtures available.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Our mountain bikers were in action in the Cycle Lab MTB Schools Series, which took place over four events at Waterfall, Maritzburg College, Umhlali Prep and Howick High. We are especially proud that our school has almost doubled its number of riders since 2024. The growth in participation and the determination shown by our cyclists was inspiring to witness.

THANK YOU

We wish to extend our thanks to all the children for their enthusiasm and commitment, to our coaches for their dedication and guidance, and to our parents for their continued support from the sidelines and behind the scenes. Together, you make sport at our school such a positive and rewarding part of our community life.

We look forward to building on these achievements as we move into Term 4.

~ Mr De Beer ~



The Big Walk



Waterfall Pre-Primary School
Play, Learn and Grow Together

NEWS FROM THE PRE-PRIMARY

The third term has been another exciting chapter in our year, filled with creativity, movement and joyful moments. Our children continue to amaze us with their curiosity, enthusiasm, and willingness to embrace new experiences. Here are some of the highlights from this term.

On 25 July, our playground became a colourful tapestry of cultures for our Dress Up Day. The children arrived dressed in beautiful outfits from around the world – some traditional, some imaginative – each one telling a unique story. It was a celebration of diversity, shared learning and the joy of discovering the wider world.

Some of the classes also explored global flavours through food tastings, giving the children a chance to sample delicious dishes from different countries while they learned.

Then, on 30 August, our school community came together for The Big Walk. Families, teachers and children laced up their walking shoes for a morning of fresh air, fitness and fun. Along the way, there was an orange station and a water station to keep everyone refreshed, and afterwards the children enjoyed bouncing on the jumping castles, colourful face painting and watching their teachers try to run in silly outfits. Parents showed their competitive streak in the parents' race, while the smell of bacon drifting from the food stalls gave the day a festive flavour. It was more than just a walk, it was a celebration of togetherness, filled with energy and excitement! A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who joined in and supported the event, you made the day even more special for the children.

We love welcoming our Grandparents to the school and this year's concerts were a special time for them to watch their grandchildren shine on stage and share in the magic of their performances. During the last week of term, we opened our doors to parents for their turn to enjoy the concerts – an opportunity to celebrate the talent, hard work and confidence their children have developed.

We were also delighted to have qualified baby sleep coach Natascha Barrett from Bub Club join us this term to share her expertise with parents whose little ones have trouble sleeping, offering practical tips and gentle guidance for achieving "Better Sleep" – for children and parents alike.

We are so grateful to our staff, parents and children for embracing each event with such heart.



Dress-Up Day

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE

GRADE 11 DANCE



What an incredible evening our Grade 11s enjoyed at their dance this term! With a Bridgerton-inspired theme, the hall was transformed into a scene of elegance and charm – and our students looked just as spectacular.



TERM 3 HIGHLIGHTS

This past Term, we've been intentional about creating moments of joy—whether in daily interactions, new opportunities, or even challenges—choosing to seek out and celebrate the gift of joy in every experience.

MANDELA DAY

Mandela Day is always a highlight on our calendar—a time to transform opportunities into joyful moments with the donors who so generously support our Programmes.

This year, we were privileged to add value to Vulinghondo Pre-School and Swelihle Pre-School. In partnership with **Hloba Clothing**, we created a vibrant vegetable garden at Vulinghondo, using recycled tyres as planters. Their enthusiastic team rolled up their sleeves to plant seasonal vegetables, which will provide the school with fresh produce to prepare nutritious meals for children and staff alike.



Meanwhile, at Swelihle Pre-School, the energetic team from **Kerry Ingredients** took on the challenge of building an outdoor mud kitchen—a much-needed play feature that not only delights children but also fuels creativity and imaginative play.

CREATIVITY IN TEACHING

Teachers from our Partner Pre-Schools also enjoyed an engaging three-week workshop led by the wonderful Frances Nair, Grade R teacher at Waterfall Prep. The sessions highlighted the value of **using recyclable materials to design fun, creative, and cost-effective ECD toys and learning resources.**

LIFE-CHANGING IMPACT

We recently asked our iThemba Scholars to reflect on the question: **“What does being an iThemba Scholar at Waterfall Schools mean to you?”** The response from one of our Grade 11 Scholars was especially moving:

“Focus on iThemba’s impact goes beyond scholarships. It’s about empowering our young minds, fostering growth and unlock-ing potential.”



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COST:

Group (up to 5) – R125 per ½ hour
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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 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 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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