

JULY 2024

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lights, Camera, Action

The whole school is abuzz with preparations for the foundation phase's upcoming concert. Daily, the school is being rocked with refrains of boogie-woogie emanating from various classrooms, corridors and corners. Our gradies are so excited to take to the stage, their infectious enthusiasm has us all swept up in anticipation. What a wonderful start to our new term! Join us from 9-12 September to witness our African Safari extravaganza. Look out for more details regarding ticket sales, and get in early as it promises to be an evening of musical delight.

Two In One

Our learners were spoiled with two shows in one week . We were treated to a Life Skills show by Trulife Production. Each show was aimed at a specific age group and each contained a lesson pertinent to that stage. Lights, music and dance had our learners participating wholeheartedly.

It can be reported that it is indeed true, that Afrikaans is PRET. Our Afrikaans production had us all jamming like Swifties and screaming in horror as the hero and heroine fell in love. The subtitles also helped us follow the highs and lows and truly appreciate the storyline. Yes, I personally witnessed that our boys also know the lyrics!

"I'm still a believer but I don't know why / I've never been a natural / All I do is try, try, try "

V.I.C...V.I.C...

Interhouse athletics must be considered one of the highlights of our school calendar. The cheerleading costumes, the athletic prowess, the energy! It makes no difference who wins (Robin won) we are all winners at the end of the day. Fun was had by all as even the weather participated. The cherry on top was the participation of our wonderful parents. Thank you for jumping in to help, or even just cheering your own athletes on. A special thank you to the parents who ran in our races and made their children burst with pride. Hurly surely has the best families.

Hurlyvale's Heart

Hurly once again demonstrated its huge heart as each grade endeavoured to use its 67 minutes on Mandela Day to the maximum. The day was a flurry of blankets, boxes and very busy hands. Grateful charities were quick to respond with social media thank-yous as they were inundated with our love and support. The teachers aimed for activities which ensured maximum learner involvement and our children learned that even the smallest act of kindness can make a huge difference.

Olympics 2024

Even as I write this, we are preparing for the sporting feast about to be unleashed. I speak not about the upcoming Boks/Kiwi game, but of the Olympics. For many of our learners, this will be their very first Olympics that they are old enough to appreciate. In commemoration of this, we are planning a very special photo. Look out for this on Facebook and give it a thumbs up or a heart.

Eisteddfod

With Eisteddfod quickly approaching, please ensure that all your forms and monies have been submitted. Our entrants are so excited to showcase their talents. Please assist them in their preparations and consult the relevant teachers for any support.

Hurly-On-Tour

Our annual Grade 5-7 tours are around the corner and for many, who have been anticipating this for years, it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Please ensure all forms are handed in and tour monies paid to avoid disappointment. It is also time to start assembling and packing backpacks and preparing for a couple of days peace and quiet. Although for some parents (this writer embarrassingly included) it is fertile ground for an emotional breakdown, please be assured that your children forget about you the instant the bus wheels turn and the inevitable singing starts. Our promise to you is to return them tired, filthy dirty and full of news.

Olympiad 2024

Many of our learners will have begun participating in the Olympiads. These are gruelling inter-school competitions held to select our top brain boxes. This means war as each school assembles its strongest dream teams. We are proud to announce, however, that we had the top winner for Grade 5 NS!! **Ethan Thorpe** came first and will now go on to the next round! Well done Master Thorpe! We eagerly await the results from our other Olympiads! Go TEAM HURLYVALE!

Diary

- July
- * Eisteddfod dates and times have gone out. **5/8-16/8**
 - * Travelling bookshop will be visiting on the **30/7-31/7**.
 - * Blood drive will be at school **30/8**
 - * Friday 9/8 is a public holiday

Did you know...

There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe