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## It's crunch time .....

Tension is beginning to intensify as our final assessments loom. For most of us; children, parents and teachers alike it is crunch time, a period of high stress and deadlines. We encourage parents to assist with achievable study timetables and regular revision. Clamp down on routines and help to prepare your children by ensuring they have all the necessary items for their tests. For some of our learners, it is a challenging time and their anxiety levels skyrocket, please exercise patience and understanding. These are still children and unnecessary expectations create extraordinary pressure.

Final Assessments will run from 08/11 until 22/11. During this time school will finish at 12:30. Please make suitable arrangements to have your child collected at this time to afford them enough time to study. There are also aftercare facilities available at additional costs. Please also be aware that tests missed due to absence may only be made up upon receipt of a doctor's note.

## Have your say.

It's decision time and our annual AGM will be gathering to discuss your child's school on the 12/11, and explain what is happening to your school fees. It is vital we reach a quorum ( a certain percentage of our parent body to attend) in order for the meeting to be valid. Failure to do this will result in another date and time being set, which is a waste of time and resources for everyone. This is one of the benefits of being in a fee-paying school, you get to show your interest and have your say.

## Our achievers

We have an immensely talented and extremely busy student body and our learners are making great strides outside of school. As we are so proud of them, we make every effort to announce these accolades in our weekly assembly as we celebrate along with the achiever's peers and teachers. A decision has been taken, however, to no longer include individual achievements in our HurlyNews. Unfortunately, our extramural section is chiefly a "brag rag" to highlight the school's achievements and not to single out individual learners, and our news letter is not widely read by our learners. So, if your gifted one has attained a level of success, please notify the registered teacher and send along all the medals and trophies. They will be applauded and showered with praise, in person, by the people that matter to them.

## Market Day

The excitement was palpable and the struggle real, trying to keep the grade 1-6s from rubber-necking the goings on, as the Grd 7s set up for Market Day. Once it was time, it was a mad dash to nab the best goodies first and try as many of the delicacies on offer. Too many of our littlies, and teachers, ran out of money before they had had a chance to fully sample the smorgasbord of delights. From crafts and games to burgers and the ever popular, samoosas. Once done the children were dispatched back to their poor teachers, where many comparisons of prices, bargains and varieties of purchases ensued. Alas, so too did the sugar rush. Never in the history of the world was a greater sigh of relief heard than when the hometime bell sounded.

## Improvements.

We are extremely excited about the many improvements being made to our school. The overhauling, polishing and improving is exhilarating to witness. Apart from the already mentioned, we are revamping our gardens and have increased the capacity of our water tanks. Bring on loadshedding and water SHARING, we're off the grid babee!

But that's not all! Still to come is our multipurpose hall, a spanking new music studio and swish new garages for our schools vehicles. Our ablutions in the Intersen phase will also be extended. Did I mention a new set of back massaging couches for the staffroom? No? That's because we're not getting those.

## Culture Vultures.

A much-needed culture injection into our term came in the form of our Sip and View. This showcase event was a chance for our exceptional learners to brag about their talents to their friends and family, and what a show it was! The essence of the evening was one of respect, appreciation and admiration for these youngster's talents. From music to art and everything in between, for those of us "in the shower vocalists", still learning to turn a number 4 into a duck, it was awe-inspiring.

Equally exciting was when the artist Guy Du Toit noticed our Facebook post. Our Grade 7's did a study on him and he even commented " I love it!"

## We've got the power.

Hurly's resident strong man Mr Khuzwayo represented South Africa at the Commonwealth Powerlifting Championship at Sun City. This is a big (no pun intended) deal as it included the top powerlifters from across the globe. Brawny hulks from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Canada, to name but a few. Remarkably he achieved 10th place, once and for all proving that his muscles are almost as big as his heart! We are so proud of you Mr Khuzwayo.

## Fire!

Our Grade 2's, and their teachers were treated to a super exciting show by our local firemen. Buzzing firetrucks and sirens, power life-saving tools and dashing strength have now made many a youngster decide on their future vocation! We also learnt emergency contact numbers and what to do in the event of a fire emergency. Our admiration for our firefighters has been cemented.

## World class robot builders

Our Hurlyvale innovators recently showcased their skills at the World Robotics Olympiad In-House challenge. They learned about engineering, programming, and problem-solving while cheering each other on. Our future Elon Musks had to, not only construct a Lego robot but also program it to move on a mat and perform various tasks. The robot even had to move objects to multiple places. The learners worked hard to program their creations, while their parents watched with bated breath to see the outcome of each try, which was scored. It was a thrilling and intense experience for everyone involved! But alas, not one robot to clean messy bedrooms!

## Brainy boxes

Did you know that once a month we have an inter-house General Knowledge Quiz, where we test our learner's mettle on current affairs and interesting facts? Did you know that each month we have a top achiever from each class who gets bragging rights as our brainiest box? Well, this month those top dogs from Grades 6 and 7 were taken as representatives of our school to the Birch Acres Interschool's quiz on the 11th. The competition among the 20 teams was tough, as categories included English, Spelling (EEEEEEK) Geography, History, Science, Maths, Sports and Entertainment and of course General Knowledge. Not to be outdone, our First team placed third and our second team, fourth.

## Dates.

- \*12/11- AGM 6 pm .
- \*23/11- Grade 1 Meet and Greet.
- \*22/11 - Grade 1 Farmyard outing.
- \*8/11-22/11- Formal Assesments

## Did you know...

“Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.” —Winston Churchill