

Hurlynews

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The School that Never Sleeps!

As we bid January goodbye, it is with a grateful heart that we welcome all our children back to school. Although our roads are treacherous, and bearing in mind the recent tragedy involving school transport, we are indeed glad to report a 100% safe return. Hurlyvale, however, did not rest over the holidays, as renovations and improvements kept to schedule! Our beautiful, lush field has become a bragging point, as the newly installed irrigation has transformed our marshy wetland into a world-class athletics stadium! We are also watching our brand-new cricket pitch take shape. Our school received a refreshing deep clean, with many classrooms being repainted and our corridors resurfaced. The painting of our school is ongoing as we roll out one block at a time. We have indeed returned to a school ready for the wonderful blessings and activities of 2026! May you, the families of Hurlyvale, have a healthy, wealthy and happy 2026 and may Hurlyvale continue with unprecedented success.

Welcome

Every new year brings its challenges and rewards, and this one is no different. We are delighted to welcome two exceptional new teachers to our staff: Miss Harker, who joins our Grade 6 Maths department, and Miss Burger—a familiar face from our Foundation Phase—who will be taking our Grade 5s. We wish them long and happy careers at the best school in the country.

Please familiarise yourselves with the Code of Conduct, as there have been a few amendments. Take careful note of the merit and demerit system. It is vital that parents and the school work together to ensure the best possible education for our precious learners. Supporting each other and presenting a united front enables our children to feel secure and assists them in adapting to expectations, thereby helping them become productive members of society.

Extramural exit gate

The exit gate for extramural activities will be Cheshire Gate from now on; it makes sense to use one centralised, controlled exit. However, in the event of rain, the Hall Gate will be used, as we aim to send our children home as dry as possible. (Excluding splashing in puddles and dancing in the rain, of course—we can take no responsibility for such exuberance!)

Juniors and seniors

Our Grade 1s have settled quickly, and one was overheard saying, "This is a public school, but it's actually like a private one!" Out of the mouths of babes! I wonder where he heard that? Our new leaders, on the other hand, have taken the bull by the horns and embraced their duties with pride. Whether standing on the stairs for duty or patrolling the corridors at break, each task is tackled with serious enthusiasm. It has also been a wonderful surprise to see many unexpected leaders emerging!

Trailers

Transport for our ever-burgeoning sports fixtures has given us pause to think about our growing numbers and increasing away matches. To improve our children's safety, Hurlyvale has purchased two brand-new, shiny trailers! Our children no longer have to sit with their bags and sports equipment squashed into the Quantum, as their luggage can now be packed into the trailer. This has indeed made such a difference to the safety and comfort of our sportsmen and women, and has also improved the image of our school. We look truly formidable arriving in our branded buses and trailers!

Take Note!

- ★ Grade 6&7 Valentines Social 13/02
- ★ Valentines Day sales 9/02-13/02
- ★ Valentine's Civvies Day 13/02
- ★ Individual Photos 16/02 & 17/02
- ★ Fundraising meeting 03/02

Roads around the school.

We rely heavily on our residential neighbours and already cause a fair amount of inconvenience for them, so we request that you help us minimise this by considering them when stopping or parking. Please refrain from stopping on the lines, in front of driveways, or parking on pavements. The traffic around our school is exacerbated by parents letting children out of the car in the middle of the road or stopping where the flow of traffic is hindered. Tempers flare, and our children are often the unwitting witnesses to our worst behaviour. We are a community school; please help us to maintain good relations within our community.

Knowledge is power

Our parent information evenings have been a great success, and the response to Deb's talks has been, as always, overwhelmingly positive. Thank you to those parents who took the time to attend; your support is vital to our effectiveness.

A privilege

One of the greatest privileges of working in a school is witnessing the growth and development of our children. The same rings true for our learnerships, who often come to us young, inexperienced, and a little unsure of their chosen profession. Imagine the delight of witnessing not only their development into capable, confident teachers but also the wonderful milestones in their personal lives! This was one such week: Miss Shubotz got engaged, and Mr Aysen will soon be tying the knot! We are so proud of you both and wish you every success.