

Hurlynews

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That's all folks.

And so ends another busy term. It has been an exceptionally demanding term, and our children need a break from the routine of the last few weeks. For evidence of all our hard work, head over to our Facebook page and give our posts a few likes!

Unfortunately, we also have to say goodbye to Miss Pieterse. She may leave our classroom, but she will never leave our hearts. We wish her well in her new endeavour. We also bid a sad farewell to Mrs Omand, wishing her safe and wonderful travels as she leaves deep footprints in our hearts. Finally, we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Vermaak, who returns to her Grade 2s following her maternity leave.

Thank you to the teachers, parents, and everyone who works tirelessly to create memories for our children. It is because of you that we can boast of happy, well-rounded, and energetic learners. In case you haven't been informed by your excited child (or your child's very excited teacher), school will close at 11:00 am on the 27th. Term 2 will commence on Wednesday, 8 April.

The Not-So-Fun Day

Through the rain and the mud, they came. Under umbrellas and raincoats, they came. With walkers and prams, they came—once again proving what everyone already knew: Hurly parents are the best. Our eagerly anticipated Big Walk was cancelled due to inclement weather; however, all was not lost. Our parents showed up to ensure that the school did not suffer a loss. Our heartiest thanks go to those who pitched in to help, and to those who showed up to support us. Saturday was a true example of "We Are Family." To minimise disappointment the Big Walk has been rescheduled during school time.

Brush, brush, brush

Colgate popped in to visit our Foundation Phase learners to remind them of the importance of oral hygiene and looking after their "chompers." After all, those teeth have to last until they are very old—maybe even until they are... 25! Our little ones learned about flossing and brushing twice a day. Will the fear of dreaded cavities put them off consuming sweets? It is doubtful!

Origins

The Grade 5s visited the Wits Origins Centre, a world-class museum and research hub dedicated to the history of modern humankind. Here, they learned about rock art, the San people, human evolution, and ancient technology. This ties in beautifully with the syllabus and brings their studies to life. It was an interesting and worthwhile experience; it is always exciting to take learning out of the classroom.

Pizza Party

The Grade 7s disrupted the entire school again with their annual Pizza Party. The cheering, laughing, and general mayhem ensured that the rest of the student body was counting the months until they, too, could be part of the merriment. Grade 7 is a fun and exciting year, and it is definitely something for our learners to look forward to.

The Book People

Finally, The Book People visited and displayed an array of enticing books; there was something for everyone! Popular genres were available at reasonable prices, and many of our resident bookworms were found trawling the tables at every chance they got. Pocket money was saved, piggy banks were raided, and "loans" from parents were the order of the day. Our school and classroom libraries have been replenished, and it is safe to say the visit was a roaring success.

Take Note!

- ★ Term 1 ends on 27/03
- ★ Term 2 starts 8/04
- ★ Civvies and Math day 27/03
- ★ Parent evening 9/04 (Gr 4- 6)
- ★ Rescheduled Big Walk (In the school grounds) 10/04

Leaders

Congratulations to our Term 1 leaders on the sterling job they did. While many will be relieved to take a step back and enjoy their free time, many others have come into their own and discovered a newfound ability to embrace responsibility. All in all, it was an enlightening experience of growth and self-discovery. Thank you, Term 1 leaders! Our new batch for Term 2 will be announced in the final assembly on Friday.

Knowledge is power

Let's be real—opening a report card that isn't full of A's can feel like a bit of a gut punch for both you and your child. But before anyone loses their cool, remember: that piece of paper is just a snapshot in time, not a final grade on who your child is.

First things first: stay calm. If you're stressed, they'll shut down. Sit down together and just chat about it. Instead of asking "Why is this so low?", try asking, "Which part of this subject felt the hardest for you?"

Focus on the wins first—maybe they did great in Natural Science! Then, look at the tricky spots, like Afrikaans or Math, and figure out the "why." Is it a lack of practice, or are they just sitting and not taking it in? Once you know the "why," you can make a simple game plan together for Term 2. Shift the focus from the "bad mark" to the effort, and you'll see them start to find their feet again. We've got this!