

# Hurlynews



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## THAT'S A WRAP.

As we wrap up Term 2, we look back with immense pride at everything our learners have achieved. They have truly excelled this term, shining both in the classroom and on the sports fields. Our final assembly slideshow brought the usual wave of giggles and muffled laughter from the children. For the staff, however, it was a moment of absolute awe as we realised just how wonderfully busy we managed to keep everyone! None of this would be possible without our incredible community. A huge thank you to the staff and parents who were always ready to lend a hand—whether you were flipping prego rolls, helping out behind the scenes, or cheering loudly from the sidelines. We couldn't have done it without you!

## STAFF MATTERS.

It is always bittersweet at this time of the term when we have to bid farewell to treasured members of our staff. Mrs Carras is relocating, and the hole she leaves in our hearts is immense. May the road rise to meet you, Mrs Carras, and may we always remain in your fondest memories. Stepping into big shoes, Mrs De Beer will be taking Mrs Carras's place as our new Pillar for sport, while Mrs Allan will be embracing an exciting new challenge as she assumes the Grade 7 Mathematics post. Meanwhile, Mrs Schultz has begun eyeing our school water dispenser with serious suspicion, as we currently have FOUR expectant mommies on our staff! A massive congratulations to Mrs De Beer, Mrs Workman, Mrs Benade, and Mrs Sayers, who have all announced that they are welcoming bouncing new additions to their families. Hurlyvale teachers are certainly doing their part to ensure we always have full classrooms! We also send our warmest congratulations to Mrs Pleass, who recently tied the knot. As you begin this exciting new chapter, we wish you many years of love and happiness with your Ken-Ken. Finally, a huge shout-out to our resident athletes. Mr Miles smashed his very first uphill Comrades Marathon in an incredible 8 hours and 17 minutes to secure a prestigious Bill Rowan Medal, returning to school immediately with his sights already set on a future Silver Medal. Across the globe, Coach K achieved a massive career milestone by competing at the 2026 Open Classic World Championships in Lithuania, placing 20th in an elite group of the top 21 powerlifters on the planet. Congratulations to both of our remarkable educators on their phenomenal endurance and international achievements!

## GRADE 5

The Grade 5s have been extremely busy as they celebrated Pirate Day. The terrifying costumes were outdone only by the "Arrghs and Ai Mateys"! To be fair, we were forewarned, but nothing really prepares one for the sea shanties and painted-on beards! They also went on their annual trip to Greensleeves, where they learnt to appreciate the advances in living standards. Grocery shopping, indoor plumbing and table manners. "Make your bed!" and "Help with the dishes?" don't seem like such a chore anymore.

## THE BEAUTIFUL GAME.

World Cup soccer fever completely took over the school this term as classes battled it out during breaks. The enthusiasm was electric—and it even caused some highly competitive behaviour among the staff! In fact, one hilarious playground dispute actually made it into our local newspaper. In the end, no matter who walked away with the trophy, our learners were the real winners. Everyone had a fantastic time participating, keeping active, and enjoying the beautiful game together.

## Eisteddfod

It was another highly successful Eisteddfod showcasing the incredible talents of our children. The immense preparation and effort that went into every single item was clear to see in the outstanding calibre of the performances. Huge congratulations to everyone who participated! It takes real courage and tenacity to stand up on that stage, and you all did it magnificently.

## AGE IS JUST A NUMBER.

The Grade Ones celebrated their first 100 days of school with an unforgettable party. Imagine our shock to see how much the milestone had aged the poor souls! Some arrived bent over with walking sticks, while others were sporting full beards and grey hair. Suddenly, our energetic little Grade Ones were replaced by a room full of wise grannies and grandpas. Even the teachers got into the spirit of things, and the staffroom was filled with much muttering about pensions and retirement benefits! A huge thank you to Trailer Swift for spoiling our kids with hot chocolate and biscuits.

## WILDLIFE.

The wildlife club had their annual foray into the bush and should return as budding mini-game rangers. It's all about identification and conservation, you know. While the rest of us are green with envy, they have assured us it is NOT a holiday but indeed a very intense learning experience. We hope to announce, on Thursday, that all children (and teachers) have returned safely from their wildlife safari adventure.

## IT'S GOOD TO KNOW

When end-of-term report cards don't quite look the way we hoped, it is important to remember that a child's grades reflect a single moment in time, not their ultimate potential. Instead of focusing on frustration, use this as an opportunity to sit down together and celebrate the areas where they did show effort and growth. Approaching the conversation with curiosity rather than criticism allows your child to speak honestly about where they felt overwhelmed or stuck. By collaborating on a positive, manageable action plan for the upcoming term, you turn a moment of disappointment into a powerful lesson in resilience. Ultimately, reassuring your child of your unconditional love and support is the greatest motivator for their future academic success.

## DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER!

- ★ School closes at 11 am on Friday, 26/06
- ★ School reopens on Tuesday, 21/07
- ★ Intersen parents' evening (by invitation only) 23/07
- ★ Mandela Day 23/07