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THE GREEN STANDARD.

The course was set. The stakes were high. Hurlyvale's annual School Golf Day proved to be an absolute masterclass in community spirit. From the first tee to the final putt, some staff and learners traded the classroom for the fairway, bringing unrivalled energy to the greens. An event of this scale requires a strong foundation. We extend our deepest gratitude to the local businesses, families, and individual partners who stepped up to sponsor holes, provide prizes, and generally contributed to making our annual event such a success. There are no words big enough to thank our incredible Fundraising Committee. Long after the school gates closed, you were still working—sacrificing your evenings, your family time, and your own energy to build something beautiful for our children. The day looked effortless because you carried the heavy lifting behind the scenes for months. We see your passion, we see your tired smiles, and we see the immense love you have for this school community. Thank you for being the quiet heroes who make our school's future possible.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to all of our parents for their generous cash donations toward our annual Golf Day. Your contributions are incredibly valuable to our school.

We would also like to officially recognise and thank the wonderful businesses and individuals who stepped up to sponsor our event:

Our Hole Sponsors:

- Synergy Estates
- Naledi Motlatla (Nalediq Travel)
- Yanela Takawira (Meals on Wheels)
- Grubhouse Diner
- Amanda Olivier (Watson Properties)

Our Special Event Sponsors:

- Meals on Wheels – For their incredibly generous Dinner Sponsorship of R10,000.
- Build It – For their fantastic Putting Green Sponsorship of R3,500.

Thank you all for your outstanding community spirit and for investing in the future of our learners!

BURGERS IN THE HALL

The outstanding fundraising efforts of our students for the Big Walk were officially recognised this week, when the Grubhouse Diner stepped in and awarded them each a special meal. The lucky winners were all given a burger/ pizza, and a milkshake at a special lunch in the hall. Hurlyvale extends its formal gratitude to Grubhouse Diner for their generosity and investment in our children, and encourages community members to continue supporting businesses that give back to local education.

World Cup Fever!

We are bringing the World Cup excitement straight to our school grounds! During break times, classes will be competing in their very own soccer matches. Countries have been randomly allocated to each class, and the countdown to kick-off has officially begun. Keep an eye out for thrilling updates!

Take Note!

Controlled test week 25/5 until 4/6.

★ Extra Murals paused 25/5 until 4/6.

Father's Day sales on Karri are open.

★ Eisteddfod dates have been moved to 17,18,19, 22 and 23 June.

★ **School closed 15/06 and 16/06**

★ Foundation Phase parents' evening 26/6 (5:30-7:00)

★ Intersen Phase parents' evening 23/07 (By invitation only)

★ Open day 20/06

★ Term 2 ends 26/06

★ Term 3 starts 21/07

Teaching continues

Please note that although test week concludes on Thursday, June 4th, normal teaching and learning will continue in line with the Department's Annual Teaching Plan (ATP).

Attendance is compulsory. Please ensure your children do not stay at home unless they are unwell, in which case a medical certificate/doctor's note must be provided to the school. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Knowledge is power

Some handy tips for positive discipline at home.

1. Connect Before You Correct

Before you address a misbehaviour, lower yourself to your child's eye level, make gentle physical contact, and ensure you have their attention. Children are far more receptive to guidance when they feel emotionally connected and safe, rather than when they feel threatened or are yelled at from across the room.

2. Focus on "What to Do" Instead of "What Not to Do"

The child's brain struggles to process negative commands quickly. Instead of saying, "Stop running in the house," try phrasing it positively: "Please use your walking feet inside." This tells them exactly what behaviour you expect, rather than just telling them to stop an action.

3. Use Natural and Logical Consequences

Move away from arbitrary punishments (like taking away a video game because they didn't eat their vegetables) and use consequences directly related to the behaviour. If a child spills their milk because they were playing around, the logical consequence is that they help clean it up. This teaches accountability rather than fear.

4. Label the Emotion, Not the Child

Separate your child's identity from their behaviour. Avoid saying things like, "You are a bad boy/girl." Instead, say, "You are a good kid, but hitting your sibling is not a safe choice. I know you are feeling angry right now." This validates their feelings while holding their actions to a high standard.

5. Establish Clear, Predictable Routines

A lot of misbehaviour comes from anxiety, fatigue, or not knowing what comes next. Creating a predictable daily rhythm—especially around high-stress times like mornings and bedtime—helps children feel secure and reduces the power struggles that lead to conflict.