Hurlynews

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CONCERT SEASON

It's costumes, lights, and action! Concert practice is fiercely underway. Please keep an eye out for updates and reminders regarding what is required from parents. The children have poured immense time and energy into their rehearsals; please support them by assisting with requirements and ensuring they arrive and are collected on time. It will be a demanding week for our children who are not used to late nights and the ever diligent teachers will be continuing with teaching during this week. A big thank you to everyone involved, especially Mamba, who will be conducting extra patrols on performance nights to ensure the safety of our school community.

SPRING

Spring has sprung, and our learners celebrated Spring Day by donning their brightest colours! The school was abuzz with a fresh wave of positivity and renewal. On that note, please remember that we have officially transitioned into the full summer uniform. Kindly ensure your child complies with the uniform policy. As the temperatures rise, please pack a hat and extra water for your child each day. Children receive up to 80% of their lifetime sun exposure before the age of 18, and getting just one blistering sunburn during childhood or adolescence more than doubles their risk of developing melanoma later in life. Wearing a hat at school is a quick, vital step to keep our learners safe while enjoying the outdoors!

GRADE 6 TOUR

Our Grade 6s have returned from tour, chanting war cries and singing campfire songs! For many, this first bush experience was awe-inspiring, and the nature bug has officially bitten. We definitely have a few future game rangers and newly minted nature lovers in our mix. It is wonderful to have everyone back safely; though after days in the wild, leisurely showers and one's own bed are hard to compete with!
Please ask your child to visit the Lost and Found items outside Ms Harker's classroom to retrieve any lost items.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Our Grade 1s are being spoiled with a spanking-new, shiny jungle gym! Fresh lawn is currently being laid, and the learners will soon get to enjoy a safer, refreshed play area. Hang in there just a little longer, Gradies—once final safety checks are complete, you'll be back on your very own playground!
We are also installing a cover at the Cheshire Gate for our children to be able to wait for their lifts in the shade, and undercover in the rain..

ON TIME IS BEST

Fetching your child late may seem a trivial inconvenience to you, but to your child, even though your reason may be justified, it feels a lot like neglect. School closes at 2 pm every day. Unless there is a prearranged extra mural, the children need to be collected at this time. There is no babysitting facility at Hurlyvale, and so children whose transport is regularly late or unreliable are left to wait. They very often get into trouble because they become anxious, bored or angry. More often than not, their last snack was at 10 am. They have had a long and taxing day, and for them to sit on the bricks at the gate, sometimes for hours, is unfair. The desperation they experience when they see their peers being collected and going home is tangible and sometimes damaging. Hurlyvale has an aftercare facility where your child will be fed and supervised. Please consider making use of this convenience, even if only for an hour or 2 a day.

TRAFFIC

New parking bays have been added at the Gibson Road gate, resulting in a marked improvement in the morning and afternoon traffic flow. A gentle reminder: please refrain from parking on both sides of the road or stopping on corners, as this worsens congestion. Please remain mindful of fellow motorists and the children getting in and out of vehicles.

IT'S GOOD TO KNOW

Finding the right balance between supporting your primary school child and encouraging their independence can be a delicate tightrope for parents. We naturally want to help our children succeed, but doing too much, such as packing their schoolbags, managing every detail of their homework, or stepping in to resolve minor peer conflicts, can accidentally rob them of the chance to build problem-solving skills, resilience, and personal responsibility. On the flip side, stepping back does not mean stepping away; children still need firm boundaries, emotional check-ins, and parental guidance to feel secure. The key is to move from being their "doer" to being their "coach." Support them by setting up routines, asking guiding questions, and celebrating their effort, but let them take the wheel when it comes to managing their responsibilities, making mistakes, and learning how to bounce back.

DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER!

- **7-10 Sept Concert**
- **16 Sept Interhouse Cross Country**
- **18 Sept Grade 7 market day**
- **21-23 Sept Grade 5 Tour**
- **21 Sept Future Grade5 + 6 information evening**
- **22 Sept Foundation Phase Parent evening**
- **23 Sept Term 3 ends (11 am)**
- **6 Oct Term 4 begins**
- **28 Oct AGM**

AFTERCARE

Aftercare will be closed 25/09