

# SEA POINT PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Spring has arrived .... the days are getting slightly warmer every day. Yay!!  
We have been so busy and have loads to report ..... A term full of learning, laughter and  
the best is yet to come!!

We managed to raise over R32 000 for our Readathon Fundraiser last term! A big thank  
you to everyone involved.

### Teachers dressed up for Readathon



Once again, we wish to thank all those fabulous parents who pay their school fees so diligently and constantly  
contribute towards raising funds at our school. We can do so much, because YOU care so much !!

Assessments started on Monday 8 September and will finish on Friday 19 September. Please make sure your  
child attends school every day during the assessment period.

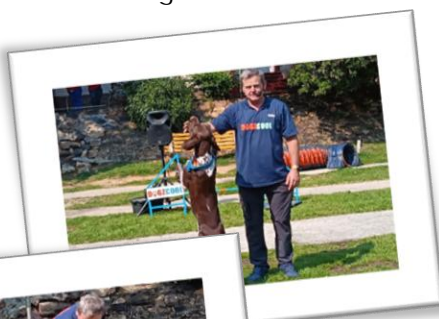
Please take note that winter extra-murals will end on 19 September and summer extra-murals will start in the  
new term. Privately run extra-murals will continue as per normal unless otherwise informed by the coach.  
We welcomed two new teachers this term: Mrs Ketteringham (only until the end of the year) in Grade 6 and Mr  
Daniels in Grade 4. We also appointed Mr Solomons as our Assistant Bursar. We hope they will be very happy  
here.

Official Report collection will take place on Thursday 2 October from 15:00 – 18:00 (some teachers may make  
appointments on other days). Please make an appointment with your child's teacher to collect the report as well  
as sign the register. It is vital that parents read their child's school report and discuss any issues with the  
teacher.

### Incredible Dog Show !

The Grade 6s were treated to a fun and engaging performance by Lloyd and  
his seven incredible dogs. The show highlighted how animals can be trained,  
cared for, and appreciated, connecting directly with this term's PSW focus  
on animal care and responsibility. Learners not only enjoyed the  
entertainment but also deepened their understanding of compassion and  
respect for living creatures.

Thank you, Mrs De Wet-Stevens, for organising this for our children!



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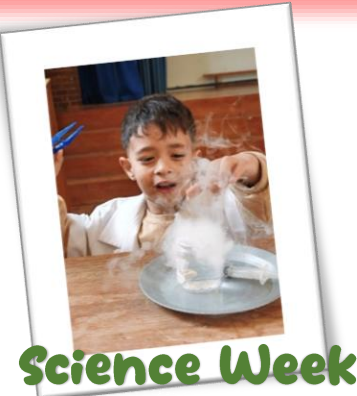
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### Events

They have two exciting excursions this term: Bounce World and Gordon's Gymnastics.



**Paper Boat Race**



**Science Week**

### Making & Baking

Baking and making continues to be a weekly favourite and they have made smoothies, teddy toast, Marie biscuit rabbits and race cars. They celebrated the start of Spring by planting seeds to grow a lawn for a house they decorated.



**Career Dress Up**



**Bounce World**



**Spring Day**



**Construction workers**



### Learning Achievements

They have learned about transport, occupations, water, fruit and vegetables.

They had an extra special pretend flight to Disneyland and also pretended to be construction workers. They had a Career Dress up day to explore future possibilities and also a paper boat race.



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## GETTING TO KNOW OUR TEACHERS

Ms  
Levin



My full name is Gabrielle Illana. I have taught at SPPS for 25 years and started in the Bridging Class, then Grade 2 and now I teach Grade 3. I started my teaching career in Grade 4 & 5 at another school. I studied at UCT for 5 years and first specialised in Psychology. I enjoy decorating my home and cooking. I have 2 cats, Tabitha and Bo who rule my home. I enjoy travelling but am terrified of flying. Mexico is one of my favourite destinations.

Mrs  
Cook



I was born in District Six and grew up in Woodstock and later moved to Maitland. As a child, I always wanted to be a teacher but only started studying for it later in life. I love nature, going for walks and growing plants from scratch. I love my dog and appreciate people with a sense of humour. Some time ago I even wrote a book and had it published.

Mrs  
Buffkins



I was born in District Six but we were told to move to the Cape Flats during Apartheid.

My first job was at St Augustine's RC Primary School in Wynberg where I taught Grade 2. I then taught at different schools in the Cape Flats for over 18 years. I joined SPPS in 2005. We have 4 cats and 2 dogs at home. My greatest achievement would be raising 3 wonderful and successful children. I love listening to Podcasts for self-development.

## MEMORIAM – Mary Roberths

Mary was a beloved member of staff for 20 years, starting out as an Aftercare assistant and working her way onto becoming a Pre-School teacher. She passed away recently and in celebration of her life, we planted a tree on the field to remember her by. Rest In Peace, Teacher Mary, we remember you with love.



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## SCIENCE WEEK

What a thrilling week it was – children enjoyed fascinating talks, interactive exhibitions, hands-on experiments and even a fun dress-up day to end it off in style.

We had a visit from the Mobile Museum, the 2-Ocean's Aquarium as well as presentations from the SendingGestig Museum (Slavery Museum) and a presentation on our National Symbols. Experi-Buddies did Science experiments with all the children and handed out little gifts to everyone. On Friday it was Dress Up Day, with children dressed as scientists, doctors etc.

Children were inspired to ask questions and think critically about the world around them. The week encouraged curiosity, creativity, and awareness of how science connects to our daily lives and the environment.



GENTLE PARENTING  
DOES NOT MEAN  
PERFECT,  
IT MEANS KIND,  
CONSIDERATE,  
CALM, EMPATHETIC,  
COMPASSIONATE,  
UNDERSTANDING,  
FORGIVING. THESE  
QUALITIES ARE NOT  
JUST FOR OUR  
CHILDREN BUT FOR  
OURSELVES TOO.

We collected a whole  
bakkie load of  
second-hand  
clothing as part of  
the Early Act Charity  
Drive. These were  
donated to Little  
Brinks Foster Home.  
Thank you !!



## astronaut visit

Wow! Our children were lucky to be treated with a visit from a real live astronaut all the way from America!

Susan Kilrain, NASA Astronaut, US Navy Officer and aerospace engineer presented a super interesting talk to the children. They were fascinated. Ms Kilrain flew as a pilot for two space shuttle missions, spending over 470 hours in space. A significant part of her mission is to encourage young women and underprivileged teens to excel in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), helping to demystify the industry.





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## TERM 3 FUNDRAISER

### Freaky 2025

We will have our Annual Freaky Friday on 26 September.

Forms have been sent home and children should be happily helping with chores to earn money to pledge on their Freaky Friday forms. Every Monday each child who earned their weekly R40 will receive a yummy treat. We thank all our super parents and children for always giving their best and constantly supporting us during all our fundraising endeavours, we appreciate you!



### SPORTS REPORT

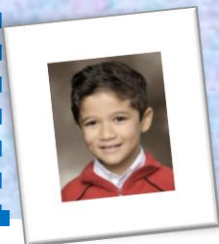


Our sport for Term 3 has been eventful with our Netball and Soccer teams participating in various matches over the course of the term. The competition included schools like DSK, Reddam, Weizmann, Herzlia, Camps Bay, Llandudno, Kronendal, Disa and Hout Bay International.

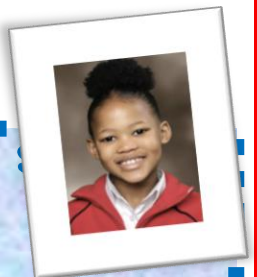
Results were a mixed bag, but we aim to give our learners exposure and experience regarding matches and game time and therefore, the focus is on inclusion and participation. We wish to create and foster a winning culture, and by providing opportunities to players who do not always get selected for matches, we hope for a positive impact going forward.

There are still some Netball and Soccer matches remaining on the calendar and, as always, wish the players all of the best!!

### Super Sea Pointers!



**Zidan Benjamin won a gold medal in a recent Jiu Jitsu competition.**



**Ditheto Mahapa gold (over 85%) in recent Dance competition (acrosolo)**



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## CLASS HAPPENINGS

Grade 1's have been learning about the 5 food groups. They will be doing an oral where they present a packed lunchbox with all 5 food groups. This will be their actual lunch for the day – how fun! Ms Taylor's mom came to read stories to her class – she brought them some yummy treats too! A highlight of the term – the class loved it!

Grade 2's are looking forward to going to Intaka Island National Reserve and Wetlands. The children planted bean plants in class and they grew very tall.

Grade 3's visited the Cape Town Science Centre. As always, it's an educational and fun outing, filled with science experiments, learning about Camera Obscura, plants and playing with all the fun equipment. The experiments that stood out were the ones with fire and chemicals and of course, "elephant toothpaste"! The children also conducted interviews with an older family member or friend. It was fascinating for them to learn how different a child's life was years ago, compared to their lives now. They also realised how lucky they are, when they heard how children were punished at school in years gone by!

Grade 4's made musical instruments with recyclable materials as part of NST. They also had the Bee School visit where they were given a demonstration on how honey is made. All the children had a taste of raw honey. There was a child who dressed up as a beekeeper and one dressed as a bee! They will be visiting the Centre of Conservation soon.

Grade 5's visited Little Orchard Nursery to see how plants are propagated and for a tour of the greenhouse tunnels. They each got to plant their own "spekboom". They celebrated Ancient Egypt Day dressed up as Egyptians and brought authentic snacks to share. They presented posters on well-known Pharaohs and watched a film on the tombs of the Pyramids of Giza. The children are keeping a record of the weather for the week, then they will analyse their data and produce rainfall and temperature graphs. They are also building a car from recyclable materials, and it must have wheels and axles and be able to move.

Grade 6' took part in their third Elevate Education Study Skills session this term, focusing on the use of mnemonics to strengthen memory and recall. The 75-minute practical workshop gave learners effective tools to support their study habits and build confidence in preparing for assessments. This session formed part of a year-long journey, with the final "Ace Your Exams" session to follow next term.

Grade 7's had an unforgettable outing to Groot Constantia, tying in with their History theme. They will be visiting Koeberg Power Station soon. Upcoming events include EMS Market Day for budding entrepreneurs and Career Day to tie in with their Life Orientation subject. Academic Excellence awards were handed out to 8 learners and many were recognized for social credits. Our Grade 7 Leadership Team will carry the torch for the rest of the year!

### IMPORTANT DATES

School closed (Heritage Day): 24 September

Report Collection Day: 2 October

End of Term 3: 3 October



### POSTAL VILLAGE

Our postal village month was a roaring success! Children just love writing and posting actual letters to each other.