

# SEA POINT PRIMARY SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

September 2026



Happy Spring!! We hope the new season brings your family fresh joy, sunshine, and wonderful moments together.

School fee statements were issued from our new accounting system, XERO (we hope parents were able to access their invoice that was sent via e-mail). Thank you to all those 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 !!

Academic Assessments start on Monday 31 September and will finish on Friday 11 September. Please make sure your child attends school every day during the assessment period.

Please take note that Winter extra-murals will end on 18 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: Ms Bester in Grade 7 & Ms Scott in Grade 4. We also appointed Mr Davidse as our new Physical Education Teacher. We hope they will be very happy here.

Official Report collection will take place on Tuesday 22 September 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 1's and Grade 6's were treated to a fun and engaging performance by Lloyd and his 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 it also deepened their understanding of compassion, and respect for all living creatures.

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



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## CLASS HAPPENINGS

Grade 1 's have been learning about the 5 food groups. They had a lunchbox oral where they presented their packed lunch including all the 5 food groups – so delicious and exciting! They were simply mesmerized by the dog show.

Grade 2's had the most fabulous time at Intaka Island! From boat rides to bird walks, and a soil lesson to top it off. They also had a visit from the Colgate Roadshow teaching them how to brush and care for their teeth. Each child received a toothbrush and toothpaste. Bright smiles !!

Grade 3's visited the Cape Town Science Centre for an exciting and educational experience. They learned about science by seeing, touching and trying things for themselves. One of the highlights was the amazing science demonstration and experiments!! They learned that science is all around us and it can be fun to explore it in our everyday lives. Super fun outing!

Grade 4's had a wonderful and educational visit from the bee expert, Helani. They had the opportunity to discover all about the very important roles bees play in our environment. They dressed up as bee keepers and also tasted the delicious honey. A 'buzzing' time was had! They will be visiting Kirstenbosch Gardens to learn about ecosystems. They also had their first ever sleepover at Rocklands in Simon's Town.

Grade 5's had an exciting time exploring Ancient Egypt. They visited the Ancient Egypt exhibition at the Iziko Museum. They dressed up as Egyptians, enjoyed Egyptian inspired foods and did research on the life of a Pharaoh. A fun and engaging term of discovery and exploration!

Grade 6's enjoyed science experiments building an electrical circuit and they even wrote their own poetry. They explored democracy and different forms of government doing personal interviews and research. The dog show was a hit with all!

Grade 7's went on an amazing outing to Groot Constantia where they learned about the history of slavery. They also had the opportunity to walk around the beautiful farm and explore what life was like on such a farm in the past. They are sure to remember that experience for a long time to come!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Report Collection Day: 22 September

End of Term 3: 23 September

Start of Term 4: 6 October



### POSTAL VILLAGE

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

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## TERMLY FUNDRAISER

### Annual Fun Walk

We will have our Annual Fun Walk on Saturday, 19 September.

The theme this year is: "Be Bold, Be Bright, Be You". Forms have been sent home and children should be securing sponsors or donations to help raise funds for our Fun Walk. Early submission of forms (together with the money collected) could earn children a surprise treat. We thank all our parents and children for always giving their best and constantly supporting us during all our fundraising endeavours, we appreciate you!

### extra-mural report



**Soccer:** U10 soccer team played a match against Herzlia. We lost 3-2 but the team played an amazing game! U11 soccer team played Camps Bay Primary and won 3-2. Well done! U12/13 played to a draw against Weitzmann. They are now preparing for their match against Llandudno Primary. We are so proud of our soccer players!

**Netball:** Our netball teams were privileged this term to receive coaching support from Coach Marie-Louise from New Zealand. Our teams participated in a variety of matches throughout the term and proudly won the majority of them! We are incredibly proud of all our netball players for their hard work, dedication and team spirit. A special farewell to our Grade 7 players — you will be greatly missed!

**Chess Club:** They were super excited about playing their match against Mountain Road Primary School. We won 8 out of the 12 games.

**Dance / Drama Club:** The dancers took their Exams last term and our first-time students showed great courage! They are busy learning their routines for the play, "The Wizard of OZ".



**Knitting Club:** They are knitting up a storm and some children are really talented. Mrs Dean received a huge donation of fabulous wool which will be used to crochet items.

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## GETTING TO KNOW OUR TEACHERS



Mrs de Vries

I was born and raised in Bo-Kaap and matriculated from Harold Cressy High School before attending UCT. I completed an undergraduate degree in English followed by a postgraduate Honours Degree in Developmental Studies. I worked on research for a published book and gained experience in online editing before getting married in 2007. In 2008, I completed my PGCE (postgraduate certificate in education). I joined SPPS in 2009, starting as a student teacher and was subsequently appointed as a full-time teacher in 2010.

I have 3 children, one at university, one in high school and one in primary school. We have 2 cats at home, a Bengal and a Maine Coon.



Ms Bester

Meet Ms Bester – born and bred in District Six, Educator, drama enthusiast, creative thinker and film believer that learning should never be boring! With 10 years of teaching experience, she brings a wealth of energy and creativity to the classroom. Having taught across a range of grades and subjects as well as working internationally, she has developed a teaching style that combines creativity, movement, storytelling and drama with strong academic foundations. She has an appreciation for community, culture and the power of the arts and storytelling. She is passionate about inclusive education and creating spaces where children feel safe to express themselves and discover what they are capable of. Outside the classroom, her experience includes stand-up comedy, radio presenting, puppetry, scriptwriting and theatre.

## IN MEMORIAM – Wezzie Mhango

Our whole school holds a heavy heart as we remember, Wezzie, a Grade 2 learner, who passed away. Though her time with us was far too short, the joy and warmth she brought into our lives will not be forgotten. She had a bright smile and a wonderful spirit. We extend our deepest love and support to her parents and her brother, Hamilton. Rest in peace sweet Wezzie.



“There is no foot too small that it cannot leave an imprint on this world.”



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## grade r news



### Making & Baking

This term they had their cake sale to raise funds for classroom activities. Thank you to our awesome parents who sent yummy items to school to sell.

They participated in the Postal Village where they wrote and sent letters to other learners.



### Events

They are looking forward to their visit to Gordon's Gymnastics next month.



### Learning Achievements

Our little ones have been hard at work this term. They learned about transport. The teachers dressed up as flight attendants and surprised everyone with a pretend flight in the classroom. They have learned about careers where they had a dress up day and the parents sent along videos to explain their jobs to the children. They are learning about water and did some fun experiments and cool art activities like painting with bubbles.



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## GOOD BEHAVIOUR



We would like to remind you that magic words such as hello, please, you're welcome, I'm sorry, and thank you, all begin to be learned at home. It's also at home that children learn to be honest, to be on time, be diligent, show sympathy, as well as show utmost respect for their elders and teachers. Home is also where they learn to be clean, not to talk with their mouths full, and how and where to properly dispose of garbage. Home is also where they learn to be organised, to take good care of their belongings, and that it's not OK to touch others. Here at school, on the other hand, we teach Language, Maths, History, Geography, Science, and Physical Education. We only reinforce the education that children receive at home from their parents. With this in mind, we appeal to you, to help us instil discipline at all times in your child.

We would like to reiterate that we insist on, and expect our children to display good manners, treat teachers and each other with respect, have a good attitude towards their work and to behave like ladies and gentlemen. We cannot succeed in our endeavours without your support and the reinforcement of these very important aspects of life at home as well.

## MARKET DAY

THE ANNUAL GRADE 7 ENTREPRENEURIAL MARKET DAY IS ALWAYS A HUGE SUCCESS. THIS ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT SCIENCE PROJECT IS FOR A PRACTICAL MARK. EACH GRADE 7 CHILD HAS TO MAKE A FOOD PRODUCT TO SELL. THEY HAVE TO DO A SURVEY FIRST AND ASK THE OTHER LEARNERS WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO BUY. THEN THEY HAVE TO DESIGN AN ADVERT. EACH PRODUCT HAS TO BE COSTED IN ORDER TO FIND A SELLING PRICE. THE AIM IS TO BE AN ENTREPRENEUR AND TO MAKE A PROFIT. THE GR.7'S LOVE ALL THE EXCITEMENT AND HEALTHY COMPETITION BETWEEN THE TRADERS. WE LEARN THAT IT IS TOUGH TO BE YOUR OWN BOSS AND IT TAKES A LOT OF HARD WORK TO MAKE A PROFIT AND BE SUCCESSFUL !!

### SINGLE-USE ITEMS (URGENT PLEASE)

Please remember to send the following items to school for each child every term:

- 4 rolls of toilet paper
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 ream of photocopy paper (80g)

