



Term Events

Annual Athletics
Pietersburg Circuit Top 30 Awards
Grade 11 Cake Sale
AMS Soccer Tournament
Hajj & Qurbani Programme
Pyjama & Slipper day
SAPS Visit
Mobile Zoo
Career guidance - UL visit



Time to reset...

As we head into the highly anticipated winter break, we wish all our learners a warm, restful and enjoyable holiday.

Safe travels to those journeying out of town, and for those staying home, stay safe, and make the most of your time with family. Use this time away from your busy school schedule to reset (rest) your mind and set your goals for the last few months of the year.

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We look forward to welcoming you back in Term 3, refreshed and ready to take on the second half of 2025 with enthusiasm and determination!

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IMPORTANT DATES!

SCHOOL REOPENS TERM 3

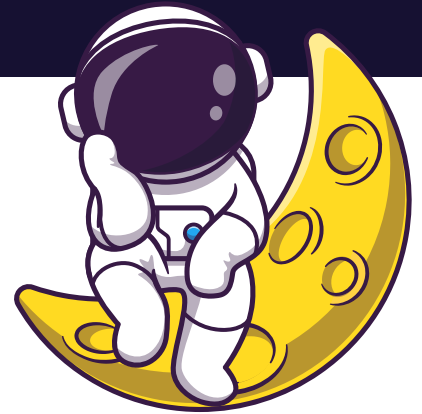
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Reflections on the First Half of 2025

As we reach the midpoint of 2025, reflecting on our progress is both timely and essential. The upcoming mid-year exams will serve as a critical benchmark for assessing our academic performance, allowing us to identify areas that require improvement and implement necessary adjustments.



Academic Progress and Discipline

We've established a robust framework for maintaining discipline, addressing serious violations of our code of conduct to ensure a conducive learning environment. The synergy between parents, teachers, and external stakeholders has been instrumental in supporting our students. Our new educators have demonstrated their ability to meet our high standards, and the feedback from various stakeholders has been invaluable in refining their approach. We're proud of our exceptional team members who contribute to our school's success.



Highlights of the First Half

The interhouse athletics meeting at Peter Mokaba Stadium was a resounding success, bringing together all stakeholders and showcasing our teamwork. The event was a highlight of the first half of the year, and we appreciate the contributions that made it possible.

Focus Area for the Second Half

Moving forward, our primary challenge is improving attendance. Unexplained absenteeism can significantly impact a learner's progress, and our goal is to ensure that no learner falls behind. To address this, we'll continue to provide support and resources to learners who need them. We encourage parents to play an active role by promoting regular attendance and avoiding appointments during school hours that might disrupt learning.

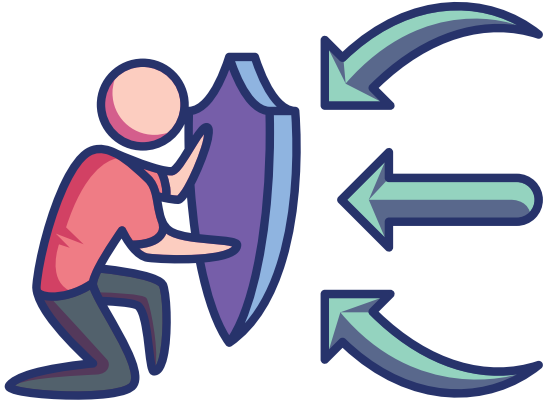
A Message to the Matric Class of 2025

As the matric class approaches the final stretch, we've seen them mature into focused and dedicated individuals. This journey hasn't been easy, but their growth is a testament to their hard work and perseverance. We urge them to maintain their focus, attend classes regularly, and work diligently in the remaining terms. We're confident in their ability to excel in their final exams and wish them all the best.



Mr TL Warinda

The power of building Resilience



Some days feel heavier than others. There are moments when school feels overwhelming—when exams pile up, friendships feel uncertain, or personal challenges make it hard to focus. This term I've been chatting with students who feel stuck and here's what I always remind them: You are stronger than you know ! Resilience is already within you. It is tawakkul (trust in Allah). It's about believing that hardships are temporary, that WITH every difficulty comes ease (Surah Ash-Sharh 94:6).

A student recently came to me feeling completely defeated after a tough exam. They thought failure meant that they weren't smart enough, that their effort had been wasted. But over time, as we talked, they realized that setbacks weren't roadblocks—they were lessons. Together we found ways to manage their time better, assert themselves that it is ok to ask for help, and most importantly, how to believe in themselves even in uncertain moments.

Resilience isn't about never struggling. It's about standing back up, even when it feels impossible. It's about knowing that challenges don't define you—they shape you. The smallest steps forward, the willingness to try again, the courage to ask for help—these are all signs of strength.

Parents and teachers play a huge role in this. The way we talk about mistakes, the way we support a child through disappointment—it all makes a difference. Encouraging growth, rather than perfection, helps students develop confidence and emotional strength that stays with them far beyond school.

Know that you are not alone when things get tough my door is always open and I am here whenever you need guidance and support. No student should feel like they have to face life's hurdles alone. Together, we can make resilience our superpower.

Aakifaa Bava Gani



Mathematics in Islam: Numbers, Patterns, and Divine Design

When most people hear the word mathematics, they think of numbers, equations, or perhaps a difficult homework assignment. Mathematics isn't just something we learn in school—it's a beautiful part of the world around us. For centuries, it has also been a key part of Islamic culture, science, and art.

Muslim scholars made amazing discoveries in mathematics during the Islamic Golden Age (around the 8th to 14th century). One of the most famous Muslim mathematicians, Al-Khwarizmi, wrote books that introduced algebra—his name even gave us the word “algorithm” which is used in technology today!



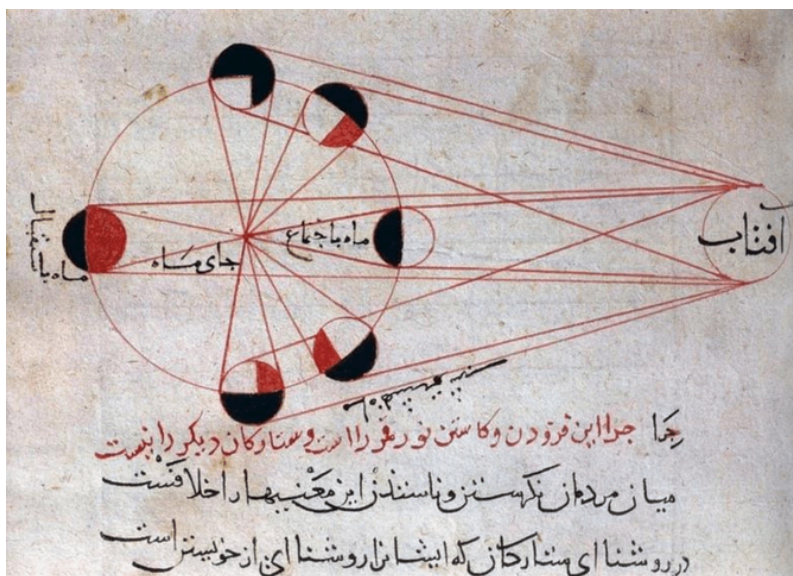
Have you ever seen the beautiful patterns on a mosque? These are called geometric patterns, and they use math to show symmetry and design. Because drawing living beings was often avoided in Islamic art, artists used shapes, angles, and patterns to reflect the beauty of creation.

In Islam, math is also used in daily life:

To calculate prayer times, which change every day based on the sun.

To find the direction of the Qibla (facing the Kaaba in Mecca).

Mathematics in Islam teaches us that knowledge is valuable, and using it helps us understand the world and our faith better.



Fun Fact Box! Did You Know?

The word "algebra" comes from the Arabic word al-jabr, from a book written by Al-Khwarizmi.

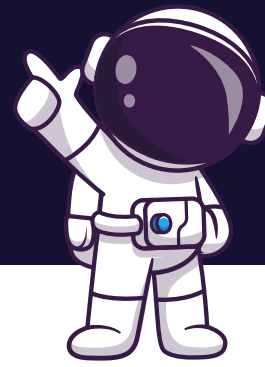
The star shapes in Islamic art are made using perfect angles and circles—pure math! Islamic scholars also helped develop trigonometry to improve navigation and astronomy.

Puzzle Corner - Islamic Art Challenge!

Can you draw an 8-pointed star using only a ruler and compass?

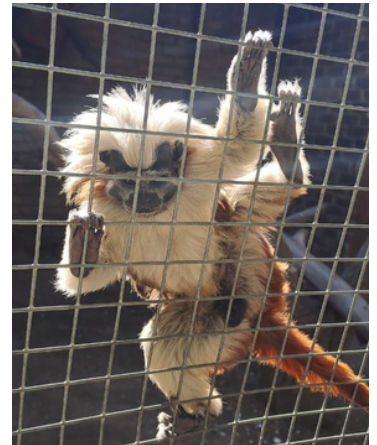
Hint: Start with two overlapping squares!

LEARNING ADVENTURE



Learning beyond the classroom!

What an unforgettable day! I had the joy of taking 26 of my Grade 2 learners on a learning adventure to Zanna's Bird and Snake Park – and what a day it was!



With excitement in the air, we walked across from school, buzzing with curiosity. Our awesome guide, Sam, took us on a fascinating tour where we met all sorts of amazing creatures – from colourful birds and playful monkeys to giant tortoises, slithery snakes, roaring lions, and even a Nile crocodile!

Our Term 2 animal theme came to life as students learned all sorts of interesting facts and fun lessons.

After all that exploring, we refueled with our yummy home-packed lunches and enjoyed some wild fun on the jungle gyms – laughing, climbing, sliding, and playing our hearts out!

We truly believe in taking learning beyond “chalk and talk,” and the day showed us just how powerful hands-on learning can be. Beautiful memories were made, and lessons were learnt in the most joyful way!

Asma Mayet

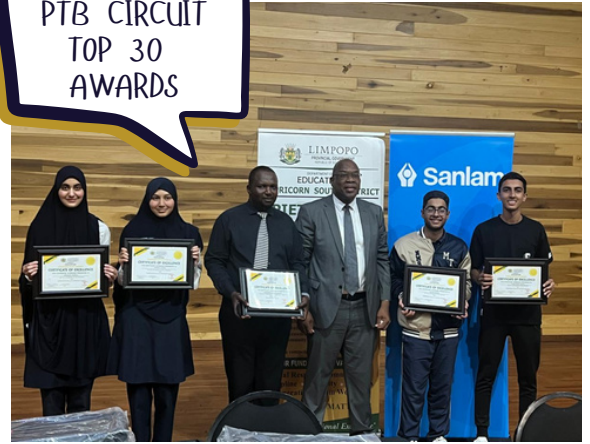




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NMS Hifdh programme

Alhamdulillah by the grace of Allah, we have adopted a system that is currently successful in many Muslim schools in our country. Using this system, learners who start their Hifdh in grade 4, can complete their Hifdh by the end of grade 9 by learning an average of 5 Ajzaa per year.

We started the Hifdh programme in 2024 and we currently have 27 boys being taught by Qari Abdur Rahman and Qari Ridwan. And we have 7 girls being taught by Apa Zaheera.

We ask Allah Almighty to make it a success and accept. Aameen.

Class times

Monday - Thursday

Early morning : 5.45 -7.15

During school : +- 1 hour

After school : 14.45 - 16.15

Friday

Early morning : 5.45 - 7.15

During school : 30 minutes

After School : 14.00 - 16.00

Saturday

Morning session: 6.00 - 8.30



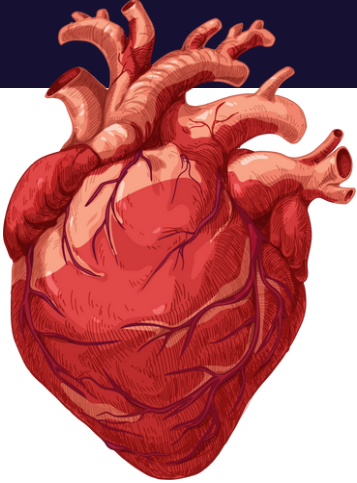
The Honor Given to the Haafidh/Haafidha

"It will be said to the companion of the Qur'an: 'Recite and ascend, and recite with deliberation as you used to recite in the world. For your rank will be at the last verse you recite.'"

(Sunan Abu Dawood, 1464)

Moulana Shanawaz





The Heart – The Pilot of the Body

Every day, people board aircrafts that move under the control of one pilot. Whether west or east, the entire group is directed by a single person. Similarly, our body's limbs are like passengers, and the heart is their pilot. If the heart is pure, the tongue, hands, feet, ears and eyes all follow the path of righteousness. But if it's corrupt, the body inclines towards sin and evil.

Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) said, "Indeed, in the body there is a piece of flesh. When it is in order, the entire body will be in order. When it is corrupt, the entire body will be corrupt. Behold! That piece of flesh is the heart!" (Bukhari)

This refers to the spiritual heart. It must be protected from sin and evil. Another hadeeth explains that each sin creates a black spot on the heart. If one repents, it's removed. If not, the heart becomes fully blackened. (Tirmizi)

Imam Raazi (rahimahullah) says that once the heart is blackened, sin becomes second nature. Holidays often lead to free time and temptations, resulting in many sins. We must reflect: what impact will this period have on our hearts?

Shaikh Ibn Ataa-illah (rahimahullah) said, "A dead heart shows no regret over sins or missed good deeds." Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) said, "When your good deeds please you, and your bad deeds upset you, then you are a believer." (Musnad Ahmad)

We should make a commitment to avoid sinning during the holidays and engage in good deeds like salaah and reciting Qur'aan.

Don't delay today's reformation for tomorrow –
because tomorrow may never come.

Apa Shaina



EXCELLING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL



Ammaarah Kalla - Grade 7 Equestrian Show Jumper

Ammaarah has proudly represented Northern Muslim School at the SANESA equestrian qualifiers held at the Ranch Equestrian Centre in Polokwane, competing in three events and consistently placing first or second.

Riding her horse, General Custer Roscoe (Ross), she has earned provincial colours for 2024 through her outstanding performance and dedication.

SANESA hosts four qualifiers annually, with top performers going on to represent their province at the national competition in Kyalami during the September/October holidays.

We commend Ammaarah's hard work and strong partnership with her horse, and eagerly await the August 2025 announcement to see if she qualifies for the Limpopo Equestrian Team again this year.



Ammaarah also obtained Limpopo Provincial colours in tennis, representing u13 team Limpopo who participated in the national competition hosted by Tennis South Africa (TSA) in Bloemfontein in January 2025.

NMS Under-15s Shine at AMS Soccer Tournament

We are proud to announce that ten of our Under-15 learners were selected to represent Northern Muslim School at the AMS Soccer Tournament held in Roshnee on 24 May. This marked a significant milestone for our young athletes, as it was their very first competitive match away from home ground.

Despite being newcomers to the tournament scene, our team delivered an outstanding performance, demonstrating determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout.

Their efforts were rewarded as they progressed impressively through the rounds, ultimately reaching the quarter finals — a remarkable achievement for their debut tournament.

Competing against well-established teams from across the AMS Circuit, our learners held their own and represented NMS with pride and excellence. Their commitment and passion for the game are truly commendable, and we are confident this is only the beginning of greater sporting success for our school.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the team and their coaches. Your hard work and dedication have made us incredibly proud. Well done, boys!



OUR SOCCER STARS:

Musfiquir Rahman, Mohamed Nazim Essack, Subhan Dadubhikha, Ibrahim Ismail, Anass Elhachemi, Mukhlis Ali Mpho Gift Selota, Fahad Kazi, Alif Miah, Dean Zaheer Watch

100ste Verjaarsdag van Afrikaans. Afrikaans vier 100 jaar: 'Eeu van groei, stryd en trots

In 2025 vier ons 'n groot mylpaal: die 100ste verjaarsdag van Afrikaans as amptelike taal van Suid-Afrika. Hierdie eeufees bring nie net 'n geleentheid om terug te kyk nie, maar ook om te vier hoe die taal gegroei het en steeds aanpas in 'n veranderende wêreld.

Van omgangstaal tot amptelike erkenning

Afrikaans het ontstaan uit 17de-eeuse Nederlands wat deur koloniste, slawe en plaaslike inwoners aan die Kaap gebruik is. Mettertyd het dit 'n unieke karakter aangeneem, met bydraes van Maleis, Khoi, Portugese, Frans, Duits en selfs inheemse tale.



In 1925 het die Suid-Afrikaanse regering Afrikaans amptelik erken as 'n volwaardige taal gelykstaande aan Nederlands. Dit was die resultaat van jare se werk deur taalaktiviste soos C.J. Langenhoven, wat gesorg het dat Afrikaans sy regmatige plek in die samelewing kry.



'n Taal van baie stemme

Vandag is Afrikaans die derde mees gesproke huistaal in Suid-Afrika, met meer as 7 miljoen moedertaalsprekers. Dit word nie net deur Afrikaners gepraat nie, maar ook deur miljoene bruin en ander gemeenskappe – elkeen met hul eie styl en bydrae tot die taal.

'n Eeu van Afrikaanse kultuur

Oor die afgelope 100 jaar het Afrikaans 'n indrukwekkende kultuurerfenis opgebou – van skrywers soos N.P. van Wyk Louw en Antjie Krog, tot musiekikone, rolprente, en selfs memes op sosiale media. Afrikaans het daarin geslaag om die verlede te eer, maar ook jong stemme en nuwe maniere van uitdrukking te omarm.

2025: 'n jaar van vieringe

In 2025 word talle spesiale gebeure regoor Suid-Afrika beplan – insluitend feeste, boekvrystellings, digkompetisies en opvoedkundige programme. Die Afrikaanse Taalmonument en Taalmuseum speel 'n sentrale rol om die geskiedenis van Afrikaans vir jonger geslagte lewendig te hou.

Wat lê voor?

Hoewel Afrikaans al uitdagings in die gesig gestaar het, is dit steeds lewendig, kreatief en aanpasbaar. Jong mense gebruik dit op nuwe maniere – aanlyn, in musiek, en selfs in gemengde taalvorme soos Kaaps en Oral Afrikaans. Die toekoms van Afrikaans lê in inklusiwiteit en innovasie.

Slotgedagte

Die 100ste bestaansjaar van Afrikaans is 'n getuigenis van die taal se veerkragtigheid, diversiteit en lewenskrag. Dis nie net 'n taal van die verlede nie, maar ook van die toekoms – en van almal wat dit met trots praat. Geluk, Afrikaans! Op nog 'n 100 jaar van stories, liedjies en stemme.

Deur: Freda Niemann



Reading with Understanding: A Fun Adventure in Learning!

Let's talk about reading — not just reading the words on a page but reading with understanding. That magical moment when a story makes you giggle, or ask a question that makes you think, and suddenly — poof! — your brain grows just a little bit bigger. Like Dr. Seuss said, “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”



Reading with understanding means diving into the story, not just skimming the surface. It's about asking thoughtful questions, making predictions, solving problems, and using your imagination to unlock what's between the lines. Books may be filled with pirates, princesses, and planets — but they also teach us about feelings, choices, relationships, and how to think deeply. It's like brain exercise in disguise!

Think of reading like a detective mission. Don't just rush through the pages, trying to finish the book in one sitting. Pause and wonder. Ask questions like, “What would you do if you were in this story?” or “Can you draw a different ending?” or “Why did the character stomp instead of walk?”

When you ask questions like these, you're not just checking comprehension. They build thinkers. They spark problem-solving, creativity, and meaningful conversations. It makes you someone who doesn't just read the story, but feels it, thinks about it, and learns from it.

This kind of engagement helps children comprehend what they read, make connections to real life situations, and build problem-solving skills. A simple story becomes an adventure, a challenge, a teachable moment, a chance to explore emotions, tackle tricky situations, and even understand math or science concepts in a sneaky, storybook way.

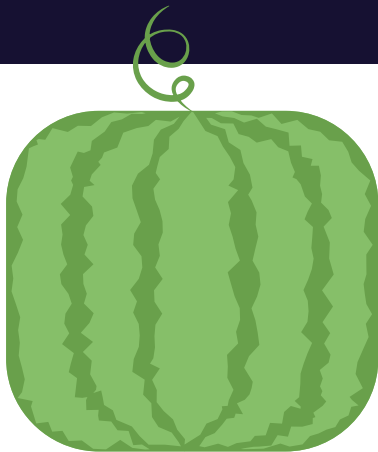
As Dr. Seuss so wisely said, “You're off to great places, today is your day. Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!”

So let's climb that mountain. Grab a book but don't just read a story — explore it. Ask silly questions, make bold predictions, laugh at the funny parts, and celebrate the joy of learning together.

As Dr. Seuss also said, “You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book.”
Happy reading!



FUN FACTS



You can buy a square watermelon in Japan



Before alarm clocks, people would pay someone to knock on their window and wake them up. They were called knocker-uppers.

The number four is the only number to have the same amount of letters as its value.

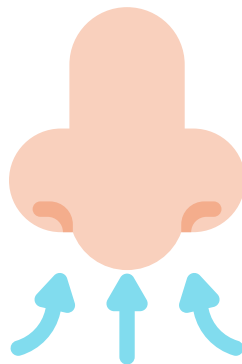
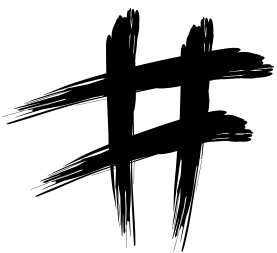


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is the fear of numbers.

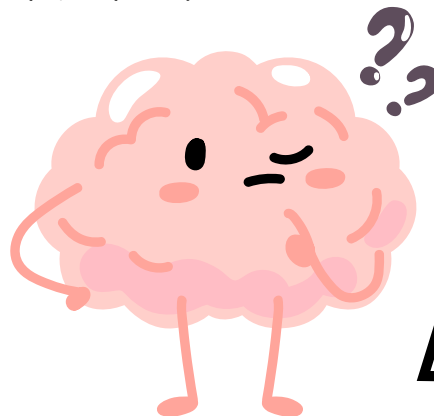


Play-Doh was originally used as wallpaper cleaner.

The real word for the # symbol is not "hashtag". It's "octothorpe".

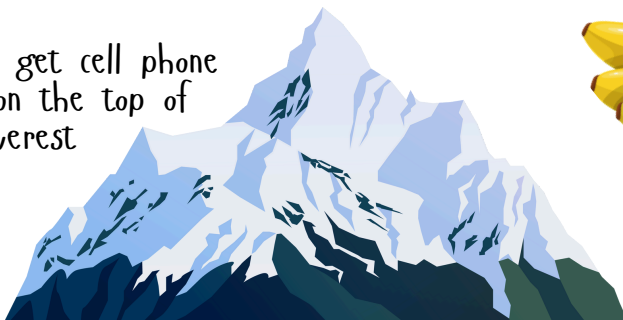


You cannot smell while you sleep.



The human brain cannot feel pain

You will get cell phone service on the top of Mount Everest



Because bananas contain potassium, they are radioactive.



Contrary to popular belief, lightning can strike twice



Wind is actually silent. What we hear is the wind blowing against an object.



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