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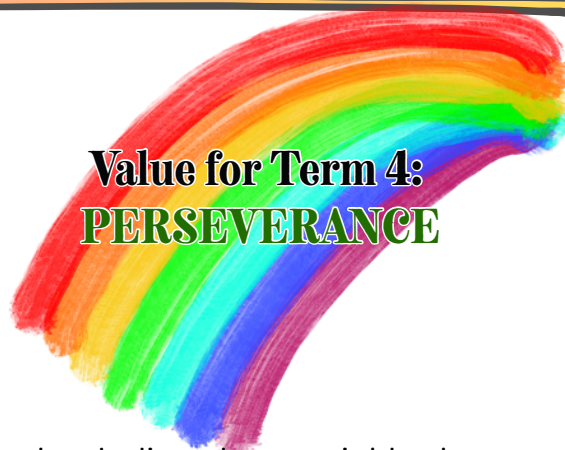


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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we come to the close of another academic year, it is hard to believe how quickly the months have passed. This final newsletter provides us with a valuable opportunity to reflect on the year that has been, to celebrate the achievements of our learners and staff, and to express our sincere gratitude to our wonderful parent community.

Throughout the year, our learners have demonstrated commitment, resilience, and a willingness to grow, academically, socially and emotionally. From the first day of school to the final assessments, each learner has progressed at their own pace, developing confidence, independence, and a love for learning. We are immensely proud of the effort invested by our learners both in and beyond the classroom.

Our academic programme, aligned to the CAPS curriculum, has been strengthened by innovative teaching strategies, differentiated learning and consistent support. These efforts have ensured that every child was encouraged to reach their full potential.

This year has been particularly enriching in terms of sport and extramural involvement. Learners eagerly participated in activities such as netball, soccer, chess, dodgeball, hockey, and sports skills development, ballet, darts (an added extra-mural), athletics, cricket and swimming. These activities not only foster physical development but also teamwork, discipline, sportsmanship, and perseverance.

We are especially pleased with the growth of our co-curricular programme and the enthusiasm shown by learners who embraced new opportunities and challenges. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated teaching, administrative and support staff. Their professionalism, commitment, and care for our learners have been evident throughout the year. They consistently go above and beyond to create safe, engaging, and nurturing learning environments and we are truly fortunate to have such a committed team.

A special word of thanks to our parents and guardians for your ongoing support, cooperation, and trust. Your involvement, encouragement at home, and positive partnerships with the school play a vital role in your child's success. We are also grateful to our School Governing Body for their guidance, leadership, and tireless efforts in supporting the vision and strategic direction of the school.

As we look forward to the year ahead, we do so with optimism and excitement. Planning is already underway to ensure a smooth and positive start to the new academic year. We remain committed to continuous improvement and to exploring new ways of doing things differently and better – always with the best interests of our learners at heart. Further information regarding class placements, stationery requirements, and school reopening dates will be communicated in due course. We encourage all our families to use the upcoming holiday period to rest, reconnect, and recharge. May it be a time filled with joy, reflection, and quality family moments.

On behalf of the entire staff, thank you once again for a rewarding year. We look forward to welcoming our learners back refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

UPDATE ON SCHOOL FEES AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2025:



	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>
Grade 1	R 318 184,59	R 239 641,12	R 178 963,01	R75 503,00
Grade 2	R 455 166,00	R 373 133,00	R 299 129,00	R168 365,88
Grade 3	R 703 027,00	R 581 395,41	R 477 689,66	R305 156,25
Grade 4	R 1 343 900,72	R 1 203 264,72	R 1 054 239,72	R573 412,50
Grade 5	R 791 645,09	R 662 616,54	R 539 030,99	R311 008,95
Grade 6	R 1 234 498,65	R 1 077 356,65	R 894 969,65	R700 864,65
Grade 7	R 1 355 317,29	R 1 226 907,56	R 1 040 627,83	R558 521,10
Grade R	R 154 878,49	R 112 922,12	R 75 535,75	R36 109,45
TOTAL	R 6 356 617,83	R 5 477 237,12	R 4 560 185,61	R 2 728 941,78
Total Payments Rec'd	R842 621,72	R879 380,71	R917 051,51	R1 831 243,83

THANK YOU
to those families
who have ensured their
accounts are settled
and up to date.
We hope the remaining
outstanding fees will be
settled by the end of
December 2025.

ESTATE STAFF HAMPERS:

A heartfelt thank you to all our parents who have so generously contributed towards the Estate Staff Hampers. Your kindness and willingness to give have made a meaningful difference in the lives of the staff members who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our school environment safe, clean, and welcoming.

Your contributions not only provide practical support but also send a powerful message of appreciation and recognition for their hard work and dedication. The hampers have brought immense joy, and the Estate staff have expressed their deep gratitude for being remembered and valued in this way.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for embodying the spirit of community that makes our school such a special place. Your generosity truly uplifts others and reinforces the strong bonds we share as a school family.

FAREWELL

We would like to bid a heartfelt farewell to Ms Alfino. As she moves on to the next chapter of her professional journey, we want to express our sincere appreciation for the dedication, passion, and care she has shown during her time with us. Ms Alfino, will be truly missed. Thank you for everything you have contributed to our school.

Mrs Arendse, who so willingly stepped in to substitute for Ms Smit this year, thank you for the dedication, warmth, and professionalism you brought into the classroom each day. Your calm presence, compassionate approach, and genuine love for teaching have made a meaningful impact on our learners.

To our Grade 7 learners, as you reach the end of your primary school journey, we are incredibly proud of the young people you have become. Thank you for the memories, the laughter, and the spirit you brought to our school. Go forward with confidence, your future is waiting. To those moving on to new schools, we wish you every success and happiness in the next chapter. Embrace new opportunities, stay true to who you are, and continue to shine brightly.





Wishing all our families a blessed and safe festive season. To our Christian families, we extend our warmest wishes for a blessed Christmas, and to everyone, a happy and prosperous New Year.

Term 1-2026

Saturday 10 January	Uniform shop 09:00 – 11:00
Monday 12 January	School re-opens for the staff Uniform shop 09:00 – 14:00
Tuesday 13 January	New learners – Grade 2-7 Meet the teacher 12:00
Wednesday 14 January	Start of Term 1

Collections on Karri



- General Collections Open:**
- Voluntary Development Fund
 - School Fees for December
 - Overdue 2026 School packs
 - Gr 6 Outing (2026)
 - Gr 7 2026 camp



Parents are kindly reminded and encouraged to use the Karri app for all fundraising, outing, production-related etc payments. For security reasons, we are working towards operating as a fully cashless school and therefore request that all additional payments be made through this secure platform.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Stay Safe

HAPPY HOLIDAYS