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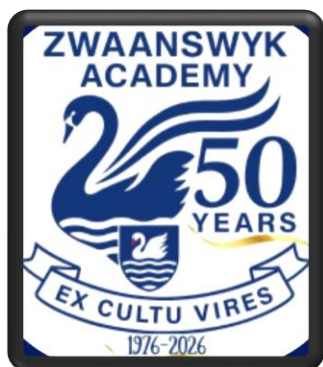
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23 JANUARY 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians

HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY, ZWAANSWYK

30 June 2026 marks the 50th anniversary of Zwaanswyk Academy. It has been a



memorable time of change, service and excellence, and we are extremely happy and privileged to be able to celebrate such a milestone.

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing some snippets of the intriguing history of how this school, on the southmost tip of Africa, has impacted our community and countless lives. We will learn about the first principal, how

learners trekked across the road from what is now the DP Marais hospital carrying furniture, and the origins of the decorative gate outside the office. We will get some insight into the curtains in the hall, the origin of our school's name, and so much more.

All aboard!!!

SAVE THE DATE: 31 JANUARY 2026

We kick off our birthday celebrations with a **Family and Alumni Picnic** for both current learners and alumni (and past parents, learners, teachers, everybody!!)

We have some exciting musicians lined up for the event, alongside our own musicians. Look out for Matthew Mentor (see him on the music circuit, (incl Mojo Market!)), and a host of home-grown talent.



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Games, fun, face-painting, and just relaxing while spending quality time with family and meeting up with friends. It's going to be epic!!

There is no charge, but there will be food on sale from vendors.



TEXTBOOKS

All our learners have now received all their textbooks. They have been covered and are in good condition. Learners are to care for the books, which will be collected every term.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

A big THANK YOU to all the parents who attended, and who will still attend, our parent-teacher introductory meetings. This first meeting is always so important, and it is always good to see such a big turnout. We have special parents!

GRADE R LEARNER PHOTOGRAPHS

Grade R's (and siblings) will have photographs taken on 27 January 2026.



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CO-OPTION ON TO SGB

Mr **Mackwell Engelbrecht**, after seeing the appeal for Parents to be co-opted on to our Governing Body, had made himself available to serve. Thank you so



much, Sir! First meeting on Tuesday!!!!

INSPECTION

We will do a general inspection of learners next week. This includes personal hygiene, haircuts, nails, books, stationery etc. The inspection is designed to promote responsibility and accountability amongst learners. Letters have been issued.

COMMUNICATION APP



A big SHOUT OUT to Mr Dullaart who has developed a communication app which we are now testing with the Grade 7's. We are very excited about the possibilities which this app brings. Well done, Sir!! And thank you to the Grade 7 parents for being willing participants.

ENERGY DRINKS



We were horrified to discover that some of our learners are bringing energy drinks to be consumed at school. These are not only unhealthy, but particularly dangerous for children. They are not allowed at school (and should not be allowed for children at home either).



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We also found lunch being discarded in the bathrooms again. The lunch looks



similar every day, and includes a yogurt. Please check if this may be yours.

collect learners, will be held on **Wednesday 28 January 2026 at 08.15am.**

Transporters who fail to attend without valid reason will not be issued access tokens.

Parents are asked to remind your child's transporter, and then check whether they have attended.



**TRANSPORT OPERATORS
MEETING: WEDNESDAY 28
JANUARY @ 08.15AM (please
note the change in time)**

IN PRAISE OF GOD



A meeting for all transport operators contracted by Parents to transport learners to and from Zwaanswyk Academy, and who intend to access the Zwaanswyk Academy premises to drop off and



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FOR YOUR 1st TERM DIARY

JANUARY	
VALUE	LEADERSHIP
06 Jan	Birthday: Ms C. Assur
07 Jan	Birthday: Ms L. v d Meulen
12 Jan	School starts for Staff Induction of new teachers Phase meeting 1 — 3pm
13 Jan	Birthday: Ms I. Abrahams Assistants Meeting @ 9am Gr 4 Orientation @ 11am — 12.30pm Staff Meeting @ 1pm
14 Jan	School starts for Learners Dismissal: FP @ 1pm & ISP @ 1.30pm

	Committees meet @ 1.30pm
15 Jan	Dismissal: FP @ 1pm & ISP @ 1.30pm SMT @ 1.30pm
16 Jan	Dismissal: FP @ 12.30pm & ISP @ 10pm Staff Meeting
17 Jan	Gr 1 Parent Meeting 9 — 11am
19 Jan	Sport & Culture Sign-up
21 Jan	Parent Meeting: Grade R Parent Meetings: Grades 5 — 7 @ 6.30pm
24 Jan	Gr 2 Parent meeting @ 9-11am
26 Jan	Sport & Culture Programme starts
27 Jan	Birthday: Ms A Crowster Gr R Individual + siblings Photos 10 Day Survey
28 Jan	Transporters Meeting @ 9am
29 Jan	Inter House Athletics (all welcome)
30 Jan	Gr 7 Workshop
31 Jan	Gr 3 Parent Meeting @ 9am L1 Netball Coaching Course



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VALUE	COMPASSION
01 Feb	L 1 Netball Coaching Course
02 Feb	Book Bus Visit
03 Feb	Gr 1 Individual & sibling photos Book Bus Visit
04 Feb	WORLD READ ALOUD DAY METRO visit
05 Feb	Gr 2-4 Individual & sibling photos Staff Photo METRO visit
06 Feb	Student Council Braai Inspection Day
10 Feb	Birthday: Mrs J Kirby Gr 5 HPV inoculations
13 Feb	Birthday: Ms Van Deventer Student Council Event
14 Feb	Pre Level Netball Coaching Course Student Council Camp Valentines Day (reminder, gentlemen!)
19 Feb	METRO visit

20 Feb	Student Council Assembly
27 Feb	Bathroom Civvies @ R10
28 Feb	Birthday: Mr G Prins (29 th Feb)
VALUE	HONESTY
02 March	Start of Test series Textbook retrieval
03 March	OPEN DAY Music Concert @ 6.30pm
04 March	METRO Visit
05 March	Birthday: Ms J Elliott METRO Visit
06 March	Gr 4 Assembly
10 March	Birthday: Ms Timmie School Admission Applications Open
13 March	COLOUR ASSEMBLY Finalise textbook retrieval
14 March	L1 & L2 Netball Umpires Course
18 March	METRO Visit
19 March	METRO Visit
20 March	Eid ul Fitr





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21 March	Public Holiday: Human Rights Day
24 March	SURF WALK
25 March	Parent/Teacher meetings & Report Issue
27 March	End of Term 1
31 March	Birthday: Ms T Overmeyer



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You've Got A Friend In Me (Brenchley Thursdays)

You've got a friend in me
You've got a friend in me
When the road looks rough ahead
And you're miles and miles from your nice warm bed
You just remember what your old pal said
Boy, you've got a friend in me
Yeah, you've got a friend in me

[Verse 2]

You've got a friend in me
You've got a friend in me
You've got troubles, and I've got 'em too
There isn't anything I wouldn't do for you
We stick together and we see it through
'Cause you've got a friend in me
You've got a friend in me

[Bridge]

Some other folks might be a little bit smarter than I am
Bigger and stronger too, maybe
But none of them will ever love you the way I do
It's me and you, boy

[Verse 3]

And as the years go by
Our friendship will never die
You're gonna see, it's our destiny
You've got a friend in me
You've got a friend in me
You've got a friend in me



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**CALLING ALL
FORMER ZWA
SCHOLARS &
STAFF (1976–2026)!**

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Were you a learner or
teacher at ZWA between
1976 and 2025?

Then we're looking for YOU to be part
of something special!

As we prepare to celebrate 50 YEARS
OF ZWA, we are building our official
Alumni Network and would love for
you to be part of it.

- ✓ Like our Facebook page
- ✓ Fill in the Google Form to join
the ZWA Alumni community

Let's reconnect, celebrate our legacy,
and make history – together.



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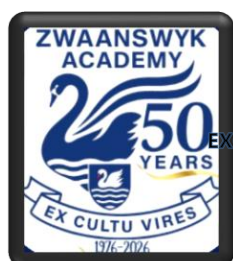


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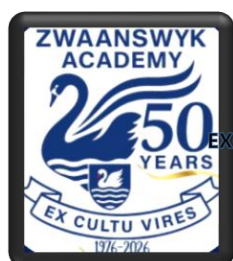
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SPORT PROGRAMME

FOUNDATION PHASE

1ST TERM – 2026

**This program will start on
26 January 2026.**

<u>Grade 1 & 2</u>				
<u>Sport Code we offer</u>	<u>Relevant information</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Swimming grade 1	ONLY PT swimming – NOT in swim team			
Swimming Grade 2	Learners will be identified during class swimming. They will form the <u>swimming team</u> . These learners will receive a letter	Mondays & Wednesdays	13h45 – 14h45	Swimming coach
Cricket	All learners welcome	Mondays & Wednesdays	13h45 – 14h45	U/7 L. v/d Meulen B.Smit U/8 H.Oliver T.Overmeyer
(Netball)	All learners welcome	Mondays & Wednesdays	13h45 – 14h45	U/7 U.Gerhardt J.Elliot E.Liebenberg U/8 W.Koeries A.Snell

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- ✓ Please ensure that learners wear the correct sport uniform.
- ✓ Please inform the coaches of the different codes, in writing, if he/she cannot attend a practice.

SWIMMING:

- Black / Navy one-piece swimming costume for girls
- Black / Navy swimming costume for boys
- Zwaanswyk swimming cap for swim team.
- All swimmers must wear a swimming cap.

CRICKET:

- Navy shorts
- Blue Zwaanswyk golf shirt
- White sports shoes
- Zwaanswyk cap

NETBALL/BALL SKILLS:

- Zwaanswyk shirt
- Zwaanswyk navy skort
- White sports shoes
- White socks

ATHLETICS:

- Blue Zwaanswyk shirt
- Navy shorts / skort for girls
- White sports shoes
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Important dates to remember:	
Inter House Athletics	29 January 2026
Interschool Swimming Gala	03 February 2026
Inter School Athletics	07 February 2026
Interschool Swimming Gala	12 February 2026
Athletics District Champs	21 February 2026
WP Athletics Championships	28 February 2026
I/Phase Swimming Gala	26 February 2025
Triangular Gala	12 March 2025 (TBC)
PEP Mini Netball	21 March 2026

Regards

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SPORT PROGRAMME

FOUNDATION PHASE

1ST TERM – 2026

**This program will start on
26 January 2026.**

<u>Grade 3</u>				
<u>Sport Code we offer</u>	<u>Relevant information</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Coaches</u>
Swimming	Learners will be identified during class swimming. They will form the <u>swimming team</u> . These learners will receive a letter	Tuesday & Thursday mornings	07h00 – 07h45	Swimming coach
		Mondays & Wednesdays	14h15 – 15h15	K.Padayachee Swimming coach
Cricket	All learners welcome	Mondays & Wednesdays	14h30 – 15h30	u/9 A.Mathys K.Sampson
Netball	All learners welcome	Mondays & Wednesdays	14h30 – 15h30	u/9 A.Juries C.Patientia

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SPORT EXTRA-MURAL PROGRAMME

INTERSEN PHASE 1ST TERM – 2026

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<u>Grade 4-7</u>				
<u>Sport Code we offer</u>	<u>Relevant information</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>time</u>	<u>Coaches</u>
Swimming	Learners will be identified during class swimming. They will form the <u>swimming team</u> . These learners will receive a letter	Tuesday & Thursday mornings	07h00 – 07h45 Start on 30 January 2024	Swimming coach
		Mondays & Wednesdays	14h30 – 15h30	A.Thomas K.Dreyer T.Halford
Cricket	All learners welcome	Mondays & Wednesdays (match day) If no match, practice will continue	14h30 – 15h30	U/10 R. Dullaart Coach U/11 J.Africa Coach U/12 F.Hansen Coach
		Mondays & Thursdays (match day) If no match, practice will continue	14h30 – 15h30	U/13 F.Hansen Mr.Timm
Athletics	All learners welcome	Mondays & Wednesday	14h30 – 15h30	U/10 – U/13 I.Abrahams E.Prince R.Hendrickse(Monday only)

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Netball	All learners welcome	Mondays & Wednesday (match day) If no match, practice will continue	14h30 – 15h30	Z.Samuels u/10 Z.Samuels u/10 J.Du Preez u/11 L.Gordon u/11 J.Martin u/12 T.Tshangela u/12 S.Van u/13 Coach u/13
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