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06 FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians

HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY, ZWAANSWYK



How **LAERSKOOL**
ZWAANSWYK PRIMARY
became **ZWAANSWYK**
ACADEMY

The rapid growth of the southern suburbs post 1994, the "opening up" of (Model C) schools, the simultaneous growth in the demand for English medium schooling, the changing employee demographic at Pollsmoor, combined with the resultant reduced demand for Afrikaans places in schools, made it very difficult for Afrikaans learners to find places, especially in High Schools. With Zwaanswyk High School being predominantly (and eventually only) English, the closest high school catering for Afrikaans learners were

Voortrekker High in Wynberg and Jan van Riebeeck. This presented a challenge for the learners and parents of Laerskool Zwaanswyk Primary.

The Governing Body decided to approach the WCED to extend the curriculum by adding Grades 8 and 9 to Laerskool Zwaanswyk Primary. This was granted, but now learners were reluctant to stay for grade 8 and 9 because they would have to say they are in a primary school. The Governing Body at the time, led by Mr Charl Schoeman, then again approached the WCED requesting a name change to reflect the additional grades. When he arrived in 2007, one of the first official tasks the current principal had to perform was the selection of a name from amongst three options. On 15

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August 2007, the name was changed to Zwaanswyk Academy (Akademie).

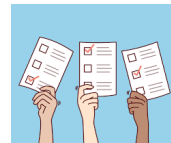
Next week we will reminisce on the journey from an Afrikaans to an English medium school.

VALUE FOR FEBRUARY: COMPASSION

Our value for February is COMPASSION. We would all do well to engage our children in discussions and demonstrations of compassion.



SGB BI-ELECTION: 12 March 2025



Please be informed that a bi-election to elect 3 parent members to the Zwaanswyk Academy School Governing Body will be held on Thursday 12 March 2026. The official notification will be shared under separate cover.

THE PICNIC: WHAT AN EVENT!

Everyone present at the alumni picnic last Saturday would have enjoyed the wonderful atmosphere (despite the wind trying to blow it all away!).

Thank you to everyone for making this event so special. It was really one to remember.

We still have some commemorative caps (R130 - we'll be ordering more soon), tote bags (R50) and bumper

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stickers (R10) available.

Also, don't forget to buy a brick(s) for our new clubhouse overlooking the sports fields for just R100 a brick!!

BUY A BRICK – BUILD OUR FUTURE



Help us build our Clubhouse with a View
Support our school community by purchasing a commemorative brick.



R100 per brick



Special Recognition



Buy 10 bricks or more
→ Receive a personalised plaque
→ Your name will be proudly displayed in our Clubhouse foyer



Who Can Support?

Current Learners



Alumni



Learners



Families & Supporters



Support a Good Cause

Every brick helps us build a space where memories, learning, and community will grow.



Get Involved Today

ABSA

Acc: 450 4900 24

Ref: ALUMNI BRICK



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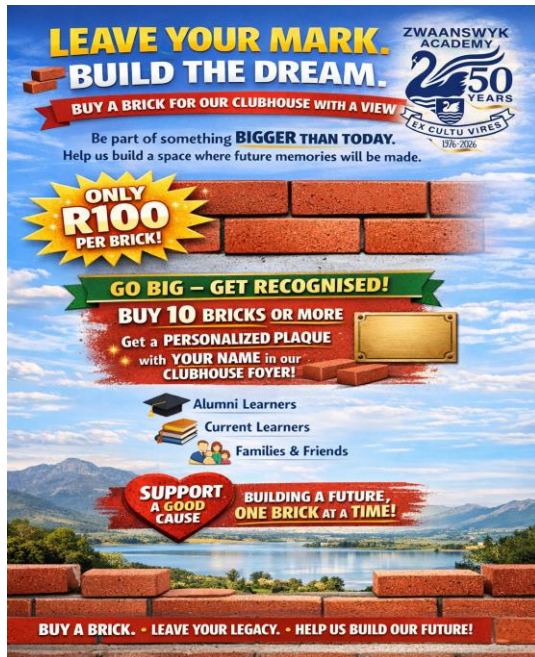
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FLAG BEARERS



At every Assembly we have the symbols of the school being brought into the hall ceremonially by our learners. Every week flag and candle bearers are identified by teachers to be honoured in this

way. Teachers also provide a short motivation for the nomination.

The Foundation Phase flag bearers were from Gr 1A this week.

Nirvah Stevens; Georgia Martin; Eden Williams; Dominion Funani; Lia Corker; Jody Jacobs; Saige Francis and Zia Jaffha.

The Intersen flag bearers (with citation).

Jordan Fransman (4C): For consistently striving to do his best and showing respect to peers and teachers.

Eden Rhoda (5C): For her dedication, discipline and hard work in class, as well as in athletics. She is a worthy flag bearer and an inspiration to others.

Mia Claasen (6C): For her quiet determination, consistent effort and for

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the way she has adapted so well to the expectations of grade 6.

Elaina-Grace Martins (7C): Elaina actively engages in class discussions and asks thoughtful, insightful questions that deepen everyone's learning. She consistently demonstrates excellent behaviour and always presents herself neatly. Her positive attitude and respectful demeanour make her an outstanding choice to represent grade 6. Well done, Elaina!

INSPECTION DAY

Thank you so much, Parents, for honouring the school rules by ensuring our children are attired and present in accordance with those rules. The inspection day was a great success,

with only a few learners presenting concerns.

PHOTOGRAPHS: THURS 12 FEB

Grades 5 – 7 photographs (as well as the Staff Photograph) will be taken on Thursday 12 February. Please ensure that learners are dressed in full school uniform.

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

Dear Parents,

School Fees

School fees are payable **monthly by the 7th of the following month** (e.g. January 2026 fees are due by **7 February 2026**).

Parents were sent reminders to settle all outstanding fees for 2025. If the account is found outstanding after

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January, it will follow our debt collection procedure.

No payment arrangements will be allowed for arrears at this point.

Please ensure your child's school fees is paid on a timeously manner.

Debit Orders – 2026

Please be advised that all debit orders cease on 31 December each year.

Due to the increase in school fees, parents are required to complete new debit order forms annually. Should a new form be submitted, it must be returned by the **7th of every month**.

Please note that should your debit order go unpaid for one month; it will be cancelled and an EFT would have to be processed for the remainder of the year.

School Fees Exemption

We sent out an SMS on 3 February 2026 informing parents that school fees

exemption application forms are available for collection at the Finance Office.

These applications are intended for parents who are experiencing financial difficulty or who are not receiving sufficient financial support. Parents who are able to pay their child's school fees are kindly requested not to take advantage of this subsidy, as it is provided by the WCED to support families in need.

Applications will be available until the end of Term 1 as we would like to start bulk processing as soon as possible. Should any late applications be requested, supporting documentation will be required as proof.

We aim to communicate the outcomes of all applications to parents by the end of Term 1.

School Fees Payment References

We continue to receive payments with **incorrect reference numbers**.

Please note that if an incorrect reference is used, your payment may be allocated to the wrong account or

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allocated to our "U. This causes difficulties for both parents and the school when reconciling accounts.

School Fees, Aftercare Fees, and Music Fees **each have separate reference numbers**. Kindly ensure that **separate payments** are made for each and refrain from making a single combined payment.

If you are unsure of your child's reference numbers, please contact the **Finance Department** for assistance.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

The following payments has been found as unknown, if this is yours, please email accounts@zwaanswyk.net with the proof of payment so that it can be allocated to the correct accounts:

No.	Date	Reference provided	Amount
1.	29/04/2025	SCHOOL YARD MARKET	R200
2.	05/07/2025	D JOSEPH	R1 000
3.	30/01/2026	ACB CREDIT CAPITEC N ADAMS	R1 645
4.	30/01/2026	ACB CREDIT 1X0103LJX0001/LOGANJ	R1 700

U – TURNS: please do not do this



U-Turns – still happening (sad face). Even in the Main Road.

PLEASE LIMIT THE DROP-OFFS



A heartfelt appeal to Parents to please limit the number of drop-offs. Every drop-off has a ripple effect, and we ask (again) that these be kept to a minimum. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this regard.

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**"You define
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Don't let other
people write your
script."**

OPRAH WINFREY

• CRICKET RESULTS

Date		03.02.2026	
AGE GROUP		U13	
HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	
ZWA		MUHAMMEDEYAH	
Runs	32	Runs	33
Wkts	9	Wkts	3
Result: Zwaanswyk lost by 7 wickets			
Top scorer: Bukumkani Velem (9)			
Top bowler: Brody v d Burg Lottering (2-2w-5runs)			
POM: Brody v d Burg Lottering			

**THE MEANING OF LIFE
IS TO FIND YOUR GIFT.
THE PURPOSE OF LIFE
IS TO GIVE IT AWAY.**

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

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Date	05/02/2026		
AGE GROUP	U 13		
HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM		
ZWA	CONSTANTIA WALDORF		
Runs	90	Runs	191
Wkts	7	Wkts	3
Result: Zwaanswyk lost by 101 runs			
Top scorers: Zachariah Van Heerden (42)			
Top bowler: Dorian Barron			
POM: Abdul-Muiz Benjamin			

3. Conference at Zwaanswyk Academy: Deconstructing barriers to learning

4. Governing Body Training: Recruitment and Selection

IN PRAISE OF GOD



THIS WEEKEND AT ZWAANSWYK ACADEMY

1. Inter schools Athletics
2. District Chess Trials

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GLORY GLORY MAN U. . . .

Decided to leave this here again as a reminder!!



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FOR YOUR 1st TERM DIARY

VALUE	LEADERSHIP
	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 @ 8.15am
29 Jan	Inter House Athletics (all welcome)
30 Jan	Gr 7 Workshop
31 Jan	Gr 3 Parent Meeting @ 9am L1 Netball Coaching Course
VALUE	COMPASSION

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01 Feb	L1 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
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
21 March	Public Holiday: Human Rights Day
24 March	SURF WALK
25 March	Parent/Teacher meetings & Report Issue

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27 March	End of Term 1
31 March	Birthday: Ms T Overmeyer

Just because you haven't found your talent yet doesn't mean you don't have one.

Kermit the Frog

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

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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