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Dear Parents and Guardians

REPORTS HANDOUT: WED 25 MARCH 1pm-3pm & 5pm-7pm

Reports will be handed out on Wednesday 25 March 2026 from 1 – 3pm and 5 – 7pm.

Be good to people
for no reason.

ON THE COUCH

Despite a rather poor attendance, the On the Couch session was a roaring success, with much information shared. Information shared included the relevance of testimonials, what to do when learners are not successful, the numbers we are up against when

applying to high schools, the criteria high school selection committees look at in applications, what learners in grade 8 struggle with, what learners in grade 6 should do to stand a better chance of being accepted, and much more.

Thank you to the Principals of Soneike High (who brought a different option for learners), Groote Schuur High, Norman Henshilwood High (Deputy Principal & Grade Head) and Zwaanswyk High for taking time out to share in this way. Bergvliet High's Mrs Demas, unfortunately took ill and could not attend.

The rather sad outcome is that many Parents will be calling the school enquiring about the very things that were shared.

Next time...

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FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

There have been many varying reactions to the information regarding handovers published in last week's newsletter. Our school depends wholly on school fees. If we get only 60% of school fees in, then only 60% of the plans we have for the school can be enacted, and development is slowed down dramatically. This means we can't afford sufficient sports coaches, or teacher assistants, or a laboratory, or upgrading our clubhouse, or installing air conditioners in the classrooms where our learners suffer in summer. And so much more.

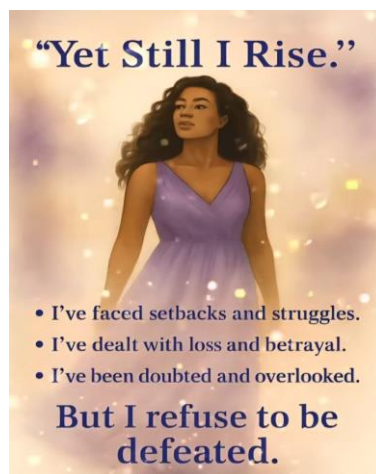
So, the handover is our way of encouraging parents who are not paying (as opposed to those who say they can't) to do the right thing. If we all pay something, all our learners benefit.

Sadly, the handovers affect personal credit ratings.

Are you doing the right thing? Or are you that person who shops at Woolworths and expects someone else to pay?

THE CLOTHING STORE - OPEN 25 MARCH

The Clothing Store will be open on Wednesday 25 March (Reports issue day) between 13h00 and 18h30.



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FARM, FIT & FUN FEST: 23 March

The second draw for the Farm, Fit & Fun Fest was done this week with **Elijah Bedford**, 4C, being the lucky winner! Elijah and his brother were collected at home by Chauffeur Joe and brought to school. The drive, of course, was sponsored by **Kia Diep River**, a proud partner of our school.

The last draw will be made on Monday 23 March 2026.

Dismissal on 23rd March will be at 1pm.



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DISMISSAL 23 – 27 March 2026

Due to a myriad of activities in the last week, all learners will be dismissed at 1pm from Monday – Thursday, and at 10.30am on Friday 27 March.



**SAVE THE DATE! 24 APRIL 26:
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
CONTINUED!**

As part of our birthday celebrations, we will have **a Karaoke Party** on 24 April 2026. This promises to be great fun as we invite all alumni to be present. R100 per ticket. Birthday paraphernalia will be on sale.

On 06 May 2026 we will host a tea for Zwaanswyk Academy/Laerskool Zwaanswyk Primary School Alumni. If you know of anyone who has been part of the history of the school, please inform us.



RETIREMENT ON HOLD

It is with mixed feelings that I inform you that my application to retire via the voluntary exit programme (VEP) has not been approved. Whilst I am not disappointed in the least about staying (and judging by the responses there are others who are also not disappointed either), I am aware that it creates an uncertainty within the Zwaanswyk community, in addition to the personal and collective emotional toll.

The date for my (final) retirement will be announced soonest after discussions with the powers that be.

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NEXT WEEK IN A NUTSHELL

21 March	Public Holiday: Human Rights Day.
23 March	Farm, Fit & Fun Fest. Dismissal: 1pm
25 March	Parent/Teacher meetings & Report Issue 1-3pm & 5-7pm Dismissal: 1pm
26 March	Dismissal: 1pm
27 March	End of Term 1 Dismissal: 10.30am
31 March	Birthday: Ms T Overmeyer

DARTS VS SUNLANDS PRIMARY: HISTORY IN THE MAKING



REPORT BY MR MOOLMAN

On Wednesday, 18 March, Zwaanswyk Academy's Darts Team travelled to Sunlands Primary School for an unforgettable 101 darts showdown. With 15 of our learners competing—12 of them stepping up for their very first

match—the excitement and nerves were palpable from the moment we set off.

The bus ride buzzed with anticipation, but nothing could quite prepare the team for the intensity that awaited. As soon as we arrived, the players gathered, focused, and warmed up together. At 14:30, the first darts were thrown—and the battle began. Sunlands came out firing, claiming the first four matches in quick succession to take a commanding 4–0 lead. But Zwaanswyk refused to back down.

Keiron Petersen broke the momentum with a superb win, followed by a dominant performance from **Emelyn Lewin**. Suddenly, it was 4–2—and game on.

The contest swung back and forth. Sunlands edged ahead to 5–2, before **Onikwa Tshaka** responded with a composed and skillful victory to close

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the gap to 5–3. The pressure was building, and it was now time for the seniors to rise. Sunlands extended their lead to 6–3, putting them within touching distance of victory. But **Immanuel Smith** and **Xavier Jacobs** showed incredible composure under pressure, winning their matches to bring it back to 6–5. The tension was electric. **Leila Klein** fought bravely against a tough opponent but narrowly lost, giving Sunlands a 7–5 lead—just one win away from sealing the match. With everything on the line, **Emily Veldsman** and **Marrissa Maggot** stepped up—and delivered. Both played with confidence and determination, winning their matches and setting the stage for a dramatic final showdown.

All eyes turned to the last match: **Tayem Kayter** vs Liam Kriel. Liam stepped up first and opened with a powerful 75—an incredible start. Tayem responded with ice in his veins, scoring 17, 17, and a triple 17 for a brilliant 85. The crowd held its breath. Liam returned to the oche (*the throwing line*) needing just 26 to win... but missed. The door was open. Tayem stepped forward, calm and focused, needing 16 to secure victory. Two darts later—BANG! Game over.

Zwaanswyk Academy had done it. The crowd erupted. Cheers echoed across the venue as teammates, parents, and supporters celebrated a truly remarkable comeback victory. The energy, the passion, and the pride were unforgettable.

But beyond the result, the real winner on the day was the sport itself. Thirty

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learners took part, fifteen matches were played, and twenty-four players experienced their very first competitive game of darts—a milestone worth celebrating.

We look forward to welcoming Sunlands to Zwaanswyk next term for a 201 rematch! Well done to our incredible ZWA Darts Team—you made us proud.



EID MUBARAK



The
SGB,
Staff,
Parents
and

Learners unite with me in wishing all our Muslim learners, Parents and Friends a happy and blessed Eid Mubarak.

RIP

We share the sad news of the sudden passing of Mrs Steyn's youngest sister, Hanlo Otto. Hanlo was the wife of former Zwaanswyk Academy teacher Mr Chris Otto. The Zwaanswyk Academy community unites in sharing heartfelt condolences with Mrs Steyn, Mr Otto, family and friends.

Mrs Steyn will be absent today (Friday) as well as Monday 23 March. All her appointments are thus deemed to be postponed.

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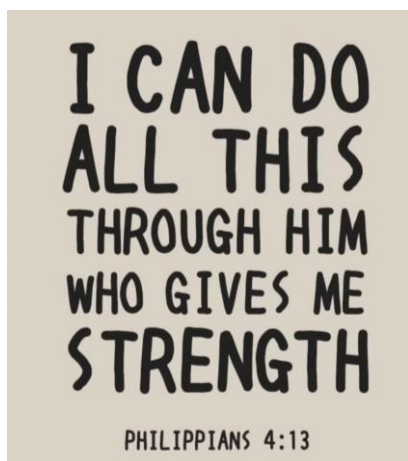
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IN PRAISE OF GOD



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

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31 Jan	Gr 3 Parent Meeting @ 9am L1 Netball Coaching Course
VALUE	COMPASSION
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 Valentines Day Event
14 Feb	Pre Level Netball Coaching Course
19 Feb	METRO visit
20 Feb	Student Council Assembly
27 Feb	Bathroom Civvies @ R10

29 Feb	Birthday: Mr G Prins (29 th Feb)
VALUE	HONESTY
02 March	Start of Test series Textbook retrieval No Extra-murals this week
03 March	OPEN DAY Sensory Savvy Workshop for Educators No Extra-murals this week Dismissal at 1.30pm
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 Music Concert @ 6.30pm
13 March	Grade 4 ASSEMBLY Finalise textbook retrieval
17 March	On the Couch @ 6.30pm
18 March	METRO Visit
19 March	METRO Visit
20 March	Eid ul Fitr

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	Colour Assembly
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23 March	Farm, Fit & Fun Fest
24 March	SURF WALK – unable to go ahead because of construction on Muizenberg beach
25 March	Parent/Teacher meetings & Report Issue 1-3pm & 5-7pm

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

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**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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