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24 April 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians

Yet another week comes to an end. Perhaps the highlight of this week was World Book Day, but we also had a Junior vs Senior debate, a drumming workshop, receiving a branded car for the week from Kia, and so much more. We also had two teachers undergoing operations, whilst various other teachers were hit hard by flu.

FREEDOM DAY

On Monday 27 April we celebrate Freedom Day (**and Mrs Steyn's birthday!!**). This day is significant as it marks our country's birth day, our transition to "freedom". It is a day to celebrate, but also one to reflect. We reflect on what we as parents are

doing to ensure our children's freedom. Are we ensuring they realise the value of the education they are receiving? Are we providing an environment in which they are able to dream? Are we presenting a good model for them to imitate so that they can enhance their freedom? We are in bondage to so many things that bind us – a victim mentality, a poverty mindset, a subservient outlook, laziness, hopelessness, submission to context. On Freedom Day we would do well to ponder on the mindset we are carrying over onto our children and commit to doing what is necessary to ensure that our children grow up with the necessary values, and positive mindset to be free. Let's claim our freedom, and embrace the responsibility and obligation that goes with it. Let's claim the confidence to believe, to dream and to become as we go to Infinity and Beyond!!

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GET WELL SOON!

Best wishes to **Mrs Oliver** (Gr R) and **Mr Africa** (Gr 6) who both underwent operations this week. **Ms Smit** (Gr R) is also off for an extended period with a serious back challenge. In addition, we have also had various teachers off with flu and other illnesses. All the very best!

We are mindful that learners are attending school while not feeling well. Parents are asked to keep sick learners home to help prevent the spread of illnesses.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you so much to Parents who made a special effort to dress learners up in their favourite book characters. This is so special, and great fun was had by all, especially when we could see our Teachers getting in on the act and also dress up! Some of our Library Club learners also visited the Centre of the Book in Cape Town where they participated in a programme. Well done everybody!!



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It is concerning that some learners did not depict book characters but rather used the occasion to imitate pop culture (in a few instances inappropriate pop culture). This should not happen, and Parents are reminded that this is a book character day celebrating reading and books.

DEBATING

On Thursday our Junior debating team took on our Senior debating team with interesting viewpoints and even more interesting results!! The topic : Should learners be able to appraise their teachers.

ASCENSION DAY

Please be reminded that the school will be closed on Ascension Day, Thursday 14 May 2026



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EISTEDDFOD

Please find the Eisteddfod programme attached below.

Our learners are already very hard at work preparing. Thank you, Parents, for your encouragement and indulgence.

GRADE 5 ASSEMBLY

The Grade 5's presented a wonderful assembly today. Motivation, dance, announcements, poetry, musical renditions and positive MC's were all demonstrated in a confident manner. Well done!!

Below I have included two poems and a motivation. Not only were the poems and motivation good pieces of creative writing, the delivery was awesome!!

THANK YOU KIA DIEP RIVER

We were very humbled to receive a branded courtesy car from Kia Diep River this week. Kia is partnering with us and will be a constant presence at our 50th celebrations. We are very happy with THEIR (when you see it you'll know!) contribution!



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SAVE THE DATE!

29 May '26

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
CONTINUED!**

As part of our birthday celebrations, we will have **a Karaoke Party** on 29 May 2026. This promises to be great fun as we invite all alumni to be present. R100 per ticket. Birthday paraphernalia will be on sale. Tickets on sale now (on Karri and Finance Office).

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.

A **GALA DINNER** will be held on **31 July 2026**. Please save the date!!!

GALA DINNER : 31 July 2026

Preparations for the 50th Celebration Gala Dinner on 31 July 2026 are well under way. The evening promises to be a smart, formal affair with many prizes, gifts, good food and even better company!!

Tickets for the event are R300 a single and will be going on sale next week. We envisage a memorable evening!!

We are looking for sponsors. If you or any company would like to come on board and add your name to the list of sponsors, please speak to us!!

BATHROOM CIVVIES

Thank you so much for allowing our learners to support the Bathroom Civvies Days. We are happy to

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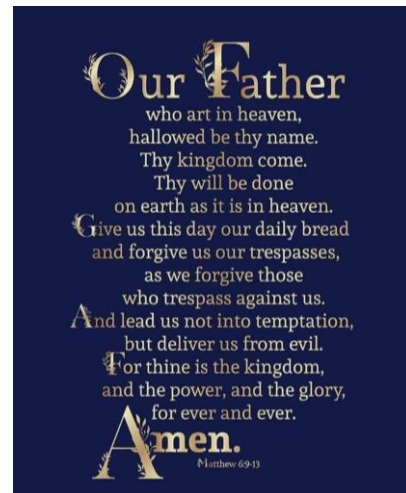
announce that

IN PRAISE OF GOD

bathrooms have now been tiled and awaiting a fresh new paint!! Dignity always.

RUGBY RESULTS VS SIMON V D STEL

AGE GROUP	ZWA	SIMON v d STEL	POM
U11	10	12	Lois Hendricks
U13	10	0	Bukumkani Velem



Creative Ideas

Written by: Asiya Jacobs in grade 5A

Life can be simple

Smile so hard to make a dimple

But we often overthink

And miss the joy in a blink

Being honest is a superpower

It keeps our souls from going sour

It might be a lonely hour

But stand tall like a mighty tower

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MRS STEYN!!

Mrs Steyn, our beloved Deputy Principal celebrates her birthday on Monday 27 April when she turns (eeeehhhm!).

All the best, Miss. May blessings rain on you juust as you are a blessing to all of us. Thank you for your incredibly hard work, for your passion, for your love, for your care and for you vision and wisdom. Be blessed. Always.

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Respect should be

With friends and teachers, we have known

everywhere

It shows you truly care

As for kindness, let it always

Remind us that gentle care is fair

Perseverance is key

To become who you want to be

Sail the ship across the sea

And find your own destiny

Responsibility is tough,

But you are strong enough

So, keep shining

And find your silver lining

From little steps to dreams so tall

This school has helped us through it all

With happy hearts we laugh and play

And learn new things every single day

We celebrate this special year

With songs and smiles and lots of cheer

Fifty years of memories strong

A place where we all belong

So, here's to many more years ahead

With bright new paths for us to tread

We love Zwaanswyk, we proudly say

Happy 50th hip hip hooray!

Zwaanswyk Academy turns Fifty

Written by: Batandile Tshangela in grade

5A

Zwaanswyk Academy shines so bright

A place of joy, a guiding light

For many years we've learned and grown

**Motivational Speech
For the whole Zwaanswyk Academy
Family
Mikay Rensburg, Grade 5 B**

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Good morning

Zwaanswyk learners, teachers, ground staff members, Mrs Steyn and Mr. Adams

I want you to do something for me. Every single person you see has a story. A dream. A reason they got up this morning and chose to be here.

Some of you are artists who turn blank pages into words. Some of you are athletes who give this school your heart every time you step on the field. Some of you are quite - the leaders - the ones who check if someone is sitting alone at lunch, and change their whole day without saying a word. And all of you matter.

Your voice matters in class when you ask the question everyone else is thinking. Your effort matters when you try again, even when no one is watching you. Your smile in the hallway matters to someone who woke up today feeling invisible.

The world outside these gates will try to tell you who you should be. It will try to measure you with numbers, grades and results. But right here, right now, you get to decide.

Choose to lift people up. Choose to cheer louder for your friends than you ever do for yourself. Choose to believe, with everything in you, that your best days are still ahead.*Because they are*

Think about the person who believed in you first. Maybe it was a teacher, maybe your mom, your brother, dad or your coach. Maybe it was a friend who saved you a seat on day one.

This school is not just bricks and uniforms. It's us! It's the way we clap when someone finally understands that math problem. It's the way we celebrate every win, no matter how small.

So today, I'm not asking you to be perfect. I'm asking you to be proud of every step that brought you to this moment. To be excited for every step still to come.

Thank You

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Kaapse Afrikaanse Eisteddfod



SPRAAKKUN, AFRIKAANS ADDISIONELE TAAL 2026

SKOOL : Zwaanswyk Akademie

DATUM: 28 Mei 2026

LOKAAL A: Beoordelaar: Adri Vivier en Karli Heine

9:30			TEE		
10:00	AK 01	Gr. 1	Koorspraak	1	3
10:20	AK 01	Gr. 2	Koorspraak	2	
10:40	AK 01	Gr. 3	Koorspraak	3	
11:00			Kommentaar		

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11:10	AK 03	Gr. 4	Koorspraak	1	2
11:30	AK 03	Gr. 5	Koorspraak	2	
11:50			Kommentaar		
12:00	AK 05	Gr. 6	Koorspraak	1	2
12:20	AK 05	Gr. 7	Koorspraak	2	
12:40			Kommentaar		
12:50			Middagete		

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LOKAAL A : Beoordelaar: Karli Heine

12:50			Middagete		
13:15	AG 01	Gr. 1	Gedig	1 - 4	4
			Kommentaar		
13:45	AG 02	Gr. 2	Gedig	1 - 12	12
			Kommentaar		
14:45	AG 03	Gr. 3	Gedig	1 - 8	8
			Kommentaar		

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15:15			TEE		
15:30	AG 04	Gr. 4	Gedig	1 - 6	6
16:10			Kommentaar		

BEOORDELING BY Zwaanswyk Akademie

Datum: 28 Mei 2026

Lokaal A: Beoordelaar: Karli Heine

12:50		Middagete				
13:15	AG 01	Toby Andrews	1	ZWA	1	
		Eliana Jackson	1	ZWA	2	
		Liam Mlambo	1	ZWA	3	
		Malakai Willard	1	ZWA	4	
		Kommentaar				
13:45	AG 02	Seth Abels	2	ZWA	1	
		Azaliah Demes	2	ZWA	2	
		Teyana Faro	2	ZWA	3	
		Emily-Rose Mesias	2	ZWA	4	
		Lily Norman	2	ZWA	5	
		Kaylee Samuels	2	ZWA	6	
		Qaadirah Agnew	2	ZWA	7	
		Alestia Albertyn	2	ZWA	8	

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		Morgan Daniels	2	ZWA	9	
		Donovan January	2	ZWA	10	
		Holly Kasongo	2	ZWA	11	
		Riley Theron	2	ZWA	12	
		Kommentaar				
15:45	AG 03	Payton Anthony	3	ZWA	1	
		Elijah Boonzaaier	3	ZWA	2	
		Ovayo Dyantyi	3	ZWA	3	
		Mc-kenzie Jales	3	ZWA	4	
		Isabella-Grace Retief	3	ZWA	5	
		McKenzie Gelant	3	ZWA	6	
		Mason Philander	3	ZWA	7	
		Kirsten Smiler	3	ZWA	8	
		Kommentaar				
15:15		TEE				
15:30	AG 04	Amaris Aploon	4	ZWA	10	
		Shifaa Benjamin	4	ZWA	11	
		Nurah Ryklief	4	ZWA	12	
		Halle Grace Isaacs	4	ZWA	13	
		Mikayla Montagu	4	ZWA	14	
		Tamara Faro	4	ZWA	15	

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STEL ASSEBLIEF DIE SAMEROEPER BETYDS IN KENNIS VAN ONTTREKKINGS

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Zwaanswyk Akademie LOKAAL B : Beoordelaar: Adri Vivier

12:50			MIDDAGETE		
13:15	AG 05	Gr. 5	Gedig	10 - 15	6
			Kommentaar		
13:45	AG 06	Gr. 6	Gedig	20 - 28	9
			Kommentaar		
14:45			TEE		
15:00	AG 07	Gr. 7	Gedig	17 - 23	7
			Kommentaar		
16:00	AL 06	Gr. 6	Lees	1 - 3	3
16:30	AL 07	Gr 7	Lees	1	1
16:40			Kommentaar		

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13:15	AG 05	Sofia Mbambi-Mbenza	5	ZWA	16	
		Mia van der Vent	5	ZWA	17	
		Leila Klein	5	ZWA	18	
		Eliana Sampson	5	ZWA	19	
		Zoe-Leigh Palmer	5	ZWA	20	
		Rayyaan Bedford	5	ZWA	21	
		Kommentaar				
13:45	AG 06	Azarah Demes	6	ZWA	20	
		Claudia Venancio	6	ZWA	21	
		Scarlette Alcock	6	ZWA	22	
		Zac Albertus	6	ZWA	23	
		Micah Arnolds	6	ZWA	24	
		Zarah Bent	6	ZWA	25	
		Leah Jacobs	6	ZWA	26	
		Leo Johannes	6	ZWA	27	
		Thaakirah Ryklief	6	ZWA	28	
		Kommentaar				
14:45		TEE				
15:00	AG 07	Caz Benjamin	7	ZWA	17	
		Zachah Stevens	7	ZWA	18	
		Mea-Lee Adendorff	7	ZWA	19	

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		Aatiqah Abdurahman	7	ZWA	21	
		Micayla Campher	7	ZWA	22	
		Mason Jacobs	7	ZWA	23	
		Kommentaar				
16:00	AL 06	Jordan-Lee Alberyn	6	ZWA	1	
		Leah Harrison	6	ZWA	2	
		Zac Albertrus	6	ZWA	3	
	AL 07	Cayla Bowman	7	ZWA	1	
16:40		Kommentaar				

FOR YOUR 2nd TERM DIARY

APRIL	
VALUE	INNOVATION
03 April	Birthday : Mrs Z. Williams
06 April	Birthday : Mrs W. Koeries
08 April	Birthday : Mrs W. Petersen Start of Term 2
09 April	Metro visit
12 April	Birthday : Ms L. Gordon
13 April	Sport and Culture start

14 April	Start of winter uniform
16 April	BLAZER CEREMONY
17 April	Staff development : Mental Health Workshop
18 April	Umpiring Course
19 April	Umpiring Course
20 April	Gr 6 Drumming Workshop
21 April	Culture Photos Netball trials
22 April	Metro Kids visit
23 April	World Book Day Dress Up : R10

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	Metro Kids visit
24 April	Grade 5 Assembly
27 April	Birthday : Mrs H. Steyn Freedom Day
28 April	Occupational Therapy Workshop for Parents and Teachers – all welcome
30 April	Grade 6 Cake Sale
MAY	
VALUE	RESPECT
01 May	Workers' Day Public Holiday
04 May	Olympiad applications
06 May	50 th Celebration High Tea (11- 2pm)
07 May	Birthday : Mrs K. Padayachee Metro Kids Visit
08 May	Inspection Day Gr 5 Cake Sale
09 May	Mother & Daughter Day Netball District Trials
10 May	Mother's Day
14 May	Ascension Day (school closed)
15 May	Birthday : Ms G Nortje Student Council Assembly

	Cross Country @ ZWA
16 May	Netball Final Trials
20 May	Metro Kids visit BEE Dress up Day
21 May	Metro Kids visit
22 May	Birthday : Ms Z. Samuels Birthday : Mr W. Daniels Colour Assembly Discipline Workshop
26 May	Birthday : Mr I. Heaton
27 May	2 nd Eid
29 May	Bathroom Civvies @ R10 Grade 3 Cake Sale End of Sport & Culture
30 May	Birthday : Mrs C. Brookes
JUNE	
VALUE	COURAGE
01 June	Exams start School ends at 1pm Textbook Retrieval
03 June	App Olympiad Round Two
07 June	Birthday : Ms K. Engel
11 June	Birthday : Mrs S v d Meulen

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15 June	Birthday : Mr E. Fungayi School Holiday
16 June	Youth Day : Public Holiday
17 June	Afrikaans week Metro Kids visit
18 June	Afrikaans Week Metro Kids visit
19 June	Afrikaans Week
20 June	Father & Son Day
21 June	Father's Day Choir sings at NGK Fish Hoek
22 June	Music Report Evening
23 June	Birthday : Ruth Sasman Music Report Evening
24 June	Final Assembly : 9am Report Evening : 1-3pm & 5-7pm
26 June	School closes
28 June	Birthday : Mr A Mathys

**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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