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Dear Parents and Guardians

TEACHER UPDATE

We are exceedingly happy to report that Mrs Oliver, and Ms Smit are now back after medical procedures and writing exams (Mrs Oliver). We also expect Mr Africa back on Monday 08 May.

Thank you so much to Ms Kieviet, Ms Overmeyer and Ms Sampson for ensuring that effective learning continued unabated. Much appreciation also to Ms V D Meulen who ensured that the Grade R department functioned optimally with two teachers away.

With Mr Africa returning on Monday, we say thank you and farewell to Mr Austen who substituted so effectively in Grade

6. You've made a very positive mark in the short time you were here. Fare ye well !!!

ALUMNI HIGH TEA leads to KARAOKE!

The Alumni High Tea, part of our 50th Celebrations, was a massive success, with emotions and memories showing on many faces. We were honoured to have the first principal, Mr Hayward, our third principal, Mr Dreyer present at the event. Our second principal (Ms Nel – after whom the library is named), and fourth (acting) principal, Mr Olivier, have, sadly passed on.

What an event!!



But now the time has come for us current parents (and our friends!) to come together to celebrate in the form of the

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much-requested

KARAOKE!! Tickets at R100 each are available on Karri, and we are looking forward to a packed hall (despite the weather!). Kom ons sing saam....

As a birthday special, we are giving a fifth ticket free for every four purchased!!

So, ask anyone you know who was attached to the school (or not) in any way to come along!!



LEARNER DISCIPLINE

We have (again) had to deal with a young child (foundation phase) uttering sexual comments and seemingly being aware of things far beyond his age. The source? The cellphone and the various social media possibilities available there. Whose phone? Parents.

Once again, I plead with parents to be vigilant of children's use of cellphones. Many groups are toxic. Many online games being played are dangerous. One of the most dangerous is E-blocks (amongst many others), yet this is popular amongst children playing it with parental consent!

Please check on your child's phone. It is not an invasion of privacy as the phone belongs to the Parent. It is, in fact, the responsible thing for Parents to do.

KINDNESS, CARING AND COMPASSION

Last week I wrote about children often not displaying kindness, compassion and care to each other. This week, sadly, we got some idea why this is the case in some instances.

The driver of a white bakkie (we have the number and make) made a U-turn after dropping off his child. When

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approached



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LATECOMING

about the U-turn, he was rude to our staff member and deliberately sped off, brushing against the staff member and nearly going into another car. This is a Parent.

This kind of thing must not and should not be allowed to happen. It is pure hooliganism and does not belong at a school such as ours (or at any school). It is dangerous, and compromises the safety of Staff, Parents and Learners. When approached the next day, the rudeness continued.

As Parents we should stand up against this type of behaviour. We are all stressed for time in the morning, but this is unacceptable.

I'm asking the driver of the bakkie with one number plate to come forward please.



Thank you so much, Parents. There has been a marked and sudden improvement in the number of learners arriving late at school. On Monday we had 37 learners, 24 on Tuesday, and 5 on Thursday!! This is fantastic. Well done!!

Thank you, also, to the two parents who wrote notes to explain lateness.

ASCENSION DAY : 14 May 2026

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

EISTEDDFOD

It is obvious that Parents have been taking children through their Eisteddfod poems. Well done!! If you have not yet experienced the joy of your child

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reciting their

poem, please encourage them.

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 (we will have ties on sale!!) affair with supper, prizes, gifts, and even better company! And lots of fun and dance music!!

Tickets for the event are R300 a single and are now live and available on Quicket. We envisage a memorable evening!! A great opportunity to dress up! All Parents, Alumni and friends are welcome. Food is included while guests are allowed a beverage of their choice.

If you or any company would like to come on board and add your name to the list of sponsors, please speak to us!! If you are able to donate spot prizes, please do so.

DEBATING



Our learners again held their own against strong opposition, winning

one and losing one.

The Juniors came up just short against Pineland Primary, while our seniors won again St Josephs Maritz . Maahir Abrahams was named as best speaker by the adjudicators.

NETBALL RESULTS VS SWEET VALLEY



UNDER 9				
HOME	AWAY	SCORE	RESULT	PLAYER OF THE MATCH
Sweet valley A	ZWA A	4-1	WON	Payton Anthony

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Sweet valley B	ZWA B	2-2	DRAW	Isabella Mansoer
Sweet valley C	ZWA C	3-1	WON	Hayden Abrahams
UNDER 10				
Sweet valley A	ZWA A	4-0	LOST	Amelia Fernandez
Sweet valley B	ZWA B	4-0	LOST	Mikayla Montugu
Sweet valley C	ZWA C	2-1	LOST	Isabell Edwards
UNDER 11				
Sweet valley A	ZWA A	7-6	LOST	Zahraa Abrahams, Casey Julie
Sweet valley B	ZWA B	9-1	WON	Sarah Harrison
Sweet valley C	ZWA C	5-1	WON	Tiana Mathys
UNDER 12				
Sweet valley A	ZWA A	6-2	LOST	Mbali Langa

Sweet valley B	ZWA B	5-4	WON	Zulay October
Sweet valley C	ZWA C	2-0	LOST	Skyla Wyngaard
UNDER 13				
Sweet valley A	ZWA A	11-8	LOST	Razaanah Essex
Sweet valley B	ZWA B	11-2	LOST	Tahlia Middleway
Sweet valley C	ZWA C	2-0	LOST	Zachah Stevens

NETBALL AND RUGBY TRIALS

A number of our learners were invited to the second round of the netball and rugby trials. Congratulations and best wishes to the following learners :

Netball : **Nuhaa Solomons, Kacey Solomons, Zoe-Leigh Hope**

Rugby : **Abdul-Khaaliq Benjamin, Evan Small, Bukumkani Velem, Seth Jantjies, Malakai Jaffha**

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JUST SAYING...

Just like Teddy Pendergrass sang, I tried to resist, but I couldn't. So here goes... **Glory Glory Man Uniiiiiiiiited!**



Just to be fair and obviously impartial, I have to congratulate Arsenal (and apologise for last week's utterance!). They can still win something!! Either – or – both??

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



On Sunday 10 May we celebrate the ultimate expression of love on earth, our Mothers.

And so we wish our Moms a happy and blessed day. We wish for our superheroes that they will experience love and validation. We trust that you will be

acknowledged for the years of nurturing and sacrifice, the endless prayers, the tears and hopes. We wish you will experience joy. We wish you fulfilment as your children reach out to their mom in love, with kindness, care and compassion. Of course, not every experience of mom is positive, but we have hope. Some of us will shed a tear for mom who is not present, physically or emotionally. Whatever the circumstances,

let's celebrate our mothers, whether our biological mothers or those who play that role.

The Staff, Governing Body and Learners unite with me in wishing all our moms a Happy Mother's Day! Be blessed.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr **Donovan Beck**, partner in Copytype with whom we have a longstanding relationship, and who has sponsored many of our Staff events died tragically on Monday. In the morning we had a meeting discussing his

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for the Gala Event and his retirement , and in the evening he was knocked from his motorcycle and killed. MHDSRIP

We also support and offer heartfelt condolences to young Sai-dee Lottering, 4A, and her family on the loss of her dad , **Mr Dale Lottering**, also in a motorcycle accident two weeks ago. MHSRIP.

IN PRAISE OF GOD



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 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

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30 April	Grade 6 Cake Sale
MAY	
VALUE	RESPECT
01 May	Workers' Day Public Holiday
04 May	Olympiad applications
06 May	50th 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 Postponed until further notice 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
	Exams start
01 June	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
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

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	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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