



ZWAANSWYK ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Guardians

CONGRATULATIONS, MR DULLAART!!!

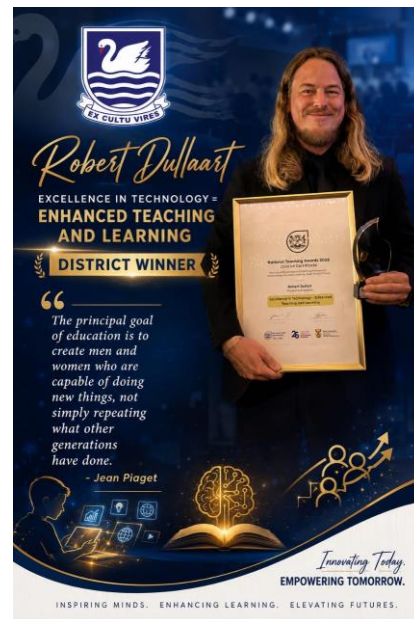


We are exceedingly proud of Mr Robert Dullaart who was named as the winner in the category **Technology-Enhanced Teaching**

and Learning at a lavish National Teaching Awards ceremony on 26 June 2026.

This is a huge achievement and a big feather in both Mr Dullaart's and Zwaanswyk Academy's cap. Mr Dullaart's work on developing a learner management app for Zwaanswyk Academy, which will eventually be available for others to use, was specifically mentioned.

What an achievement!! Salutations, Sir!!



MORE ZWA CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Mr Timm whose wife Kelsey gave birth to their second daughter, Maleah Grace, on 06 July.

Congratulations also Mrs Ederies (Miss Thomas) who tied the knot during the holidays!

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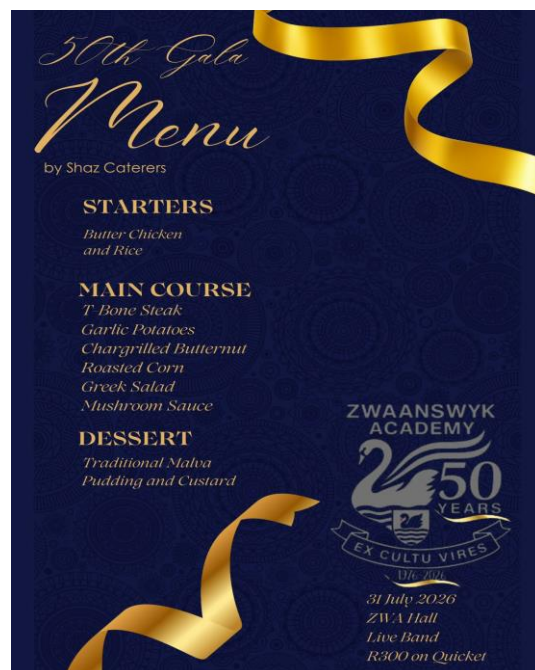
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GALA DINNER: 31 July 2026

Do you have your tickets for the 50th Birthday Gala Dinner? Please get them early to avoid disappointment. **Tekkies and Tux**, here we come!

The cost of the ticket includes a lavish three course meal, music and dancing, prizes, an opportunity to dress up and experience a really fancy occasion, and much fun!!



WELCOME TO ZWAANSWYK!

A heartfelt welcome to Mrs Blignaut (Grade 1) and Ms Collison (Music). We trust your stay at Zwaanswyk Academy will be a happy and fruitful one. Mrs Blignaut will replace Ms McDonald who leaves on 31 July to take up a post in the Middle East. The two weeks until

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then will be used as a handover and to orientate the Grade 1 learners.

Ms Collison takes over from Mr Fungayi who we said farewell to last term.

Best wishes, Teachers!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Next week we enter into a whole week of celebrating the school's birthday with our learners. The celebratory week timetable has been distributed, but starts off with a birthday assembly on Monday at 12h15pm. Parents invited!!

A memorable part of the celebrations is preserving memorabilia from the present in a "vault" to be opened in 20 years!! These could include flash drives, poems, writing to my future self, or anything similar. Exciting!

Thank you so much to Parents who offered to bake cupcakes and contribute in so many different ways. This really is heartwarming.

We'd like to kit the Staff out in birthday celebration t-shirts. Anyone able to source a sponsor?

BATTLEDECK CHAMPIONSHIP



Yesterday the Grade 4 – 7's participated in the Battledock Championship, a follow-on to the DartMaths Programme we are proudly involved in. Our learners did very well, with Amara Samsodien and Atipa Jeyi Karuza doing particularly well!

Exciting news is that the Battledock link will be made available to all Parents to

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encourage and sharpen learner's mathematical abilities.

CHESS NEWS



Both our u11 and u13 chess teams topped their respective sections, and will play

in the Top Schools Tournament this weekend. This is an excellent achievement and we wish them well for this weekend – Saturday and Sunday.

It is worth noting that for these children to be given this opportunity, two teachers have to spend the entire weekend with the learners. We have fantastic teachers, and are appreciative of their sacrifice to ensure that our learners thrive.

Teams:

U11: Dinah Barron, Hakeem Hansen, Adjwaad Marcus, Noah Paulse, Callen Abrahams, Morgan Hartzenberg

U13: Liam Madamombe, Dorian Barron, Ethan Willard, Kieran van Wyk, Adam Kroukamp, Amani Abrahams, Nicholas Barendse

All the very best for the weekend!!

LEARNER PUNCTUALITY

Parents are urged to ensure that learners are punctual. Already we have had a number of learners late every day this week! Transporters need to be addressed too.

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HAIRCUTS AND EYEBROW CUTS

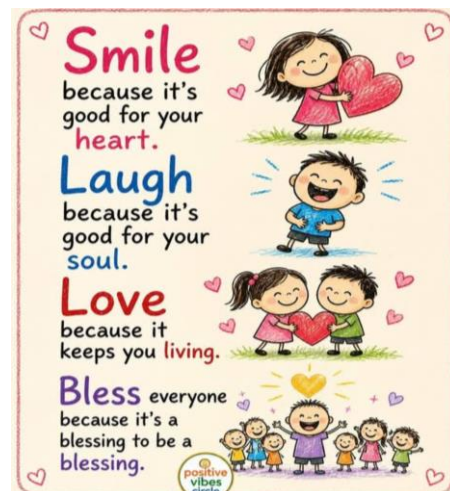
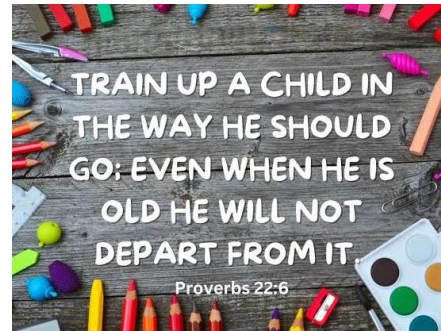
Thank you so much to the vast majority of parents who abide by the discipline rules and requirements of Zwaanswyk Academy. Then there are those who, sadly, want to break down our discipline system. I am yet to have a plausible explanation of how it is acceptable for a primary school learner to have lines cut in his eyebrows! This is very sad, and a total disregard for our rules.

Again, thank you to the vast majority who respect and honour the discipline at our school.

EXTRA-MURAL PROGRAMME

Our Sport and Culture programme resumes on Monday 27 July 2026. Please find programme attached.

IN PRAISE OF GOD



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FOR YOUR 3rd TERM DIARY

JULY	
VALUE	UNITY
20 July	Birthday: Mrs S. Koen
21 July	Start of Term 3 Birthday: Ms B. Smit
27 July	Sport & Culture resume Start of birthday celebration week Birthday Celebration Assembly 12.15pm
28 July	1970's Dressup
29 July	Preservation day
30 July	Fun Day
31 July	Picnic Gala Dinner Celebration
AUGUST	
VALUE	RESPONSIBILITY
03 Aug	Uniform Inspection
05 Aug	Birthday: Ms Snell Cross Country District Champs
07 Aug	Student Council Assembly Grade 6 Workshop

08 Aug	67 Steps of Kindness (Mandela Women's Day Event)
09 Aug	Woman's Day (Public Holiday)
10 Aug	Public Holiday Birthday: Mr W. Moolman
14 Aug	Gr 4 Cake Sale Grade 6 Assembly Staff Wellness and Capacity Building
17 Aug	Birthday: Mrs E. Prince
19 Aug	Summer & Winter Sport photos
21 Aug	Colour Assembly
22 Aug	ZWA SPORTS DAY
25 Aug	Spelling Bee Gr 2 & Gr 3
27 Aug	Gr 7 Entrepreneurs Day
28 Aug	Birthday: Mrs U Gerhardt Birthday: Mrs N Hendricks Student Council Event
29 Aug	Paul Greyling Sports Day (ISP)
31 Aug	ARBOR WEEK
SEPTEMBER	
VALUE	EXCELLENCE
01 Sep	Arbor Day Test series starts

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	Textbook retrieval
02 Sep	National Book Week Administrative Professionals' Day
08 Sep	Literacy Day
11 Sep	Bathroom Civvies R10 HPV catchup Gr 6&7 girls
18 Sep	Heritage Day Dressup Fundraising Event: 4pm – 7pm
21 Sep	Birthday: Mrs L Adams Final Assembly Report Issue to Parents
23 Sep	End of Term 3
24 Sep	Heritage Day Public Holiday
30 Sep	Birthday: Mrs Jaftha

*Today, I choose
peace over worry.
I choose faith over fear.
I choose to see the good,
even in the waiting.
Life has tested me,
but it has also taught me
that light always finds a way in.
And so I rise –
not because everything is perfect,
but because I still believe
it can be beautiful.*

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SPORT EXTRA-MURAL PROGRAMME

INTERSEN PHASE

3rd TERM - 2026 -

This program will start on 27 July 2026.

<u>Grade 4-7</u>				
<u>Sport Code</u>	<u>Relevant information</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Coaches</u>
Rugby	All learners welcome	Mondays & Wednesdays (match day) If no match, practice will continue.	14h30 – 15h30	R.Dullaart u/11 D.Timm u/11 A.Ederies u/13 A.Mathys u/13 SSDP Coaching Team
Netball	All learners welcome	Mondays & Wednesday (match day) If no match, practice will continue	14h30 – 15h30	Coach u/10 Z.Samuels u/10 L.Gordon u/11 Coach u/11 T.Tshangela u/12 Coach u/12 S. Van Deventer u/13 T.Halford u/13 F.Hansen u/13
Cross - Country	All learners welcome	Mondays & Friday (Race day)	14h30 – 15h30	J.Africa u/10 - u/13 A.Prince u/10 - u/13 I.Abrahams u/10 - u/13

- ✓ Each learner in Zwaanswyk Academy should participate in at least 1 summer sport and 1 winter sport.
- ✓ Please motivate your child to make use of this opportunity.
- ✓ The educators of Zwaanswyk Academy are committed to provide the learners with as many opportunities as possible.
- ✓ 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.

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NETBALL:

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- Zwaanswyk navy skort
- Sports shoes
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CROSS COUNTRY:

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Regards

SPORT COMMITTEE



SPORT PROGRAMME

FOUNDATION PHASE

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<u>Grade 1 & 2</u>				
<u>Sport Code</u>	<u>Relevant information</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Rugby	All learners welcome	Mondays & Wednesdays	13h45 – 14h45	<u>u/7</u> L.v/d Meulen B.Smit Coach <u>u/8</u> H.Oliver B.Hope
Netball	All learners welcome	Mondays & Wednesdays	13h45 – 14h45	<u>u/7</u> R.Gerhardt J.Elliott <u>u/8</u> W.Koeries A.Snell
Cross - Country	All learners welcome	Mondays & Friday (Race day)	13h45 – 14h45	<u>u/7 - u/8</u> K.Padayachee T.Overmeyer

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SPORT DEPARTMENT



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<u>Grade 3</u>				
<u>Sport Code</u>	<u>Relevant information</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Rugby	All learners welcome	Mondays & Wednesdays (match day) If no match, practice will continue.	14h15 – 15h15	<u>u/9</u> K.Sampson Coach
Netball	All learners welcome	Mondays & Wednesdays (match day) If no match, practice will continue.	14h15 – 15h15	<u>u/9</u> A. Juries C.Patientia H.Steyn
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