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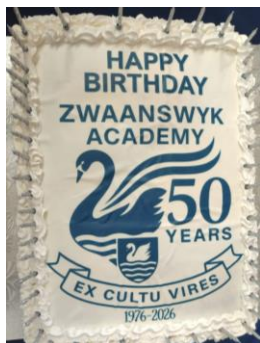
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30 July 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians

WHAT A WEEK OF CELEBRATION!!

This has been an incredible week of celebrating Zwaanswyk Academy's 50th birthday. This week we



commemorated our past, celebrated our present and looked forward with anticipation to our future!!

On Monday we started with a very moving thanksgiving assembly. With a birthday cake and all learners receiving a little treat! This was a fitting start to the week. On Tuesday we dressed up (hilariously!) with a 70's theme. Many afro's were on display,

and we even saw an afro comb held in



a sock!! (if you know, you'll know!!)

Wednesday was special as we embraced the history of the school with a walkabout, viewing memorabilia and learning more about our proud history. The tour ended with the placing of current items in a "time capsule" which will be opened at reunions in years to come.

On Thursday we'll enjoy various games, while we will enjoy a picnic on the lawns on



Friday. It's wonderful to see how Parents have embraced the

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celebrations and volunteered to supply the cupcakes and icing!

It's been wonderful. Zwaanswyk Academy has much to celebrate as we continue to carry out our mandate of impacting our community with values-based, excellent education built on three pillars of excellence – academics, culture and sport.

Now it's the turn of our Parents. See you at the Gala Dinner. Let's celebrate together, eat together, socialise together, and dance together!!

GALA DINNER: 31 July 2026

Do you have your tickets for the 50th Birthday Gala Dinner yet? 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!!

Sara-Jayne Makwala King, celebrated best-selling author, motivational speaker and inspirational Cape Talk Radio host will be a guest.

Also listen out as we feature on Smile Radio in Ryan O'Connor's Breakfast show.

You've got to be there!

Takkies would be good, but not necessarily a requirement.

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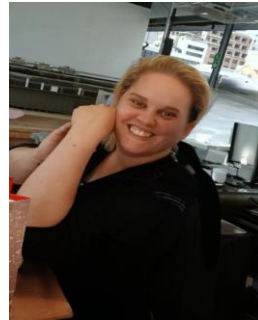
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FARE YE WELL, MS McDONALD

We are very saddened to have to say farewell to a wonderful teacher who has made such an impact at Zwaanswyk Academy. Ms McDonald has decided to continue her career in the Middle East where she will be closer to her beloved fiancé.

Words cannot accurately describe the significant contribution Ms McDonald has made at Zwaanswyk Academy. Often in the background, but always contributing, Ms Mac has been a presence inside and out of the classroom. She was the go-to person. She was the stalwart. She was the one



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who said "I'll do it". Perhaps what a Parent wrote says it best: "Ms McDonald has been a true blessing during a very overwhelming and confusing time for our family. Navigating this new experience with our third daughter felt daunting, but Ms McDonald guided and supported us every step of the way. For the first time, I sat across from a teacher whom I felt completely heard and unjudged by. She created a safe space for us to share our thoughts openly, validating us as parents and giving us the confidence we so desperately needed.

When I heard the news of her departure, I felt an immediate lump in my throat. My heart ached at the thought of J* losing someone who has become such a vital pillar in her growth. Ms. McDonald's dedication goes far beyond the classroom—she has gone as far as video calling J* to ease her anxiety when we as parents

were struggling to calm her. Her influence extends directly into our home, and the impact she has made on our family is immeasurable."

Fare ye well, Ms McDonald. We know you are sad about leaving, but a whole new world awaits. You carry with you the blessing of Zwaanswyk Academy. Thank you for what you have meant to us. And to me.

Come along to say goodbye to Ms McDonald (and Mr Bates!) on Friday at the Gala Dinner, and on Monday at her Farewell Assembly at 9am.

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CHESS NEWS



Congratulations to both our chess teams who did very well this past weekend. The

U13 mixed team ended the Top Schools Tournament with a silver medal, whilst the u11 team came in a hard-fought 4th. Well done!!

Thank you to Mrs Whiskey and Mr Hansen, as well as Coach Beunay for offering up their entire weekend to be with these learners to allow them this opportunity.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DEBATERS

On Wednesday our senior debaters took on The Grove Primary – and won!! What an outstanding achievement!

Maahir Abrahams was awarded best speaker.

While the Juniors came up short against WPPS, **Wade Williams** was awarded the sought-after best speaker award. Fantastic!!

INSPECTION DAY: 03 August 2026

On Monday 03 August we will be checking on learners' stationery, hair, uniform, nails, general cleanliness, etc. We ask that Parents please ensure that learners comply with the requirements. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Where learners have lines in their eyebrows, please continue to colour it in.

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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.

IN PRAISE OF GOD

"The Lord bless you and protect you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his face to you and grant you peace."

NUMBERS 6:24-26

ROAD SIGNS



Thank you, Parents, for abiding by the new road signs. This is appreciated and contributes

tremendously to a safer campus.



**Speed
limit**

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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	Time Capsule
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

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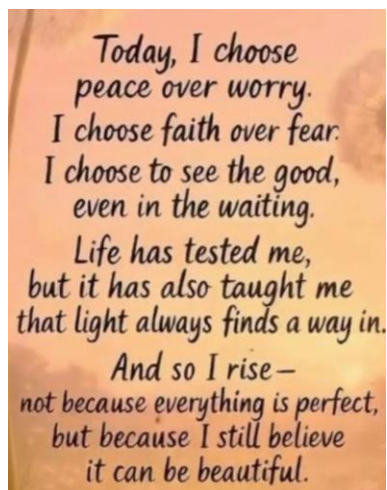


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25 Aug	Spelling Bee Gr 2 & Gr 3
27 Aug	Gr 7 Entrepreneurs Day
28 Aug	Birthday: Mrs U Gerhardt Birthday: Mrs N Hendricks Student Council Event
29 Aug	Paul Greyling Sports Day (ISP)
31 Aug	ARBOR WEEK
SEPTEMBER	
VALUE	EXCELLENCE
01 Sep	Arbor Day Test series starts 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



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