



ZWAANSWYK ACADEMY

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times with selected Parents to discuss progress.

Dear Parents and Guardians

ASSESSMENT WEEK

Thank you, Parents, for ensuring that learners were prepared for their assessments this week.

There are a number of learners, though, who have to be begged to return projects and various pieces of work. This is really not ideal, and impacts their outcomes.

REPORT ISSUE: MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Reports will be issued to Parents on Monday 21 September 2026 from **1 – 3pm** and **5 – 7pm**. Teachers may make appointments outside of these

SYSTEMIC EVALUATIONS: 22 October

The Systemic Evaluations are written annually by Grades 3 and 6 learners annually. This external examination evaluates where the school is in terms of national norms and standards.

Zwaanswyk Academy has a proud record of achieving excellent results. We ask that Parents of Grades 3 and 6 learners assist in helping our learners and teachers to prepare. Completing homework should be insisted on (not excused), multiplication tables practiced, comprehension tested.

All aboard!!

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WELCOME TO ZWAANSWYK ACADEMY!

We are very happy to inform that we have been able to appoint two teacher assistants in the Foundation Phase. Ms **Tara Naidoo** is a 3rd year Teaching student, while Ms **Kirsten Gopaul** is a 2nd year Teaching student. We are very confident that they will both add much value at the Home of Purpose Driven Educational Excellence. Welcome!

GRADE R DRESS-UP FASHION SHOW

The Grade R dress-up fashion show was an absolute blast!! Thank you for attending. It was difficult to discern who had more fun – learners, teachers or parents (or grandparents!!!).

Thank you for the wonderful support and participation. Thank you also to

Mrs Taryn Hickey of Sotheby's Realty for the prizes and little surprises!

WOMAN'S MONTH ENDS

With Woman's Month ending, the men of Zwaanswyk (*the Academy and High School*) came together to arrange a celebratory event to honour the Zwaanswyk Women Staff. This is significant in many ways. It speaks loudly to the stance that the Zwaanswyk schools take in relation to the treatment of Women. It speaks of a strong stance against GBV, and reaffirms that we can impact a whole community if we act together.

The combined event, a first, also speaks to an extension of relations between schools. If the Zwaanswyk brand is strengthened, the entire community benefits.

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Thank you to the many sponsors of the event last Friday – **Kia Diep River, Bergvliet Spar, MI Attorneys, Rawson Strandfontein, and AVG Paper Works.**

Let's support the businesses that support our schools! Here we come!

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY

On 02 September we celebrated Administrative Professionals' Day. This day is highlighted to acknowledge the valuable work, often unseen, done by our Administrators. At Zwaanswyk Academy we are fortunate to have administrators of the highest quality. In the front office we have Mrs Dreyer and Mrs Sasman, in Finance we have Mrs Sampson and Ms Crowster, in the admin office we have Mrs Daniels, and Mrs Brookes is in the clothing store. We also have Mrs Kirby as the SGB Secretary!! These ladies all play an

incredible role in the success of our school, and we are very grateful for their expertise, their commitment, their demeanour, and the pride they have in our school.

Congratulations to all the Secretaries and Administrators out there!! You are seen. You are valued.



UGLY WORDS and SOCIAL MEDIA

The unending interaction with cellphones again reared its head this week. We were once again shown the

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damaging effects of learners being part of groups saying ugly things, video calls after 9pm at night, cyber bullying, and more!! We had to deal with the fallout of learners engaging in online games, especially **Roblox**. What they heard on Roblox was copied to letters in class, with the most horrible and damaging things being written. All because learners have seemingly unrestricted access.

Parents are implored to go through children's cellphones, checking for messages. Parents are implored to ensure that night time is not phone time. Let's rather face some unhappiness regarding cellphone use from children now, than be sorry later when depression and other mental challenges surface.

Grades 6 and 7 learners have been advised that Parents will be going

through their phones to have a look at groups and other content. Please look out for messages and groups that have been deleted...

PS. One Parent shared that she took her child's phone away completely. The result? Grades improved immediately, and the child spoke of a "stress" that was removed from her because she no longer had to engage.

GRADE 7'S SAY THANK YOU!

On behalf of all the Grade 7's – a great



big THANK YOU for the great support at Entrepreneurs Day. It was, again, a great success.

Thank you, Grade 7 Parents, for pouring your heart and soul (and money!!) into this project. For Parents in other grades - your child's turn is coming!!

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LEARNERS WAITING AFTER SCHOOL



We have a number of learners waiting for a long time after school. In the environment we find ourselves in, this is a very dangerous practice. Parents are asked to collect learners punctually, and also address transporters about allowing waiting learners to roam about. Let's be safe now, rather than sorry later.

LOST AND FOUND



Almost daily, Mr Stuart, our security guard, brings an armful of various items of clothing, school bags, instruments, water bottles, and so much more to the office because learners left them at the

gate. In instances where there are names on the items, they can be easily identified. When there isn't..... Sadly, it is often claimed that these items with no names on were stolen, shifting responsibility away from the child who lost it, and casting aspersions on others.

STAFF ESTABLISHMENT 2027

Our Staff Establishment for 2027 has been published.



Zwaanswyk

Academy is in the fortunate position that we will not lose any posts, but we will also not gain any. This means we will have 16 teachers (including Principal and Deputy) teaching 659 learners. This translates to 41 learners per class. If we factor in the fact that the Principal and Deputy Principal do

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not have classes, the average per class increases to 47 per class. This is not a desirable position, and is only prevented because of Parents paying school fees so we can employ teachers and assistant teachers as we seek quality education.

Thank you to Parents who indeed pay their school fees. Parents who don't pay school fees may lead to bigger classes because we can't afford teachers.

The budget will be presented to Parents next month. Please be mindful of our financial obligations.

THE LUCKY DRAW: 18 September 2026



The Lucky Drawl is gaining in excitement, and the Farmer is feeding the cows a bit extra to ensure success!!!

Thank you for the lists already received. This is encouraging, and we are looking forward to another wonderful event. A lucky draw will be done every Friday as we get closer!

Huge prizes (R10 000 first prize, and more!) up for grabs. Bring family and friends. Bring everybody!

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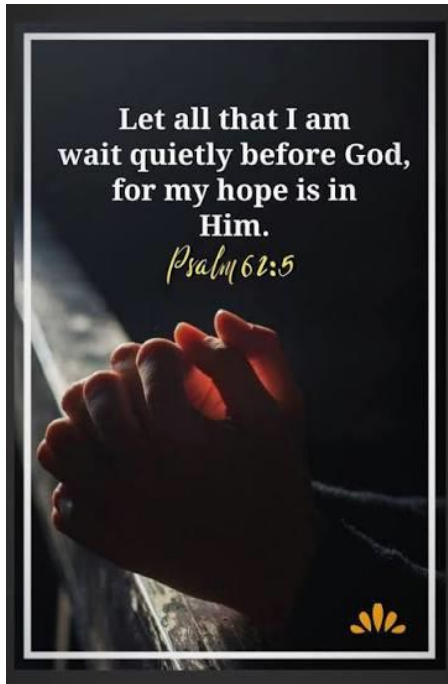
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IN PRAISE OF GOD



JUST A REMINDER

Just in case memories have faded – this is a Manchester United school!! Also, a Springbok, Stormers and Chiefs school!

Just in case there are people wanting to wear jerseys of other descriptions on school premises!!!!

Breaking news. Sadly, there will be no fly-over tomorrow. Airlink has, however, indicated they will land two planes on the pitch to drop Siya and Eben, then take off!

Go Bokke!!!!

RIP

We are saddened to inform the Zwaanswyk Academy of the passing of one of our Parents, Mr Steven Khumalo, father of Christian Chaola in Grade 7C.

MHDSRIP

SOCCER CLINIC IN SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS

See details below (on the last page).

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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
25 Aug	Spelling Bee Gr 2 & Gr 3

Teach your kids that
who they are matters more
than what they achieve.

That kindness
will always matter.

That character speaks louder
than status ever could.

And that at the end
of the day...
being a good human
is what truly makes them
unforgettable.

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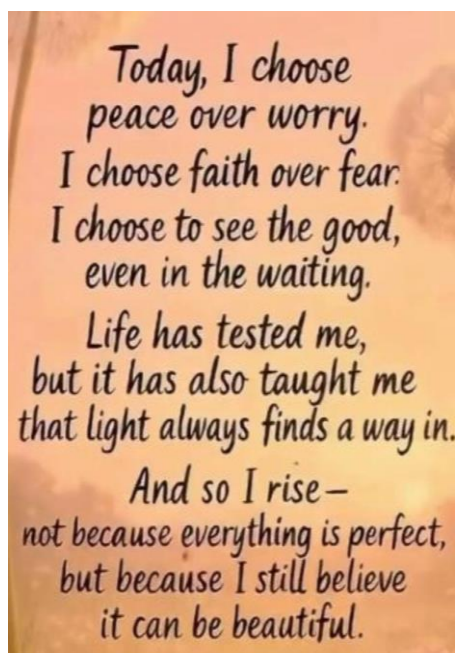


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27 Aug	Gr 7 Entrepreneurs Day
28 Aug	Birthday: Mrs U Gerhardt Birthday: Mrs N Hendricks Student Council Event Dismissal: 12h30pm
29 Aug	Paul Greyling Sports Day (ISP)
31 Aug	ARBOR WEEK
SEPTEMBER	
VALUE	EXCELLENCE
01 Sep	Arbor Day Test series starts Textbook retrieval
02 Sep	National Book Week Administrative Professionals' Day
08 Sep	Literacy Day
10 Sep	Summer & Winter Sport photos (learners to come to school dressed in sport uniform)
11 Sep	Bathroom Civvies R10 HPV catchup Gr 6&7 girls

15 Sep	Music Concert
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 Jafftha



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SOCCER CLINIC!

LOTS OF FUN & DEVELOPMENT!

DURING THE
SEPTEMBER
HOLIDAYS

AGES 6-12

AGE GROUPS: GIRLS & BOYS

SKILL
DEVELOPMENT

Improve your
technique and
game awareness

FUN &
FRIENDSHIPS

Make new friends
and enjoy the
beautiful game

FITNESS &
CONFIDENCE

Build fitness,
confidence and
a winning mindset

EXPERT
COACHING

Professional
coaching in a safe
and positive
environment

LICENSED
CAF
COACHES

LEARN. PLAY. GROW.

TAKE YOUR GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

DATES: 28, 29, 30 SEPTEMBER

TIME: 09H00 TO 13H00

VENUE: ZWAANSWYK ACADEMY
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FOR MORE DETAILS: CONTACT COACH MARK
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GIRLS & BOYS
AGES 6-12

MORE
DETAILS
TO FOLLOW!

STAY TUNED – YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

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