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Dear Parents and Guardians

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 times with selected Parents to discuss progress.

LEARNER ATTENDANCE

Learner attendance at school is compulsory. After the assessments there was an period of intense revision and consolidation as test papers were checked and incorrect answers explained. Much valuable learning happens here. It is thus very

disappointing when we see that in excess of 100 learners were absent every day this week. This was especially evident in the higher grades and points to a very worrying and disappointing trend.

We ask Parents to ensure that learners are present every day, especially with Final assembly being on Monday , 21 September 2026 at 9am.

FINAL ASSEMBLY

Please note that all learners should be present for Final Assembly on Monday. Often learners who achieved top 10, top 3 or Most Improved acknowledgements are not present, robbing them of a moment to be acknowledged on the stage by their peers.

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Parents are welcome to attend.



MUSIC EVENING SUCCESS

Well done to the Music Department for presenting an evening of music. Our musicians proudly gave of their best, from those playing just a few notes, to the more accomplished ones. The choir was exciting, while the cherry on top was the Zwaanswyk Academy School Band! The band played an original song written by current Grade 7 learner Caz Benjamin, with music by teacher Mr Tromp. Wonderful!!

Equally wonderful was an appreciative audience who demonstrated the spirit



of ubuntu by applauding each child loudly!!

WELL DONE, ZWAANSWYK ACADEMY STAFF!

Over the past two weekends 15 of our Zwaanswyk Academy Staff attended First Aid training. We are very proud to announce that all have now been accredited for level 1, and we also have a level 3 First Aider!!

Well done, Zwaanswyk!

WELL DONE LIAM!



Well done to **Liam Madamombe** who has been selected to the Western Province U14 Chess Team!! Liam will be travelling with the

team to Bloemfontein on 13 December 2026. Congratulations, Liam!!

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SOCIAL MEDIA

The fallout from learners having constant access to phones, social media and online gaming continues. Again, we ask that Parents be vigilant about the use of telephones, whatsapp groups and the internet.

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

It would be amiss of me not to raise the issue of GBV in the light of what we are currently facing in our country.

Zwaanswyk Academy takes a strong stance against GBV as a scourge and evil. Suddenly we feel unsafe. We are committed to teach our boy child to respect and care. We are committed to teaching our girl child to expect respect and care, but also to give respect and care.

It is difficult to teach our children this respect when they watch music videos in broad daylight where women are objectified, where seemingly successful men in these videos are smoking and having countless women all over them. It is difficult to teach them this when we speak of "clean" and "dirty" versions of songs and which version is played depends on where we are. It is difficult to teach the boy child when he has almost free access to whatever he wants to watch. It is difficult to teach him when he is often exposed to ugly swearing, violence, disrespect and the like.

There are so many other influences, but if the scourge of gender-based violence is to be eradicated, we have to start in our homes, with our children, with our families, with our friends, with

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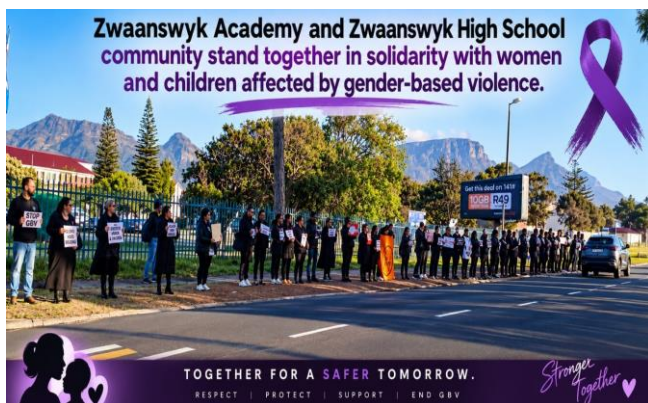
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our communities. We must be the change we want to see.

To demonstrate our commitment, the staff, joined by Parents and the Staff of the High School, stood in silent protest along Main Road this morning. We were also joined by the Deputy Mayor of Cape Town, Alderman Eddie Andrews.

Enough is Enough!!!



THE THIRD TERM ENDS



And so, another busy and productive term comes to an end.

Highlights this term included, amongst others, our learners' numerous sports achievements, assemblies conducted by learners, a spelling bee, student council assembly and disco, grade R fashion show, our Sports Day, colour assembly and, of course, the Grade 7 Entrepreneur's Day! Who can forget the spectacular 67 Steps of Kindness Walk, while also sharing toiletries and stationery with less resourced schools.

Thank you to Parents for your part in this term's success. Thank you for paying school fees, for ensuring that homework was done, for turning up for meetings, for assisting with cake sales and other events, for being positive, and for being present.

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Next term, my last at our beloved Zwaanswyk Academy, will be a very busy one. Teacher's Day, the Lucky Drawl, Systemic Evaluation (22 Oct) will all be significant events leading up to the final examinations. We look forward to another successful one!!

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

- Jane Goodall

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

This being the last newsletter for the term, allow to wish you happy holidays! The Staff has again been fantastic, often going beyond the call of duty. Our prayer is that they may rest well (albeit briefly) as we recharge for the final stretch of 2026.



IN PRAISE OF GOD



WE GRIEVE WOMEN
WE'VE NEVER MET
BECAUSE SOMEWHERE
INSIDE US,
WE RECOGNISE HOW
EASILY
IT COULD HAVE BEEN
ONE OF US.

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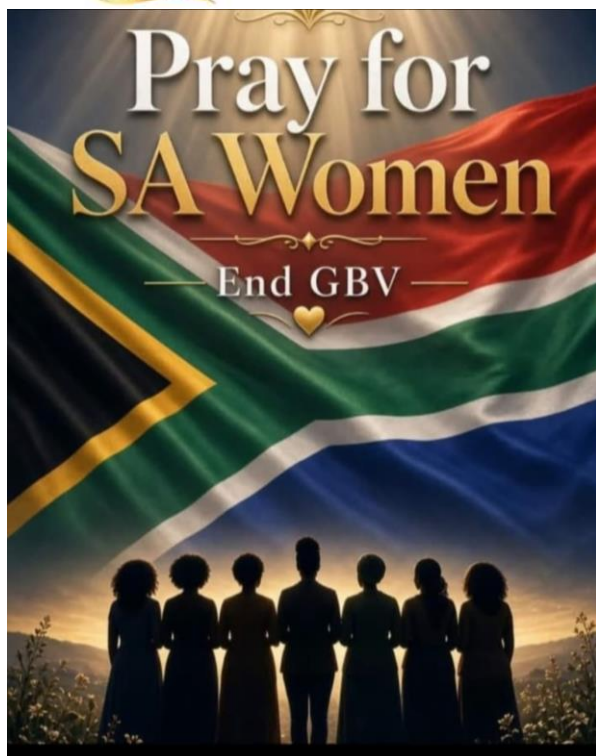
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NO COMMENT PLEASE!!!



It is forbidden to mention what happened to Manchester United this week!! We don't like the sound of Carabao anyway! May the good times come. Pleassssee!!!

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

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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 Dismissal: 12.30pm
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) postponed to 17 September
11 Sep	Bathroom Civvies R10 HPV catchup Gr 6&7 girls
15 Sep	Music Concert
17 Sep	Summer & Winter Sport photos (learners to come to school dressed in sport uniform)
18 Sep	Heritage Day Dressup Fundraising Event: 4pm – 7pm (postponed)
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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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.

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.

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

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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CONTACT COACH MARK
084 312 9897

GIRLS & BOYS AGES 6-12

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

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

HOPE RUGBY ACADEMY
DEVELOPING PLAYERS. BUILDING FUTURES.

Hope Rugby Academy develops boys and girls through rugby. We teach more than a game - we build character, confidence and champions for life.

TEAMWORK DISCIPLINE RESPECT COMMUNITY

AGE GROUPS
5 - 16 YEARS

PROGRAMMES

- Rugby Training & Skills
- Leadership & Life Skills
- School & Community Outreach
- Feeding Scheme & Social Impact

DISCIPLINE. RESPECT. TEAMWORK. RESILIENCE. LEADERSHIP.

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