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Dear Parents and Guardians

SPORT AND CULTURE

This week saw the resumption of our extra-mural programme. Thank you so much for making the necessary transport (and clothing!!) arrangements!!

Participation in extra-mural activities is a vital part of our school programme, and essential for a well-balanced education. It fosters participation, teamship, and also social growth while growing skills. In addition, it plays a big role when applying to high school and scholarships.

We encourage Parents to make the necessary arrangements to allow learners to participate regularly.

PS. We started Walking Club this week!!

LEARNER CAMPS

The last two weeks have been seen the Grade 7's, Grade 4's and Grade 5's go on camp. What a highlight!!

The Grade 5's also visited Table Mountain on Friday, 09 October 2026.

SYSTEMIC EVALUATION: 22 OCTOBER

The Zwaanswyk Academy Grade 3 and Grade 6 Systemic Evaluation takes place on 22 October 2026. We ask that Parents assist with preparation by testing multiplication tables, language skills, etc.

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EISTEDDFOD PRESTIGE EVENING

The Eisteddfod Prestige Event takes place at Jan van Riebeeck High School tonight. Azaliah Demes, Emily-Rose Mesias and Holly Kasonga will all be honoured with silver medals, while our Grade 3 and Grade 6 Speech Choirs will be awarded gold medals!! Awesome achievement!!

ZULFEEQ BASADIEN



Help us bring Zulfeeq home 🙏 | BackaBuddy
Help us bring our boy home. ❤️ Zulfeeq is a 13-year-old boy who has always been full of life, love and big dreams. He is a caring, loving and s...
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We are exceedingly happy to report that Zulfeeq is at home!! This is incredible, and is based on much prayer, care and support.

The family has asked for some privacy as they settle Zulfeeq in at

home. The School is also planning events to further support. Thank you to everybody who has already

contributed to the back-a-buddy campaign.

GRANDPARENTS DAY: 12 NOVEMBER

One of the highlights in the Zwaanswyk Academy calendar is the day we set aside to honour and celebrate our Grandparents. This year is no different, so mark 12 November 2026 @ 10.30am!

Because of budgetary constraints, we are asking for a contribution of R50 per grandparent. We would also like to make the day fun by giving away many prizes. So, if Parents have access to any goods that we can give away, please share!! Any businesses wanting to come on board?

Let's make honouring our Grandparents a special day!!

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PRINCIPAL MATTERS

The process to appoint the 6th Principal at Zwaanswyk Academy takes a step forward with the shortlisting process happening tomorrow, 17 October 2026.

It is definite that a Principal from outside our school will be appointed, as Mrs Steyn, has indicated that she wants to stay on as deputy principal.

At this time, we ask for prayer as the appointments is navigated. Let's pray for wisdom and discernment on the part of the SGB, the Interviewing Committee and the Circuit Manager.

BALLET AT ZWAANSWYK

We have been afforded the opportunity to offer ballet lessons to our Grade R – 5 learners for just R100 a month. These lessons will take place every Saturday, and will cost just R100 a month!!

Julie Fourie has 19 years of comprehensive ballet training and performance experience. She is Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Advanced 1 and Advanced 2 certified, and also has 13 years of stage production and performance experience. She is skilled in Contemporary, Modern and Jazz dance styles.

Sign-up to happen soon. Please inform your child's teacher (grade R – 5) should you be interested.

Remember whenever you're
in a position to help someone
be glad and always do it,
because that's the universe
answering someone else's
prayers through you.

THINKING MINDS

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SUMMER UNIFORM: 12 OCTOBER 2026

All learners should now be wearing summer uniform.

THE BIG DRAWL: 06 NOVEMBER

The Big Drawl is happening soon!! Thank you for collecting and submitting full lists. This is wonderful to see!! To further encourage, we have a special running just for next week!! For every list that is returned, the learner receives 5 house points!! And for every additional ticket, 2 house points will be allocated!!

The cows are ready..... Are you?

get at least 75 Parents to be present. This would represent a quorum of 10% of Parents. Will you be there?

Among the key points to be discussed is a school fee increase of 4%, with significant amounts of money allocated to the science laboratory, resurfacing netball courts, sport, culture, the refurbishment of the Mercedes bus, and maintenance.

Don't let others decide. Be present!

All aboard!

BUDGET MEETING AND AGM: MONDAY 09 NOVEMBER 2026 @ 6PM

The annual AGM and Budget Meeting is scheduled for Monday 09 November 2026 AT 6PM. It would be wonderful if we could

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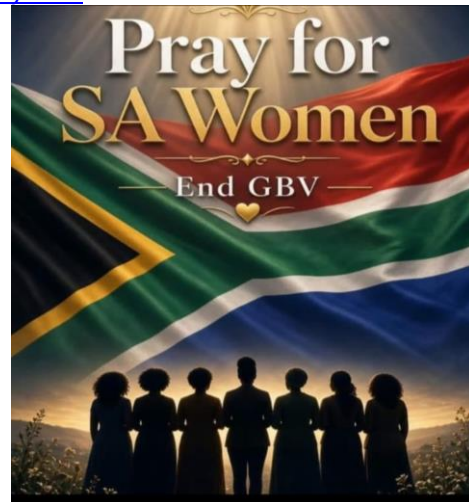
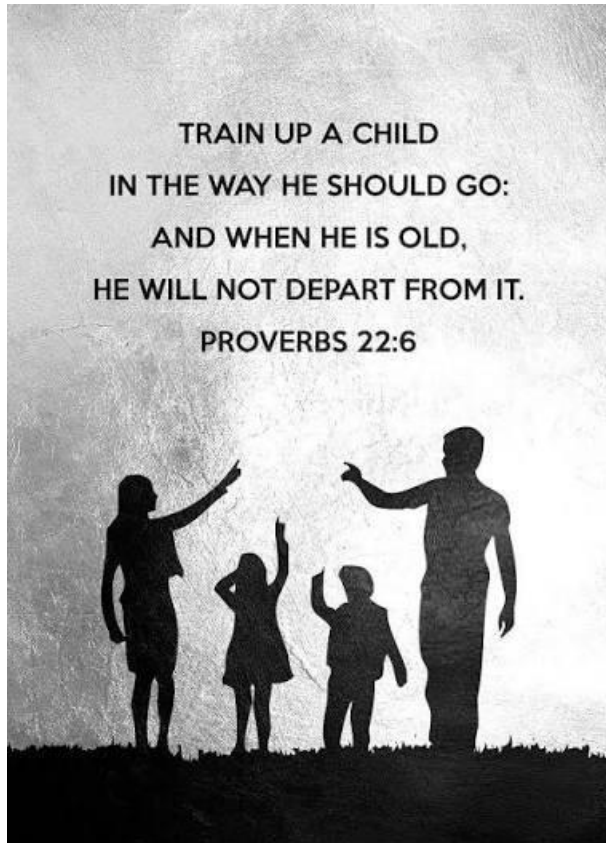
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IN PRAISE OF GOD



FOR YOUR 4th TERM DIARY

OCTOBER	
VALUE	CARING
04 OCT	Birthday: Mrs Hendrickse
05 OCT	INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY
06 OCT	START OF TERM 4
07 OCT	Grade 7 Camp
08 OCT	Grade 4 & Grade 7 Camps Gr1's wish Matrics well
09 OCT	Grade 4 & Grade 7 Camps Grade 5 Excursion
12 OCT	Sport & Culture start Summer Uniform
14 OCT	Grade 5 Camp

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15 OCT	~~Grade 5 Camp~~
16 OCT	~~Grade 5 Camp~~
	~~Bosses' Day~~
	~~Extended Prestige Evening~~
	~~Student Council Election Videos due~~
17 OCT	~~SGB Shortlisting for Principal post~~
19 OCT	Birthday: Mrs Juries
20 OCT	Library Club Excursion
22 OCT	Systemic Examinations
	Birthday: Mr Rodgers
23 OCT	Grade 7 Assembly
	Six Gun Grill Festival
	Civvies
24 OCT	SGB Interviews: Principal post
30 OCT	Student Council Civvies & Movies
	Grade 1 Cake Sale
31 OCT	Principal's Saturday Detention
NOVEMBER	
VALUE	PERSEVERANCE
02 NOV	Inspection Day
	Grade 6 Camp
	Grade 4 Reading Competition
03 NOV	ORIENTATION DAY

	Grade 6 Camp
	Grade 5 Reading Competition
04 NOV	Grade 6 Camp
	Local Elections Public Holiday
05 NOV	Grade 7 Reading Competition
06 Nov	Fundraising Event:
	The Lucky Draw 4 – 7PM
09 NOV	Grade 6 Reading Competition
	Birthday: Mr Francis
	BUDGET MEETING & AGM
10 NOV	Birthday: Mrs Ederies
12 NOV	Grandparents Tea
	End of Sport & Culture Programme
13 NOV	Student Council Assembly
	Grade 2 Cake Sale
	SC & Gr 6 Teachers Meeting
15 NOV	Birthday: Mrs Sampson
16 NOV	Start of Final Examination
	Learners dismiss at 1pm
	Textbook retrieval starts
17 NOV	SMT Planning
18 NOV	SMT Planning
19 NOV	Birthday: Mr Engelbrecht

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21 NOV	Birthday: Mrs Manuels
22 NOV	Birthday: Mrs Meyer (A/C)
24 NOV	16 Days of Activism against GBV
26 NOV	Foundation Phase Certificate Ceremonies
27 NOV	Gr R Graduation Birthday: Mrs Oliver FP treat with Principal Voting for 2027 Student Council
28 NOV	Birthday: Mr Timm Culture Explosion
29 NOV	Birthday: Mr Dullaart
30 NOV	Student Council Q & A – Staff Voting

DECEMBER

VALUE	COMPETENCE
01 DEC	Principal hosts Gr 7 Breakfast World Aids Day
02 DEC	ISP Certificate Ceremonies Grade 7 Valedictory Service Birthday: Mr Adams
03 DEC	PRESTIGE EVENING
04 DEC	FINAL ASSEMBLY Jersey handover @ 6pm

07 DEC	Carols by Candle light Six Gun Grill Summer Sport Festival (u12)
08 DEC	CLASS PARTIES Six Gun Grill Summer Sport Festival (u12) Birthday: Mrs Dreyer
09 DEC	Schools close: Learners
10 DEC	Birthday: Ms Naidoo
11 DEC	END OF SCHOOL YEAR Teachers' year end function
29 DEC	Birthday: Mr Tromp
31 DEC	Birthday: Ms Dreyer

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