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Dear Parents and Guardians

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!!

REMINDER: BUDGET PRESENTATON – 09 NOVEMBER 2026 @ 6pm



All Parents are invited to the Zwaanswyk Academy AGM on 09 November 2026. The proposed 2027 budget will be presented for approval at this meeting. As we need a 10% quorum (75 Parents) we ask that Parents make a concerted effort to be present.

THE BIG DRAWL!!

We have not had the response with the Big Drawl that we expected. And need!! We have thus decided to have a fun day on 06 November during the day. This, too, will be great fun! Every learner returning a completed list will

receive a pizza and cooldrink – in addition to the oodles of fun!!

This is very sad and disappointing, but we'll make the best of the situation, and put the cows out to pasture!! A letter detailing the way forward is being issued under separate cover.

SWIMMING DEMONSTRATION

It was wonderful having so many Parents present at the Foundation Phase's swimming demonstration. So exciting to see how it all starts and develops.

FINAL EXAMINATION: 16 November

The Foundation Phase has already entered the final assessment period, and we ask that Parents assist with adequate preparation at home.

The Intersen Phase start their final examination on 16 November. Learners are urged to prepare adequately for the exams. Study timetables should be devised, screen time reduced, and an atmosphere of study should prevail.

Good luck!

FIRE IN THE HOME

It was a great shock to the Sassman twins, Madison and Mason when they got home on Monday to find their home on fire!! Fortunately, the fire was restricted to one room, but two puppies perished. A bed and curtains are needed urgently. Can we help?

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PARKING

We have had a complaint of inconsiderate parking, with drivers blocking the entrance and exit to the parking area. We ask that Parents please be considerate.

We also appeal to transport operators to wait, offload and pick up learners in the agreed-on areas. Taxis dropping off or collecting learners in other areas will be asked not to enter the school grounds.



LEARNERS WAITING AFTER SCHOOL

There is a rather large number of learners who are waiting for excessively long periods for their lifts in the afternoon. This is a dangerous practice, especially for the younger learners.

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INSPECTION DAY: MONDAY 02 NOV

Inspection day revolves around general cleanliness and presentation. Please ensure learners wear correct uniform, and that hair and nails are in keeping with what is expected. Thank you for cooperation in this regard.

IDENTITY CARD FOUND



An identity card belonging to Mr Damien Jason Davids (ID No starting 03100….) has been found and can be collected at the office.

LABORATORY



We intend breaking through a wall separating two classrooms to create a venue big enough to house a laboratory. We have had a structural engineer check it out, but now need to break down the wall. Any takers?

We would want our learners to have a laboratory in January 2027. Help!! This is your time to be part of progress and history.

GUARD HOUSE

We also want to improve our guard house. Any contractors out there who could help with materials or building? We would like to have a neat, good

looking guard house to house our faithful guards.

LEARNER CAMPS

One of the highlights for any Grade 4 – 7 learner attending Zwaanswyk Academy is the grade camp. The camps and accompanying costs are announced at the beginning of the year, and learners look forward to the experience. These camps have to be planned meticulously by teachers as we have to submit an application to the WCED three months before the camp. Late submissions run the risk of permission being declined.

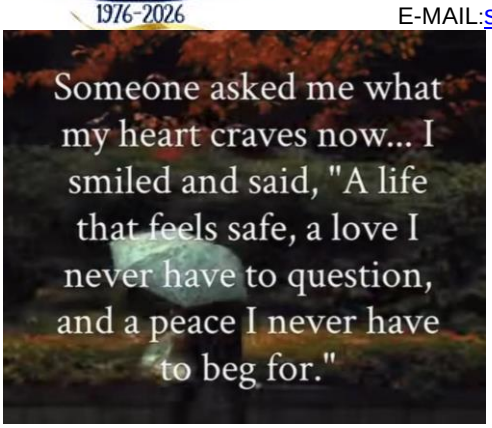
This year we have run the risk of camps being cancelled because Parents have not returned forms in time. This has resulted in Teachers having to beg for these forms. In addition, payment is not forthcoming as it should be, causing much anxiety.

In future, final dates will be issued and adhered to. Failure to then register a child for camp with the WCED then rests on the parent concerned. The Grade 6's are going on camp on Monday. We are still waiting for some (sad face).

DISTRICT PRINCIPALS MEETING: 05 NOV

On Thursday 05 November 2026, Zwaanswyk Academy will host the Director's Principals' Meeting where approximately 200 principals and District officials will be present for the day. Although parking has been sorted, there will inevitably be some congestion. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

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BALLET: Saturday 07 Nov @ 9.30 am



Our ballet teacher will be on hand on Saturday 07 November to do an initial free lesson and plot the way forward. Learners (boys and girls) from Grade R to Grade 1 are welcome to attend. Learners are to wear comfortable clothes (tights, tracksuit, etc).

Saturday 07 November 2026

9.30 am – 10.30 am

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS: 04 NOVEMBER 2026

One would like to encourage all our Parents and every eligible person to cast your vote on 04 November 2026. Democracy came at a price, and it is our duty to exercise our vote. Every vote matters. Every vote is a key part of the governance puzzle. Without your tick, the puzzle is incomplete.



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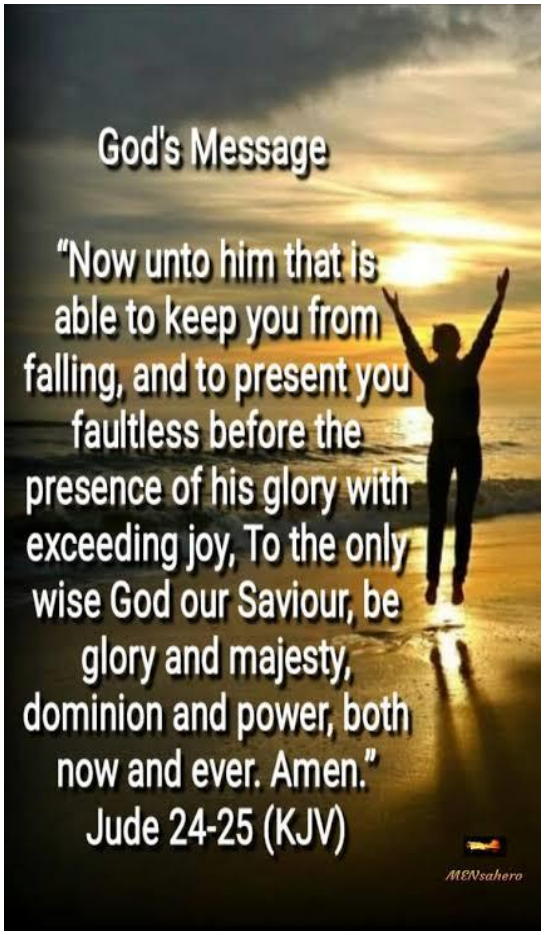
Ai ai ai. Foei tog man! Ek gaan maar kampie verskuif. Go Kaiser Chiefs!!!!!

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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~~

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	~~Summer Uniform~~
14 OCT	~~Grade 5 Camp~~
15 OCT	~~Grade 5 Camp~~
16 OCT	~~Grade 5 Camp~~ ~~Bosses' Day~~ ~~Eisteddfod Prestige Evening~~ ~~Student Council Election Videos due~~
19 OCT	~~Birthday: Mrs Juries~~
20 OCT	~~Library Club Excursion cancelled~~
22 OCT	~~Systemic Examinations~~ ~~Birthday: Mr Rodgers~~
23 OCT	~~Grade 7 Assembly~~ ~~Six Gun Grill Festival~~ ~~Civvies~~
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:** **ZWA FUN DAY 8 am – 1 pm (12h30 pm for Foundation Phase)**
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
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

