



NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 05/2024

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Enter to Learn: Leave to Serve

Dear Parents

Staff

- Shannon Petersen and Mia Meyer have joined the Aftercare staff. Welcome ladies!
- Jade Clarke has joined our support staff team. Welcome Jade!
- Best wishes to Desmond Wagner as he leaves us today, starting a new venture.

Applications 2025

A reminder that our Grade R classes have 64 pupils in it each year and these pupils move to Grade 1 the following year. This means that Grade R is the entry point to Groote Schuur Primary and that there is very little chance of getting a place in Grade 1, unless someone leaves. All applications to Groote Schuur Primary must be completed on the Western Cape Education Department online system. The Grade 1 applications are open and close on 12 April. The Grade R and Gr 2-7 applications only open 1 August and close 16 August.

End of term arrangements

- The first term ends on Wednesday, 20 March at approximately 11:00. The Grade R, 1, 2 and 3 classes will dismiss at 10:30 to alleviate the congestion at the end of term.
- The Grade R, 1, 2 and 3 classes will dismiss at 12:30 and Grade 4- 7 classes will dismiss at 13:00 on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 March. This early closing is to accommodate a staff development programme on both days. Aftercare will operate as usual.
- The new term starts on Wednesday, 03 April, and extra murals only start the following Monday.
- Reports should be returned on the first day of next term. Please discuss the report with your child and set achievable goals for the rest of the year. Please be positive! (Grade 6 & 7 parents – remember to make copies for high school applications).
- Assessments done in the first term usually result in inflated marks because each section assessed is either revision of the previous year's work or only one assessment when normally staff would assess pupils a few times in each subject. Be very concerned therefore, if your child gets ones, twos or threes in this report.

Ramadan

A blessed Ramadan to all of our families who will be observing the practice of fasting this year.

SGB Elections 2024

We have seven parents nominated for election to our School Governing Body. Of the seven nominations, five parents need to be elected. This election will take place via the Voting Crowd platform. You will receive an email and SMS, outlining the procedure for you to follow when electing the five parents of your choice. Please be reminded to complete your election of parent representatives before the closing time. The elections open at 7am and close at 20:00 on Thursday 14 March.

School Fees

We would like to thank ALL our parents who consistently pay their school fees. Without your commitment to paying fees, we would not be in the position to fulfil all our needs in and around school, especially looking after our teachers!

Uniform/Lost Property

There are a number of uncollected new orders at the finance office. Please check whether you have collected your order as yet, as we are running short of space to hold pre-orders. Please note the following collection times for pre-orders:

- Mondays to Thursdays - from 07:30 - 08:30 or 13:30 - 14:00
- Fridays - 07:30 – 08:30

Orders to be collected at the Finance office, by either learners or parents. Orders can be sent to your child's classroom upon request only.

Please ensure that all clothing items are clearly marked. There have been many items going missing that are marked. Please ensure your child/ren has their own items. Any items mistakenly taken, to be please returned to school immediately. Lost property items are placed outside the kitchen.

Holiday Care

After conducting a survey among our families, the School Governing Body has resolved to implement a holiday care programme at Groote Schuur Primary. This will commence on Friday 22 March until Tuesday 2 April, and be open at 07:30 and close at 17:30. The registrations are open via the booking forms circulated to you and also on the Karri App.

Sport

Pre-season trials for winter sport codes

A reminder that our winter pre-season trials for hockey, netball and rugby will take place tomorrow and on Thursday. As we mentioned in previous notifications sent to you, the trials will only be for pupils in Grades 3 to 7. Please don't forget to send an email to sport@gspss.co.za, or write a note in your child's diary if they are unable to participate in the upcoming trials due to Ramadaan.

The two days of pre-season that will be taking place are as follows:

Day/Date	Sporting Codes	Age Group	Time
Wednesday, 13 March 2024	Netball	U9 (Grade 3)	14:15 to 15:00
		U10 (Grade 4)	14:45 to 16:00
		U11 (Grade 5)	14:45 to 16:00
		U12 (Grade 6)	14:45 to 16:00
		U13 (Grade 7)	14:45 to 16:00
	Rugby	U9 (Grade 3)	14:15 to 15:00
		U11 (Grades 4/5)	14:45 to 16:00
U13 (Grades 6/7)		14:45 to 16:00	
Thursday, 14 March 2024	Girl's Hockey	U9 (Grade 3)	14:15 to 15:00
		U10 (Grade 4)	14:45 to 16:00
		U11 (Grade 5)	14:45 to 16:00
		U13 (Grades 6/7)	14:45 to 16:00

Please ensure that your child attends the sessions wearing the correct attire. This also includes having the necessary equipment for the various sport codes (stick, shin guards and mouth guard for Hockey, and mouth guard for Rugby).

For any queries, please contact the Sport Office.

Extra-mural programme for Term 2

A finalised copy of our extra-mural programme for the winter season will be shared with you at the start of Term 2. Please take note that our winter extra-murals will start on Monday, 8 April 2024.

Library Announcement

Grade 4 and 7

A very special author, Adrienne Wright, will be visiting our grade 4 and 7 learners on 13 March 2024. She will come to enlighten our learners about the historical events that happened in our country. She will be bringing along copies of her Human Rights awareness book "Hector". The cost of the book is R175. Parents are welcome to send your child with cash or card if you would like to purchase a copy for your family. GSPS are excited to create Human Rights Awareness amongst our learners and staff. We are looking forward to meeting her.

Library books

As we come to the end of term 1, I would like to request that all learners use this week to return all library books that were checked out before assessment week commenced. The last circulation date for issuing out books for term 1, will be 18 March 2024.

It is so pleasing to see how the learners are engaging with the reading material. This term we only received 4 books that were sent to the "book hospital". I would like to also take this opportunity to thank all the library monitors for your time spent in the library, getting to know your role and duties. Your assistance this term was great and efficient. I'm sure everyone noticed a neatly shelved and well organised space. I do enjoy working with all of you. Keep up the good work! To the rest of the learners, I am pleased with all the efforts you've put into keeping the books unharmed, and for trying your best to adhere to the school library rules when you are visiting the library. To all our parents I would like to request over the holidays to spend time with your children asking them what new books they would like to see housed in our school library and what topics they would like to research and explore. Please forward your children's new books "wish list" and research topics to library@gsp.co.za.

Library books - Kaylin

School fees – Wedaad

Lost property – Wedaad

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Yours sincerely



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Groote Schuur Primary School



CAMPOUT

Friday
19th of April 2024

FOOD TRUCKS...

FUN ACTIVITIES..

STALLS...

A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS..

STAY TUNED FOR MORE...

PLOT SALES AND PRICES WILL BE ON KARRI SOON

