



NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 11/2025

10 June 2025

Enter to Learn: Leave to Serve

Dear Parents

Staff

- Groote Schuur Primary has been allocated assistants as part of the Basic Education Employment Initiative. The following assistants are part of the programme: Jesse Martin, Ntlhomoheng Ramaipato, Nabeelah Omar, Seriosha Ramgunn, Viwe Dladlu, Rofhiwa Makwarela and Hayley Jordaan. Welcome assistants.
- I am pleased to inform you that Duron Wright, our sports coordinator will not be leaving the employment of Groote Schuur Primary and will continue serving as our sports coordinator. He has withdrawn his letter of resignation.
- Johan Claassen was hospitalised after a serious injury and has been booked off by his doctor until the end of this term. Mariet Naudé, an experienced teacher will teach his classes until his return. Welcome again, Mariet.
- Congratulations to Mari and Michael Gillespie. They are expecting their first child in July. Mari will be on maternity leave next term.
- Lizelle Morton will be leaving us on the 8th of August after 4½ years with us at GSPS. Good luck on your new ventures.

Important dates

June

Fri	13	Gr 4-7 Exams finish (see dismissal times in this letter) / Mr William Mabija's Birthday
Sun	15	Ms Colleen Arendse's Birthday / Father's Day
Mon	16	YOUTH DAY (NO SCHOOL)
Tue	17	Mr Duron Wright's Birthday
Wed	18	SGB meeting
Fri	20	Gr 4 Cake Sale
Mon	23	Mrs Deanna Roodman's Birthday
Tue	24	Gr 7 Outing: Children's Art Centre, Cape Town

Parents confronting pupils

Please remember that if there is a disagreement between your children and others, your role is to inform the teachers of an issue so that they can investigate and remedy the situation. **Do not take the situation into your own hands!** Although parents always believe their children to be innocent, blame can seldom be attributed only to one source, and so it makes sense for teachers to intervene, as they do not need to take sides. Parents, please refer to the PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT sent to you at the beginning of the year. It is also available on our school website.

MySchool

Thank you to all the families who use their MySchool card when making purchases at participating stores. The most recent amount received from this initiative was R7 913,77.

Chocolate Raffle

Reminder that the Chocolate Raffle forms should have been handed in already. The draw will take place on 20 June. Lost forms carry a penalty of R240. Blank forms need to be returned as well.

Uniform in public

At the end of the school day, I see some children leaving the school premises not wearing their proper school uniform. Please ensure that your children are wearing the proper school uniform when out in public, including shoes. Although pupils are allowed to walk around school without wearing shoes, they need to arrive in shoes and leave in them.

Pupils after school

We are really concerned about the number of children who remain on the school premises for hours after the end of the school day. Teachers cannot be responsible for supervising these children as we are occupied elsewhere with extra-mural activities. They then become bored and get up to mischief and that is when accidents happen. Please make use of our aftercare who will accept children on a short term or single day basis for R 70 per day. If you require help please contact Colleen Arendse at school.

Jars of Hope – Mandela Day Initiative

Our **Wellness Warriors** are supporting the *Jars of Hope* project in celebration of Mandela Day. We kindly ask for your support in helping us fill jars with ingredients that will provide a warm, nourishing meal to those in need.



Please see the attached poster for the list of ingredients needed.

All donations can be **dropped off at the school library.**

Your contributions will go a long way in making a difference in someone's life this winter - thank you in advance for your generosity.

Help the Rural Child Book Sale

We are pleased to host the *Help the Rural Child* book sale in the school library on 25 and 26 June 2025. This is a great opportunity to purchase affordable, quality books while supporting a valuable outreach initiative.

Born to Read Event

As part of our upcoming Born to Read celebration, we will be welcoming a few special guests to our school. Please see the attached posters for more information about the authors and storytellers who will be joining us. You are welcome to purchase books by these guests, and we encourage you to do so in advance. Kindly email your proof of payment to library@gsp.co.za. Purchased books will be delivered to the school and handed to your child in class.

Library Notices

Please note that this is the last week for library book circulation. We kindly request that all library books be returned by 24 June 2025. Thank you for your continued support in nurturing a love of reading and a spirit of giving in our school community.

Valuable items at school

A reminder to ensure that your children do not bring valuable items to school as we cannot take responsibility for them. All valuable items should be left at home or in lockers if it is necessary that they be brought to school. A reminder that we are a cellphone free school.

Father's Day Mug Combo – Orders Now Open!

Show Dad just how much he means this Father's Day with our special GSPS Father's Day Mug Combo.

Each mug costs R45 and includes:

- A Father's Day themed mug
- Biltong
- A cappuccino stick

Perfect for that early morning boost as he tackles his superhero dad duties!

Orders can be placed via the Karri App. Don't miss out - limited stock available!

GSPS Pyjama Day – Beat the Winter Blues!

Come to school in your comfiest pyjamas and enjoy a day of fun and relaxation!

Date: 26 June 2025

Learners may also bring along a board game or a movie to share with their class.

Costs: Pyjama Day (Civvies): R10 Pyjama Snack Combo: R30

Payments can be made via the Karri App or in cash.

Let's make this winter extra cosy and full of smiles—thank you for your continued support!

Bingo 2025

Make a note in your diary! Our well-loved all-exciting Bingo evening is happening on Friday 22 August 2025. All parents are asked to contribute to this event annually. All grade 7s eventually reap the benefit of the funds raised - it's for the grade 7 tour to the Garden Route. Letters explaining which prizes each grade should bring will go out tomorrow. Please help us to make this HUGE!

Dismissal times from 9 June 2025

1. From Monday 9 June until the end of term, 27 June 2025:
 - Grade R, 1, 2 and 3 will dismiss at 12:30.
 - Grade 4 to 7 will dismiss at 13:00.
2. Last day of school, Friday 27 June THIS IS THE LAST DAY OF TERM
 - Grade R to 3 dismiss at 10:30
 - Grade 4 to 7 dismiss at 11:00
3. Please make the necessary alternate transport arrangements for your children.

Sport

Extra-murals

Parents are reminded that extra-murals have ended for the term already. Our programme will restart on Monday, 28 July (next term). Regarding activities that are privately run on the school premises by external service providers, please contact the relevant person overseeing that particular activity to find out whether they will be continuing with their sessions during our assessment period. Contact details of the service providers can be found on the third page of the extra-mural programme.

Sport Results

Please see below our results from two weeks ago:

Week ending Friday, 30 May 2025

Hockey vs Oakhurst Girls' Primary (Away)

U9: lost U10: lost U11: lost U13A: lost U13B: won

Netball vs Greenfield Girls' Primary (Away)

U9: lost U10: lost U11: lost U12A: lost U12B: won U13: lost

Rugby vs Reddam House Constantia (Home)

U9: won U11: won U13: lost

Chess vs Wynberg Girls' Junior (Home)

Our Chess team won

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Milani Adams for being selected for the Western Province U12 Hockey Zonal A (Southern) Team. Milani will be participating in the Inter-Zonal Tournament that will be taking place in Somerset West in August.

Yours sincerely

VALENTINE NEFDT
PRINCIPAL

gsp's wellness warriors

ingredients:

- 1/2 cup of pasta
- 1/2 cup of soup mix
- 1/2 cup of lentils
- 1 unwrapped stock cube
- 1 pkt of soup powder

instructions:

1. boil 2 and 1/2 litres of water
2. add the jar of contents
3. keep stirring and enjoy

MANDELA DAY JAR OF HOPE OUTREACH 2025 !:

★ **Join the Wellness Warriors for a Mandela Day Outreach!** ★

This winter, let's spread warmth and kindness by supporting the "Jar of Hope" initiative.

How to Help:

Fill up a Jar of Hope with nutritious ingredients (e.g., lentils, soup mix, pasta, stock cubes, etc.).

Drop-off Point:

The School Library

The Wellness Warriors will distribute your jar to those who need it most during the cold months.

Let's come together this Mandela Day and make a difference — one jar at a time!

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE FAMOUS
OR INFLUENTIAL?**



PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP

BORN TO READ EVENT 2025

DATE: 12TH OF AUGUST 2025

VENUE: GROOTE SCHUUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

TIME: 07:50 AM

**Please email library@gsps.co.za if you know of someone
that can read to the children.**





PARENT BOOK WRAPPING VOLUNTEERS WANTED

VENUE: GSPS LIBRARY

MONDAYS – THURSDAYS

TIME: ANYTIME BETWEEN 07:30 AM – 2PM

If available please email library@gsp.co.za





DEAREST GENTLE READER

It is rumored, that a very
splendid occasion is nearing our
calendars...

Save the Date

*for a
Woman's Day Brunch*

AUGUST

SAT

9

AT 10 AM

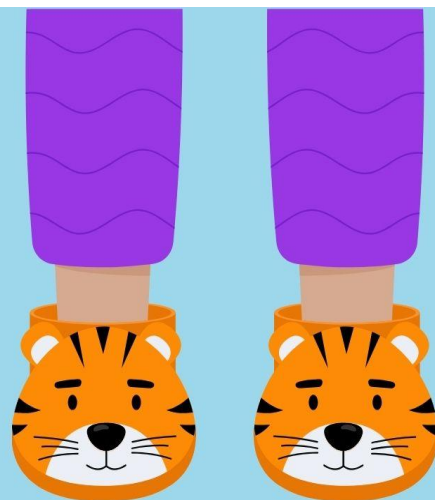
2025

With the utmost anticipation,
Groote Schuur Primary
School.



You can bring a blanket and
pillow along with you

Wear your
favourite PJ's and
slippers to school



GROOTE SCHUUR PRIMARY SCHOOL



DATE: 26TH OF JUNE 2025



PRICE LIST:

PYJAMAS/CIVVIES - R10

PYJAMAS AND SNACK COMBO (FIRST CHOICE MILKI + POPCORN) - R30

PAYMENT CAN BE DONE WITH CASH OR VIA KARRI

FATHER'S DAY MUGS

DATE: 15 JUNE 2025



Price: R45

**Each mug contains biltong and a
cappuccino stick**

Karri orders are not available yet

Cash orders will be accepted

You
are
invited



Friday 22 August 2025

Bingo

See you there!!



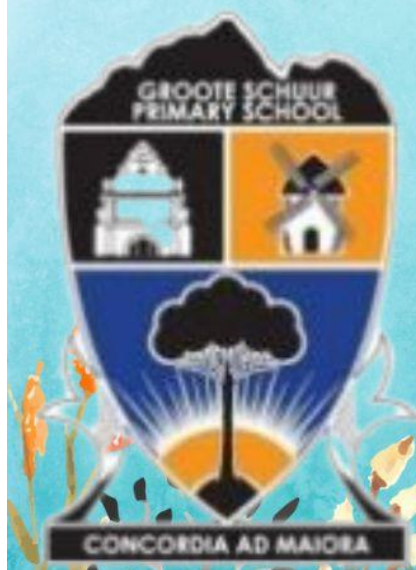


HELP THE RURAL CHILD BOOKSALE



**HELD AT GROOTE SCHUUR PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

25,26 JUNE 2025





GROOTE SCHUUR PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS:

THE CHALLENGE

30 SEPTEMBER - 2 OCTOBER 2025 @ 7 PM

MATINEE: 2 OCTOBER 2025 @ 10:30AM

TICKETS ROWS 1 - 6 : R150 ALL OTHER TICKETS: R125