



# NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 15/2025

19 August 2025

Enter to Learn: Leave to Serve

Dear Parents

## Staff

- Allan Johnson joined our staff as the new Grade 7 teaching assistant. Welcome Allan!

## SGB Budget Meeting

Another reminder of our annual Budget Meeting taking place in our School hall on Tuesday 9 September at 18:00. The School Governing Body Finance Committee have worked hard on the preparation of the 2026 budget and have presented it to the Governing Body for approval. We require a quorum of 10 % of our school families. Please attend this very important meeting.

## Grade N

We are excited to announce that Groote Schuur Primary School is planning to offer a Grade N programme. We are awaiting the approval from the Western Cape Education Department and it seems that we might only be able to start our programme as of January 2027. We believe that this programme will provide a wonderful opportunity for our youngest pupils to develop socially, emotionally and academically in a nurturing environment. We will keep you updated on the progress of our application.

## 2026 GSPS numbers

Thank you to all the families who have sent their reply slips to school indicating their plans for 2026. If you have not sent your reply slip back to school as yet please do so as it is important that we have an indication of available places at school. We have numerous parents who have applied to Groote Schuur Primary school and have been placed on our waiting lists.

## Lost property

We currently have many items of clothing in lost property, these are either not marked or poorly marked that we cannot make out to whom it belongs. Please mark your child's item of clothing and lunch box so that if it is misplaced that we can return it to its owner.

## Sport Events

Groote Schuur Primary's sport teams will be taking part in the following events this term:

Our U13 Girls' Hockey team will participate in the Kirstenhof Primary 5-a-side Hockey Festival on Friday, 22 August.

Our Netball (U9 to U13) and Rugby (U9, U11 and U13) teams will participate in the Laerskool Simon van der Stel Sports Day on Saturday, 6 September.

## Sport Results

Please see below our results from the last two weeks:

## **Week ending Friday, 8 August 2025**

### **Netball vs Pinelands Primary (Away) and Rosebank Junior (Home)**

U9 Netball vs Rosebank Junior: our team lost  
U10 Netball vs Rosebank Junior: our team lost  
U11 Netball vs Rosebank Junior: our team won  
U12A Netball vs Rosebank Junior: our team won  
U12B Netball vs Pinelands Primary: our team lost  
U13 Netball vs Rosebank Junior: our team lost

### **Rugby vs Kronendal Primary**

U9 Rugby vs Kronendal: our team lost  
U11 Rugby vs Kronendal: our team won  
U13 Rugby vs Kronendal: our team lost

### **Hockey vs Pinelands Primary (Away) and Kronendal Primary (Home)**

U9 Hockey vs Pinelands Primary: our team won  
U10 Hockey vs Kronendal: our team lost  
U11 Hockey vs Kronendal: our team lost  
U13 Hockey vs Pinelands Primary: our team won

### **Chess vs The Grove Primary (Home)**

Our Chess team won

## **Week ending Friday, 15 August 2025**

### **Netball vs Oakhurst Girls' Primary (Home)**

U9A Netball vs Oakhurst: our team lost  
U9B Netball vs Oakhurst: our team lost  
U10 Netball vs Oakhurst: our team won  
U11 Netball vs Oakhurst: our team lost  
U12A Netball vs Oakhurst: our team lost  
U12B Netball vs Oakhurst: our team won  
U13 Netball vs Oakhurst: our team lost

### **Rugby vs Generation Schools Imhoff (Away)**

U9 Rugby vs Generations: our team lost  
U11 Rugby vs Generations: our team lost  
U13 Rugby vs Generations: our team lost

### **Hockey vs Greenfield Girls' Primary (Away)**

U9 Hockey vs Greenfield Girls': our team lost  
U10 Hockey vs Greenfield Girls': our team lost  
U11 Hockey vs Greenfield Girls': our team lost  
U13 Hockey vs Greenfield Girls': our team lost

### **Chess vs Golden Grove Primary (Away)**

Our Chess team won

## **Sporting Achievements**

As per our previous newsletter, we mentioned that Marshall Scheepers and Jawaad Ismail qualified to participate in the Cape Metro Champs for Cross Country. The race took place at the CPUT Campus in Bellville this past Saturday, 16 August. Unfortunately, our athletes did not qualify for the next round, but we are extremely proud of their overall achievements.

We also want to congratulate Yasser Said for his selection to represent the Western Province U13 Touch Rugby team. Yasser will participate in the Interprovincial Tournament in October. Well done!

### **Invitations to assembly**


Any parent is welcome to attend any assembly. Weekly Grade 4 – 7 assemblies are held on Monday mornings from 07h55 until approximately 08h25. Foundation Phase assemblies are held on a Wednesday morning from 10h50 to 11h20.

### **Pupils after school**

PLEASE insist that your children are collected straight after school every day! We have noticed a worrying trend that a number of pupils remain behind after school waiting to be collected. They are not supervised and therefore there is the potential for someone to get into grave danger.

### **Springbok support day**

The Springboks will be playing against Australia again this weekend. To show our support, learners are encouraged to wear their Springbok jerseys or green and gold clothing. There is no fee for this special

occasion. Let's get together and back our boys! 

### **Bingo 29 August 2025**

Our well-loved and very exciting Bingo evening is in less than 2 weeks. We are very excited to see all the prizes that we've received so far. Thank you to all families that have contributed - we appreciate it all. Remember that learners can wear civvies on 29 August ONLY if they have brought a gift on/before 29 August. Hope to see you all there. Bingo!

### **Assessment week 15 to 19 September 2025**

Grade 4 to 7 will do their third term assessments from 15 to 19 September. Formal notification and scopes will follow soon.

### **Casual Day Thursday 4 September 2025**

Stickers at R20 each will be on sale - cash and Karri payments accepted. Casual Day is the National Council of and for persons with disabilities. The proceeds of the donations are channeled to persons with disabilities at schools, homes and workshops. This year we are helping Rusthof Primary School (a LSEN school in Somerset West) to sell these stickers, as they will receive a percentage of the sales.

### **Born to Read**

We are delighted to share that our learners thoroughly enjoyed this year's Born to Read event. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to engage with our guest and to celebrate the joy of reading together. The excitement and enthusiasm shown by the learners truly highlighted the importance of fostering a love for books and stories, thank you for your continued support in encouraging reading and positive habits at home, as it makes a lasting difference in your child's journey.

### **Learner Appreciation Day – Wednesday, 20 August**

The Wellness Warriors will be hosting a special Learner Appreciation Day. Each child will receive a warm, delicious cup of soup as a token of thanks for their ongoing effort, kindness and the support they have shown towards the Wellness Warriors' outreach drives and recycling initiatives.



## **The Challenge – School Production 2025**



We are thrilled to announce that our school production, “**The Challenge**”, is almost here! With months of hard work and rehearsals to go, our talented learners will be ready to take the stage—and we can’t wait to share the magic with you. Please note that learner attendance is compulsory for all three days that the production is taking place.

To book your tickets, please click on the following

link: <https://finance8812.wixsite.com/gspsproduction/event-details-registration/gsps-production-2025-the-challenge-2025-09-30-19-00>

Please also note that the learners' costumes needed to be handed in this week. If you have not done so already, could you please send it through as soon as possible.

### **Tuckshop**

A variety of food is on offer, as well as bottled water and fruit juice. The food is not expensive so if you choose not to send lunch for your child, you will be able to buy something to eat and drink for on average of R22.00 for a meal, depending on what is chosen.

### **Karri**

Thank you to all our parents who have opted to use the Karri app as a payment platform. The great news is that 96% of our parents are using Karri which is PHENOMENAL! Well done parents! Karri certainly offers a host of benefits to you and the school, one of which is greatly reducing the risk of cash on site! You may have seen Karri’s launch of their bank card. See the addendum for more information on the Karri bank card. Just in time for our upcoming events and camps!

Yours sincerely

VALENTINE NEFDT  
PRINCIPAL



## Introducing the safest youth bank card in South Africa

Dear Parents

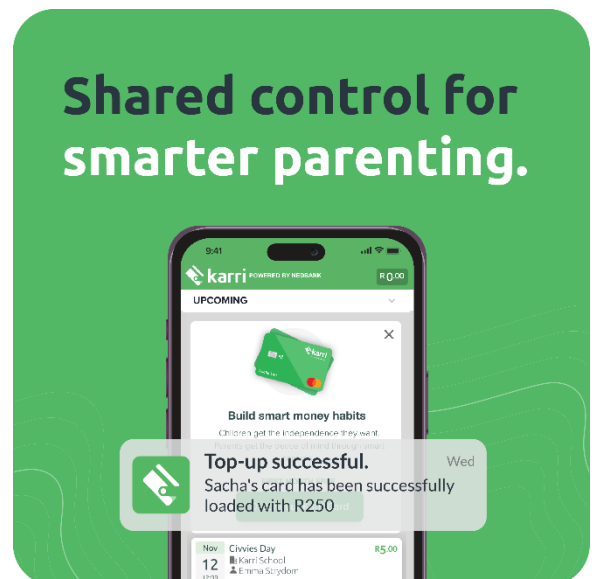
We are very pleased to introduce you to the Karri Card: A Mastercard for students with tight parental controls.

Both parents instantly top up their child's Karri Card through the app. Whether it's a snack from the tuckshop, an Uber, or a coffee from Vida, your child can spend safely while you stay in control.

## Why would parents choose the Karri Card over regular youth bank cards?

Most youth bank cards work like adult cards with your kid's name on it. But the Karri Card is designed to keep your child safe and build smarter money habits.

- Set **daily spending limits**
- **Inappropriate merchants** are blocked by default e.g. gambling vendors and liquor retailers
- **Both parents** manage the card from their own Karri apps
- **No paperwork or bank visits.** Order your card in the app in minutes



That's why thousands of South African parents are choosing the Karri Card. **Children feel grown-up while parents feel anxiety-free.**

**Order the Karri Card in your app, delivered to your door.**

**No paperwork or bank visits.**

**NB:** First things first, update to the latest version of the app in your app store.

Once that has been done, open your Karri app where you'll see prompts to download the Karri Card. Tap to order, and your child's Karri Card will be delivered straight to your door.

## Don't see the Karri Card option in your app?

Contact the Karri team via in-app chat, email [support@karri.co.za](mailto:support@karri.co.za) or call **021 300 1867**.

You will get real, human support from one of the top-rated support teams in the country between 8am to 5pm during weekdays.

## Pricing

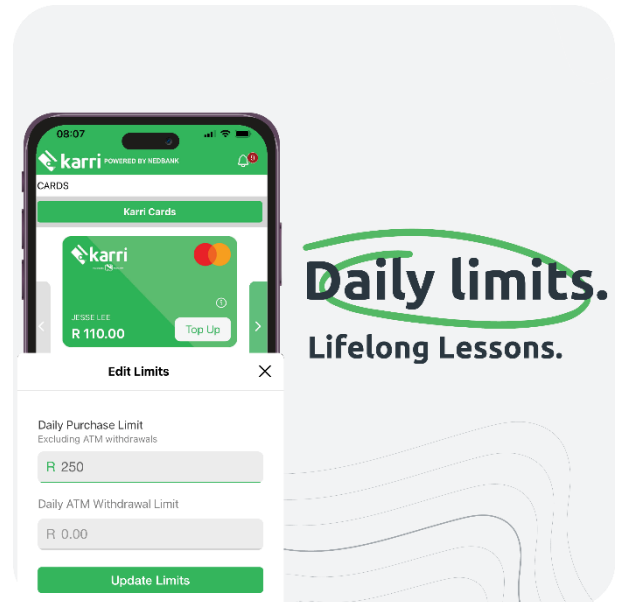
While most youth bank cards are free, they often work like adult cards with little control.

A Karri Card costs **R39/month and gives you full control**: blocked merchants, spending limits, instant top-ups, and visibility for *both* parents.

Thousands of parents are choosing Karri because safe, simple and supervised beats free.

- **R39/month for 1 card**
- **R68 for 2 cards**
- **R87 for 3 cards (incl. VAT)**

(Plus, a once-off courier fee and 2.5% top-up fee. No student transaction fees.)



Kind regards,

Wedaad Isaacs





**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**

**BUY YOUR TICKETS VIA THE LINK BELOW:**

**<https://finance8812.wixsite.com/gspsp/production/event-details-registration/gspsp-production-2025-the-challenge-2025-09-30-19-00>**





# Wellness Warriors

## Learner Appreciation Day



As a token of appreciation for our students, each child will get a warm cup of soup!



Date: Wednesday, 20 August 2025