



NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 19/2025

14 October 2025

Enter to Learn: Leave to Serve

Dear Parents

Staff

Welcome back to Johan Claassen and Rayleen Shaw who return to school today after an extended period of sick leave.

School Play

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time and energy to make our school play a success. We had an amazing three days of performances by our children. A school play takes so much time and effort from everyone, the process and the product is so worth doing it for. A school play does not happen on its own and there are a number of factors that contribute to its success. As a proud principal of Groote Schuur Primary, I would like to thank the following contributors:

Thank you:

- To the pupils of our school and the main cast of The Challenge for their wonderful performances
- To the teaching staff and teaching aides for their efforts in the preparation of the pupils for the play
- The finance department for the ticket sales platform
- The ground staff for the parking of vehicles
- The fundraising committee for organising the vendors
- The staff who worked in our tuckshop
- Tamara Doger de Speville and Bevan Johnson for the photography
- The staff who worked backstage, supervised our pupils in the classrooms and the runners who got the pupils to stage in time
- To all the families who organised and sourced outfits for the pupils, for going the extra mile
- Eastern Acoustics for their assistance with the lighting and sound
- Kayla Eksteen for choreographing the staff dance
- Jesse Martin for his support of the play
- Lesleigh-Ann Eksteen and Ntlhmoheng Ramaipato for painting the T shirts
- Marissa Steenkamp for making the main cast's clothing and sound and lighting arrangements
- Tamara Doger de Speville for making the front panels and her artistic flair
- William Oliver for the time spent on rehearsals and the auditions
- Roxanne Zwartz for assisting with the main cast and individual singers
- Olivia Momberg – for organising the logistics around the school play, props, staging, rehearsals and the auditions
- Lauren Barnard - writing the script, preparing the pupils with their dance, auditions and main cast rehearsals

Grade 7 Tour

Our grade 7 pupils and staff left yesterday morning for their annual tour of the Garden Route. The pupils were extremely excited to embark on the tour and spend time with their friends.

4th Term Calendar

The 4th Term Calendar is attached to this newsletter.

Important dates coming up

Tue	14	Soccer Meeting with class reps 18:00
Fri	17	Gr 7 return from tour
Mon	20	Sport starts
Sat	25	Soccer Day! (arrive 07:45)
Sun	26	Jade Clarke's birthday
Mon	27	Systemic Tests Gr 3&6 Patrick Bulawo's birthday

Grade 4 – 7: TOP 10

GR 4	GR 5	GR 6	GR 7
1. Aliya Steenkamp 2. Yameen Akleker 3. Peyton Kannemeyer 4. Dalitso Kanjere 5. Peyton Lewack 6. Alex Harley 7. Skyler Cable 8. Seth de Villiers 9. Nathaniel de Bruyn & Caleb Witbooi 10. Joyce Njingulula & Maita Swela	1. Eli Atkins 2. Emma West 3. Kgotllo Nkadimeng 4. Malachi Augustyn 5. Ololade Oriola 6. Mila Parker 7. Finoana Razafinaharintsoa 8. Jenny Mwakadi 9. Lehlohonolo Titipane 10. Nur Salie	1. Nishaat Krull 2. Dayyaan Akleker & Unathi Kanjere 3. Sophia Matthews 4. Riley Solomons 5. Milani Adams 6. Jade Louw 7. Milan Maphike 8. Beth Fredericks 9. Andisiwe Monakali & Mogammad Salie 10. McKenzie Adams	1. Hannah Vanacore 2. Zijan Steenkamp 3. Tirivashe Chakapfava 4. Keevah Haywood 5. Meggan Samuels 6. Emma Jongebloed 7. Cayla Williams 8. Kyla Bock 9. Georgiana Patience 10. Zahraa Kamish

School Uniform

Pupils are allowed to wear their winter uniform until Friday 17 October, but summer uniform is compulsory as of Monday 20 October. We have stock of sport uniforms in the uniform shop.

Groote Schuur Primary Annual Speech Contest

In August, Groote Schuur Primary hosted its annual Speech Contest. An event that continues to highlight the exceptional talent of our learners. The contest provides a valuable platform for learners to develop confidence, express their ideas, and demonstrate their public speaking abilities. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the following winners:

- **Grade 4:** Blake Louw (4S)
- **Grade 5:** Ololade Oriola (5C)
- **Grade 6:** Jade Louw (6G)
- **Grade 7:** Georgiana Patience (7J)

As George Jessel wisely remarked, *“The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.”*

We are proud of all participants for their effort, courage, and enthusiasm in making this year's contest such a memorable success.

SCHOOL FEES 2026

The meeting to approve the budget and set the fees for 2026 was held in the school library on Tuesday 23 September 2025. The decision taken at the budget meeting is binding to all parents. The fees were set as follows:

Gr R	R36 378.00 per annum (R3637.80 per month over 10 months)
Gr 1	R36 042.00 per annum (R3604.20 per month over 10 months)
Gr 2	R36 042.00 per annum (R3604.20 per month over 10 months)
Gr 3-7	R32 331.00 per annum (R3233.10 per month over 10 months)

School fees are payable in advance from **January until October 2025**.

Incentive for early payers

For 2026, the early settlement discounts will be as follows; 3.5% for all Grades if fees are settled before the end of December 2025 and a 2% discount will apply for payments made in full before January 2026.

GRADES	2026 FEES	3.5% discounted amount	2% discounted amount
		Paid before Dec 2025	Paid before Jan 2026
GR R	R 36,378.00	R35,104.77	R 35,650.44
GR 1 - 2	R 36,042.00	R34,780.53	R 35,321.16
GR 3 - 7	R 32,331.00	R31,199.42	R 31,684.38

In terms of legislation and resolution 2 passed at the budget meeting held, Groote Schuur Primary School is a fee-paying school. As parents, you have taken a conscious decision to enrol your child/ren at a fee-paying school, rather than opt for a non-fee-paying school. Having chosen a fee-paying school places an obligation on you to pay your fees. Families who are unable to afford the school fees are entitled to apply for a fee rebate, dependent on their financial standing. Please note that the gross income of **both parents** added together, is considered in judging your financial standing. Please note further that this combining of family income occurs, irrespective of marital status or divorce agreements. The paying parents of the school subsidize the non-paying parents, not the state.

Even if you received a rebate in 2025, the law requires that you apply again for 2026. The application forms for rebates will be available from the financial administrator's office when school opens in 2026 and are due back by 20 February 2026.

Aftercare Fees 2026

Full day Gr R-7 - 5 full days a week 13:00pm – 17:30pm

R11,090.00 per annum (R1109.00 per month over 10 months payable in advance from January to October 2026).¹

Half day Gr R-3 -5 half days a week – 13:00pm – 15.30pm

R7870.00 per annum (R787.00 per month over 10 months payable in advance from January to October 2026).

The early settlement discount applies the same at 3.5% for full day only if paid before December 2025 or 2% for full day if paid before January 2026.

As this is a service which the school is rendering to our parents, should you fall behind with your aftercare fees we will have no alternative, but to ask you to remove your child from aftercare.

SPORT

Extra-mural Programme

A reminder to parents that our programme for the 4th term will commence on Monday, 20 October. In preparation for our Summer programme, every pupil in Grades 1 to 7 should have received a sport commitment form and a copy of the 4th term extra-mural timetable. Parents in conjunction with their child needed to have returned the completed form to school before the end of last term. If your child has not yet returned their signed form, we request that this is done before the end of this week. Pupils are also reminded that they are expected to participate in one school activity each week during every term.

Arrangements for Soccer Day 2025

Our annual Soccer Day is literally around the corner, and there is lots of excitement in the air! The final preparations for this fundraiser are well under way, and we are wrapping up the last few loose ends. At this stage your class representative should have informed you as to what is needed, and how you can assist on the day. If you have not had any contact with your class representative yet, please make sure to do so at your earliest convenience.

On Saturday, 25 October all learners must arrive at school by no later than **07h45**. On arrival, learners are to meet their teachers at their allocated playing field. The first round of matches will kick off at **08h15**, and the day's proceedings should finish at approximately **12h30**. A copy of the field layout, as well as the Soccer Day programme will be forwarded to parents in due course.

Recap on the grades and the countries they will be representing:

Grade	Country	Colour	Food Stalls
R	France	Light Blue	Profiterole, Pomme Frites & Crêpes
1	India	Orange	Samoosas, Half Moons, Spring Rolls & Paaper
2	Mexico	Green	Nachos, Tacos, Churros & Lollipops
3	Italy	Red	Assorted pizzas, Pasta in a Cup & Antipasto Skewers
4	Portugal	Yellow	Quarter Chicken & Peri-Peri Wedges
5	USA	Navy	Cookies & Ice Cream, Candied Treats, Ice Cream Wafer Cups & Mini-Sodas
6	England	White	Cakes and Sugary Treats
7	South Africa	Black	Boerewors Rolls, Milk Tart Cups & Peppermint Cups

Please be advised that all learners must wear clothing that represents their country's colour (see above). T-shirts with motif or pictures on it may be worn, as long as it is predominantly the colour of their country. If your child does not have clothing that represents their country's colour, Phys Ed uniform must be worn instead. For the safety of all our learners, all matches will be played **barefoot**.

A variety of delicious eats and treats will be sold at the various food stalls that will be set up. These items will be on sale throughout the duration of the Soccer Day. See the different menus in the newsletter.

Be aware that the stalls **will not** be handling any cash during the day's proceedings. Instead, a coupon and voucher system will be made use of at the event. The Karri app will open for purchases later this week.

Groote Schuur Primary unfortunately has limited space for parking on the school premises. We advise parents to arrive in good time in order to find suitable parking. Please remember to be mindful of where you park outside of the school grounds.

A reminder to all parents that this is a compulsory event for our learners to attend. The parents of children who cannot attend the fundraiser will have to send an email to the class teachers informing them of the reason that their child cannot be in attendance.

We are still in need of any parents or siblings who could assist with officiating the matches at the Soccer Day event. If you are available to give us a hand at the fundraiser, please call the school to speak to Mr Wright or send an email to sport@gsp.co.za.

We are extremely excited for this event. See you all next Saturday!

Duron Wright - Sport Co-ordinator

Yours sincerely



VALENTINE NEFT
PRINCIPAL



PARENT BOOK WRAPPING VOLUNTEERS WANTED

VENUE: GSPS LIBRARY

MONDAYS – THURSDAYS

TIME: ANYTIME BETWEEN 07:30 AM – 2PM

If available please email library@gspss.co.za





October 2025 *parents*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Roxanne Erasmus B'Day	13 Start of term 4 Assembly: Barnard Gr7 School Tour	14 Soccer day meeting with class reps 18:00	15 Gr7 School Tour	16 Gr7 School Tour	17 Gr7 School Tour	18
19	20 Assembly: Gr 4S Sport Starts	21	22 SGB Meeting	23	24	25 Soccer Day
26 Jade Clarke's B'Day	27 Assembly: Gr 4J Systemic Test Gr3&6 Patrick Bulawo B'Day	28	29 EXPO	30 EXPO Interscholar Gala @ Timour Hall	31 EXPO	



November 2025 *parents*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 William Oliver B'day Assembly: Erasmus	4 Johan Claassen B'Day Help the Rural Child Book Sale Gr R Graduation 08:30	5 Help the Rural Child Book Sale Music Evening 18:00—19:00	6 Interschool Gala @ Grove	7 Gr 5 Cake sale Sport Ends - TBC	8 Interhouse athletics Gr 4-7 08:00 TBC
9	10 Jenny Burger B'Day Assembly: DdSpeville	11	12	13	14 Gr 4-7 Exams	15 Tanika Johnson B'Day
16	17 Jhunay Jackson B'Day Gr 4-7 Exams start	18 Gr 4-7 Exams	19 SGB Meeting Gr 4-7 Exams	20 Gr 4-7 Exams	21 Shane Bailey B'Day Gr 4-7 Exams	22
23	24 Gr 4-7 Exams	25 Gr 4-7 Exams end	26 2026 Gr R & I Orientation 13:00—14:30	27	Interhouse gala 08:00 TBC	29
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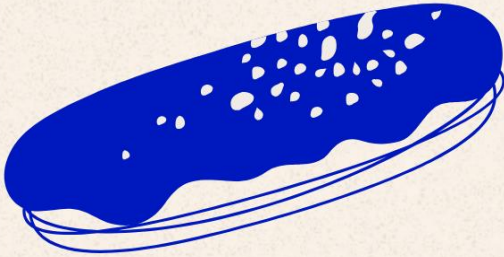


December 2025 *parents*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Assembly: TA's</i>	2	3	4 <i>Sport Awards Gr 3-7 08:30</i>	5 <i>Foundation Phase Prizegiving 08:30</i>	6
7	8 <i>Fun day Gr R-3 Kaylin Haywood B'Day Gr 4-6 Awards 09:00</i>	9 <i>Gr 7 Valedictory 08:30</i>	10 <i>School closes for pupils Assembly: Nefdt</i>	11 <i>Rayleen Shaw Gerard Walpole B'Day</i>	12 <i>School closes for staff</i>	13
14	15	16 <i>DAY OF RECONCILIATION</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>Annia Phiri B'Day</i>
21 <i>Lauren Barnard B'Day</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26 <i>Day of Goodwill Melissa du Plooy B'day</i>	27
28	29 <i>Shaandre Jagers B'Day</i>	30	31			



ONE DAY
ONLY



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CRISPY, HOLLOW CHOUX PASTRY,
FILLED CREAM, AND DRIZZLED WITH
CHOCOLATE.

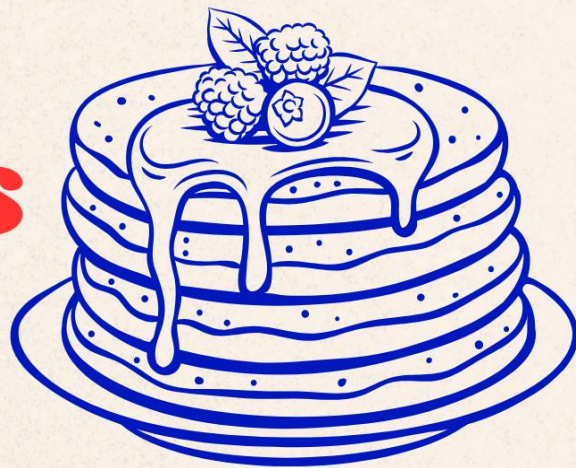


pomme frites

THIN-CUT, CRISPY, DEEP FRIED POTATOES.

crêpes

THIN, DELICATE, FRENCH
STYLE PANCAKE.



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SOCCER DAY 2025

GRADE
1T & 1M

INDIA

MENU

Samosas x3

R15

Cheese & Corn / Mince / Chicken

Half Moons x3

R15

Mince

Spring Rolls x3

R15

Veggie

Paaper

R6

Chicken / Biltong / Mexican Chilli / Sour Cream / Spring Onion





ICE CREAM SANDWICHES

R30



ICE CREAM WAFER CUPS

R25

+R5 TOPPINGS

R15

TOFFEE APPLES



AMERICAN HOT DOGS

+R5 GARNISH/TOPPINGS

R25

Mexican FOOD

Original Taste

NACHOS

☀ R50

TACOS

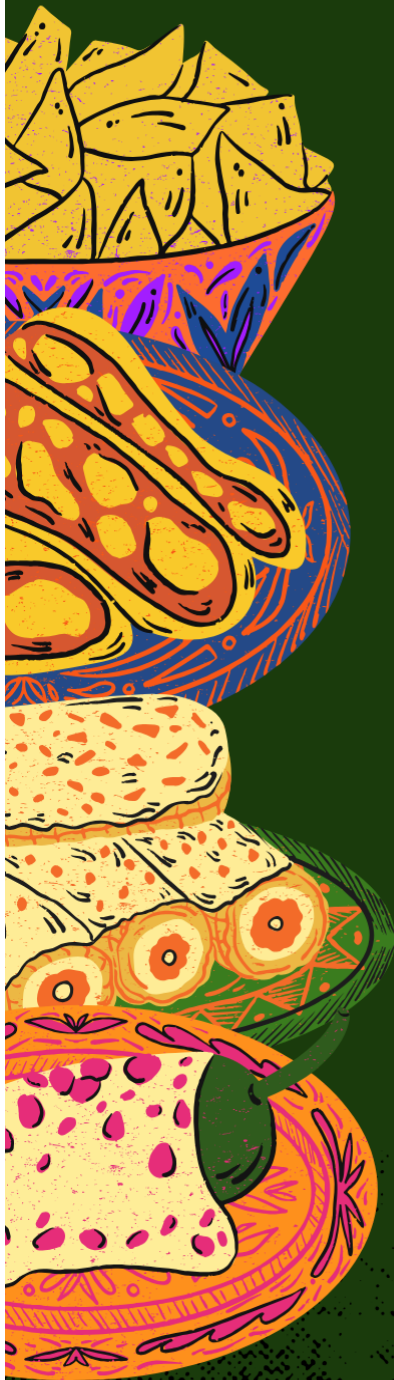
R40 ☀

CHURROS

☀ R20

LOLLIPOP

R5





GRADE 3E & 3M



presents



ITALY

**FREE
ENTRY**

AT SOCCER DAY 2025!

TASTE THE TRUE ITALY!

LET YOUR TASTE BUDS TRAVEL.

JOIN US FOR

VARIOUS PIZZAS
YOUR FAVOURITE PASTA IN A CUP
ANTIPASTO SKEWERS

GRADE 6

LONDON BAKES

MENU

Cupcakes (Chocolate/ Vanilla/ Red Velvet / Carrot)

Mini Tarts (Apple / Meringue / Milk)

Donuts / Bollas / Koesisters

Cookies

Brownies

Lamingtons

Mini Bundt Cakes

Mini Cheesecakes

Scones (Savoury & Sweet)

Chocolate Rounds



Groote Schuur Primary School



Soccer Day Festival



Grade 4

Presents

PORTUGAL



Quarter Chicken & Peri Wedges



R65

Saturday

25 October 2025



GROOTE SCHUUR PRIMARY

SOCCER DAY FESTIVAL

Saturday 25 October

BOEREWORS ROLL R35

BOEREWORS ROLL & ONIONS R40

MILK TART CUPS R15

PEPPERMINT CUPS R15

