



NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 23/2025

9 December 2025

Enter to Learn: Leave to Serve

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of an exciting and enriching year at school, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for your partnership and support. It's been a year of growth, discoveries and achievements for our pupils, and we're proud of how they've embraced learning with curiosity and enthusiasm.

Staff

- Andrea Walsh joins our staff in 2026 as our ICT and coding and robotics teacher. Welcome Andrea.

Important dates

Tue	9	Fun Day Gr R-3 Gr 7 Valedictory, 09:00, seated from 08:45 Gr 7 farewell 18:00 - 21:00
Wed	10	End of term 4 for learners Free Civvies School closes 10:30 (Gr R - 3) 11:00 (Gr 4 - 7)
Thu	11	Rayleen Shaw's Birthday Gerard Walpole's Birthday
Fri	12	School closes for staff
Sat	20	Annia Phiri's birthday
Sun	21	Lauren Barnard's birthday
Fri	26	Melissa du Plooy's birthday
Mon	29	Shaandré Jagers' birthday

January

Thu	8	Shannon Petersen's birthday
Sun	11	Tersia Benjamin's birthday
Mon	12	Start of Term 1 for staff
Wed	14	Start of Term 1 for pupils

Prefects 2026

The prefects for 2026 were announced at the school assembly recently. They are as follows:

Akuye Kutta	Giovanni Gawa	Haadiyah Ismail	Haneem Davids
Junayd Salie	Kwanda Solwandle	Luminjalo Madikizela	Meecah Davids
Milan Maphike	Qaa'id Abrahams	Sara Dalvie	Unathi Kanjere
Sophia Matthews	Timothy Hanslo	Tyler Johanneson	Muhammad Eesaa van Eeden

Grade 7 Awards

The Grade 7 pupils had their valedictory ceremony this morning in the school hall.

Born to Read 2026 -

We are excited to begin planning our annual Born to Read event for next year. As part of our preparations, we kindly ask for your assistance in helping us connect with potential guest speakers or special guests who could contribute to this meaningful celebration of early literacy.

If you know anyone who may be interested in participating, such as authors, storytellers, literacy advocates, community leaders, or professionals who are passionate about reading, please feel free to share their contact details with us.

Please see the attached poster for more information.

Thank you for your support in making next year's Born to Read event our best one yet!

2025 Reports

Pupils must be at school on the last day of term to receive their reports from their teachers in the classrooms. Reports will not be kept in the office for collection. If pupils are absent, the reports will be given to them on the first day of the new school year in 2026. No reports will be given to parents at the front office.

End of term arrangements

- Wednesday 10 December is the last day of the 2025 school year.
- There will be free civvies on the last day of school.
- A reminder that Grade R to 3 dismisses at 12:30 today and on Wednesday 10 December they will dismiss at 10:30.
- Grade 4 to 7 pupils dismiss at 13:00 today and at 11:00 on Wednesday 10 December.
- School reopens on Wednesday 14 January 2026.

Santa Shoeboxes – Thank You

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to every family who has so generously donated towards our final outreach initiative. Your kindness and willingness to support others have truly made a remarkable difference.

We are grateful to share that we have received donations in abundance, and we are certain that the beneficiaries will deeply appreciate your thoughtful contributions. Your generosity reflects the spirit of compassion and community that we are so proud to uphold.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for helping us make a meaningful impact.

Wellness Warriors Staff

SPORT

Extra-murals 2026

We would like to advise parents that our Summer extra-mural programme will start officially on Monday, 19 January 2026. More information regarding our programme will be shared with parents when we return to school on Wednesday, 14 January 2026.

Yours sincerely



VALENTINE NEFTD
PRINCIPAL

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



PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP

**BORN TO READ
EVENT 2026**

DATE: 12TH OF AUGUST 2026

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.**



Aunty B's Scholar Transport



- ✓ Daily school pick-ups & drop-offs
- ✓ Holiday program transport (optional)
- ✓ Areas: *Wetton, Lansdowne and surrounding areas to Groote Schuur Primary School*
- ✓ *Limited space (2026): Contact 0733932370 for more information*

Safe • Reliable • Caring • On Time



DJ's Transport
Services

2026 SCHOLAR TRANSPORT

-  Heideveld, Athlone, Crawford & Surrounding Areas
-  Groote Schuur Primary
-  Safe & Reliable
Vehicles with Friendly
Drivers



**Contact Daniel:
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