



NEWSLETTER

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10 March 2026

Enter to Learn: Leave to Serve

Dear Parents

Important Dates

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| 10 | Tue | Gr R, 1 & 8 applications open |
| 13 | Fri | Sneaker Day R10 (sneakers with school uniform) |
| 15 | Sun | John Blight's Birthday |
| 19 | Thu | SGB Meeting |
| 23 | Mon | Gr 5 outing to Table Mountain |

Kaskar

We are excited to share the full participation details for our Kaskar fundraising initiative taking place on 25 March 2026.

Daily Kaskar Shout-out Draw (During March)

Every day at 09:45, all completed lists that have been returned will be collected. Learners whose names appear on completed lists will be entered into a Kaskar Shout-out Draw. Selected learners will have the opportunity to send a special shout-out over the intercom to friends they would like to see at Kaskar.

Raffle Participation & Incentives

Learners who return the full R250 Kaskar raffle amount will:

- Qualify for a Kaskar Driver's Licence
- Participate as a Driver or a Pusher
- Receive a Galito's meal
- Enjoy access to additional fun activities

Learners who return part of the R250 (but not the full amount) will:

- Qualify to participate as Pushers
- Enjoy access to additional fun activities

School-Wide Incentives

- Every returned raffle ticket number will be entered into a Lucky Draw, giving learners the chance to win a Mystery Prize.
- The class that raises the most money will win a Pizza Party.
- A portion of each returned raffle ticket will be donated to Dennegeur Primary School in support of our broader community outreach efforts.

Kaskar Champions

There will be two Kaskar Champion winners on the day:

- One class from the Foundation Phase
- One class from the Intermediate Phase

The Kaskar Champion winners will be announced at the Assembly on the last day of the term.

Important Notice – Lost Raffle Forms

Parents will be **liable to pay the full R250** for any lost raffle forms. Please ensure the proof of payment (POP) is sent to the class teacher immediately. When raffle forms were issued, each learner's raffle number was recorded. We will therefore be able to track the number, enter it into the draw, and issue the Driver's Licence accordingly. We thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm as we build excitement for this exciting event while supporting both our school and the wider community.

Applications 2027

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 R, 1 and 8 applications open today, 10 March and close on Tuesday 14 April. The Grade 2 to 7 applications open on Monday 3 August and close on Monday 17 August.

School Fees

Thank you to ALL our parents who consistently pay their school fees. Without your commitment to paying school fees, we would not be in a position to fulfil all our needs in and around the school, especially looking after our pupils and staff.

MUSIC MINGLE 2026 - Stellenbosch

The GSPS music department and senior choir have been invited to participate in the Music Mingle 2026 held at the Music Department at Stellenbosch University on Saturday, 14 March. It is a workshop style program where our learners will get to meet and work with other learners and educators towards an end goal of a concert showing off what has been achieved throughout the day. There are 54 learners representing the school on Saturday. The concert will be at 13:00 at the Endler Hall, Stellenbosch. We wish our learners well on this exciting event.

Wellness Warriors: Annual Marshmallow Easter Egg Drive: Spreading Joy, One Marshmallow Egg at a Time

The Wellness Warriors are proud to announce the continuation of our annual Marshmallow Easter Egg Drive. This initiative aims to foster a spirit of generosity and community within our school while providing a small token of festive joy to those in vulnerable circumstances. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the families and students who have already contributed. Your early support is deeply appreciated and sets a wonderful example of the compassion our school community strives to uphold.

How You Can Contribute

To ensure the success of this drive, we are appealing to every student to contribute at least one marshmallow Easter egg. While a single egg is the minimum request, additional donations are highly encouraged and will allow us to extend our reach even further.

Distribution & Impact

All collected donations will be formally handed over to the Groote Schuur Lions Club. This reputable organization will oversee the logistics of distributing the confectioneries to various local orphanages and care homes, ensuring that the spirit of Easter reaches children and residents who need it most.

Important Logistics

- Final Deadline: All donations must be received by Tuesday, 16 March 2026.
- Drop-off Point: Please deliver all contributions to the School Library, where our Wellness Warriors will be coordinating the collection.

Thank you for your continued support in making this initiative a success. Let us work together to ensure that no child goes without a treat this season.

Ramadan

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

Library

We would like to kindly request your assistance with supporting our school library. Parent volunteers are needed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 07:50 to 13:00.

Library duties will include:

- Assisting with inventory
- Shelving books
- Covering books

As a token of appreciation, learners whose parents volunteer will receive 10 House Points for their child's house. If you are available and willing to assist, please email library@gspcs.co.za to confirm the day and time you are able to help. Your support helps us keep the library organised and running smoothly for all our learners. We truly appreciate your time and assistance.

Sneaker Day – Friday, 13 March!

Get ready to step into comfort and fun! On Friday, 13 March, we will be celebrating Sneaker Day at school. Learners are invited to wear their school uniform paired with their favourite sneakers for the day. To take part, learners can pay R10 via Karri or bring R10 cash to school. So lace up those sneakers, show off your style, and get ready for a fun-filled day.

Ramadan Kindness Drive – Share & Care Campaign

Groote Schuur Primary is currently running a Ramadan Kindness Drive to support those in need during this special time. We invite parents and learners to donate items such as rice, pasta, maize meal, tinned food, tea, sugar and toiletries (soap, toothpaste, sanitary items). Donations can be brought to the school library in the morning. Your kindness and generosity can make a meaningful difference in someone's life. Please note that the last day for donations is Friday, 13 March 2026. Thank you so much.

Born to Read

We are excited to share with you that our annual Born to Read event will take place on 12 August. This special day is always a highlight on our school calendar, as we celebrate the joy of reading and inspire our learners to develop a lifelong love for books. One of the most meaningful parts of the event is having guest readers visit our classes to share a story and their love for reading. If you are interested in being a guest reader, or if you know of someone (a family member, community member, or professional) who would be willing to participate, please email us at library@gspcs.co.za.

Your involvement helps us create an exciting and memorable experience for our learners.

Sport

Extra-murals

Please take note that our extra-mural programme for Term 1 came to an end last Friday, 6 March. This does not mean, however, that the privately-run activities have ended as well. Parents are advised to keep in contact with the respective coach, facilitator or instructor in terms of their sessions, so that your child does not miss out unnecessarily. A reminder to parents that contact details of all service providers can be found on page 3 of our extra-mural programme. Information regarding our winter sport programme will be forwarded to parents in due course.

Interschools Athletics Summer Sprints Series - Kirstenhof Primary School

On Friday, 27 February, 16 of our athletes participated at the Interschools Athletics Summer Sprints Series, which was hosted by Kirstenhof Primary. Our athletes were up against schools mainly from the Metro South District, and the competition was tough. Well done to all our athletes for giving their very best in the races that they took part in.

Interschools Swimming Gala - American International School of Cape Town

On Friday, 6 March our Swimming Squad participated at an Interschools Swimming Gala, which was hosted by the American International School of Cape Town. Besides the host school, Groote Schuur also competed against Generations School Imhoff, St George's Grammar and St Joseph's Marist College. Well done to all our swimmers who took part in this event.

Western Province Primary Schools' Championships

In our previous newsletter we mentioned that two athletes from Groote Schuur Primary, Kamva Matoni and Seth Johnson, had qualified for the Western Province Primary Schools' Championships. The event took place at the Blue Downs Stadium on Saturday, 28 February. Unfortunately, Kamva and Seth did not qualify for the Western Province team, but our school is still extremely proud of all that they have achieved during the Athletics season. Congratulations and well done!

Sporting Achievement

Emma Arendse, a Grade 6 learner at Groote Schuur Primary, participated at various swimming events over the last few weeks. We would like to congratulate Emma on her selection to represent the Western Cape at the 2026 SA Schools Championship Gala, which will be taking place at the University of the Western Cape at the end of April. Congratulations and all the best for your upcoming event Emma!

Sport Results

Please see below our results from the last two weeks:

Week ending Friday, 27 February 2026

Cricket vs Pinelands North Primary School & The Pinelands Primary (Home and Away matches)

U9 Mini-Cricket vs The Pinelands Primary: our team lost

U11 Cricket vs Pinelands North Primary: our team won

U13 Cricket vs Pinelands North Primary: our team lost

Week ending Friday, 6 February 2026

Cricket vs Cannons Creek Independent School (Home match)

Under 9 Mini-Cricket vs Cannons Creek: our team lost

Upgrade of Tennis/Netball Courts

A project that Groote Schuur Primary would like to undertake in the not too distant future is to convert our current Tennis/Netball courts into a multipurpose facility that would cater for Tennis in summer and Netball and Hockey in winter. The surface will also be available for Phys Ed lessons to be conducted throughout the school day. Various service providers visited the school and quotes have been received indicating the costs of such a conversion. If any parents have contacts of corporates or potential sponsors who would like to get involved with such a project, please contact Duron Wright, our Sport Co-ordinator.

Yours sincerely



VALENTINE NEFDT
PRINCIPAL



HAPPY EASTER



WELLNESS
WARRIORS ARE
REQUESTING
EACH LEARNER
TO DONATE A
CHOCOLATE
MARSHMALLOW
EASTER EGG

ALL DONATIONS
WILL ADD
EASTER
BLESSINGS AND
ASSIST THE
LIONS CLUB
INTERNATIONAL
PROJECT



Marshmallow
EASTER EGG DRIVE

IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH LIONS
PROJECT 2026

Drop-Off in container at
school library

COLLECTION TILL 16 MARCH



for more information about the work
of Lions Club visit the website at
www.lionsclub.org



Groote Schuur Primary School

LIBRARY



WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

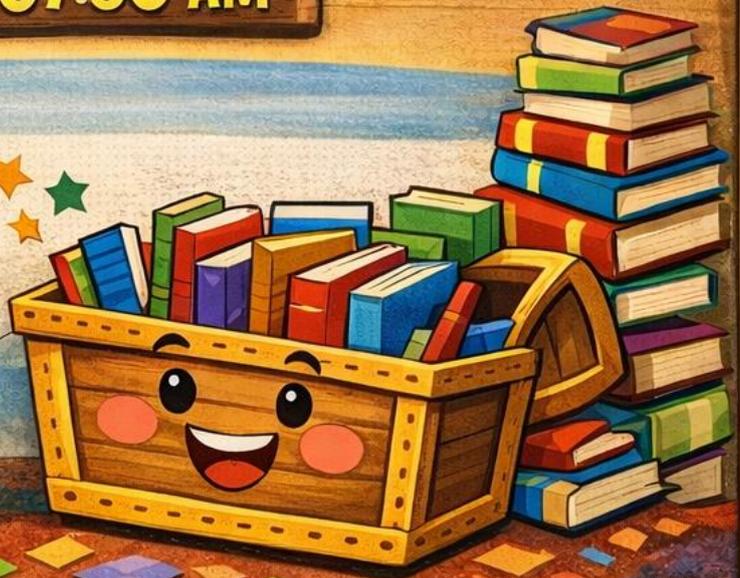
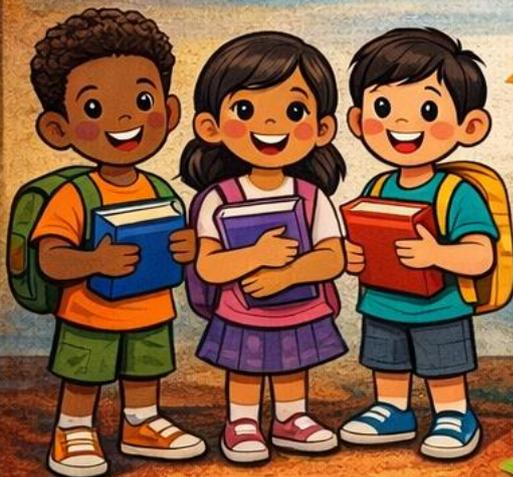
Assist with **INVENTORY,**
SHELVING & COVERING BOOKS



We need parents willing to help on:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays

From **07:50 AM**



★ Your child will receive ★

10 HOUSE POINTS

For your willingness to volunteer



GROOTE SCHUUR PRIMARY

SNEAKER DAY!

FRIDAY, 13th MARCH

Wear Your *Coollest Sneakers!*
WITH YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM!



R10 DONATION
TO PARTICIPATE

Let's Have Fun!

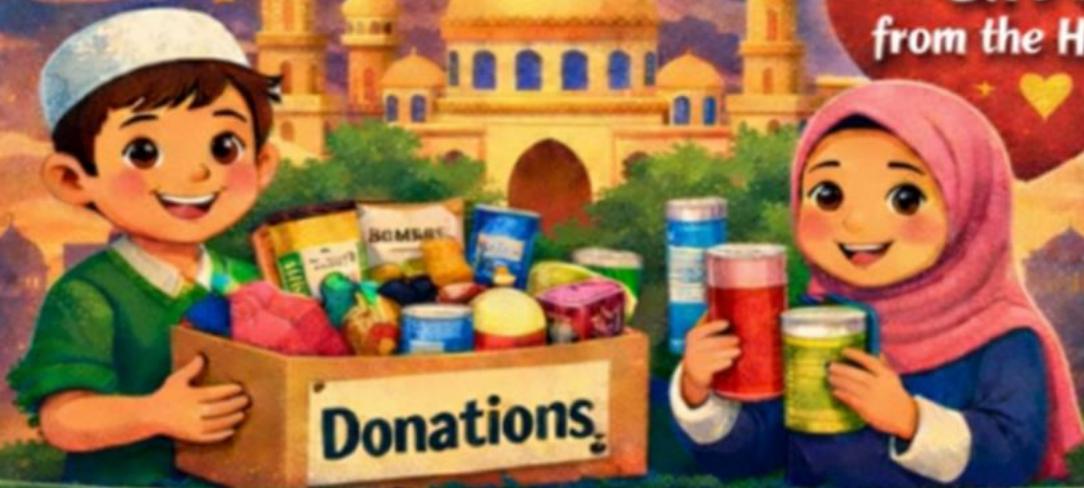


Groote Schuur Primary Presents

Ramadan Kindness Drive

Share & Care Campaign

Give
from the Heart



Donate to Help Those in Need This Ramadan!

Collection Dates:
2nd March – 13th March 2026

Donations will go to the library in the morning.



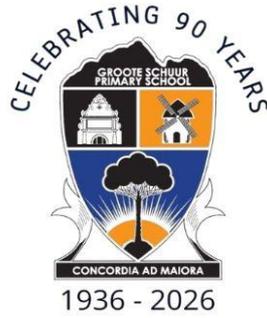
- Rice, pasta, maize meal
- Tinned food, Tea and sugar
- Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, sanitary items)



All Donations Will Go to Those in Need This Ramadan

Show Kindness,

Share Your Blessings!



**GET READY, GET SET
FOR...**

KASKAR

Date: 25 March 2026

Complete a raffle form to the value of
R250.



**This includes a Galitos meal and
cooldrink, as well as a licence to drive!**

*Fun activities on the
field!*



The class that brings in the most
money, will receive a pizza party!

Returned raffle forms to be
placed in a lucky draw



- A portion of each entry will be donated to Dennegeur Primary School in Strandfontein





Groote Schuur Primary School

12 August 2026

Celebrate Diversity, Culture & Literacy.

Born to Read



**If interested in being a guest reader, or know of
someone who will be interested
please email
library@gsp.s.co.za**