

# NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 08/2026

21 April 2026

Enter to Learn: Leave to Serve

Dear Parents

## Important dates

23	Thu	Book character dress-up day R15
24	Fri	Gr 1 cake sale
26	Sun	Allan Johnson's birthday
27	Mon	Freedom Day (no school) René Austen's birthday Reza Roman's birthday
29	Wed	Anya le Roux's Birthday
30	Thu	Earth Day – dress-up R10
May		
1	Fri	Workers' Day (no school)
3	Sun	Bonita Saffodien's Birthday
4	Mon	Winter Uniform only

## Ascension Day

Ascension Day takes place on Thursday 14 May and the school will be closed for the day. Please make the necessary arrangements for your children. There will be no after care on Ascension Day.

## Winter uniform

As of Monday 4 May, all pupils are to wear their complete winter uniform. Please do not allow your child to wear the school's tracksuit top with the winter uniform. Ties are compulsory with the winter uniform.

## Late comers

I am still concerned about the number of pupils who are late for school. Please ensure that your children arrive at school by 07:45, ready for the start of the school day at 07:50. Every time a pupil is late, it takes up to five minutes of teaching time for the class to settle. Last week we had 26 pupils late on one day!

## Pupils after school

A reminder that all pupils should be fetched within 30 minutes of their classes or extra-murals finishing. I am concerned about the number of pupils who are not being collected timeously after school and sport practices. Please ensure that you make suitable arrangements for your children to be collected as soon as the sport practices are over so that your child is not left vulnerable.

## Brand new space for Gr N/000 2027

We are thrilled to finally share with you the current construction happening at GSPS. We are busy renovating a dedicated Grade N wing for the next academic year. The project is more than just a fresh coat of paint. It is a purpose-built renovation, designed specifically for children in Gr N. Watch this space for info regarding applications for 2027, which will follow later in the year.

## Payment of school fees

Thank you to all those families who have regularly paid their school fees. This is highly appreciated as we have operational expenses to cover.

## Cell phones

Are you aware of your child's daily cell phone usage? Please check your children's phones at least once a week. With the increased incidents of inappropriate cell phone usage as reported in the media, we need to be conscious of what our children watch and do on their cell phones. A reminder too, that pupils are not allowed to bring cell phones to school, irrespective if it is during the school day or at any event on the school premises.

## Lost and Found

The operating times for "Lost and Found": Monday to Thursday 07:30 – 07:45 and CLOSED on Fridays.

## MySchool

Thank you to the parents who have joined The MySchool programme and have regularly used their cards to the benefit of our school. We have received regular income from the MySchool programme. My school collected, as at end of Term 1, R5049.01! Help us reach R20 000.00 this year. If you have not yet joined the My School programme, please do it via the Woolworths app.

## Wellness Warriors: Hearts for Hunger Relief Drive (Terms 2 & 3)

Our Wellness Warriors are proud to launch the *Hearts for Hunger Relief Drive*, aimed at supporting individuals and families most in need within our community. We invite all families to contribute by donating key soup ingredients, which will be used to prepare nourishing meals:

- **Grade R & Grade 1:** Soup mixes (lentils, split peas or mixed soup packs)
- **Grade 2 & Grade 3:** Tinned vegetables (e.g. beans, tomatoes, mixed vegetables)
- **Grade 4 & Grade 5:** Stock cubes, powdered soup bases or spices
- **Grade 6 & Grade 7:** Pasta, rice or other hearty additions

All donations can be sent to the school library. In addition, our **Wellness Warriors Gardening Project** will be launching this term. Fresh produce harvested from our school garden will also be donated as part of this initiative. We thank our school community for their continued support in helping us make a meaningful difference.

## World Book Day Celebration & Character Dress-Up

Date: Wednesday, 23 April 2026    Grades: Grade R–7    Cost: R15 (payable via Karri and cash)

We are excited to celebrate World Book Day on Wednesday, 23 April 2026. This special day, inspired by UNESCO's initiative to promote the love of reading, encourages learners to explore the wonderful world of books and storytelling. To commemorate the occasion, all learners are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. As part of the celebration, learners are kindly requested to bring along the book that their costume represents. As this event forms part of our school's 90th birthday celebrations, we want to add to the excitement. Learners are encouraged to creatively incorporate the number "90" into their costumes or dress to impress in celebration of this milestone. Learners who do so will stand a chance to win an exciting prize: a full-day access pass to Freedom Adventure Park. There will also be three prizes awarded for the best-dressed learners on the day. For your convenience, here are a few fun and easy costume ideas:

- Harry Potter – robe, glasses, and wand
- Matilda – blue dress and books
- The Cat in the Hat – black outfit with a red bow tie and striped hat
- Alice in Wonderland – blue dress with a white apron
- The Gruffalo – brown outfit with face paint
- Willy Wonka – purple jacket and top hat
- Little Red Riding Hood – red cape and basket
- The Mad Hatter – colourful outfit with a large hat
- Thing 1 & Thing 2 – red shirt with a labelled badge
- Peter Pan – green outfit with a feathered hat

We encourage all learners to participate and make this a fun and memorable start to the new term. Thank you for your continued support.

## **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@gsp.co.za](mailto:library@gsp.co.za).

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

## **Slipper Day**

This is a campaign raising an incredible R15 million to continue making dreams come true. On 29 May, we're calling on you to swap your everyday shoes for a fuzzy pair of slippers in support of children facing life-threatening illnesses. Purchase your R20 sticker from 13 April to 29 May at any Wimpy, Dis-Chem Pharmacies, Baby City, Crocs, The Crazy Store, Toys R Us, Babies R Us and Krispy Kreme stores nationwide. KARRI app payments will open on 18 May.

Wear your slippers and sticker on 29 May and redeem a FREE short Famous Coffee or short hot chocolate at Wimpy.

## **SPORT**

### **Extra-murals**

Our extra-mural programme got underway at the start of last week. A reminder to parents that our learners are expected to participate in one sporting code or activity throughout the Winter season. Please encourage your child to take part in the school's offerings. Learners can participate in more than one activity if the programme allows. If your child has not yet returned their Commitment Form for this term, please send the completed and signed document to school as soon as possible.

If you have any sport related queries, please send an email to [sport@gsp.co.za](mailto:sport@gsp.co.za) or contact the Sport Office at school. In order to be given a response to your query on a particular day, contact must be made by 12:30.

### **Sport on rainy days**

Please be reminded that on rainy days, a decision as to whether sport can go ahead or not will be made at 12:00. If sport is not able to continue, the Front Office will send out a notification via the d6 Communicator to all parents to inform them that sport has been cancelled. Parents will have the opportunity to fetch their child immediately after school. Children who would have participated in sport on a particular day will gather at the blue pillars, which is situated close to the Netball courts (back of the school). Players and coaches will wait for approximately 10 minutes to see if parents have arrived to fetch their child. After this time frame, learners who are unable to be fetched straight away will be supervised by the teacher or coach in a particular venue. Parents who arrive at school after the 10 minute waiting period will have to report to the Front Office and request that their child is called from the holding venue.

### **Sporting Achievements**

Congratulations to Emma Arendse for her selection to represent the Western Cape Province at the 2026 SA Schools Championship Gala. The event will be taking place at the University of the Western Cape from Thursday, 23 April to Monday, 27 April. Good luck and all the best for the upcoming gala Emma!

Yours sincerely



VALENTINE NEFDT  
PRINCIPAL

R20



reach for a dream

Fuzzy Fact #274

# slippers

make you look cooler at parties

Slipper Day - 29 May

WIMPY

Dis-Chem  
PHARMACIES

Dis-Chem  
Foundation  
Fighting for the best future

babyCity

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CRAZY

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BABIESRUS

Krispy Kreme  
DONUTS



COUPON  
GUY



## 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.co.za](mailto:library@gsp.co.za)

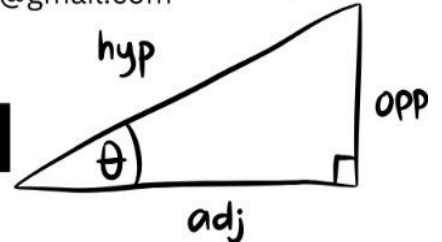


Contact: Zainab  
Cell no: 0747555135

Email: zainabismail05@gmail.com



## Tuition Offered



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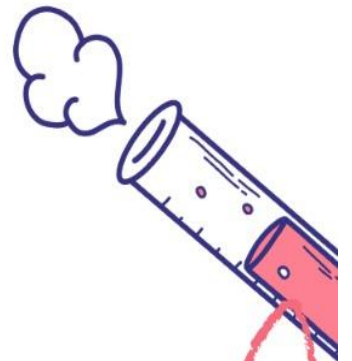
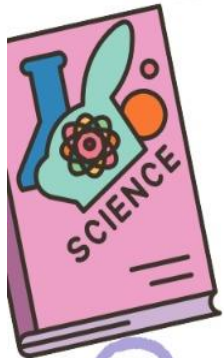
I provide individual classes via Zoom and face-to-face for Grade 1 to Grade 12.

I offer classes in Afrikaans, English, Maths, Maths lit, Economics and Sciences.

I prepare each pupil for their exams in all subjects.

My rate is R200 per hour.

**Intelligence without ambition  
is a bird without wings."  
— Salvador Dalí**





# 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



CELEBRATING 90 YEARS



1936 - 2026



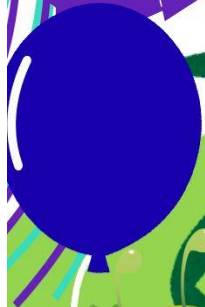
# GROOTE SCHUUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WORLD BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY AND 90TH BIRTHDAY BALLOON RELEASE

Date: 23rd of April 2026

Price: R15 (Pay with cash or on Karri)

Incorporate the number 90 into your costume and/or dress to impress, and you can stand a chance to win a full day access pass to Freedom Adventure Park!

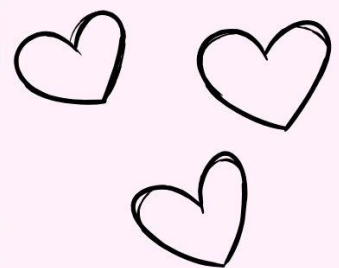
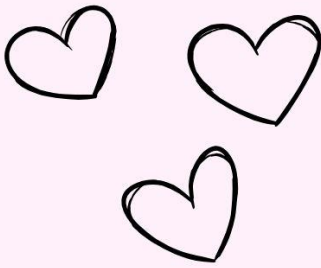


# MOTHER'S DAY SALES 2026

**Luxury Hand Sanitizer Self-Care Pack  
R40**



**Luxury Hand Lotion Self-Care Pack  
R40**



**Self-Care Lucky Packet R25**

**Sales open on Karri: 4 May until 7 May 2026**

**Please kindly note that there is a limited amount of stock available,  
first come first served.**

GROOTE SCHUUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

# EARTH DAY

DRESS-UP DAY!



30 APRIL

R10  
ENTRY

Wear something green &

## SAVE OUR PLANET!

Be a Tree or Animal!



Ocean & Water Fun!



Recycle & Go Green!



LET'S HELP OUR EARTH!

- ✓ Get Creative! 🎨
- ✓ Have Fun! 😊
- ✓ Raise Awareness! 🌍

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!