

NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 09/2026

5 May 2026

Enter to Learn: Leave to Serve

Dear Parents

Important dates

Wed	6	Mia Meyer's birthday Shameema Abrahams' birthday
Thu	7	SGB and FINCOM meeting
Sun	10	Mother's Day
Thu	14	Ascension Day (NO SCHOOL)
Fri	15	Career Club launch Career dress-up day R10
Tue	19	Charmaine Hodson's birthday Kwenzekile Ngcitane's birthday

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 also be no after care on Ascension Day.

GSPS Parent Workshop

As part of Groote Schuur Primary School's support service, we would like to host a parent workshop/information session next term. The workshops will be facilitated by different professionals. Please share with us which workshops you are interested in attending and also make suggestions of topics you would like to be addressed by completing the following online form;

<https://forms.gle/9M1RsSxqPGQuEVht6>

Please note that the form is confidential. Should you have problems with opening the link please e-mail the Social Worker, Marjory Phillips mphillips@gspcs.co.za

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.

Photos: Individual, Sibling and class

Delivery of ordered photos will be on or before 29 May 2026.

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.

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 till 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.

Library

We would like to inform you that our school library inventory process has now been successfully concluded. Our library currently houses just under 4,000 books, with the majority of our collection being fairly new to brand new. This is an exciting resource for our learners, and we look forward to fostering a culture of reading within our school.

Please be reminded that all books issued to learners remain the responsibility of the borrower during the loan period. In the event that a book is lost or damaged, parents/guardians will be liable to cover the cost of replacement.

We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all parents and guardians to actively support and promote reading at home. One of the most effective ways to nurture a lifelong love for reading is by setting aside dedicated time to read together with your child.

Reading together not only strengthens literacy skills such as vocabulary, comprehension and fluency, but also helps children develop stronger communication and thinking skills. It improves concentration, sparks imagination and builds curiosity about the world around them. Beyond academics, shared reading time creates meaningful bonding moments, allowing children to feel supported, valued and encouraged in their learning journey. When parents read with their children, they also model positive reading habits, showing that reading is both enjoyable and important. This encouragement often leads to greater confidence, improved school performance and a more positive attitude towards learning overall.

Please take note of the following borrowing books guidelines:

- Grade R learners may borrow books provided they are accompanied by a parent/guardian when visiting the library. They are encouraged to take out 2 books for a 2-week period. Collection and return times: Wednesdays and Fridays from 07:30–07:50.
- Grades 1–3 learners may borrow 3 books for a 2-week period. Books will be issued during their scheduled class library visits.
- Grades 4–7 learners may borrow 4 books for a 2-week period. Grade 4, 6 and 7 learners are encouraged to visit the library during 1st or 2nd break (Monday to Wednesday) to collect and return books. (Gr 5 has scheduled class library visits)

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain our library resources and in encouraging a lifelong love of reading among our learners.

Aspire & Attire Day

Career Day Civvies Fundraiser – 15 May 2026: R10

We are excited to invite our learners to participate in our upcoming Aspire & Attire Day, taking place on Friday, 15 May 2026.

On this fun and meaningful day, learners are encouraged to come to school dressed in an outfit that represents their future career aspirations. Whether they envision themselves as doctors, teachers, engineers, artists, chefs, entrepreneurs, or in any other profession, this is a wonderful opportunity for them to express their dreams with confidence and creativity. A contribution of R10 is requested from each learner who participates. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards supporting school programmes and initiatives. There will be prizes to be won. Aspire & Attire Day is more than just a dress-up event—it is an opportunity to inspire our learners to think about their goals, explore different career paths, and begin imagining the bright futures ahead of them. We encourage all learners to take part and look forward to seeing their enthusiasm and creativity shine on the day. Thank you for your continued support in making our school initiatives both impactful and enjoyable.

SPORT

Derby Day vs The Grove Primary

Groote Schuur Primary will be hosting a Derby Day event against The Grove Primary on Saturday, 23 May 2026. Our Chess, Hockey (boys and girls), Netball and Rugby teams will be participating in matches on the day. The day's proceedings will start at approximately 08h30, and the programme should finish at 12h30. A programme with final details will be shared with all parents closer to the time of the event.

Sport Results

Please see below our results from the last two weeks:

Week ending Friday, 24 April 2026

Netball vs Pinelands North Primary (Home and Away)

U9 Netball vs Pinelands North: our team lost
U11 Netball vs Pinelands North: our team lost
won

U10 Netball vs Pinelands North: our team lost
U12 Netball vs Pinelands North: our team

Rugby vs Laerskool Paul Greyling (Home)

U9 Rugby vs Paul Greyling: our team lost
U11 Rugby vs Paul Greyling: our team drew
U13 Rugby vs Paul Greyling: our team lost

Chess vs Golden Grove Primary (Away)

Our Chess team drew

Week ending Friday, 1 May 2026

Netball vs Herschel Girls' School (Away)

U9 Netball vs Herschel: our team lost
U10A Netball vs Herschel: our team lost
U11A Netball vs Herschel: our team lost
U12A Netball vs Herschel: our team lost
U13A Netball vs Herschel: our team lost

U10B Netball vs Herschel: our team lost
U11B Netball vs Herschel: our team lost
U12B Netball vs Herschel: our team lost
U13B Netball vs Herschel: our team lost

Hockey vs International School of Cape Town & The Pinelands Primary (Home & Away)

U9 Hockey vs ISCT: our team lost
U11 Hockey vs The Pinelands Primary: our team won
U13 Hockey vs The Pinelands Primary: our team won

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Emma Arendse and the Western Cape Team for winning the SA Schools Swimming Championship that took place recently. The Western Cape Team won the championship for the first time in 20 years. Emma participated in the 100m and 200m Breaststroke events at the Championships. She achieved personal best times in both events, and also secured a place in the final of the 100m Breaststroke. Well done, Emma!

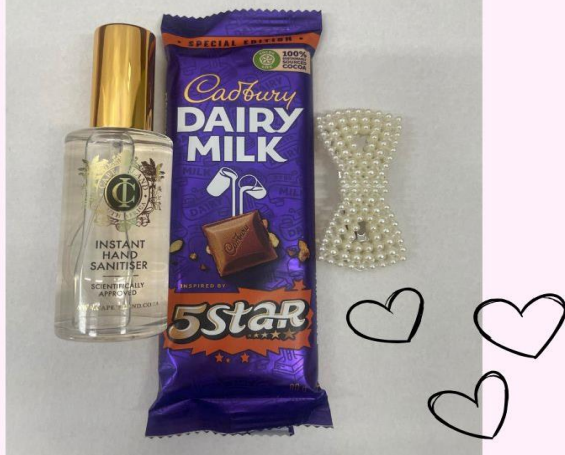
Yours sincerely



VALENTINE NEFDT
PRINCIPAL

MOTHER'S DAY SALES 2026

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



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



Aroma candle and chocolate 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.**

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

babyCity

CROCS

CRAZY

ToysRUS

BABIESRUS

Woolworths

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Claremont



garfield pre-primary

GARFIELD PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL



OPEN DAY!



DATE:
Saturday
9th May 2026



TIME:
9.30am to 11.00am



VENUE:
10 Garfield Road,
Claremont



We accept children
from 3yrs to 5yrs.



Find out about our
teaching philosophy,
daily programme,
fees and more.



We can't wait
to meet you!



CONTACT US:



083 647 5159



Garfield.preprimary@gmail.com

GROOTE SCHUUR PRIMARY
CAREER CLUB LAUNCH

ASPIRE & ATTIRE DAY

15 MAY 2026
R10



GRADE R – GRADE 7

COME TO SCHOOL
DRESSED IN AN OUTFIT
THAT REPRESENTS
YOUR FUTURE CAREER
ASPIRATIONS.

EXPRESS YOUR
DREAMS WITH
CONFIDENCE AND
CREATIVITY.

Most creative attire from
each grade will receive a
prize.





Hearts for Hunger Relief Drive

START DATE: 5 MAY--END DATE: 11 AUGUST 2026

As part of our Wellness Warriors programme, we are proud to launch our **"Hearts for Hunger Relief Drive"** for Terms 2 and 3.

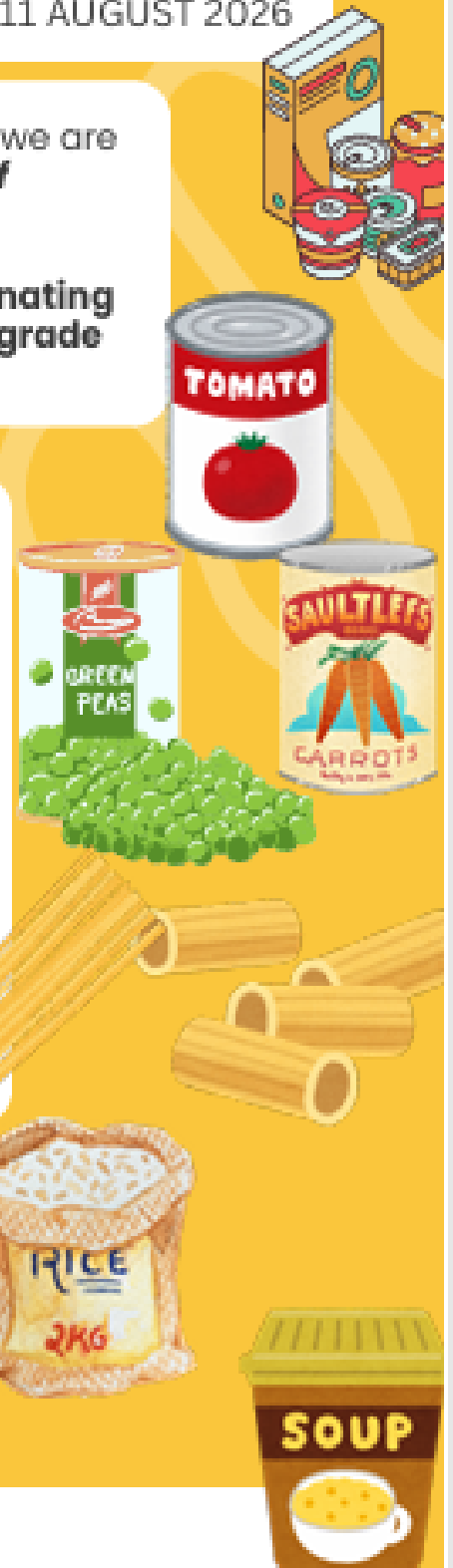
We kindly invite families to contribute by donating the following soup ingredients according to grade allocation

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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



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