

NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 10/2026

19 May 2026

Enter to Learn: Leave to Serve

Dear Parents

Important dates

Tue	19	Charmaine Hodson's birthday Kwenzekile Ngcitane's birthday
Thu	21	Caylin du Toit's birthday
Sat	23	Derby Day with Grove PS (home)
Sun	24	Catherine Watkins' Birthday
Thu	28	Eid al-Adha
Fri	29	Gr 2 Cake Sale Slipper day R20 Sport ends

Valuables at school

Please ensure that your children do not bring valuable items to school, as we cannot be held responsible for them. Ensure too that all items are clearly marked. If they are misplaced, it can be returned to its owner.

School fees

Thank you to all the families who have kept up to date with the paying of the school fees. We depend on the payment of school fees from families to cover our operational costs. We only receive R315 per child from the state, per year. I have heard that schools have had to retrench staff because of school fees not being paid, and this can happen at any school.

My School

Thank you to all the families who use their MySchool card when they make purchases at participating stores. This is a wonderful way in generating additional income for the school. So far this year the MySchool cards generated R6484,54 for Groote Schuur Primary School.

Wearing PT clothes to/at school (Grades 3 to 7)

The pupils are allowed to come to school in their PT clothes on the day that they have PT. The school tracksuits may be worn with it.

On the days the pupils have **sport practice after school**, they must come to school in their school uniform, and change into their PT clothes after school.

On the days that the pupils have a **sport match after school**, they must come to school in their school uniform, and

- (1) change at second break if it is an away match.
- (2) change after school if it is a home match

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: 12 August 2026

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: 29 May 2026

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

Library

Please take note of the following borrowing 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 Thursday), Grade 5 during scheduled class visits to collect and return books.

SPORT

Derby Day vs The Grove Primary

As per our previous newsletter, we informed you that Groote Schuur Primary will be hosting a Derby Day event against The Grove Primary this coming 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 08:30, and the programme should finish at approximately 12h30. A programme of the day's events can be seen below:

We would like to encourage all our parents to come and support our players and teams at this upcoming event on Saturday morning.

Time Slots	Hockey (Boys)	Hockey (Girls)	Netball	Rugby	Chess
08h30 - 09h03	U11 (8-a-side)	U10 (6-a-side)	U12	U9	
09h05 - 09h38			U9 & U11	U11 (Full Field)	Chess matches to take place from 09h00 to approximately 10h00
09h40 - 10h13	U13 (8-a-side)	U9 (6-a-side)	U10 & U13		
10h15 - 10h48	U9 (6-a-side)	U11 (8-a-side)			
10h50 - 11h23		U13 (8-a-side)			
11h25 to 12h08				U13 (Full Field)	

Extra-murals for Term 2

Please take note that our extra-mural programme for Term 2 will end on Friday, 29 May 2026 (in the next two weeks).

Sport Results

Please see below our results from the last two weeks:

Week ending Friday, 8 May 2026

Netball vs Rosebank Junior (Home and Away)

U9 team won U10 team won U11 team drew U12 team won U13 team won

Rugby vs The Grove Primary and Battswood Primary (Home)

U9 Rugby vs The Grove Primary: our team drew
 U11 Rugby vs Battswood Primary: our team won
 U13 Rugby vs Battswood Primary: our team won

Chess vs The Grove Primary (Away)

Our Chess team lost

Yours sincerely



VALENTINE NEFDT
 PRINCIPAL



reach for a dream
Fuzzy Fact #274
slippers
 make you look cooler at parties
Slipper Day - 29 May

WIMPY Dis-Chem PHARMACIES Dis-Chem PHARMACIES babycity CROCS CRAZY TOYS R US BABIES R US Wuspy Home

SATURDAY, 23 MAY 2026

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS



VS



DERBY DAY



FOOD SALES

CHIP N 'DIP

SCHOOL TUCK-SHOP

RISE & GRIND COFFEE

BOEREWORS ROLLS

08:00 AM - 12:30 PM

**126 CAMPGROUND ROAD
RONDEBOSCH**



VENUE:

NETBALL: TENNIS/NETBALL COURTS

RUGBY: FIELD HOCKEY: FIELD

CHESS: SCHOOL LIBRARY



PARKING IN AND AROUND GSPS CAMPUS



LITTLE LEARNERS, BIG STORIES!

OUR LIBRARY IS
JUST FOR YOU!

Grade R learners are welcome to take books out given that a **parent accompanies** the child to the library to collect books.



BORROWING RULES



Take out
2 BOOKS
for a 2-week period.

COLLECTION & RETURN TIMES



**WEDNESDAY
MORNING**

07:30 - 07:50

**FRIDAY
MORNING**

07:30 - 07:50

Read today,
Lead tomorrow!

Let's grow a love for reading
together! 😊



BIG MINDS, BIGGER WORLDS!

YOUR LIBRARY, YOUR ADVENTURE!

Our library has just under **4 000** books, all fairly new to brand new!

Please be reminded that if a book is damaged during the loan period, you will be liable to cover the cost of the book.



BORROWING GUIDELINES

GRADES
1-3

Take out
3 BOOKS
for a 2-week period.



Books will be issued during their scheduled class library visits.

GRADES
4-7

Take out
4 BOOKS
for a 2-week period.



Grade 4, 6 and 7 learners are encouraged to collect books during 1st or 2nd break. (Mon - Thurs)

LET'S READ, LEARN & GROW!

Reading opens doors, sparks imagination and builds a brighter future.

BE A READER. BE A LEADER!



Encourage reading.
Inspire success.
Read together, grow together!





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.

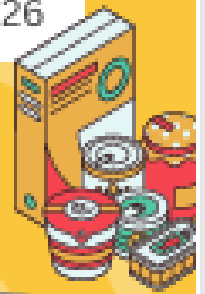
We kindly invite families to contribute by donating the following soup ingredients according to grade allocation

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



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Please note that our Wellness Warriors Gardening Project will also be starting this term. Harvested fresh produce from our school garden will be included as part of our donations, further supporting this initiative.



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