



NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 11/2026

2 June 2026

Enter to Learn: Leave to Serve

Dear Parents

Grade 4 to 7 exams

With the mid-year exams season around the corner, the environment our pupils study in can make a big difference to how they perform. A calm, supportive home atmosphere can help to reduce anxiety, improve focus, and turn hard work into results. The Grade 7 pupils will start writing their examinations on Thursday 4 June. On Monday the Grade 4, 5 and 6 pupils will start their exams too. As of Monday 8 June the Grade 4 to 7 pupils will dismiss at 13:00 and the Grade R to 3 pupils will dismiss at 12:30. This arrangement will be in place until the end of this term. Aftercare will be open as usual.

Important dates

Thu	4	Eric Marewu's birthday Exams start
Wed	10	Closing of Father's Day sales
Mon	15	Colleen Arendse's birthday Special School Holiday – no school
Tue	16	YOUTH DAY – no school

Arriving late for school

Every day I have noticed that a number of children arrive late for school! I have also noticed that it's the same people coming late regularly. Please consider that each time your child arrives late for school, it is an inconvenience for the admin staff, who have to complete late registers for the pupils. Some pupils are extremely upset at being late for school. I am very concerned about the pupil who has to deal with being met by the principal and being told that it is unacceptable to arrive late for school.

School calendar 2027

The school calendar dates for 2027 have been released by the Education Department for those families who may want to plan holidays for next year.

Term	School Opens	School Closes
First	11 January 2027 (teachers) 13 January 2027 (pupils)	19 March 2027
Second	06 April 2027	25 June 2027
Third	20 July 2027	22 September 2027
Fourth	05 October 2027	08 December 2027 (pupils) 10 December 2027 (teachers)

Traffic at school

Please be considerate when you drop off your child at school or collecting them in the afternoons. I am told that certain parents are parking inconsiderately, and in doing so are obstructing the traffic flow.

Parents confronting pupils

Please remember that if there is a disagreement between your children and others, your role is to inform the teachers of an issue so that they can investigate and remedy the situation. **Do not take the situation into your own hands!** Although parents always believe their children to be innocent, blame can seldom be attributed only to one source, and so it makes sense for teachers to intervene, as they do not need to take sides. Parents, please refer to the PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT sent to you at the beginning of the year. It is also available on our school website.

Pajamas, Popcorn & Milk Magic Day

Get ready for a day of comfort, fun and delicious treats!

On Tuesday, 23 June 2026, learners are invited to come to school dressed in their favourite pajamas for our special Pajamas, Popcorn & Milk Magic Day! For just R30, learners will receive:

- Permission to wear their pajamas to school
- A packet of popcorn
- Flavoured milk

Join us for a magical day filled with cozy pajamas, tasty treats and lots of fun before the holidays! Slip into your comfiest PJs, grab some popcorn, sip on a delicious flavoured milk and enjoy the magic! Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing our learners dressed in their favourite pajamas!

Father's Day – HERO Hampers

HERO – Not all heroes wear capes, some are called Dad

As we approach Father's Day, we are excited to offer learners the opportunity to spoil their special HERO with a thoughtful gift prepared with love and appreciation. We are pleased to present the following Father's Day options:

HERO Hamper for Dad - R60 includes:

- Chips
- Biltong
- Sparkling juice
- Chocolate

HERO Treasure Gift - R30 includes:

- Keyring
- Chocolate

Orders: Strictly via Karri Karri Opening Date: 26 May Karri Closing Date: 10 June

Thank you for your continued support and assistance in making these initiatives possible.

HOOKED ON BOOKS VISIT: TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2026

We are pleased to announce that Hooked on Books will be visiting our school for a special story telling performance. Hooked on Books is renowned for bringing stories to life through engaging and interactive theatrical performances. Our learners will have the opportunity to experience storytelling in a unique and memorable way. The talented Hooked on Books team captivates audiences with featured books and characters. This enriching experience aims to foster a love of reading, spark imagination, and expose our learners to the magic of literature beyond the pages of a book. The performances will take place in the school hall and will be enjoyed by all learners from Grade R to Grade 7. The Grade R–3 performance will be held from 09:00 to 10:30, while the Grade 4–7 performance will take place from 11:00 to 12:30. We look forward to providing our learners with this wonderful opportunity and sharing the joy of storytelling with them. Please note that there is no cost for learners to attend the show. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging a love of reading.

Library: till end of term

As we approach the end of the school term, please take note of the following important library dates:

- Library book issuing will continue until Thursday, 4 June 2026.
- All library books must be returned by Friday, 19 June 2026.

These return dates will allow sufficient time for the library to conduct end-of-term stock checks and prepare resources for the new term.

We kindly ask that you assist your child in locating and returning all borrowed library books on or before the due date. Your support helps us maintain a well organised library for all learners to enjoy.

Sport

Extra-murals for Term 2. Please take note that our extra-mural programme for Term 2 ended last Friday, as our formal assessments will start at the end of this week. Regarding activities that are privately run on the school premises by external service providers, please contact the relevant person overseeing that particular activity to find out whether they will be continuing with their sessions during our assessment period. Contact details of the service providers can be found on the fourth page of the extra-mural programme.

Our extra-mural programme for Term 3 will resume on Monday, 27 July 2026.

Derby Day vs The Grove Primary

Groote Schuur Primary hosted its Derby Day event against The Grove Primary on Saturday, 23 May 2026. Our Chess, Hockey (boys and girls), Netball and Rugby teams participated in matches on the day and performed exceptionally well. The event was a successful one, and we would like to thank all our learners who took part, as well as all our parents who came along to support our teams.

Sport Results

Please see below our results from the last two weeks:

Week ending Friday, 22 May 2026

Netball vs Pinelands Primary and Thornton Primary (Home and Away)

U9 Netball vs Thornton Primary: our team won

U10 Netball vs Pinelands Primary: our team won

U11 Netball vs Pinelands Primary: our team won

U12 Netball vs Pinelands Primary: our team won

U12 Netball vs Thornton Primary: our team won

U13 Netball vs Pinelands Primary: our team won

U13 Netball vs Thornton Primary: our team won

Rugby vs Kronendal Primary (Away)

U9 Rugby vs Kronendal Primary: our team drew

U11 Rugby vs Kronendal Primary: our team won

U13 Rugby vs Kronendal Primary: our team drew

Girl's Hockey vs Langa Hockey Club (Away)

U9 Hockey vs Langa Hockey Club: our team lost

U10 Hockey vs Langa Hockey Club: our team lost

U11 Hockey vs Langa Hockey Club: our team lost

U13 Hockey vs Langa Hockey Club: our team drew

Chess vs Wynberg Boys' Junior (Away)

Our Chess team drew

Week ending Friday, 29 May 2026

Netball vs Rustenburg Girls' Junior (Home)

Matches cancelled due to inclement weather

Girl's Hockey vs Bergvliet Primary (Away)

U9 Hockey vs Bergvliet Primary: our team lost

U10 Hockey vs Bergvliet Primary: our team lost

U11 Hockey vs Bergvliet Primary: our team drew

U13 Hockey vs Bergvliet Primary: our team won

Chess vs Kirstenhof Primary (Away)

Our Chess team won

Sporting Achievements

Kgotllo Nkadimeng recently took part in the U12 WP Southern Zone Hockey trials, and was selected for the Zonal B (False Bay) team. She will be participating in the U12 Inter-zonal Tournament that will take place at Parklands College in July/August. Congratulations, Kgotllo!

Yours sincerely



VALENTINE NEFDT
PRINCIPAL



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS
1936 - 2026

Hero Hamper for Dad
R60

- Chips
- Biltong
- Sparkling juice
- Chocolate

Hero Treasures
R30

- Keyring
- Chocolate

ORDERS STRICTLY ON KARRI
TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.
CLOSING DATE TO ORDER:
10 JUNE 2026

HERO DAD

POW!

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.

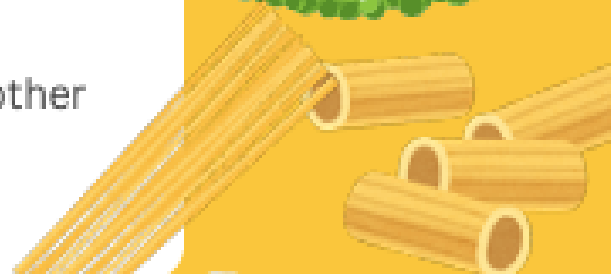
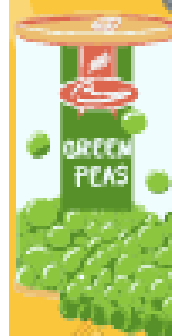
We kindly invite families to contribute by donating the following soup ingredients according to grade allocation

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



All donations can be sent to the school library.

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.

LIBRARY END OF TERM NOTICE

Book Issuing Continues Until:

4 June 2026

All Library Books Must Be Returned

By:

19 June 2026.

Please ensure all borrowed books are returned on time and in good condition.

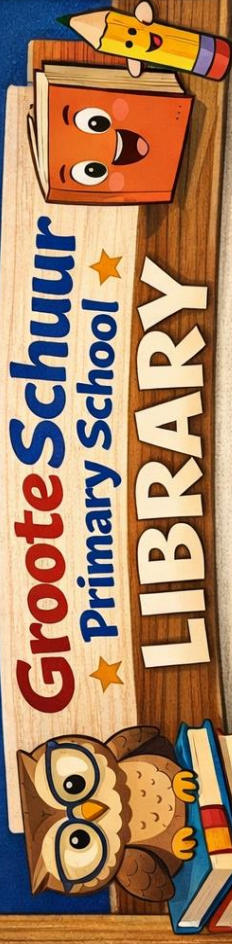
Thank you for supporting our school library!



CELEBRATING 90 YEARS



CONCORDIA AD MAIORA
1936 - 2026



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 School

12 August 2026

Celebrate Diversity, Culture & Literacy.

How to Read



If interested in being a guest reader, or know of someone who will be interested

please email

library@gsp.s.co.za

**PAJAMAS
POPCORN & MAGIC
MILK DAY**

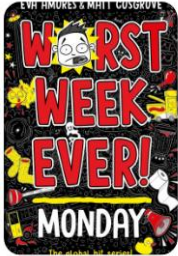
R30

**PAY CASH OR
ON KARRI**

23 JUNE 2026

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS
1936 - 2026

JUNIOR PRIMARY



WORST WEEK EVER

AUTHOR: Eva Amores & Matt Cosgrove

Justin Chase is having a bad week. Mum has remarried and off on honeymoon. Justin is moving in with Dad for a week, into Dad's newly bought cheap-as-chips 'haunted' house! His first day at school is miserable, Dad bought his uniform 3 sizes too small ... And its only Monday!



BEAR AND BIRD. THE PICNIC AND OTHER STORIES

AUTHOR: Jarvis

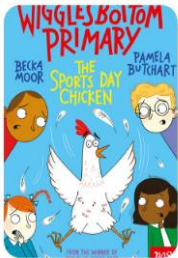
Bear and Bird are best friends. Their adventures together include: finding a talking flower, a picnic with no food, painting their own masterpieces and a snugly blanket to share.



THE DAY I STARTED A MEGA ROBOT INVASION

AUTHOR: Tom McLaughlin

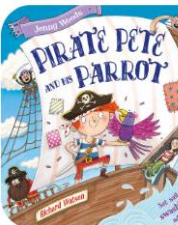
Molly should be doing her homework, but instead she builds a robot to do it for her. Her Robot – Bob – is very clever and makes a few more Bobs to help him out and before long, there is an army of them. How can Molly stop this and prevent a Mega Robot Invasion?



WIGGLEBOTTOM PRIMARY THE SPORTS DAY CHICKEN

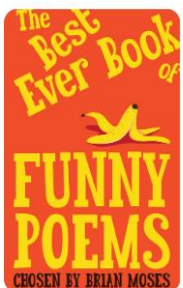
AUTHOR: Becca Moor

Anything can happen at Wigglesbottom Primary and it always does. Is that toxic slime being served for lunch? Did that chicken just win the race? And do we really have an Ant Queen in our school?



PIRATE PETE AND HIS PARROT

AUTHOR: Jenny Woods
Ahoy. The Jolly Crossbone is sailing the seven seas. Pirate Pete and his mischievous purple parrot - who's always getting him into trouble - are ambushed by marauding pirates. Will they survive the raid, or will the purple parrot be their peril?



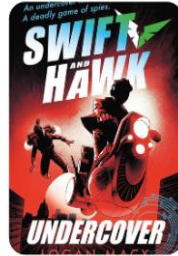
PRIMARY POETRY BOOK

THE BEST EVER BOOK OF FUNNY POEMS

AUTHOR: Chosen by Brian Moses

Brian Moses at his best, collecting poems that will have you laughing out loud. No pets, creatures, schools or families are spared from a giggle.

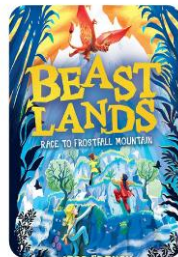
SENIOR PRIMARY



SWIFT AND HAWK UNDERCOVER

AUTHOR: Logan Macx

Teen spies – Swift and Hawk - are back. A secretive robotics company has been hacked. Swift and Hawk discover out-of-control weaponized robots trying to escape into the city. If they don't shut down the virus, everything could be lost. But this is just the beginning. They go undercover in their most dangerous mission yet.



BEASTLANDS RACE TO FROSTFALL MOUNTAIN

AUTHOR: Jess French

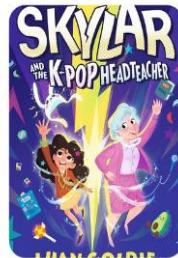
The island of Ramoa was once lush and roamed by fearsome beasts. Now, entering the wild Beastlands is forbidden – but when three young adventurers find their paths leading there, they have no choice but to break the rules...



THE LAND OF LOST THINGS

AUTHOR: Andy Griffiths

Where do you go when you lose something? The land of Lost Things of course. That's the place we head to, to find my lost lucky rabbit's foot ... but then we get lost too. Join us on our zany, crazy adventure.



SKYLAR AND THE K-POP HEADTEACHER

AUTHOR: Luanne Goldie

Skylar is K-pop obsessed and is sick of grown-ups bossing her around. When she confronts her headteacher, disaster strikes and they swap bodies. Can Skylar figure out how to switch back? Or will she be stuck as an old lady forever?



WORLD'S WORST TIME MACHINE

AUTHOR: Dustin Brady

Liam Chapmans book report is due tomorrow. He hasn't started reading anything about Thomas Edison yet. But he's got a plan. A crazy scientist who lived down the road is having a garage sale and Liam has just found a time machine that he bought for three bucks. It's labelled "World's Worst Time Machine". That seems dramatic ... but its NOT!

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