



NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 15/2026

18 August 2026

Enter to Learn: Leave to Serve

Dear Parents

School Budget Meeting

This is another reminder of the annual School Budget meeting on Monday 7 September at 18.00 in our school hall. The school Governing Body will present the proposed budget and the annual school fees for 2027.

Places for 2027

Thank you to all the families who have informed us of their plans for 2027. If you have not already done so, please inform us as soon as possible. Most of our classes are full for 2027, which means that when a parent informs us that their child will be leaving, a place will become available for another family.

Pupils after school

Another reminder to please collect your children after school every day. I have notice that a number of pupils wait for a considerable period of time to be collected after school. We are fortunate to have an After Care programme which the pupils can join if they cannot be collected timeously.

Casual Day Thursday 3 September 2026 @ R20

We are joining Casual Day on Thursday 3 September 2026. As for the past few years, our contribution goes in support of **Rusthof LSEN School in Strand**. Learners can pay cash, or on Karri and wear civvies on the day.

Rusthof LSEN School is a Learners with Special Educational Needs (LSEN) public special school in Strand, serving learners who need a more specialised educational environment than a mainstream school can provide.

The school caters for learners with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum conditions and learners who require adapted teaching, assessment and additional support.

Bingo Friday 28 August 2026

We are all looking forward to our very exciting Bingo evening to be held on Friday 28 August 2026. The first numbers will be called at 18:00! Come and join us, bring friends and family, come hungry – for prizes and lots of good food. (Remember to send your gifts to school as soon as possible. See attachment in this letter.) All learners who bring a gift on/before 28 August, may wear civvies on that day – dressed for the occasion. Thank you to all the families who have so generously donated prizes.

Born to Read 2026 – Giving Back to Our Community

We are delighted to share that our Born to Read 2026 event was a huge success! It was truly special to welcome our wonderful guest readers to our school and to see our learners enjoying the joy and magic of reading. We would like to thank everyone who played a part in making the event such a memorable occasion. As we continue celebrating our school's 90 Years of Excellence, we would now like to extend the spirit of Born to Read beyond our school and give back to our community.

This year, we have chosen Saambou Primary School as the recipient of our Born to Read Community Outreach Initiative. Our aim is to collect resources that will support their learners and teachers and help enrich their classrooms.

How You Can Help

We warmly invite parents and guardians to donate any of the following:

-  New or pre-loved children's books
-  Stationery and exercise books
-  Arts and crafts materials
-  Educational games and puzzles
-  Classroom visual aids and teaching resources
-  Any other useful classroom resources

No donation is too small. Every contribution can make a meaningful difference to the learners and teachers at Saambou Primary School.

Donation Period

The donation drive will run until the end of the 3rd term.

Donations can be sent to school with your child or dropped off at the Born to Read Donation Drop-off Area in the school library.

Before school: 07:30 – 07:50

After school: 14:35 – 15:00

Please ensure that all physical donations are clearly labelled “Saambou Primary School.”

We are also collecting donations for our Bingo Fundraiser, so please make sure your donation is clearly labelled to ensure that it reaches the correct initiative. As we celebrate 90 Years of Excellence, let us continue the wonderful spirit of Born to Read by sharing what we have been blessed with and creating opportunities for others.

Thank you to our parents, guardians, learners, staff and special guests for helping make Born to Read 2026 such a wonderful success. We look forward to continuing this journey of reading, giving and making a difference together.

Parent Workshop

Groote Schuur Primary will be hosting a free parent workshop presented by The Parent Centre. The workshop is about your child and devices. It will take place on Tuesday 25 August 2026 at 18:30 pm in the school hall.

Please RSVP via this link; <https://forms.gle/EeTKxNmCwkerHbbk7>

To find out more about The Parent Centre on their website; [The Parent Centre | Home](#)

Should you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Marjory Phillips mphillips@gsps.co.za

Whether your family shares one device or have many, or WhatsApp is your greatest support or your biggest challenge, this session is designed for real families in the real world—not idealised, screen-free households. Expect practical guidance, honest conversation, and plenty of opportunities to ask questions. Bring your curiosity, your concerns, and even your guilt—we'll replace them with knowledge, confidence, and practical tools for raising children in a connected world.

Talk will be done by Jonathan Hoffenberg Social worker and Programmes Manager at The Parent Centre.

Extra-murals

As we head into the final stretch of the winter season, please ensure that your child has the correct sporting attire for practices and matches. Please note that this also includes safety items, such as mouthguards and shinguards, which should be worn at ALL sessions. We would hate to exclude your child from any activity due to them not being dressed accordingly.

Upcoming events

Saturday, 22 August 2026 - Simon van der Stel Sports Day (GSPS participating teams: Netball - U10, U11, U12 & U13 ; Rugby - U9, U11 & U13)

Monday, 31 August 2026 to Friday, 4 September 2026 - Interhouse Matches for our Winter Sporting Codes (U10 to U13)

Sport Results

Please see below our results from the last two weeks:

Week ending Friday, 7 August 2026

Netball vs Thornton Primary (Home)

U9 Netball vs Thornton Primary: our team drew

U10 Netball vs Thornton Primary: our team lost

U11 Netball vs Thornton Primary: our team won

U12 Netball vs Thornton Primary: our team won

U13 Netball vs Thornton Primary: our team won

Rugby vs Kronendal Primary (Home)

U9 Rugby vs Kronendal Primary: our team lost

U11 Rugby vs Kronendal Primary: our team lost

U13 Rugby vs Kronendal Primary: our team lost

Girls' Hockey vs Bay Primary (Away)

U9 Hockey vs Bay Primary: our team lost

U10 Hockey vs Bay Primary: our team lost

U11 Hockey vs Bay Primary: our team drew

U13 Hockey vs Bay Primary: our team won

Chess vs Bishops Prep (Away)

Our Chess team drew

Week ending Friday, 14 August 2026

Netball vs Greenfield Girls' Primary (Home)

U9 Netball vs Greenfield Girls' Primary: our team lost

U10 Netball vs Greenfield Girls' Primary: our team lost

U11 Netball vs Greenfield Girls' Primary: our team won

U12 Netball vs Greenfield Girls' Primary: our team lost

U13 Netball vs Greenfield Girls' Primary: our team lost

Rugby vs Zwaanswyk Academy (Away)

U9 Rugby vs Zwaanswyk Academy: our team won

U11 Rugby vs Zwaanswyk Academy: our team lost

U13 Rugby vs Zwaanswyk Academy: our team lost

Girls' Hockey vs International School of Cape Town (Away)

U9 Hockey vs International School of CT: our team lost

U11 Hockey vs International School of CT: our team won

Boys' Hockey vs Rondebosch Boys' Prep (Away)

U9 Hockey vs Rondebosch Boys' Prep: our team won

U11 Hockey vs Rondebosch Boys' Prep: our team lost

U13 Hockey vs Rondebosch Boys' Prep: our team lost

Chess vs Muizenberg Junior (Home)

Our Chess team won

Sun Valley Primary U12 Netball Festival

On Saturday, 15 August our U12 Netball team participated in a Netball Festival that was hosted by Sun Valley Primary. Our team performed exceptionally well at this event, winning 5 of the 6 games that they participated in. Well done to all the players, as well as their coach, Ms Du Plooy!

Sporting Achievements

As per our previous newsletter, we informed you that Emma Arendse was selected to represent the Wynberg Zone at the District South Cross-Country Championships, which took place at the Strandfontein Sports Complex on Wednesday, 5 August. Emma ran tremendously well at this race and was placed 10th, which allowed her to advance to the next round. The Cape Metro Primary Schools Cross Country Championships took place this past weekend at the Northlink College in Platteklouf. Unfortunately, Emma did not qualify for the next round, but we are extremely proud of all that she has achieved throughout the Cross Country season.

Soccer Day Fundraiser

At this stage you should have received some form of communication from your class representative regarding the upcoming Soccer Day Fundraiser, which will be taking place on Saturday, 24 October. If not, please make sure to contact your class representative at your earliest convenience.

Recap on the grades and the countries they will be representing:

Grade	Country	Colour
R	India	Orange
1	Mexico	Green
2	Italy	Red
3	Portugal	Yellow
4	USA	Navy
5	England	White
6	South Africa	Black
7	France	Light Blue

Please be advised that all learners must wear clothing that represents their country's colour (see above). T-shirts with motif or pictures on them may be worn, as long as it is predominantly the colour of their country. If your child does not have clothing that represents their country's colour, Phys Ed uniform must be worn instead.

A variety of delicious eats and treats will be sold at the various food stalls that will be set up. Menus have been attached to this newsletter for your perusal, and these items will be on sale throughout the duration of the Soccer Day.

Further information regarding the Soccer Day Fundraiser will be sent before the end of the term.

Grade 7 Market Day

Our **Grade 7 learners** will be hosting their **Market Day on Friday, 21 August 2026!**

They have been working hard to prepare their stalls and are excited to showcase their entrepreneurial skills. **Bring some money along and support our Grade 7 entrepreneurs!** Come along, have fun and enjoy what they have to offer! 🍷

Important Notice: Aftercare Closure – Friday, 18 September

Please take note that **Aftercare will be closed on Friday, 18 September** as our staff will be attending a staff team-building event off campus.

All children must be collected from school by 1:00pm at the latest. This is especially important as **all staff members, including the Aftercare team and security staff, will be leaving the school premises** to attend the event.

We kindly ask parents and caregivers to make the necessary arrangements to ensure that their children are collected **promptly by 1:00pm.**

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we take this opportunity to enjoy a staff team-building afternoon.

Please diarise: Friday, 18 September – school collection by 1:00pm.

Temporary Lane closes in Lansdowne

Please be aware of the temporary lane closure in Lansdowne. If you use this route to bring your children to school, please factor this in to your departure times in the mornings.

**MyCiTi Phase2** · Follow
3 days ago · 🌐

 **Temporary lane closures in Lansdowne** 

The public are advised of planned temporary lane closures as part of ongoing transport infrastructure improvements in Lansdowne.

📍 Affected roads:

- Turfhall Road (between Castor/Benona Road and the railway bridge)
- Racecourse Road (between the railway bridge and the M5)

📅 When: 24 August 2026 to 28 February 2027

⚠️ Traffic impact: A single lane will remain open in each direction, with dedicated right-turn lanes maintained at intersections. Please plan your journey accordingly and expect possible delays in the area.

🔗 More info: <https://bit.ly/4i0CTE8>
[#TransportInfrastructure](#) [#Roadworks](#) [#Lansdowne](#) See less

Yours sincerely



VALENTINE NEFDT
PRINCIPAL



BINGO...!!..bingo...!!..BINGO

Friday, 28 August 2026



Dear Parents

Our very popular and well-known Bingo Evening is coming!

It will be held on **Friday, 28 August 2026**. Hope to see you all.

The funds raised go towards the Grade 7 tour. **Through the years we've always made this a team effort – all pupils contribute towards it and eventually all pupils reap the benefit from it in their grade 7 year.** Therefore, we ask everybody to donate prizes towards this fundraising project. Remember – the more prizes there are, the more times you can shout "LINE!", the less the chances are that you will go home empty handed.

There will also be lots to eat and drink – so come hungry! Invite the whole family!

Two or three friends/parents can even club together to buy bigger prizes. We ask the different grades to bring the following prizes:

- Gr. 1** – Girly prizes (age 6 – 10)(dolls, play make-up, beads, play jewellery,)
- Gr. 2** – Boy prizes (age 6 – 10)(balls, marbles, toy motor cars, action men,)
- Gr. 3** – Mommy and teenager girl prizes (handbags, jewellery, toiletries, make-up.....)
- Gr. 4** – Slabs of chocolates, packets of sweets, big packets of chips, 2l cooldrinks, 6-pack tin cooldrink, packs of lollypops.... Anything sweeeeeeeet
- Gr. 5 & 6** – Daddy and teenager boy prizes, puzzles, board games, sport equipment
- Gr. 7** – Stationery (pens, pencils, glitter/gel pens, note pads, writing pads, crayons, colouring books, cardboard, stickers, pencil bags, notebooks, etc.)

(Donation letters are available from school if you need one to ask for prizes from companies/businesses.)

Yes, you are welcome to send an appropriate gift that is not on the list, or even something that is on another grade's list.

Apart from these prizes, **WE ALSO NEED BIG PRIZES**, such as...

- Gift vouchers from Woolworths, Pick and Pay, Canal Walk,
- Gift vouchers for a sunset cruise, Ferrari for a weekend, helicopter trip,
- Kitchen equipment (air fryer, kettle, microwave oven,)
- Bicycle / scooter
- Computer equipment (laptop, flash drives, hard drives,)
- iPod, iPad, Tablet, Cell phone, Nintendo, Play Station 5, head phones,



We are also offering **TWO** rewards:

- 1. A FREE civvies day** for the **FIRST THREE** classes where **ALL the PUPILS** brought Bingo gifts.
- 2. A FREE civvies day on Friday, 28 August 2026** to all pupils who bring a prize or a financial contribution towards prizes on or before **Friday, 28 August 2026**.

 **G.S.P.S** 

SOCCER DAY 2026

A TASTE OF INDIA

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS



1936 - 2026

by the Grade R class

FOOD MENU



 **VETKOEK AND
CURRY MINCE**

R20



 **SAMOOSAS**
3 FOR

R20



 **PAAPER BITES**

R10



 **BARFI BITES**

R5



 **SWEET VERMICELLI
CUPS**

R10

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CLASS!

GROOTE SCHUUR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SOCCER DAY

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2026

A FIESTA OF FOOTBALL!

REPRESENTING: GRADE 1 : MEXICO!

DELICIOUS MEXICAN FOOD & SNACKS



1. NACHOS

R35



2. CORN IN
A CUP

R20



3. MEXICAN
CANDY

R20



4. PINEAPPLE
WITH TAJIN

R15



Taste of Italy



MOZZARELLA STICKS

3 FOR

R30



CHEESE BALLS

3 FOR

R30



MINI PIZZAS

EACH

**R20
EACH**



**G.S.P.S
SOCCER DAY**



2026



Buon Appetito!



CELEBRATING 90 YEARS



1936 - 2026

GSPS SOCCER DAY



★ 24 OCT 2026 ★

PORTUGAL STALL



CHICKEN BURGERS R45



CHICKEN WRAPS R40



WEDGES R25



SCRATCH CARDS R8



SOCCER BALL SWEETS R5



TATTOOS R5



ONE TEAM
ONE DAY
GREAT VIBES!

GOOD FOOD. GREAT VIBES. GO PORTUGAL!





Groote Schuur Primary School
Soccer Day Event
Grade 4 **USA**



Corndogs R40



Hotdogs R25



Popcorn R10



Candy Floss R15

Ice Cream Cookies R30

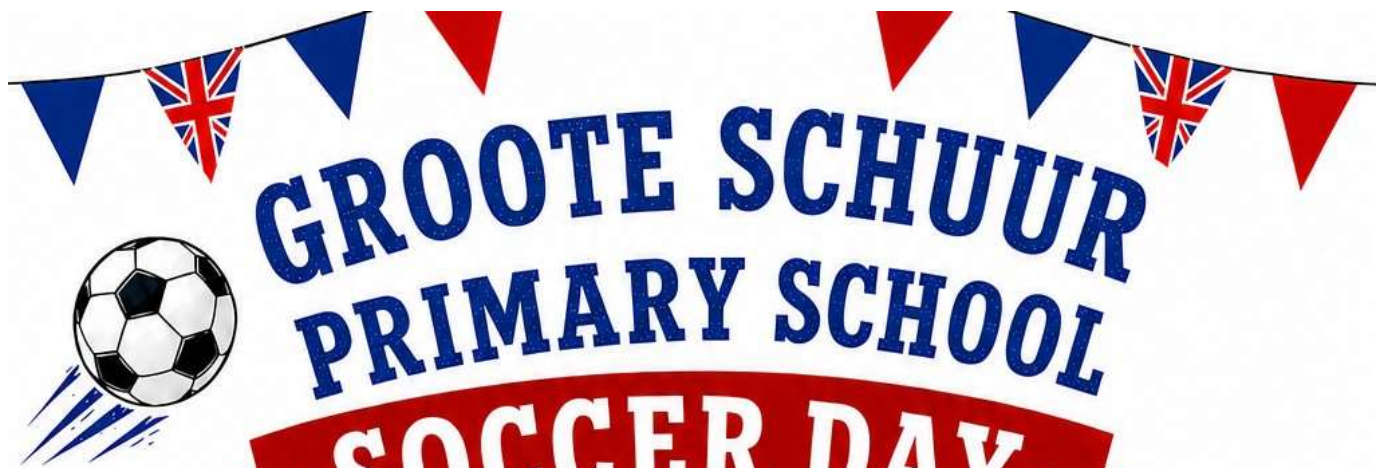


Pop a Balloon R5



Date: Saturday, 24 October





GROOTE SCHUUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

★ SOCCER DAY ★

England

HIGH TEA STALL



24 OCTOBER 2026

A VARIETY OF
Sweet & Savoury
TREATS AVAILABLE!



CHOCOLATE
CHIP COOKIES



BROWNIES



CUPCAKES



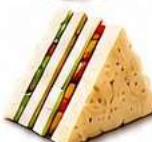
CAKE SLICES



SCONES



LAMINGTONS



MINI
SANDWICHES



SWEET TARTS

...and more!

Come support
our team!



PLAY
TOGETHER
WIN
TOGETHER!

PRICES FROM
R10-R50



KICK OFF YOUR DAY
WITH A TASTE OF ENGLAND!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



GSPS

Soccer day

GRADE 6 - SOUTH AFRICA

24 OCT 2026

MENU



BOEREWORS ROLL
R30



LOADED CHIPS
R25



KOESISTA
3 for R15



Join us for a
WARM, FAMILY-FRIENDLY
SOUTH AFRICAN GATHERING
CAPE TOWN INSPIRED



Groote Schuur Primary School

Grade 7

Soccer Day 24 October 2026

MENU



Crêpes	R20 each - 3 for R50
Mini croissants with fillings	R20
French fries with sauce	R30
Profiteroles (eclairs)	R10
Mini milk tarts	R10
Mini chocolate Bundt cake	R15



HERITAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL

BANDS | MARIMBA | VOCALS | SPOKEN WORD | DJs | DANCE

SATURDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2026 | 12PM - 8PM
INVERSNAID SPORTS FIELD

! EARLY BIRD TICKETS EXTENDED !

PHASE 1 EARLY BIRD TICKETS (until TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2026)

Family of 4: R400 | Individual: R120

PHASE 2 TICKETS (from WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2026)

Family of 4: R450 | Individual: R150

HEADLINER ACT
EMO ADAMS & TAKE NOTE

Bring your picnic.
Food trucks will be
available.

Parking available
at R20 per car.

Tickets available
via Quicket



GROOTE SCHUUR
HIGH SCHOOL