



NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 16/2026

01 September 2026

Enter to Learn: Leave to Serve

Dear Parents

Staff

We welcome Anees Salasa to our school. He joins our staff today as a General Assistant in the place of William Mabija who retired last year.

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.

Little Peaks Pre-Grade R Launching 2027.

We are very proud to announce our Little Peaks Pre-Grade R class launching in 2027 for children aged 4 turning 5 in 2027. Keep an eye out on our website, D6 and social media for more news. Applications open soon!

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 treasurer of our school will present the proposed budget and the annual school fees for 2027.

Casual Day

Groote Schuur Primary will celebrate Casual Day on Thursday 3 September 2026. Buy you R 20 sticker at school. By wearing a sticker and your civvies, we are showing our support for the full inclusion and equity for persons with disabilities. This year we are helping Rusthof, a special needs school in Somerset West, to raise funds for their school.

Secretaries Day

On Wednesday 2 September we celebrate Secretaries Day! To our administrative team who keeps everything together - from answering telephones and welcoming parents, to managing admissions, finances and supporting our pupils and staff with a smile. We want to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to our secretaries and admin staff. Your hard work and kindness and patience do not go unnoticed and we truly appreciate everything you do for all of us.

Eisteddfod Result

On Saturday 22 August our Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Junior Ensemble and some music learners performed at the Konsense Eisteddfod. Our learners performed really well.

JUNIOR CHOIR - 1 Gold and 1 Double Gold

SENIOR CHOIR - 1 Gold and 1 Double Gold

Junior ensemble - Double Gold

(Performers: Riley Franke, Zayn Glass, Phoebe Jacobs, Laylah Said, Soffiya Adams, Reese O'Ryan-Case, Xavier Horn, Remi Franke, Safiyya Moses, Jesse Dedricks)

Solos:

Jade Louw (guitar) - Gold

Sara Dalvie (piano) - 2 Golds

Zachary Messina (piano) - Silver

Finoana Razafinaharintsoa (guitar) - Gold

Caydee O'Ryan-Case (piano) - Gold

Sloane Dowling (piano) - Gold

Aliya Steenkamp (guitar) - Gold

Soffiya Adams (piano) - 2 Golds

Zayn Glass (guitar) - Gold

Congratulations!

Wellness Warriors

The Wellness Warriors are excited to announce a special Heritage Day Fundraising Event to be held on Monday, 21st September 2026.

We would love for the whole school community to participate as we celebrate our beautiful South African heritage in style.



What's happening?

- Learners are invited to come dressed in Heritage civvies – be creative and show off your heritage costumes with pride!
- The civvies donation is R15, which will include a delicious cookie.
- There will be amazing prizes for the most creative and stylish outfits.



Purpose of the fundraiser

All money raised from this event will go towards developing and maintaining our school garden, a project that benefits both our learners and our school environment.

We encourage every learner to take part and help us make this celebration a success. Let's join hands to honour our heritage, show our creativity, and support a worthy cause together!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Extra-murals

Please take note that our winter extra-mural programme for Grades 1 to 7 comes to an end this Friday, 4 September. Our summer programme will resume in Term 4 and will commence on Monday, 12 October.

Interhouse Matches

To wrap up our winter season, learners in Grades 4 to 7 who have participated in our winter sporting codes will participate in interhouse matches during the course of the week. The points earned will go towards the overall house points tally, and will assist in determining the winning house at the end of the year.

Laerskool Simon van der Stel Sports Day

On Saturday, 22 August our Netball (U10 to U13) and Rugby (U9, U11 and U13) teams participated in a Sports Day that was hosted by Laerskool Simon van der Stel. Our teams played with tremendous heart and spirit, and displayed good sportsmanship on and off the playing field and courts. Well done to all the learners who participated at this event, and thank you to the staff who accompanied the teams at this Sports Day.

Celebrating 90 Years of Groote Schuur Primary

As part of Groote Schuur Primary School's 90th Birthday Celebrations, we are pleased to announce two special sporting events that will bring our learners and school community together in celebration of this important milestone.

Interclass Sports Day - Thursday, 17 September 2026

Our Interclass Sports Day will provide learners with an opportunity to participate in a range of sporting activities while promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, healthy competition and school spirit. The day promises to be an enjoyable occasion as our classes compete against one another in the true spirit of participation and camaraderie.

GSPS Colour Run - Wednesday, 23 September 2026

The celebrations will continue with our GSPS Colour Run, a fun-filled event for our learners and staff. Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy an active and memorable experience as we celebrate the rich history and legacy of Groote Schuur Primary School.

Both events form part of our year-long celebration of 90 years of excellence, growth and community. We look forward to creating special memories with our learners and celebrating this significant milestone together as a school community.

Upcoming events

Saturday, 5 September 2026 - The Grove Primary U8 Netball & Soccer Festival (GSPS participating team: Netball - U8)

Thursday, 17 September 2026 - Interclass Sports Day (all grades to participate)

Wednesday, 23 September 2026 - GSPS Colour Run

Sport Results

Please see below our results from the last two weeks:

Week ending Friday, 21 August 2026

Netball vs Timour Hall Primary (Away)

U9 Netball vs Timour Hall Primary: our team lost

U10 Netball vs Timour Hall Primary: our team lost

U11 Netball vs Timour Hall Primary: our team lost

U12 Netball vs Timour Hall Primary: our team lost

U13 Netball vs Timour Hall Primary: our team lost

Rugby vs Reddam House Constantia (Home)

U9 Rugby vs Reddam House Constantia: our team lost

U11 Rugby vs Reddam House Constantia: our team won

U13 Rugby vs Reddam House Constantia: our team lost

Girls' Hockey vs Pinelands Primary (Away)

U11 Hockey vs Pinelands Primary: our team won

U13 Hockey vs Pinelands Primary: our team lost

Chess vs Rondebosch Boys' Prep (Home)

Our Chess team lost

Week ending Friday, 28 August 2026

Netball vs Micklefield School (Home and Away)

U9 Netball vs Micklefield School: our team lost

U10 Netball vs Micklefield School: our team lost

U11 Netball vs Micklefield School: our team lost

U12 Netball vs Micklefield School: our team lost

U13 Netball vs Micklefield School: our team lost

Girls' Hockey vs Pinelands North Primary (Away)

U9 Hockey vs Pinelands North Primary: our team lost

U10 Hockey vs Pinelands North Primary: our team lost

U11 Hockey vs Pinelands North Primary: our team lost

U13 Hockey vs Pinelands North Primary: our team drew

Boys' Hockey vs Pinelands North Primary (Home)

U9 Hockey vs Pinelands North Primary: our team lost

U11 Hockey vs Pinelands North Primary: our team lost

Chess vs Rondebosch Boys' Prep (Away)

Our Chess team won

Sporting Achievements

Hannah Humby-Less, a Grade 5 learner at our school, recently competed at the Gymnastics district trials in Saldanha. Hannah performed exceptionally well at these trials, and was awarded her Western Province colours. She will be part of the Western Province team participating at the National competition in Pretoria later this month. Congratulations and well done, Hannah!

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.



LIBRARY BOOK RETURN REMINDER



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to kindly remind you of the library circulation dates.



Last Date for Library Book Issues:

Monday, 14 September 2026



Final Date for Library Book Returns:

Tuesday, 22 September 2026

Please ensure that all library books are returned to the school library no later than 22 September 2026. We kindly ask parents and guardians to assist learners in checking at home for any library books that may still be in their possession and ensuring that they are returned by the due date.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us keep our library collection organized and ensures that our books remain available for all learners to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support in encouraging our learners to read, care for and respect our library books.

MADD Evening

The much-anticipated MADD Evening is upon us!



On 22 September 2026, we invite our entire school community to come together for a very special celebration. This year, we are celebrating our school's birthday, and what better way to celebrate than with an evening filled with Music, Art, Dance and Drama!

But this year, we're taking a trip down memory lane... back to the 90s!



DRESS THE DECADE!

We are calling on all our families to show their celebration spirit by dressing in their favourite 90s-inspired outfits! Think denim, tracksuits, overalls, bucket hats, scrunchies, bright colours and all those unforgettable 90s vibes!



Prizes will be awarded for the BEST DRESSED, so get creative and have some fun with your 90s look! Please note: While we encourage everyone to embrace the 90s theme, all learners must adhere to the school's dress code policy, as they would on a Civvies Day. All outfits should be appropriate, respectful and in line with the school's existing guidelines. Let's have fun with the theme while still representing our

school with pride.





CAPTURE THE MEMORIES!

We will also have a designated 90s-themed photobooth, where families and friends can capture special moments from the evening. These photographs will create wonderful memories to look back on for years to come.



THE EVENING

5:00 PM – Doors Open

Come early and enjoy an evening of celebration!



Our learners' artwork will be on display and open for viewing.



Rise & Grind will be serving delicious hot drinks to keep you warm and energised.



Chip & Dip will also be joining us, with delicious snacks available for purchase.



Additional refreshments will be on sale throughout the evening.



THE MAIN EVENT

7:00 PM – MADD Performance Commences!

Get ready to sit back, enjoy and celebrate the incredible talent of our learners as they take you on a journey through Music, Art, Dance and Drama.



VIP SEATING & TICKETS

We will have a limited number of VIP Block Tickets available at R50 per ticket.



VIP tickets are first come, first served!

All remaining available seating will be R40 per ticket.



IMPORTANT: TICKETS MUST BE ORDERED VIA KARRI

Please note that all MADD Evening tickets must be ordered strictly via Karri. Tickets will be sent home with learners every Friday leading up to MADD Evening.

Please look out for the ticket information and ensure that your orders are placed via Karri.

Don't miss out — secure your tickets early!



Come dressed, come ready to celebrate and come prepared to be entertained!

Let's make this year's MADD Evening one to remember as we celebrate our school's birthday in true 90s style! 📼 🎵 🎉

MADD ABOUT THE 90s: DRESS THE DECADE!

Music • Art • Dance • Drama • Celebration • Memories

We can't wait to see you there! 🎊 🧑 🎤 🎨 🎭

Saambou Primary

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 reading 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 new or pre-loved children's books suitable for learners aged 6 to 14 years.



New or pre-loved children's books for ages 6–14

No donation is too small. Every book donated can help inspire a love of reading and make a meaningful difference to the learners at Saambou Primary School.

Please see the poster for more information on the types of books we are looking for.

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 book donations are clearly labelled "Saambou Primary School."

As we celebrate 90 Years of Excellence, let us continue the wonderful spirit of Born to Read by sharing the gift of reading and creating opportunities for others.

Yours sincerely



VALENTINE NEFT
PRINCIPAL



Groote Schuur Primary School's Pre-Grade R Program offers young learners a nurturing, stimulating and structured environment where they can develop the confidence, independence and foundational skills needed for future success in school.



Low learner to teacher ratio



Safe and comforting environment



Experienced teaching staff



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90 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



Born to Read 2026 – Giving Back

BORN TO READ 2026 SAAMBOU PRIMARY SCHOOL



Supporting Saambou Primary School through our Born to Read Community Outreach Initiative.

♥ Donate NEW or PRE-LOVED BOOKS for children aged 6-14 years.

Every book donated will help bring the joy of reading to a child!



Donations accepted until end of Term 3

📍 Drop-off: School Library - Born to Read Donation Drop-Off Area



Before school: 07:30-07:50 | After school: 14:35-15:00

Please label all donations "Saambou Primary School"

📖 Let's share the joy of reading and make a difference, one book at a time! ♥





Dress Up & Celebrate Our Roots



Heritage Day WELLNESS WARRIORS

WHAT? HERITAGE DAY DRESS-UP DAY 🗡️🧢
WHEN? 21 SEPTEMBER 2026
COST? R15 – INCLUDES A DELICIOUS COOKIE!



🎉 CELEBRATE YOUR ROOTS, ROCK YOUR CULTURE! 🎉 THE WELLNESS WARRIORS INVITE THE WHOLE SCHOOL TO DRESS TO IMPRESS IN YOUR BEST HERITAGE-INSPIRED OUTFIT! 🌍✨

🏆 PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED!

🌱 ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS OUR SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT.

BRING YOUR HERITAGE TO LIFE – LET'S CELEBRATE WHAT MAKES US UNIQUELY US!



💰 PAY BY 21 SEPTEMBER 2026 OR VIA KARRI!

 **G.S.P.S** 
SOCCER DAY 2026

A TASTE OF INDIA



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

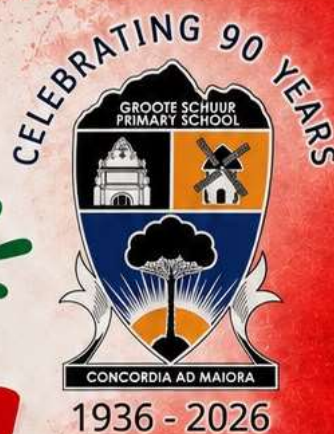


4. PINEAPPLE
WITH TAJIN

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

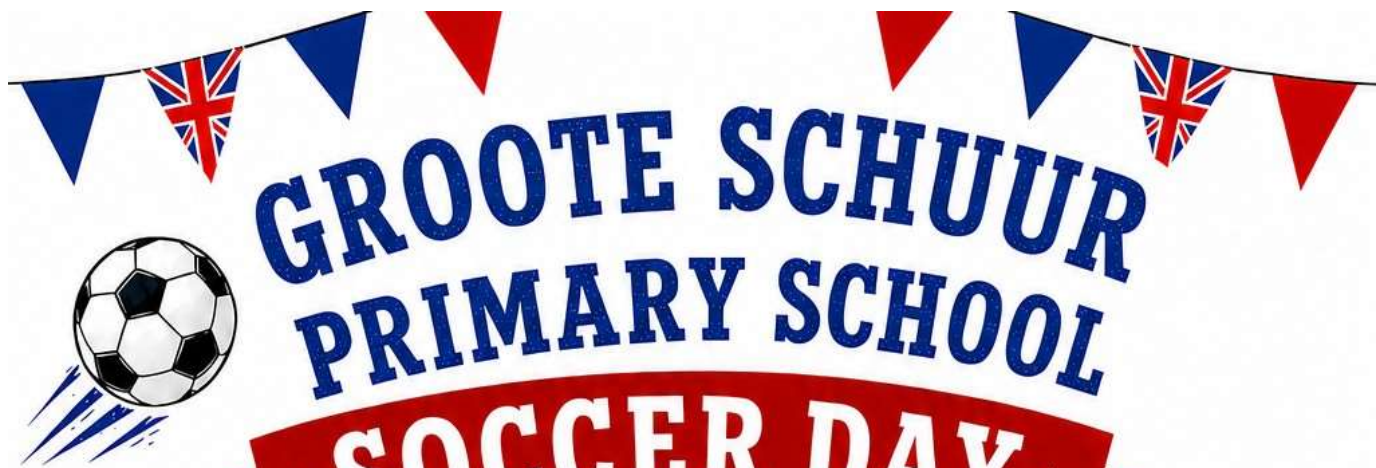


Pop a Balloon R5



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



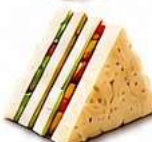
CAKE SLICES



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