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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Another term done. Term 3 (that Ms Demes has been calling the "silly season") brought with it some losses: not only did we learn that Zwaanswyk High School has been affected by the loss of one educator on our staff establishment due to the WCED's financial constraints, but we also had to terminate our relationship with a learner that had brought ingestible illegal substances onto the school's grounds. In addition to this, we also need to start preparing to take leave of our Grade 12s who successfully combated Term 3 and who are now turning their attention to the final NSC exams of 2024. It's a lot to take in, and I've become a lot more sombre in this new position, but there are so many more gains in the greater scheme of our organisation if we keep our perspective.


I start with acknowledging my colleagues. THANK YOU to the staff that make up Zwaanswyk High School. Not only have we strengthened our working relationships by working together, but you have also skilfully navigated the second half of the year by improving our pass rates across the board:

- The Grade 8s produced a 78% pass rate this term. Well done, Grade 8s!
- The Grade 9s produced a 79% pass rate this term. Keep it up, Grade 9s!
- The Grade 10s produced a 98% pass rate this term. Onward and upward, Grade 10s!
- The Grade 11s produced a 99% pass rate this term. Excellent work, Grade 11s!
- And the Grade 12 class of 2024 produced a 98% pass rate! Congratulations class of 2024!

I use the word "colleagues" as a collective, as it is never just one part of the team that contributes to our successes. To ALL the Subject Heads and teaching staff, thank you for being at the frontline of the work that we do. Thank you to Mr Segers and the ground staff for ensuring that our school is conducive to teaching and learning. Thank you to Mrs De Claudio and Mrs Johnson for ensuring that there is always something for our children to eat at the tuckshop. Thank you to Mrs Du Plooy, Mr Jacobs and the admin team for the professionalism and pride with which you tackle the school's administration. Thank you to Ms Rauch and Mr Anderson for always being available to each person that you needs you. To Ms Demes, Ms Pillay, Mrs Borchardt, Mr Paulsen and Mr Nyishimani, thank you for the extra hours that you dedicate to our learners, parents and staff. Without you in my corner, I don't know if we'd have gotten as far as what we have. To Mrs Kader and the SGB: thank you for your unwavering support and belief in the work that our school does.

Finally, to my learners, parents and guardians. Thank you for investing in Zwaanswyk High School. It is because you continue to entrust your children to us on a daily basis that we get to reflect on a good term together. I am proud to lead this organisation, but I know that I can only lead because there are so many that support the work that we do.

Enjoy this end of term newsletter. There's lots to report on as always!



Ms A. Daniels
(PRINCIPAL: acting)

VISION

It is our constant endeavour to educate and develop our learners physically, mentally and spiritually in order to ensure that they leave the school equipped as well-balanced individuals

FROM THE HEAD OF DISCIPLINE'S DESK

As we wrap up another term, I want to take a moment to reflect on our discipline practices and share important updates with you. Parents and guardians, your support and partnership is crucial in creating a positive learning environment, and we appreciate your continued involvement and support.

1. Reflecting on the Term

Term 3, also known as "Silly season" by staff at ZWHS, did not go without our learners trying to push boundaries. I am proud to say parents, guardians and staff stood strong and pushed back even harder.

Instagram and Aispops will be the death of me. Social media has had a big influence on discipline during Term 3. I have been forced to educate myself, my colleagues and our learners yet again. The internet is very much alive, despite what we would like to believe. What our children post, be it about themselves or others, will forever be out there in cyber space. I cannot stress enough that parents should not only monitor but also control their children's digital footprint.

This term, we have focused on reminding our learners about the basic expectations of all the children at Zwaanswyk High School. I believe that if we get the small issues correct, the bigger ones will follow. Discipline has and will always impact academics. It is for this reason we will continue to hold our children accountable for their actions.

During the last week of the term, we had a number of guest speakers engage our learners about social media and the dangers thereof, and other such hidden curriculum concerns. We are hopeful that our children have learnt what it means to be a responsible young adult, and that they take the messages to heart.

2. Celebrating Success

We have celebrated our learners that consistently uphold the school's Code of Conduct. We do this in an annual assembly called Happy Socks Day. Learners were gifted a certificate and chocolate for having earned no demerits (or other such escalated misconduct) earned during the academic year. I salute our learners who show others positive behaviour patterns. Keep it up! Congratulations to all these learners, and thank you for setting such a positive example!

3. Tips for Home

To support our efforts, here are some tips to reinforce positive behaviour at home:

- **Consistency:** Maintain consistent expectations and routines with your child.
- **Positive Reinforcement:** Praise and reward your child for good behaviour.
- **Open Communication:** Encourage your child to talk about their day and any challenges they may be facing.

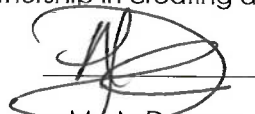
4. Looking Ahead

Term 4 is all about reflection. I am excited to start the Code of Conduct review. Parents your requests for amendments are welcome. Please email me should you have any suggestions. I am also looking forward to meeting the new head of the discipline pillar in the new term.

5. Contact Us

If you have any questions or concerns regarding discipline or your child's behaviour, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you and your child in any way we can. Your child has a homeroom teacher, a subject teacher and a grade head who are happy to come alongside you and your child.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in creating a positive and productive school environment.



Ms A. Demes

Deputy Principal (acting): Head of Discipline

Message from the Grade 8 Head and Team

Dear Grade 8 parents and guardians,

As we approach the end of the third term, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your support throughout the term. Your dedication to your children's academic journey and the encouragement you have shown to both me and the homeroom team have been truly heart-warming. Your ongoing support plays a significant role in helping our grade 8s reach their full academic potential.

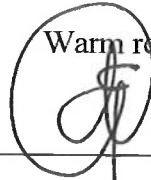
It's with great pleasure that we bid farewell to term 3, as our learners have displayed remarkable perseverance in their academic pursuits and adaptability to the fast-paced high school life. I am immensely proud of their commitment to academic excellence, their assimilation into our school community, and their successful completion of their first high school examination session. They truly deserve this well-earned break.

I eagerly anticipate the return of our learners to Zwaanswyk High School on October 1st. While I have some concerns about the challenges that term 4 normally brings, I am confident in our collective ability to navigate any unforeseen difficulties.

Finally, I encourage you to make the most of the short holiday by stepping away from screens, cherishing quality time with loved ones, and embracing the beauty of our world.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,



Mr E. Nyishimani (Grade 8 Head)

Dear grade 8As,

I am extremely proud of you. You have all grown and developed into respectable young ladies and gentlemen. We have had our challenges along the way but I have seen how you have taken the necessary action to remedy your wrongs. Thank you for the respect and integrity you have shown towards me and each other. Let's continue lifting and building one another up. As we look forward to the final term, please do take some time to rest and recharge. We all definitely need it; enjoy the break, celebrate your achievements, and return refreshed and ready for new adventures. Wishing you a well-deserved, relaxing break!

Best wishes,

Ms De Waal

Dear 8b

As I close off the term, I want you to know that I'm grateful for the positive atmosphere that you have continued to bring to our classroom. I've enjoyed watching you work together as a class, support each other, and grow in your studies and friendships. Your resilience and willingness to do better fills my heart.

Now take this well-deserved break to rest, relax, and recharge because you need your war gear on for Term 4! Good luck for your last term in Grade 8! You've got this! Give it everything you have, and enjoy every moment of it.

I can't wait to see what next term holds for us!

Much love,
Ms L. Williams

Dearest 8C,

Watching you grow and learn has been an incredible journey, and each of you has touched my heart in a special way. Your curiosity, kindness, and laughter makes each day brighter. Keep being the wonderful, unique individuals you are, and remember that I'm always here cheering you on.

Best wishes,

Ms Siljeur

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Grade 8 HR team address: continued

Dear grade 8D's,

As we near the end of this term, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your efforts and the wonderful energy you have brought to our classroom. Your teamwork, support for one another, and growth in both your studies and friendships have been highlights for me. Despite facing challenges, you have shown resilience and a commitment to improving, which makes me incredibly proud.

Take this well-deserved break to rest, relax, and recharge.

Best wishes,
Mr Jelemsi

Dear grade 8Fs,

I would like to wish everyone a safe and pleasant holiday. Take the time to reflect on what you have achieved so far, where you went wrong, and where you can improve.

Bring that energy with you when you return to school next term. We are on this journey together!

Best wishes,
Mr Besterfield

"High school friends are the ones who witness your growth from a teenager to an adult." – Unknown

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Dear grade 8Es,

Thank you for your commitment to your academics this term. I am extremely proud of each and every one of you.

You have all worked extremely hard this term and showed a lot of growth. I'm proud of you. For that, you deserve this break.

I wish you a blessed holiday. Come back ready to excel and give your all in term 4.

Best wishes,
Ms Mathyse



TOGETHER
EVERYONE
ACHIEVES
MORE

Message from the Gr9 HR Team

Dear Grade 9 learners and Parents

As we approach the conclusion of another bustling term, we want to take this opportunity to reflect on the incredible journey our Grade 9 students have undertaken this year. It's been a term filled with challenges, growth, and achievements, and we are excited to share some highlights and important information with you.

Academic Highlights

This term has showcased the resilience and dedication of our Grade 9 learners. Many have excelled in their subjects, and we are proud to report an overall improvement in academic performance:

General Knowledge Quiz

One of the standout events this term was our General Knowledge Quiz, which brought students together for a fun and intellectually stimulating experience. The quiz featured a range of topics, from history and geography to pop culture and current events. Learners formed teams and competed for the title of Quiz Champions. The enthusiasm was palpable, with nearly every Grade 9 learner participating. It was wonderful to see teamwork and camaraderie as learners rallied to answer challenging questions. Congratulations to the winning teams, who showcased their impressive knowledge and quick thinking. Their prize will be awarded during the upcoming awards ceremony.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Systemic Test** : Our grade 9s will write their systemic tests on the **2 October 2024**. Please ensure that your child is present on this day. Further information to follow from Ms Daniels' office.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **Homework and Assignments**: Please ensure all assignments are submitted on or before the deadlines.
- **Uniform Policy**: As we transition into the new term, please remember to adhere to the school uniform policy. Our learners are expected to report to school in the new term wearing their full **Summer uniform**.
- **Extracurricular Participation**: Encourage your child to participate in at least one extracurricular activity next term to foster new skills and friendships. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents and guardians for your unwavering support throughout the term. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable and makes a significant difference in their lives.

Conclusion

As we wrap up this term, we encourage students to take time to reflect on their achievements and set new goals for the upcoming term. Use this break to recharge, spend time with family and friends, and cultivate your interests outside the classroom.

We look forward to welcoming students back for another exciting term filled with learning and growth!

Best wishes



Mr I. Paulsen

Grade 9 Head

And the Grade 9 HR Team:

Ms Arries, Ms Manyadu, Ms Matthews, Ms Marais, Mrs Davids

Message from the Grade 10 Team

Dearest Grade 10s

Grade 10 Reflections: Term 3 and Looking Forward to Term 4

As Term 3 ends, I reflect on my first term as Grade Head for the Grade 10s. Though challenging, it has been rewarding, with learners welcoming me and building a strong bond that I look forward to deepening. Academically, this term has been a learning curve, as students adapted to more demanding content and expectations. While we didn't reach all of our goals, I am proud of their resilience and determination to improve.

We also celebrated achievements outside the classroom. Grade 10s showcased school spirit during the winter sports season, particularly at Derby Day, and some earned medals in gymnastics or participated in cultural events like the ATKV competition. These moments highlighted the potential within our Grade.

As we move into the holiday, I encourage the learners to take time to rest, reflect, and prepare for Term 4, especially with final exams on the horizon. My hope is that they return refreshed and ready to give their best. I believe in their ability to rise to the challenges ahead and end the year strong.

Warm regards,



Mrs. B. Borchardt (Grade 10 Head)

Grade 10A

This term has certainly been full of lessons for both myself and 10A. While we've faced our fair share of challenges, I remain hopeful that we can learn from our experiences and approach Term 4 with a renewed sense of focus and commitment.

Together, I believe we can make the next term a more positive one.

Ms. W. Abrahams

Grade 10B

As we reach the end of another challenging term, I want to take a moment to express how proud I am of each and every one of you. I know that pressures were high, but your hard work and resilience always comes through at the end.

I know it's not said enough but I enjoy sharing my space with you every day. Take time to recharge and enjoy this very short break. I'm looking forward to what the next term may bring for us. - **Mrs. C. Williams**

Grade 10C

Every challenge is an opportunity for growth. Embrace the learning process with an open mind. Remember, learning is not just about absorbing information but also about developing critical thinking, creativity and a life-long passion for discovery.

Support each other, and stay motivated.

Ms. L. Newman

Grade 10D

This term I have had the privilege of seeing my homeroom become closer as a little family. The students of 10D support each other- inside and outside the classroom. 10D has received each initiative run by the school with enthusiasm and I am so grateful to the parents and guardians who have been such a support in these. I am looking forward to seeing my 10Ds continue to grow in the final term of 2024 and I am so proud of how far they have already come. Keep it up 10D! - **Ms. C. Gertzen**

Message from the Grade 11 Team

Grade 11s

As we reach the end of Term 3, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations and commend you for your hard work and dedication. These past few months have been a testament to your resilience and commitment, and I'm proud of how each of you has navigated the challenges and embraced the opportunities that came your way. I am proud of how much you have grown.

Term 3 has been a period of growth, learning, and perseverance. You've tackled new roles, balanced various responsibilities, and continued to develop both academically and personally.

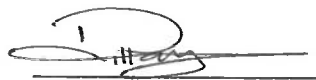
As we approach the final stretch of the school year, it's important to take a moment to reflect on your progress and celebrate your achievements – **no matter how big or small**: whether it's improving in a subject, achieving a personal goal, or simply growing in confidence, each step forward is worth recognising.

Looking ahead, use the momentum from this term to propel yourself into Term 4 with renewed energy and enthusiasm—a reminder you are now the most senior learners of Zwaanswyk High School. The end of the school year is within reach, and with continued effort and dedication, we are well positioned to finish strong, **you're well-positioned to finish strong!** Keep in mind that challenges are opportunities in disguise. Each difficulty you overcome helps build the skills and resilience that will serve you well in all areas of life. Stay positive, stay focused, and continue to support one another as you have throughout the year.

Thank you for your hard work and for making this term a memorable one, you have no idea the role you play in my life as well as your teachers' lives. **NOBODY** can make us laugh the way you do. I look forward to seeing all that you will accomplish in the final term. Keep pushing forward and believing in yourselves. You have the potential to achieve great things and I have all the faith that you will. We are very fast approaching Matric 2025!

To my team, thank you for all the love and care you invest into our grade, seeing the bonds formed and the love shared is absolutely amazing!

To the grade 11 parent body, thank you for always supporting us, supporting your child and most importantly, thank you for entrusting us to be part of your child's journey!



Ms C. Pillay (Grade 11 Head)

Grade 11A, my kids, you stress me out but I have grown so fond of you over the past 9 months. Thank you for the light you bring to my day through your quotes, hugs and smiles. I enjoyed watching the animation of MacBeth during our long homeroom session, when you explained the play to me, I loved how you all got involved and wanted to educate me on what you learnt. I am immensely proud of all of you for all you have achieved this term. My hope is that your hard work, determination, commitment and perseverance will continue in the final term of 2024. - Mrs Benjamin

Grade 11B, I just want to say a massive thank you to all of you for the amazing support and dedication you show one another! This year, you've grown so much both academically and personally, and I'm incredibly proud. We have 8 learners who've made it into the Student Council and 4 who've become House Captains—what a fantastic achievement! Even when you faced doubts, you pushed through and accomplished so much. Your resilience and kindness make this class truly special. Here's to celebrating all your successes! Ms Naidoo

My Dear 11C, I'm so proud of each one of you. Your hard work, resilience, and curiosity have made this term truly special for me. Watching you grow has been a highlight of my year, and I feel lucky to be your teacher. Take this holiday to rest, recharge, and enjoy some well-deserved time for yourselves—you've earned it! Stay safe, make wonderful memories, and come back with those bright smiles I love so much. Ms L. Sherfodien

Grade 11D, I am immensely proud to have you as my homeroom this year. Watching you evolve from term to term has been an inspiring experience. Each of you have shown remarkable growth, both academically and personally, and it's been a joy to witness your progress. Your hard work and dedication truly shine through in everything you do. Mr R. Wyngaard

Message from the Grade 12 Head

To my beloved grade 12s.

I remember a time, before you even started, it was the year before 2019 and I had NO interest in being a Grade head. I didn't believe that it was something I could do.

And then 2019 came, I met all of you. You were tiny, little, frightened girls and boys. Today, it's almost five years later and I cannot imagine myself doing and being anything other than your proud Grade head. And that I am: **PROUD!**

During our five years together, I have been able to witness your growth, your triumphs, and the challenges you've overcome. You've navigated the complexities of academics, built lasting friendships, and discovered more about who you are and who you want to become. Your resilience, hard work, and dedication have brought you to this moment, and it is a testament to your strength and character -- even though you oftentimes do not know your own strength! Watching you grow over the years, from the naughtiest to the most kind and lovable young men and women today, has been an absolute pleasure. A relationship which started off with lots of fights and reprimanding and disciplining and and and ... now ends in a relationship where you are missed when you're in an examination venue because seeing you has become the best part of my day. I can't go anywhere without wanting your random hugs or smiles. On the days that I don't see you, my days feel empty.

I always knew that this time would come: the time to say goodbye. I must admit I could never be ready enough to say goodbye, but I find comfort in being filled with immense pride and admiration for each and every one of you. Grade 12s, you have become such a big part of who I am.

While I will miss seeing your familiar faces around, we are all extremely excited for what the future holds for each of you. Your potential is boundless, and I have no doubt that you will achieve great things. As you move forward, remember the support and encouragement you've received from those around you. We are **ALL** rooting for you!

This next term, your final high school stretch, will be a culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and growth. I know that each of you will face your challenges with resilience and determination, remember your efforts will not go unnoticed. Do not forget our end goal, do not forget your end goal! The road ahead will undoubtedly have its ups and downs, but with the skills and qualities you've cultivated, I am confident that you will navigate it with grace and success. Remember: **YOU'VE GOT THIS!**

As your Grade Head, it has been an honour to watch you grow and achieve so much. Though our time together in this capacity is ending, know that you will always hold a special place in my heart.

I wish you all of the best for your upcoming examinations, I know that you will be the ones to give Zwaanswyk High School that **100% pass**. This is what you must aim for: I will have **NO MAN LEFT BEHIND**.



Ms C. Pillay
(Grade 12 Head)



From the Grade 12 HR team

Dear Grade 12A,

It has truly been an honour and privilege to serve as your homeroom teacher throughout this year. As I reflect on 2024, I am filled with gratitude for the time we have spent together, the memories we've created, and the growth I've witnessed in each of you. We've certainly had our share of ups and downs, but what I admire most is your resilience and positivity. No matter the challenges, you always seemed to find a reason to smile through it all, and that is a testament to your strength and unity as a class.

This class has always been an incredible mix of characters, each with a distinct personality, bringing something special to our group. From the quiet thinkers to the loud debaters, the diligent note-takers to the spontaneous creators, the diversity within Grade 12A made every day dynamic and full of life. I've enjoyed seeing how you all support one another, lift each other up, and push yourselves to be the best academically. Your determination to always strive for excellence is truly admirable.

One of the things I will miss most are the small, yet memorable, moments we shared. From the random flowers, to the inspiring quotes of the day that started our mornings on the right note, every minute spent with you all has been a cherished experience for me. These gestures, both big and small, made this year special and created a bond that I will carry with me for years to come.

As your Life Sciences teacher, I can confidently say you are the best homeroom class I could have ever asked for. Your passion for learning, your curiosity, and your kindness have made my job not only fulfilling but also enjoyable. You've made an impact on my life, and I hope I've done the same for you.

As you move on to the next chapter of your lives, remember the lessons you've learned, not just from textbooks, but from the experiences and friendships you've built in this classroom. Keep striving, keep smiling, and never forget the strength and spirit of Grade 12A.

Thank you for an unforgettable year. You guys will always have a special place in my heart!



Mr Dyllan Lekay (12a HR teacher)

To the most beautiful class I've ever been blessed with,

When I first started with the B class, I wondered what "B" should stand for. Should it be "B" for best? "B" for bold? Or "B" for beautiful? As I got to know you, I realized that the "B" stands for so much more.

Here's what "Bee" represents: Community, Brightness, Productivity, and Power.

You gave me community. We were, and still are, a strong community. You brightened my days; I always looked forward to seeing you because I knew you would make my day better. You made me feel productive because, as we all know, the foundation of everything is prayer. We prayed together, shared so much, and that's where our productivity stemmed from. And then there's power. You are more powerful than you realize.

Today, I find myself overwhelmed with emotions, and I think I know why. It's because of the love, the care, the challenges, the prayers, and the unwavering belief we had in one another that I feel this way. You've shown me a kind of love I never expected from students, a love that allowed me to be myself, just as I allowed you to be yourselves. Together, we created a year full of unforgettable moments.

I think about our crazy Fridays when I was 'forced' to play music, the scramble to finish homework in the homeroom, and those heated debates about keeping your rain jackets on because it was too cold—even though I was the only teacher insisting you take them off! I remember the dance moves as you left my class, the reluctance to leave homeroom, and your pleas to stay because you were too lazy to go to the next lesson. How do I say goodbye to the best part of my year, to the best homeroom I've ever had?

At the start of the year, I asked myself if I was ready to take on this class, and now I see that God wanted to show me there's more to teaching than just the classroom. God showed me that love extends beyond family; it can also come from students. You've taught me so much in such a short time, and I can't help but wonder—what happened to this year? Where did all the time go? It feels like we just started, I just began to know you, but now our time together is almost up. It's hard to understand, but maybe time flew by because it was filled with so many beautiful moments.

As you begin your exams, take this with you: never cease to pray because God loves you. Stay blessed, and always remember that I will continue to pray for you and intercede on your behalf. Thank you, Grade 12B. You are loved.



Ms Zenande Tembha (12b HR teacher)

Dear Grade 12C

I would like to take a moment to reflect on this journey that I have been blessed to stand alongside you, as you complete your last lap. I might not have been part of your beginning to watch you grow into these independent young individuals with so much potential. However, I have been able to observe your strengths, your excitement, your worries in every homeroom class, without you noticing.

The world out there is a challenging one, full of opportunities. All the stumbling blocks you have overcome in your life thus far, played a role in building your character, for you to be resistant and go getters. To jump over hurdles, and not be deterred by setbacks.

As you move forward, remember that education is not just about the lessons learned in the classroom but also about the experiences that shape you. Embrace every opportunity with an open heart and mind. Be courageous in the face of adversity, and never stop striving for excellence.

I am confident that you will achieve great things. Whether you are heading to university, starting a career, or exploring new paths, know that you have the strength and capability to succeed. Believe in yourselves as much as I believe in you.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey. It has been an honor to have played my role. As I step back, and you step forward into the future, carry with you the values and lessons learned here. Stay curious, stay kind, and always aim high.

Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors. May you stop at NOTHING to achieve ALL that this life holds for each and every one of you!

With heartfelt congratulations and best wishes,



Ms. Cairncross

Dear 12 D 'My Sunshines',

I am immensely proud of each and every one of you. I understand that this year, along with the mock exams, has been very challenging for many of you. But YOU'VE MADE IT!

We've shared numerous challenges and joyful moments together, and those memories will always be close to my heart. Each of you have significantly impacted my life and helped me grow as into the educator that I am today. And for that, I am truly grateful.

As you approach your final exams, I wish for nothing but success for all of you. Remember, the effort you put in is what you will get out, and I am confident that your unique qualities will help you excel.

Before you step into this crucial phase of your high school journey, I want to leave you with the following words of encouragement:

It's not about how bad you want it; it's about how hard you are willing to work for it.

Don't watch the clock. DO what it does. KEEP GOING.

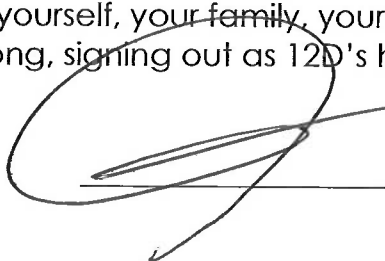
Life is the most difficult exam. Many people fail because they try to copy others, not realising that everyone has different question papers.

Nothing is impossible. The word itself says "I'm possible".

Success is never failure. Failure is never fatal. It's courage that counts.

Always remember that I love you all and that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. All the best 12D. Continue to make yourself, your family, your educators and myself proud.

This is Ms. Ontong, signing out as 12D's homeroom teacher.



SPECIAL SHOUT OUT

Dearest Ms Pillay, Grade 12 HR team, and the Grade 12 class of 2024



I have made no secret about the fact that time in class and seeing the learners has been, for a long time, the best part of my day. I have tried to lead with grace and humility, and I have often said that there is no expression more powerful than the word “thank you”. Since this is the end of our last full term with the Grade 12 class of 2024, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the incredible hard work, dexterity, and drive of this year’s Matric Class.

I need to start with acknowledging our **Grade 12 Head. Ms Pillay**, I’m gratified to watch how you’ve grown with the children and teams that you have led. You’ve always inserted so much of yourself into this job, that it’s a pleasure to feel the special way that you’ve guided the Grade 12s and their HR teachers into being who they are. There was never a day that you didn’t come into my office to say “Don’t be angry, but…” and you’d ask some or other impossible thing for the Grade 12s or the Grade 12 HR team. Despite this, you’ve also impacted so many of our colleagues in ways that that just make sense: thank you for showing up for the Grade 12s the way that you have, and for involving our parent and guardian body the way that you did. You have modelled all that I have tried to be as a leader, and I am proud to have you leading such a loveable grade because it is your touch that has made them that way. Not only did you personally pay for a number of entrance tickets when you had parents helping you with events behind the scenes, but you’ve also started remarkable trends that have shaped our practices forever. Initiatives such as the “**write to another person’s child**” was such a pleasure, and it came at such a good time! That’s you and that’s the work that you’ve done. Thank you.



Mr Lekay, there isn’t a better staff member for 12a. I don’t know if you know how much your personality matches theirs. In your note to them, you reflected on how their positivity and their resilience is what you will always remember about them. But never forget, Mr Lekay, that it is **YOU** who cultivated that for them. Thank you for picking your HR class up at the beginning of the year, and for guiding them to where they are today. Thank you, always, for your unwavering support of your Grade Head.

Ms Temba, you have such a fierce personality that I definitely think was perfect for **12b**. I take great pleasure standing outside of your classroom listening to how you address your HomeRoom class. If “tough love” wasn’t already an existing expression, I would say that it was coined for you! I watched you run around for the Matric Ball and then, when Jethro (who was the first to arrive) came up the stairs, I saw you relax and automatically fall into the role of gracious host as you put yourself at the escalator to be the first to receive our special guests. Thank you for your firm hand with your HomeRoom class, and for your constant nurturing of who they have fast become. Thank you for your support of Ms Pillay.

Ms Cairncross, I remember one of the difficult conversations that we had about 12c. I remember you saying that you didn't think that you could, and that they wouldn't receive you the way they needed to receive you. But look where you've gotten 12c to now: stronger than they've ever been, more confident than what they realise, and ready to tackle whatever the world throws at them! You've had a challenging first year with us (everyone's first year is hard), but take pride in the work that you have done and the contribution that you have made to 12c's last year of high school. I am very proud to have you as a staff member at our school. You're the perfect amount of sensitivity for 12Cs' attitude, and it was heated sometimes but you've softened them so well. Thank you for what you have brought, and for what you will continue to bring, to us here at Zwaanswyk High School.



Ms Ontong, I have made no secret about the leader that I see you becoming. It is when I see you in class with our children, however, that I am struck by the absolute love that you garner from each child lucky enough to be assigned to you. Your strength, Ms Ontong, is your heart: this is what makes you an excellent Subject Head and an excellent teacher and, more than that, an excellent HR teacher and role model for others. Children and staff do what you want them to do because you lead humbly and heartily. This is your strength! With regards to what you've created with 12D, I think that their success should be testimony enough. Thank you for your support of Ms Pillay, and for your love of 12d. In a year as tough as what their last year has been, they are blessed to have had you to see to them every morning.

Grade 12 Head, and Grade 12 HomeRoom team, there couldn't have been better matches for this year's class of 2024. Thank you for the impact that you have made. But don't just take it from me. Two special learners, Caitlin Lewin and Caleb Skrikker, have the final shout out for you as well.

Here we go:

As we come to end of another term, we as the Matric Class of 2024 need to turn our focus to our Grade Head, Ms Pillay. For those who don't know Ms Pillay, she has been our Grade Head since 2020. It was Covid then and we started Grade 8 under Ms Pillay.



Ms Pillay, the first time we met you, we were scared of you. You had such a strict approach to us, and a death stare that we cannot (and will not!) forget for the rest of our lives! You might have come across as small (short), but you have never been a person to be underestimated. Because of you we certainly know that "dynamite comes in small packages".

As we grew as young people and as a grade, we have come to realise that you are not just strict: you are sweet, kind, caring and thoughtful, and we have seen and felt this for the past five years. We aren't just anybody's child: we are "Ms Pillay's kids", and you've always made us feel safe at school and in class. With you, we were able to find our safe space; with you, we could laugh, have fun, express emotions and complain. You are the one person that would always go out of your way to help us with whatever we were dealing with.

Ms Pillay, we thank you and appreciate you. We will remember your pep talks, and how you have supported us in good and bad times. You have always been there to lend an ear, a reprimand, or a shoulder to cry on. You always listened to us and helped us make decisions that benefit our future.

To the Grade 12 HR team, and to every teacher that we have had, thank you. For the extra work that went into planning events for us over the years, or for your work that you did for us this year, we as a Grade 12 class are forever grateful. The staff at Zwaanswyk High School are the true definition of what it means to help others even if things aren't going well, and you all deserve nothing but the best. Wonderful things will come your way, and we will remember you all fondly.

On behalf of the Matric Class of 2023, thank you for being steadfast. Thank you for your motto: **NO MAN LEFT BEHIND**. We love you and we appreciate everything you have done for us. Thank you.

Ms Daniels (Acting Principal), Caitlin Lewin and Caleb Skrikker (for and on behalf of the Grade 12 class of 2024)

To the class of 2024

“You have brains in your head, you have feet
in your shoes. You can steer yourself any
direction you choose!” Dr Seuss

Best wishes for the NSC final exams.

CONTINUE to make us proud!

100% Pass rate!

No man left behind!



FINANCE REPORT

As we reach the end of Term 3, we would like to thank all parents and guardians for your payments made so far towards school fees and would like to urge all to continue making payments in order for your account not to be in arrears.

By the end of September, you should have paid at least **R14 859.00** if you are paying over 10 months and **R12 382.50** if you are paying over 12 months which leaves a balance of R1 651.00 and R4 127.50 respectively.

All arrear accounts will receive an 'Intention to proceed letter' with the reports and any outstanding payments should be paid by the 20th of December 2024. We encourage all parents and guardians to get the account up to date and paid up in order for the account not to be handed over to our Debt Collectors when school re-opens in 2025.

We would also like to mention to parents and guardians that when making school fee payments to please only use the student's unique account number (eg.ABC001). All finance queries and proof of payments should only be sent to ejacobs@zwhs.co.za and mreid@zwhs.co.za

We still have the following payment in our suspense account:

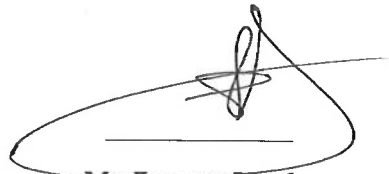
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If you have made the above payment, please send proof of payment to the email addresses above so that we can allocate it to your account.

Our SGB have been meeting with parents and guardians whose accounts are in arrears and have made some sort of arrangements to get the account up to date. If you would like to meet with the SGB to discuss your account, please send an email to the above email addresses to arrange a meeting.

Lastly, we would like to request for parents to register for the Woolworths MySchool card, a percentage of what you spend will go to school. Application forms will be at the Finance Office.

Thank you and Kind Regards



Mr Eugene Jacobs

Bursar

Our school's uniform store hours are TUESDAYS (07h30 – 10h30), and THURSDAYS (12h45 – 16h00).

You are very welcome to email me your uniform requirements and your son or daughter, can fit on during their break times which is included in the opening times. Accompanying EFT's can be emailed to: dcloete@zwhs.co.za

- Winter Woolly sets (beanie, scarf and gloves) R250-00/set
- Pantihose: S, M, L, XL and XXL: R60 per pair
- Tracksuits: R655 and will rise per size
- The Zwaanswyk High School Uniform Shop stocks the Summer Shirts and the PE kit.

THANK YOU

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COUNSELLOR'S REPORT

Dear Zwaanswyk Community

As the holidays approach, Mr Anderson and I want to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and dedication everyone has shown during term 3 and especially during the assessment period. It has been a time of challenge, growth, and perseverance. To our learners, you should be proud of your efforts. No matter the results, your commitment to doing your best is what truly matters.

For Our Learners

The upcoming break is a time to recharge, relax, and reflect. Remember, holidays are not just about taking time off but about resetting your mind and body. Here are a few tips to make the most of your time off:

Rest and Recharge: Take some time to truly rest the mind and the body. This is your chance to improve on your sleeping routine, physical wellbeing and your social well-being.

Reflect on Your Achievements: Look back on how far you've come and celebrate your efforts but also use the time to reflect on areas where you can improve and grow. This way you will have a set of goals ready for term 4.

Balance Your Time: While it's important to rest, it's also a great idea to stay engaged with something creative or productive. Whether it's reading, exploring a new skill, or trying a new activity, make sure you keep your mind engaged without overwhelming yourself.

For Our Parents

The holiday season can bring its own unique challenges, especially after a stressful academic period. Here are some helpful suggestions to support your child during the break:

Encourage Rest: After such a demanding term, it's important that children have the opportunity to decompress. Encourage them to rest and engage in activities that bring them joy.

Foster Open Communication: Create a space where your child feels comfortable expressing their feelings about the recent assessments. Reassure them that results do not define their worth and celebrate their effort and resilience.

Plan Quality Family Time: Use this holiday as a chance to strengthen bonds as a family. Whether it's through a holiday tradition, a family outing, or simply spending time together, these moments will foster positivity and a sense of belonging.

Wishing you all a happy and restful school holiday,

The Counselling Department



Ms. Rauch
Head of counselling

GROUND AND BUILDINGS

Our term started with a small project creating more workspace in the reception area and making it more efficient for Miss Matthews and parents by moving her from behind her desk to the counter of the reception area by window.

With this, we took the opportunity to spring clean offices, washing off carpets, as well as doing the same in the offices and for the staffroom chairs.

We were lucky enough to have some money to spend on upgrading the lights in the hall and admin block. The change to led fluorescent tubes will be an ongoing project which we will continue on a monthly basis until the entire school will be done. We hope that this makes it easier for our colleagues and children to see what they are doing.

Our school was quite badly hit with the Cape Town. Storm damages threw our school off its day-to-day activities. The functionality and safety of the school was severely affected by the damage, but we mended what we could and we asked for help through the correct channels, and we continue to do our best for Zwaanswyk High School.

The storm caused gutters to blow off throughout the school, posed major damage on roofs and, in severe cases, impacted the ceilings in our classrooms, hall and library where rain was falling down directly onto the

ceiling. We have continued to struggle with blocked drains and our drainage system on the fields caused major problems due to the drains being blocked and causing our field to flood.

I am so proud to have an AMAZING TEAM with everything that was happening at the same time. My team kept the cool and fixed what they could with minimal resources in order for the school to continue as per normal. We fixed the lower roofs and did waterproofing where necessary. Broken ceiling boards were replaced in between the daily duties that were required.



Also, because our school is growing, we are in the process of expanding with 5 new classrooms and an ablution block.



Thank you to Ms Daniels, the Management Team, and the staff at Zwaanswyk High School for being such amazing role models and colleagues.


Mr J. Segers
Estate Manager

LEARNER LEADERSHIP AT ZWHS

FROM THE OUTGOING HEAD AND DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL:

Our time on student council has been a gift, as best friends in Grade 9 the thought of being heads of school in matric seemed like a far-fetched dream however here we are speaking about our time on student council that has gone by in the blink of an eye. Student council has been a place of growth as we have learnt many things from diverse people. Additionally, we've been able to form meaningful bonds with the Zwaanswyk team. We cannot say that leading a school is easy, but it pushed us to the limit and made us better leaders and people, that being said unfortunately all good things have to come to an end and we wish nothing but the best to the new team of student councillors who have our full support and love.



Yours faithfully
Jesse and Aleah

Outgoing Chair and Deputy Chairperson

SC 2023/24



FROM THE NEW TLOs of Student Council



Taking over as the new student council teacher liaison officers has been both an exciting and enlightening experience for us. Stepping into the role previously held by Ms. Daniels, we are aware of the high standards and dedication she brought to the position. Ms. Daniels was not just a guide but a mentor who understood the importance of fostering student leadership and engagement. Her impact on the student council was profound, and our goal is to build upon the strong foundation she established.

Our approach has been guided by a clear commitment to benefiting the learners. We have carefully observed and learned from the practices that worked well under Ms. Daniels' tenure, while also seeking innovative ways to enhance the student council's effectiveness. We recognize that the key to success lies in listening to students' needs and ensuring their voices are heard. By encouraging open dialogue and actively involving students in decision-making processes, we aim to create a more inclusive and dynamic environment.

In our new role, we are focusing on implementing initiatives that directly address student interests and concerns. This involves streamlining communication channels between the council and the student body and ensuring that every initiative is aligned with the overall goal of enhancing student life. We are also committed to providing ongoing support and resources for student leaders, empowering them to take on more responsibility and drive positive change.

Overall, taking over from Ms. Daniels has been a journey of growth and learning. We are honoured to carry forward her legacy and are dedicated to making a meaningful impact on the student council. By leveraging her insights and integrating our own perspectives, we are working to create a vibrant and responsive student council that truly benefits all learners.

Mrs A Davids and Mr R Wylngaard

NEWLY ELECTED LEARNER LEADERS: 2024/2025

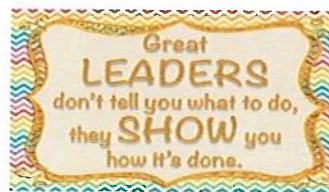
Congratulations to the newly elected student council members of Zwaanswyk High School for the 2024/25 academic year! We are excited to welcome you to this important role and are confident that your enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment will lead to a vibrant and impactful year. As you step into your positions, remember that you have been chosen to represent the voices of your peers and to bring fresh ideas and energy to our school community.

This is your opportunity to make a meaningful difference, foster school spirit, and drive positive change. We encourage you to embrace this responsibility with passion and to work collaboratively to enhance the experiences of all students. We look forward to supporting you throughout the year and seeing the innovative ways you will contribute to our school's growth and unity. Here's to a year of exciting achievements and memorable experiences!

We are proud to announce the following learners who have been elected to Student Council 2024/25

Grade 9:

Katelyn Abrahams
Courtney Barendse
Claire Cleinwerck
Basetsana Clifant
Dante Smith
Daanyaal van Aarde



Grade 10:

Sherazaan Jefftha
Saskia Jones
Tamzyn Kotze
Caprice Solomons
Mjahid Sulaiman

Grade 11:

Labeegah Abrahams
Zaakia Adams
Siyolisiwe Batale
Blanca Chisuse
Mercy Chirwa
Uedi Chirwa
Callum Cleinwerck

Kayla Cloete
Erwin Coetzee
Zoe Dampies
Cassidy Engelbrecht
Daniel Felix
Ashlynn Kallis
Nina Koning

Bethany Lake
Hannah Le Grange
Ayesha Lewis
Erin Malambo
Ncde Manasse
Cassidy Mentoor
Mguel Meyer

Mguel Meyer
Shannon Mserole
Mche Moses
Dinika Naidoo
Kalene Naude
Skye - Lynn Ntsckie

Nathan Rhoda
Jade Schmidt
Chelsea September
Zubenathi Seyisana
Othandwayo Vatele
Zion Vtsagie

House Captains

EIKO HOUSE

Cailah Bloem

Rowen Mentor

GERWEL HOUSE

Khiara De Jongh

Qa-eed Slamang

MORGEN HOUSE

Rajesh Benjamin

Rafeeq Essex

PURCELL HOUSE

Tyron Matthys

Jordan Smith

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!

Administrator's Day

On Tuesday, the 10th of September 2024, in line with our efforts to acknowledge every staff member that occupies and fulfils a valuable role at our school, we hosted an Administrator's Day at Zwaanswyk High School.

Typically called "secretary's day", we have worked hard to include ALL the staff that play a role in various capacities at our school. We have an annual Teacher's Day, and we have an annual Ground Staff Appreciation Day too!

Ms Demes, Ms Daniels and the administrative staff were able to take the afternoon to enjoy a lunch together. We rode in the school's bus (thank you for driving us safely there and back, Ms Reid!) and we enjoyed one of the first sunny days since winter hit us.

It was a beautiful day, made more enjoyable by the fact that we were together with each other knowing that the rest of our colleagues blessed us to spend the afternoon as a team.

Thank you to all my colleagues but, on Administrator's Day at Zwaanswyk High School, particularly to Mrs Du Plooy, Ms Matthews, Mrs Booie, Mrs Segers, Ms Reid, Ms Sehloho, Mrs Cloete, Ms Van Rooyen and Mr Jacobs for the incredible work that you do for our school, our children, our staff, and each other.



SPORT REPORT

As the winter sports season comes to a close, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the players, TICs and external coaches who made the season possible through their dedication and sacrifices. To all our learners, your hard work, resilience and commitment to your sports have been truly inspiring, both in your performances and in your sportsmanship. Below is a summary of the statistics detailing how each team fared during the course of the winter sporting season:



Rugby

The **U/16 team**, captained by Sherwin Johnson (10C) and supported by TIC Mr. Z Ganief, took on 4 action-packed matches. With 1 win, 1 draw, and 2 close losses, their perseverance and teamwork were clear for all to see.

The **U/19 team** had a remarkable season, showcasing their strength and unity on the field. Led by captain Ezra Hartzenberg (12D) and TIC Mr. D Lekay, the team demonstrated outstanding performances throughout their

season. They played a total of 6 matches, managing 4 wins, 1 draw, and experiencing just 1 loss, which occurred during derby day.

Our **Girls' Touch Rugby** team, which was only formed this year was led by captain Lilitha Mente (12D) and supported by TICs Ms. T Ontong and Mr. I Paulsen, played one derby day match this season. Although it did not end in victory, their enthusiasm and willingness to learn were commendable.

Soccer

The **U/15 boys** played 10 matches, with 5 wins and 5 losses. Captain Connor Morgan (9B) and TIC Mr. Z Davids kept the team's spirits high, making for an exciting and balanced season.

The **U/17 boys** had a fantastic season, playing 6 matches and achieving 3 wins and 3 draws. They managed to complete the season as the only team not to lose a single match. Led by captain Tyrese September (10B) and TIC Mr. C Lodewyk the team showed great teamwork and spirit throughout the season. The **U/19 boys** had their share of thrills, playing 7 matches and securing 2 wins, 2 losses, and 3 draws. Captain Cameron Jacobs (12B) and TIC Mr. E Jelemsi guided the team with skill and enthusiasm, showing their prowess on the field.

The **girls' soccer team** played 7 matches, with 3 wins, 3 losses, and 1 draw. Under the leadership of Captain Logan Maggot (11A) and TIC Ms. J Naidoo, the team showed off their talent and played with great spirit.



Netball

The **U/14 team**, captained by Zahrah Jansen (8F) and guided by TICs Ms. R Hendricks and Ms. I Siljeur, played 9 matches and snagged 4 wins. Their energetic play and teamwork were highlights of the season, and they showed a lot of promise for the future.

The **U/16 team** faced some challenges but kept their spirits high. With 6 matches and no wins this season, Captain Caprice Solomons (10B) and TICs Ms. C Matthews and Mrs. A Davids continued to cheer on their teammates with unwavering support. Their enthusiasm and growth were clear and will pay off next season.

The **U/19 team** played 7 matches and managed 3 victories. Under the captaincy of Tyler Van Boven



(12D) and with the help of TICs Mrs. C Williams and Mrs. A Barendse, the team displayed great skill and made every game a lot of fun.

Hockey

Our hockey team did not play any official matches this season, but they were busy honing their skills and learning new techniques with their TIC's and external coach. Next year, they will be ready to show off everything they have learned. We are excited to see them in action as they will be entered in a league.

Derby Day



Our much-anticipated derby day against Voortrekker High School proved to be a thrilling showcase of sportsmanship and commitment between two schools. Zwaanswyk High School began the day strongly, leading the standings at the halfway mark with impressive victories from both the netball and soccer teams. However, Voortrekker High School staged a remarkable comeback, levelling the standings as we headed into the penultimate rugby match. Despite a valiant effort from our U/19 rugby team, Voortrekker narrowly clinched a hard-fought victory in a closely contested match, securing the Derby day bragging rights.

The day was filled with intense competition and moments of skill and determination from all participants. Both schools displayed exemplary sportsmanship throughout, making the event not only competitive but also memorable for all involved. As we reflect on this event, we are proud of our team's performances and look forward to our next derby day.



CULTURE REPORT

A Reflective Look at the Term: Celebrating Creativity

As we reach the end of this term, it's a moment for both reflection and celebration. Over the past few months, our department has experienced an array of events that have shaped our collective journey. From our culture fundraisers to our outstanding performances.



Our performances this term started with our ATKV Dress Rehearsal on the 16 August 2024. We would like to express how proud we are of our ATKV learners. They showcased their play called 'Breekpunt' and it was absolutely brilliant. As a culture department it warms our hearts when our learners are able to express themselves so beautifully outside of their academics. A special shout-out to our coordinators, Mrs B Borchardt & Ms L Williams, who did a wonderful job of guiding the learners and bringing the dream to a reality.

Our next performance was the fun-filled half time show at our Derby Day against Voortrekker High School on the 17 August 2024. As per usual our Zwaanswyk High School Dancers brought all the energy and danced their hearts out to show everyone watching just how much dance means to them. A special shoutout to our incredibly talented dance teacher, Ms S Adams, who danced alongside her learners and gave the performance extra flare.

We wrapped up our term with a fundraiser in the form of our Soup Sale. We would like to say Thank you to all the parents and learners for always supporting and making every fundraiser of ours a success.

Looking Ahead

As we move towards Term 4, we are very excited to announce our Term 4 Culture Showcase taking place on the 30/31 October. Please keep a lookout on all our school's platform for all finer details and we hope to see all our parents supporting the amazing work the learners have done this year.


Ms K Marais, Head of Culture



EVENTS DURING TERM 3

Congratulations to Mr Lekay, David Mclean and Tyra Parenzee. These three attended Stellenbosch University's Microbes & Climate Change Event, which took place at Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden on the 21st of August. Your participation and support made a significant impact on the event's success, as we engaged with a variety of schools from across the Western Cape.



The event provided a valuable platform for fostering environmental awareness and scientific curiosity, and your presence contributed greatly to enriching the discussions and overall experience.

Thank you once again for your dedication and commitment to such an important cause. Thank you to Mr Lekay for giving up your private time to foster a further love of learning in our children!

10 of our top performing learners in Mathematics and Accounting participated in the SAICA Business Games that took place at the University of the Western Cape on Saturday, 14 September. This group was made out of 5 grade 10 learners and 5 grade 11 learners. It was our first time participating in this event and we did not know what to expect. Learners had to work as pairs and compete against other schools to start a business and make a profit. They had a start up capital and had to use it to ensure that their business became successful. There were three prizes that were up for grabs for 1st place (R12 000), 2nd place (R8 000) and 3rd place (R5 000). Unfortunately, we did not win any of these prizes as we were not in those positions. However, our learners enjoyed the experience and exposure and we are hoping to do better next year. They upheld our values throughout the day and represented us very well. The names of the learners are as follows:

1. Michelle Nicholas
2. Zayaan Payne
3. Callan Cornelius
4. Gabriel Murphy
5. Khendra Wood
6. Precious Chirwa
7. Erwin Cotzee
8. Zubenathi Seyisana
9. Zion Disagie
10. Zaakia Adams



Thank you so much colleagues and parents for the support you provided to ensure that our learners participated in the SAICA Business Games.

Mr Jelemsi and Ms Demes, THANK YOU for giving up your Saturday to meet our learners at school or to attend the event with them. Your dedication, extra hours and commitment is appreciated! Always.

**EDUCATION IS NOT LIMITED
TO THE CLASSROOM. IT
TAKES PLACE IN THE
KITCHEN, ON THE CORNER,
AS YOU WALK, WHEN
YOU LISTEN, AND IN THE
SILENCE.**

INSTAGRAM - THEGOODGUYDE

THIS IS WHO WE ARE



Mr Paulsen and the Grade 9 HR team. From LEFT Ms C. Matthews, Ms M. Abrahams, Ms L. Arries, Mr I. Paulsen, Mrs A. Davids, Ms M. Marais and Ms V. Manyadu



Dr Burrows (guest speaker for our FET learners) posing for a photo with some of our learners. Thank you, Dr Burrows, for addressing our learners and being available to us!



Dr Burrows thoroughly enjoyed her time with our learners! Here she is with Mr Nyishimani (Grade 8 Head), Ms Daniels (acting principal), Ms Demes (acting deputy) and our Grade 8 class!



Ms Demes, Mr Paulsen, Ms Daniels and the Grade 9 learners in a special assembly during the last week of Term 3.

Relationships continue even when the work is done



On Thursday, 9 May 2024, Shannon Du Plooy (the principal's PA) gave birth to her second daughter. Here she is pictured with Sage Du Plooy. Incidentally, Sage was born on Ms Daniels' birthday!

Congratulations to Mrs Du Plooy and her husband on the birth of their second, equally beautiful baby girl! We know that Skyler is being an excellent older sister to her!

We are thrilled to have Mrs Du Plooy back at work with us since her return from maternity leave.

We bid farewell to Alexandra Matthews, our incredible receptionist, we reflect on the warmth and kindness that she brought to Zwaanswyk High School. Ms Matthews has been much more than the first face you see as you enter the front doors, she has been a support system to the learners and staff of Zwaanswyk High school. From being the printing administrator, to the school librarian, where she worked hard to create an inclusive and welcoming environment where learners were motivated to be curious and develop a love for reading. Ms Matthews, your commitment to helping others will be missed more than words can say. We are grateful for the many ways you have supported us, and we wish you nothing but happiness and success in the next chapter of your life.

Thank you for being the friendly face of Zwaanswyk High School. Your legacy of care and dedication will be felt for years to come. Best wishes and farewell.



"THE PAIN OF PARTING IS NOTHING TO THE JOY OF MEETING AGAIN."

Charles Dickens

ZWAANSWYK



TOP 10 PER GRADE

Grade 8

1. Jemma Heaton (8a): 83%
2. Dylan Damiyano (8e): 81%
3. Emma Naude (8b): 79%
4. Angelic Marshall (8a): 79%
5. Marlwyn Magomo (8e): 79%
6. Kamoni Mulela (8d): 79%
7. Skye Puma (8d): 79%
8. Mia Van Nelson (8b): 79%
9. Yusrah Phillips (8c): 79%
10. Trinity Lotteriet (9b): 78%



Grade 9

1. Nehemiah Roman (9d): 87%
2. Aisha Hashi (9d): 83%
3. Claire Cleinwerck (9e): 82,4%
4. Liam Jacobs (9c): 82,34%
5. Kayla Appolis (9c): 81%
6. Katelyn Abraham (9b): 81%
7. Celestine Ebrahim (9e): 80%
8. Courtney Barendse (9e): 79,95%
9. Tamia Pillay (9a): 79,26%
10. Joshua Heunis (9c): 79,07%

Grade 10

1. Michelle Nicholas (10c): 87%
2. Taskeen Burke (10a): 82%
3. Saskia Jones (10d): 81,14%
4. Keisha Valentine (10d): 81,03%
5. Zayaan Payne (10b): 78,04%
6. Zia Petersen (10d): 78,34%
7. Mizaan Berdien (10c): 76,23%
8. Khendra Wood (10d): 76,02%
9. Mujahid Sulaiman (10a): 75%
10. Amber Carollisen (10b): 75%

Grade 11

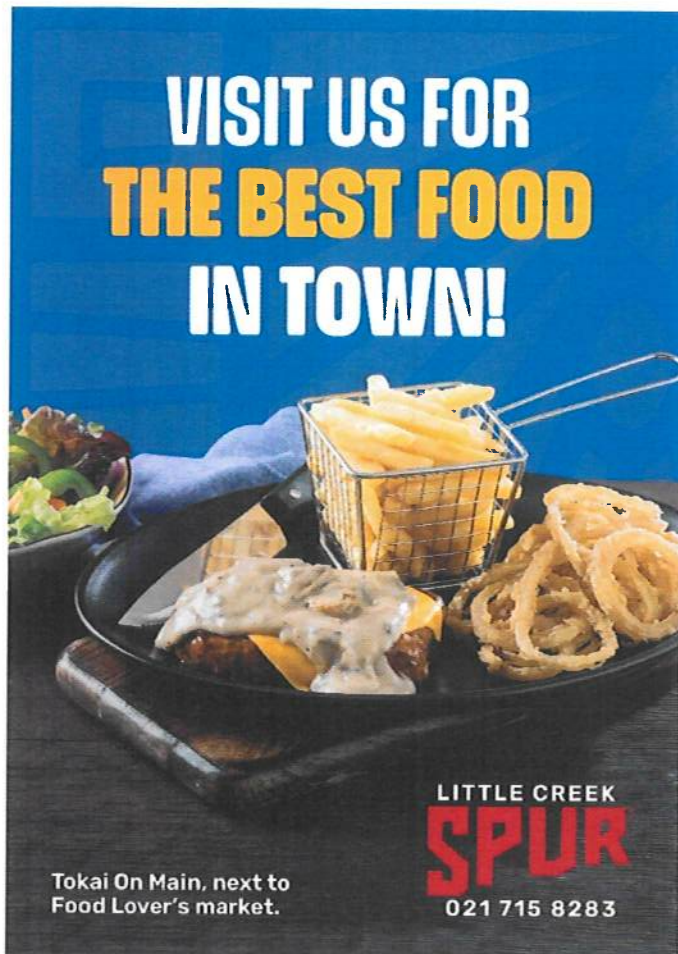
1. Daniel Felix (11a): 91%
2. Jade Schmidt (11d): 89,15%
3. Mercy Chirwa (11a): 89,03%
4. Kayla Cloete (11a): 87,42%
5. Precious Chirwa (11a): 87,13%
6. Zoe Dampies (1b): 87,03%
7. Shannon Miseroole (11d): 87%
8. Miguel Meyer (11b): 84%
9. Zubenathi Seyisana (11a): 83,4%
10. Kalene Naude (11d): 83,02%

Grade 12

1. Aleah Hess (12a): 85%
2. Kylie Koopman (12d): 81%
3. Tyler Van Boven (12d): 80%
4. Jamie-Leigh Marman (12c): 79%
5. Kenya McMaster (12a): 77,2%
6. Khaya Gaca (12d): 77,09%
7. Sharna Manasse (12b): 77,04%
8. Khrestie Kanku-Kapuya (12a): 74%
9. Keziah Van Dalen (12a): 72,3%
10. Jade Martin (12c): 72,01%

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2. A huge thank you to Market Toyota, Halfway, Ottery for sponsoring our Boys U17 Soccer Kit. We are thrilled that our boys can be attired in these smart Soccer outfits, thank you Market Toyota!

3. Jam Clothing sponsored our U17 Girls Soccer Kit! Thank you so much Jam Clothing!

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