



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 24, 2026

Newsletter 2 of 2026

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."
– Winston Churchill

From Principal's Desk

As we come to the end of yet another term, I find myself reflecting on just how quickly this year has passed. I can still vividly remember the first day of the 2026 academic year, filled with anticipation and excitement for what lay ahead. Yet here we are, already six months into the year, and I have now had the privilege of serving as Principal of Zwaanswyk High School for the past two months.

My appointment has been both humbling and rewarding, and as I reflect on this journey, my overwhelming feeling is one of gratitude.

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the staff, learners, and parents who make up the Zwaanswyk High School community. Your support, prayers, understanding, and patience have made this transition smoother than I could have imagined. You have embraced me with immense grace and kindness, and for that I am deeply grateful.

While "thank you" may seem like such a small phrase, please know that my appreciation runs far deeper than words can adequately express. I have felt your encouragement, your goodwill, and your prayers every step of the way. During these past two months, your unwavering support has carried me through moments of challenge and celebration alike.

I consider myself truly blessed and honoured to lead this remarkable school. Zwaanswyk High has a proud legacy, and I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead as we continue to build on our strengths and strive for even greater heights together.

As we head into the holiday break, I encourage all our learners, staff, and families to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy precious moments with loved ones. May this break provide renewed energy and inspiration for the term ahead.

Thank you for your continued partnership, trust, and commitment to our school. Together, we will continue to make Zwaanswyk High School a place where every learner can thrive and where excellence remains our shared pursuit.

Best wishes,
Ms. A Demes

From the Head of Discipline

"Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishments."

This is a quote often misunderstood by teenagers, but at Zwaanswyk we continue to fight the good fight to ensure that our school remains not only a safe space, but also one that moulds our learners into well-rounded young men and women by the time they leave us at the end of their Matric year. Our aim is to help every learner achieve the goals and accomplishments they set for themselves.

Dealing with discipline is never easy. It requires long hours, difficult conversations, and challenging meetings. However, as we reflect on the past term, we can only express our sincere gratitude to our parents for their continued support. Thank you for partnering with us in all that we do and strive to do for the benefit of our children.

During the past term, we continued our fight against Airpops and vaping-related concerns among learners. During the past term, we continued our fight against Airpops and vaping-related

concerns among learners. We conducted numerous random searches in classrooms and, while the majority of learners understand and respect our expectations, there are still a few who continue to test the boundaries. We have also done random drug test and this is something we will continue to do.

Parents, we strongly encourage you to monitor your children's phones—not to invade their privacy, but to protect them from the potential dangers of social media. Many of our children share content without fully understanding the consequences, or they may not even be aware of what is being shared about them. Unfortunately, this has not only caused harm to learners but has also resulted in situations that end up in my office—situations involving content that I neither wish nor need to see about your children, and which certainly does not belong on social media.

Please continue to have open conversations with your children about the dangers of what they post, share, and engage with online. In addition, artificial intelligence (AI) has become a powerful tool that, when misused, can be used to harm, bully, or misrepresent others. We urge parents and learners alike to use technology responsibly and ethically.

Together, through ongoing communication, support, and guidance, we can help our children make wise decisions and develop into respectful, responsible, and successful young adults.

As I end, we need to celebrate and acknowledge each and every learner that has not gotten a single detention over the past 6 months, the learners that truly embody the values that both the school and their parents instill in them. Parents, again, your support is always appreciated. Thank you for all that you do for your child/ren and for upholding the ethos of our school.

Regards,
Ms C. Pillay

From The Grade Head: Grade 8

Dear Grade 8 Parents and Guardians
As we conclude Term 2, I would like to take a moment to commend and thank all our parents and guardians for your support and partnership throughout the term. Your assistance in helping us address some of the challenges we experienced in Term 1, particularly absenteeism and uniform defaults, has been greatly appreciated and has made a noticeable difference.

While we have seen significant improvements in these areas, our learners are still very playful in the classroom environment, and this has unfortunately contributed to a decline in academic performance for some. Parents, I encourage you to use this holiday period not only as a time for rest and relaxation but also as an opportunity to help your children prepare for Term 3 and reinforce good study habits.

In addition, the Grade 8 learners were highly commended for their enthusiastic participation in the life of the school. Their contributions to the Love Packs initiative for families in need and the Power Hour drive were truly inspiring. Each learner was invited to voluntarily donate just R1 towards electricity costs for a children's shelter in recognition of Youth Day, and our Grade alone raised an incredible R508! I am exceptionally proud of their eagerness, generosity, and willingness to help others.

I also want to acknowledge the resilience shown by many of our learners who faced illness during the term. Despite these challenges, they persevered and successfully completed their very first full-scale examination. This is a significant milestone, and they should be proud of their achievement.

As we head into this long-awaited and well-deserved holiday, I wish all our children and families a safe and restful break. Please take care of your health and wellbeing during this time.

Much love,
Mrs. C Williams

GRADE 8 – TOP 10

1. Jodie Manga 8C (83%)
2. Gugulethu Xala 8B (82%)
3. Riley Anthony 8C (80%)
4. Amber Dick 8E (78%)
5. Leah Arendse 8E (78%)
6. Tamsyn-Lee Williams 8C (77%)
7. Aeeda Bailey 8C (76%)
8. Imange Tafeni 8F (76%)
9. Tarren-Joy Nyakupfuka 8F (76%)
10. Irene Msumba 8C (76%)



From the Finance Team:

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School Fee report as at 21/06/2026:

Class	Expected Amount	Amount Received	Outstanding Amount
8A	R 718 200.00	R 412 923.44	R 305 276.56
8B	R 718 200.00	R 446 180.00	R 272 020.00
8C	R 699 300.00	R 377 185.00	R 322 115.00
8D	R 680 400.00	R 388 655.00	R 291 745.00
8E	R 699 300.00	R 358 395.00	R 340 905.00
8F	R 680 400.00	R 416 092.50	R 264 307.50
Total	R 4 195 800.00	R 2 399 430.94	R 1 796 369.06

Thank you and Kind Regards
Mr. E Jacobs

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From The Grade Head: Grade 9

Dear grade 9 learners, parents and guardians, As we reach the end of Term 2, I cannot help but wonder where the time has gone! It has been a term filled with challenges, growth, important decisions, celebrations, and memorable moments. One of the biggest milestones for our Grade 9 learners this term was the subject choice process. While it may not have been an easy journey, I am proud to say that we successfully navigated this important step together. As we move into Term 3, we will be finalising these choices. Our learners are understandably anxious, so I kindly ask that we continue to support them with patience, encouragement, and lots of love.

This term has also reminded us that life brings both joy and sorrow. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the learners and families in our Grade who experienced the loss of a loved one. May you find comfort in those around you, and may we continue to support one another through these difficult times.

At the same time, we have had so much to celebrate! From radio appearances and music releases to dance competitions and outstanding performances, our Grade 9 learners continue to amaze us. A special congratulations to Nishaat Abrahams for sharing her angelic voice with the world and Georgia Hendricks for her incredible dancing talent. To every learner whose achievements may not be mentioned by name—you are seen, valued, and celebrated. In my eyes, every Grade 9 learner is a superstar!

To our wonderful parents, thank you for your unwavering support, generous contributions, and donations towards the various initiatives we hosted this term. Because of your kindness and partnership, we achieved exactly what we set out to do. Thank you, thank you, thank you! May you be blessed abundantly in all that you do. Despite the challenges we faced, there is much to be proud of. The concerns we had at the start of the year regarding attendance and general appearance have improved tremendously. As our learners would say, *we clocked it!* While we are not yet where we would like to be academically, I remain hopeful that, with continued teamwork between home and school, we will continue to grow and improve.

Grade 9s, enjoy your well-deserved holiday. Fill your cups with rest, laughter, adventure, and plenty of sleep. Term 3 is going to be fast-paced, full, and exciting!

Thank you for your warmth and support throughout the term. I look forward to welcoming you all back after a long-awaited and well-deserved break.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs A. Barendse

GRADE 9 – TOP 10

1. Chenelle Williams 9A 84%
2. Mia Petersen 9D 81%
3. Skyla Fraser 9D 80%
4. Opelong Rapeo 9D 80%
5. Khazimla Mbiko 9E 79%
6. Carter-Daniel Jacobs 9B 78%
7. Jodene Cloete 9C 78%
8. Chloe Bolton 9B 78%
9. Nikita Smith 9D 78%
10. Inam Ntshidi 9B 77%



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9A	R 680 400.00	R 195 668.00	R 484 732.00
9B	R 699 300.00	R 380 460.10	R 318 839.90
9C	R 699 300.00	R 353 198.50	R 346 101.50
9D	R 680 400.00	R 335 085.45	R 345 314.55
9E	R 699 300.00	R 260 707.50	R 438 592.50
9F	R 699 300.00	R 204 521.50	R 494 778.50
Total	R 4 158 000.00	R 1 729 641.05	R 2 428 358.95

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From The Grade Head: Grade 10

Dear grade 10 learners, parents and guardians,

As we come to the end of Term 2, I would like to congratulate our Grade 10 learners on successfully completing their first mid-year examinations as senior learners at Zwaanswyk High School. This milestone marks an important step in their high school journey, and I am proud to say that many of our learners rose to the challenge with determination, dedication, and hard work. The results achieved this term are a testament to the effort that our learners invested in their studies. It has been encouraging to witness their growth, resilience, and commitment to academic excellence. While there is always room for further academic improvement, I would like to encourage those learners who may not have achieved the results they had hoped for this term to remember that a single set of results does not define their abilities or potential. Rather, let it serve as an opportunity for reflection, growth, and renewed determination as they return in Term 3 with a stronger mindset and an even greater commitment to success. There is also room for improvement in the areas of discipline and behaviour, and I am confident that, as a grade, we have the potential to achieve even greater success both inside and outside the classroom.

As we head into the holiday break, I encourage our learners to take this opportunity to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. A well-deserved break will allow them to return in Term 3 with renewed energy, focus, and a positive mindset, ready to build on the progress made this term and continue striving for excellence. I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to our parents and guardians for their continued support throughout the term. Your partnership, encouragement, and involvement play a vital role in the success of our learners, and it is greatly appreciated. I wish all our Grade 10 families a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in Term 3 and starting the new term on a positive note as we continue working together to help our learners flourish both academically and personally.

Yours faithfully,
Mr E. Nyishimani

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GRADE 10 – TOP 10

- 1.Lara Phillips 10B – 85.43%
- 2.Madison Davids 10F – 82.43%
- 3.Marvlyn Magomo 10E – 81.86%
- 4.Mia van Nelson 10B – 81.71%
- 5.Dylan Damiyano 10E – 80%
- 6.Ahluma Mashalaba 10C – 78.86%
- 7.Kayleigh September 10B – 76.86%
- 8.Jordan Petersen 10D – 76.43%
- 9.Kamoni Mulela 10D – 74.71%
- 10.Izabella Roman 10A – 74.29%

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10A	R 661 500.00	R 139 941.17	R 521 558.83
10B	R 680 400.00	R 51 686.26	R 628 713.74
10C	R 680 400.00	R 104 818.00	R 575 582.00
10D	R 661 500.00	R 212 964.60	R 448 535.40
10E	R 661 500.00	R 153 031.50	R 508 468.50
10F	R 680 400.00	R 291 505.50	R 388 894.50
Total	R 4 025 700.00	R 953 947.03	R 3 071 752.97

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From The Grade Head: Grade 11

Dear grade 11 learners, parents and guardians,
As we come to the end of what has undoubtedly been a challenging term, I would like to take a moment to commend our Grade 11 learners for their perseverance and resilience. This term presented many hurdles and obstacles, yet through determination and hard work, we managed to make it through successfully.

The results achieved by many of our Grade 11 learners are a reflection of their preparedness, commitment, and seriousness towards their academic responsibilities. These learners have demonstrated that consistent effort and a positive attitude towards their studies yield rewarding outcomes.

At the same time, I remain concerned about the number of failures recorded this term. While there are certainly learners who have excelled, there are others who have not reached their full potential. Academic success requires a shared commitment between the school, parents, and learners.

For those learners who did not achieve the results they had hoped for, it is important to recognise that improvement will require greater focus and consistency. Daily revision, active participation in lessons, and increased concentration in class are essential habits that can significantly improve academic performance. Success is built through consistent effort, and learners must take responsibility for engaging fully in their learning every day.

I therefore appeal to all parents and guardians to join us in holding our children to a higher level of accountability. By encouraging effective study habits, monitoring academic progress, and reinforcing the importance of meeting deadlines and taking responsibility for their learning, we can collectively help our learners achieve better results.

I would also like to remind parents that our fundraising efforts will continue into the next term. These initiatives play an important role in supporting our Grade 11 programme and helping us provide valuable opportunities for our learners. We encourage all parents and guardians to support these efforts wherever possible. Your contribution, no matter how small, makes a meaningful difference and is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all our parents and guardians for your willingness to partner with the school in supporting our learners. Instilling a genuine interest in academics and a strong work ethic in young people is not always easy. The journey ahead may at times feel like an uphill battle, but it is one that neither the school nor parents need to face alone. By working together, maintaining open communication, and remaining united in our expectations, we can help our learners realise their potential and achieve the success they are capable of.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Mr Paulsen

GRADE 11 – TOP 10

1. Aisha Hashi 89% 11D
2. Zion Samuels. 82% 11D
3. Katelyn Abrahams 80% 11B
4. Aqeel Adams 79% 11A
5. Riyanah Marthinus 79% 11E
6. Nehemiah Roman 79% 11D
7. Hannah Kolbe 78,29 11B
8. Jana Kolbe 78% 11D
9. Jamie Scholtz 77,57% 11D
10. Liam Jacobs 76,57 Grade 11C

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11A	R 623 700.00	R 74 372.00	R 549 328.00
11B	R 623 700.00	R 171 314.00	R 452 386.00
11C	R 623 700.00	R 48 845.00	R 574 855.00
11D	R 642 600.00	R 181 807.50	R 460 792.50
11E	R 623 700.00	R 44 044.00	R 579 656.00
Total	R 3 137 400.00	R 520 382.50	R 2 617 017.50

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GRADE 12 – TOP 10

1. Reotshepile Matshego Motsoeneng 82% 12B
2. Michelle Nicholas 81% 12C
3. Taskeen Burke 80% 12A
4. Charmaine Kwaramba 73,43% 12D
5. Jamie Louw 73% 12A
6. Jordan Darries 71% 12D
7. Callan Cornelius 70% 12A
8. Qwen van Duyn 68% 12A
9. Cyan-Rose Lawrence 67,57% 12A
10. Xavier Birtles 67% 12C

From The Grade Head: Grade 12

Dear grade 12 learners, parents and guardians,
As we reach the end of Term 2, I would like to congratulate our Grade 12 learners on completing another important page or six of their final High School chapter. The Mid-Year Examinations have tested not only their academic knowledge, but also their resilience, discipline, and determination.

While many learners are looking forward to a well-deserved three-week break, it is important to remember that this holiday marks a turning point in the Grade 12 journey. On the other side of the holiday lies Term 3, a short but significant term that will lead directly into the Preliminary (Mock) Examinations. Learners have approximately one month of teaching time remaining before they write examinations that will provide a strong indication of their readiness for the National Senior Certificate Examinations.

Throughout the year, we have reminded our learners that Grade 12 is the final chapter of their school story. Every chapter has moments of challenge, growth, triumph, and reflection. The holiday ahead is not an intermission where the story pauses; it is a vital part of the chapter itself. The choices learners make during these weeks will have a direct impact on the pages still to be written. Our teachers have prepared Winter Packs to support revision, consolidation of work, and examination preparation. I encourage every learner to make use of these resources, to revise consistently, and to return in Term 3 ready to finish this chapter with purpose and determination.

Success in Grade 12 is seldom the result of one extraordinary effort. Rather, it is built through small, consistent decisions made day after day. The learners who remain focused now will be the ones who thank themselves later. Enjoy the opportunity to rest, spend time with family, and recharge. But remember: the story is not over yet. There are still important pages to write, and the ending is still being created.

Thank you to Parents for the ongoing support and trust you place in us. Thank you to the Grade 12 Team for all the behind-the-scenes efforts you put in daily for the Grade 12's.

Class of 2026, keep writing a story you will be proud to tell.

Mrs B. Borchardt

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12A	R 623 700.00	R 112 938.00	R 510 762.00
12B	R 604 800.00	R 81 291.50	R 523 508.50
12C	R 604 800.00	R 46 748.36	R 558 051.64
12D	R 623 700.00	R -114 746.69	R 738 446.69
Total	R 2 457 000.00	R 126 231.17	R 2 330 768.83

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