



# 2025 Newsletter



As we reflect on this school year, it's remarkable to see how much we've accomplished together. From academic milestones to memorable events, every moment has contributed to our growth. The strong support system within our school community has been instrumental in helping us navigate the challenges and celebrate our successes throughout this year.

Each child's hard work and dedication were evident in the achievements we celebrated, laying a strong foundation for the future. As we eagerly anticipate what 2026 holds, we carry forward the lessons learned, excited to embrace new challenges and opportunities.



Bringing the pre-school onto the primary school grounds marks a special moment for our school. We are truly thankful for all the support we have received in making this possible.

**2026 BUILD**



# PRE-SCHOOL ROUND-UP



Our Pre-School has enjoyed a truly fun-filled and memorable year! The children loved exciting outings to Home-Leigh Farm and the beach, and we were blessed to share special moments with the Harvest learners who spent time with our little ones. We were also deeply thankful for the weekly, delicious sandwiches generously prepared by New Wine Church and Collegiate Junior. Thank you to Bay Eagle Swimming School for another year of water safety and swimming lessons.

Miss Clara and Miss Thami wonderfully taught our pre-schoolers, while the Pre-R class welcomed Miss Robyn, assisted by Miss Connie. Our adventurous Grade R class thrived under the leadership of Miss Karlize, with the support of Miss Siphokazi. We are grateful to have had Miss Taziana from Illanga, all the way from Belgium, be with us for a full term.

One of the highlights of the year was our annual Sports Day at the Heatherbank Cricket Fields, where our learners proudly showed off their athletic skills and enthusiasm. We were incredibly grateful to receive a generous donation of bicycles from Rotary Club of Algoa Bay, which brought great excitement and joy to the children.

The year ended on a high note with a fantastic Christmas party with Uncle Jumbo's, hosted by Rotaract, and a joyful end-of-year concert at Fountain Vineyard, where we welcomed our parents to celebrate with us.

As we look ahead, we are so excited for our learners to move up to the big school in 2026 and can't wait for all that the new year will bring!



This year kicked off with great momentum, boasting wonderful attendance from day one. We were thrilled to introduce our new Salt and Light teacher, Miss Taylor. And a welcome to Miss Lauren, who joined Grade 3 and the sports program.

Our students enjoyed a variety of exciting outings this year. The Grade 1-3 students had a fantastic time at Happy Valley beach, where they went for a swim, and at Homeleigh Farm, where they learned about farm animals. They also enjoyed a cozy movie day at school during winter.

Meanwhile, the Grade 4-7 learners explored our local Bayworld museum and Animals in Wonderland, discovering even more about wildlife. They were also captivated by the production of Alice in Wonderland at Collegiate Junior. We were also blessed with wonderful students from different institutions throughout the year. A special mention to Anna, from Ilanga for her time with us.

Significant milestones included Mrs. C welcoming her daughter in February, and Miss Fox also welcoming her daughter in November. We are pleased to welcome Miss M, who will be teaching Grade 1.

Congratulations to Mrs. Bentley on her pregnancy! While Mrs. Bentley is on maternity leave, we welcome Miss Benn to Grade 5.

Mr Boucher will also be joining our team in 2026, as the new Grade 7 head teacher.



Farewell  
**MISS APS &  
 MRS F**

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Miss Aps for her five years of dedicated service at Heatherbank Primary School. Her ability to connect with learners, parents, and staff alike has made a profound impact on our school community. As we bid farewell to her in her role as our social worker, we will truly miss her presence and support. We wish her all the best in her new position at Victoria Park High School next year. Thank you, Miss Aps, for all that you've done!

Transitioning from Miss H, Mrs F brought such energy and excitement to all her classes, making learning an enjoyable experience. Her support and encouragement in our Reflection program have helped keep learners pushing forward. While we're sad to see her go, we couldn't be happier for her as she embarks on the beautiful adventure of motherhood next year.



Our Second Grade teacher, Miss Baker, will be leading the Foundation Phase in 2026. Working closely under her guidance are Miss M in Grade 1, assisted by Miss Sethu, as well as Miss Lauren in Grade 3. Our Salt & Light classes will be led by Miss Fox and Miss Taylor, who continue to nurture and support our learners with care and dedication. We are excited to have Mrs Robyn and the Grade R's in our Foundation Phase block next year.

The Intermediate and Senior Phase will continue under the leadership of Miss Fitcher, who will be taking on Grade 6 in 2026. She is supported by a dedicated team including Mrs Cawood, Miss Benn, Miss Didi, and Mr Boucher, who work together to ensure excellence and continuity across the phase.



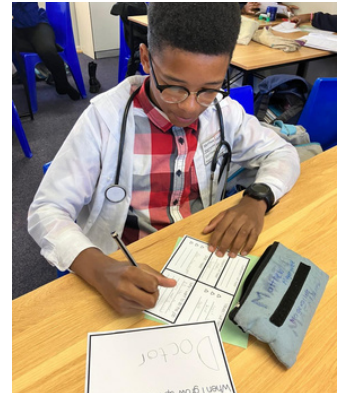
Outing to Animals in Wonderland



Privilege winning 1st place for the Legacy Queen Maths Olympiad Championship for Gqeberha Grade 6-7.



Grade 5 class following instructions on making a sandwich.



Career Week dress up and research.

We were treated with another visit from Paul from Holmewoods House in August. We thank their team for their ongoing support that we receive from their 2<sup>nd</sup> hand school shop and look forward to having them visit us again in the near future.

## MORE OF THE TEAM

We believe that education is a team effort. Our dedicated team of non-teaching staff plays a pivotal role in creating a nurturing and supportive environment. From administrative duties to maintaining the cleanliness and safety of the premises, our support staff work tirelessly to ensure all aspects of our school are running smoothly.

We thank Miss Nathi for her service to the Primary school, Thandakhaya for transporting our learners safely and leading our choir. We thank Mrs Asive for her assistance in the office and on the bus and a very warm welcome to Mrs Ayanda Dlali as our new school social worker.

We ended off our 2025 academic year with an adventurous staff camp in Knysna. We look forward to a blessed time with our team in 2026.



## COMMUNITY CONNECT

Our Community\_Connect senior learners focused on serving others throughout the year by collecting clothing donations and distributing sandwiches within the community. We were grateful for the opportunity to visit Mhlale House once again, continuing a meaningful relationship, and we ended the year on a high note by volunteering at the Uncle Jumbo's Christmas Party Charity Night.



## SPORT'S DAY

Our annual Sports Day was a fun-filled and exciting event as we were joined by Capstone School. This year, we were at the Heatherbank Cricket Field, providing a wonderful space for all the activities. Learners from both schools eagerly participated in races, cheering enthusiastically for one another. Everyone enjoyed a shared lunch. There was fierce competition between Blue, White, and Red House throughout the day. White House proudly won the Spirit Cup, while Blue House walked away with the Sports Cup. The day was a great success!

## IN OTHER NEWS..

- Our Grade 3 learners thoroughly enjoyed their weekly Masikulisani lessons, where they explored Nal'ibali books and developed a real love for reading through this engaging program.
- We extend our thanks to Father David from New Wine Vineyard Church for his faithful weekly meetings with our staff and for continually praying for our school and learners.
- We are proud of our six enthusiastic bookworms who competed in the annual Phendulani Reading Competition in July, and achieved an excellent second-place finish, earning wonderful prizes and new reading books.
- This year also marked a significant milestone as our very first Heatherbank learners from 2012 matriculated, and we are incredibly proud of this group. A special congratulations goes to Anganathi Xego, who has been awarded a bursary to study Civil Engineering at NMU.
- Adding to our 2025 celebrations, we were delighted to complete the building of our official staff room, the Nest, in the first term, which has become a valuable and welcoming workspace for our teachers and staff.

## GRADE 7 MARKET DAY

" Market day was one of the most exciting days of the year and everyone at school looked forward to it. The art room was decorated with posters which made the whole place feel alive. As soon as the bell rang, the field was filled with excitement, laughter and the smell of delicious food. Every group set up their own stalls and my friend and I couldn't wait for the children to come and buy our things. They couldn't wait to try the cupcakes with sprinkles and juice. It felt like a festival made just for us.

The best part was the food and the worst part was the cleaning. We even had a dance-off, where we laughed and made memories. The teachers also had a stall, of face painting and temporary tattoos. Everytime someone won a prize, everyone cheered, even if it was just a small packet of sweets. My friends and I took tons of silly photos and we laughed until our stomachs hurt. By the end of the day, we were so tired but happy. This day will be a memory we will all carry with us."

- Iminathi Matutu, Grade 7



## GRADE 7 FAREWELL - A 2 DAY CAMP AT BUSHPIGS ADVENTURES

"The camp was an exciting and unforgettable experience for everyone. We were assigned into three different teams, and we had to work together in all the activities we played. One of the activities was the temptation walk, where one person was blindfolded and the rest of the team had to guide them through difficult obstacles. Another fun challenge was the night walk, where we walked through the woods, and saw different animals and climbed sandy hills in the dark. We also enjoyed the tug of war in the mud, which was fun and messy. When we were done playing we made mud angels and relaxed in the mud spar bath. Our camp was fun and challenging, we worked together as teams and enjoyed our time as a class." - Carol M, Grade 7



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

"It was amazing! We had so much fun! First we got hot dogs with wors, instead of viennas. Then we devoured them, next we went to slide on the water slide.

It was amazing. We ate ice-creams, danced and had a good time. Thank you teachers!"

- Sinawe Kuyintando Hliso, Grade 5



## CONCERT AND PRIZE-GIVING

Our school's end-of-year concert and prize-giving was a joyful occasion. We were treated to a few lively dances from our learners and took time to celebrate our prize-winners for their hard work and academic achievements.

We congratulate all our learners for working so diligently throughout the year and encourage them to continue striving for excellence next year.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Fountain Vineyard for generously hosting us for the morning. We also appreciate all the parents, sponsors, and volunteers who joined us and made the event so special. Learners received their final reports and enjoyed a special treat kindly sponsored by Ironman4theKids, bringing the celebration to a happy close.

in closing ...



This year has been one of significant growth and development. We are currently putting the final touches on the new building, and we are excited to start 2026 on a consolidated campus. The new facility will feature four classrooms, a staff workroom, and a new sickbay. We are grateful to the many sponsors and donors whose generosity made this dream a reality.

To our family and friends, thank you once again for your unwavering support. May 2026 be a year focused on streamlining and enhancing our Art and Sports programs.

We wish you a joyful Christmas season and a prosperous year in 2026!