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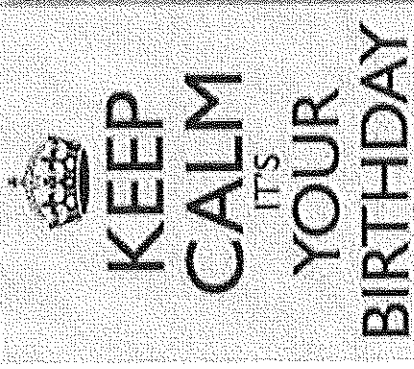


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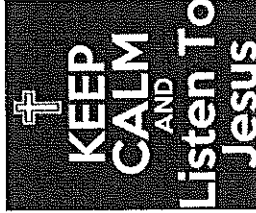


God's Richest Birthday Blessings for birthdays in June, July and August: Ms de Villiers— 15th, Mrs Mosterd 16th, Mrs Engelbrecht— 30th June; Mr de Ridder— 1st, Mrs B. de Jager—4th Mrs Slater— 8th, Mrs Schoeman—17th July, Mr Landman— 6th, and Mrs Meggersee. 31/8.

A THEME OF LISTENING FOR THE SECOND TERM

Mr Bezuidenhout started our term off with a minute of silence. That being said, many children struggled to complete that and instead burst out laughing. Each week the children have heard some key pointers about being great listeners. One that stands out the most is that LISTENING shows someone the highest honour, which is RESPECT.

We were encouraged to pray more to God because He is a great listener. The Student councillors completed our theme with their play about Samuel, who was called by God and needed to listen closely to HIM.



LET'S SPEND GOOD QUALITY FAMILY TIME LISTENING TO EACH OTHER THIS HOLIDAY!

MY SCHOOL CARD
THANK YOU TO ALL FOR SWIPING!



From the Editors Desk

The second term has simply flown by and once again the children and staff are looking forward to the three week winter holiday. It has been an action-packed term! Much has been accomplished in all spheres of school life from academics, to drama, music and sport. A very big thank you to all who made our term at Holy Cross a fulfilled and happy one.

Our term finished with a superb Speech morning on the Tuesday with certain Grade 4 and 5 children being chosen to speak, as well as a fantastic Grade 6 Market Day on Wednesday. Congratulations to all our budding entrepreneurs. Our Grade 4 winners were as follows: 1st-Fabio Gomes da Silva, 2nd-Lilly Joubert, 3rd-Channah-Joy Lamberts and 4th Livvi van Jaarsveld. Grade 5 winners 1st-Stuart James 2nd-Hari Venter 3rd-Tyla-Rae Lynn, and 4th- James MacDonald. For more news from the Music Department, please read overleaf. Have a wonderful holiday.

I remind you please to stay close to the Communicator for all our latest news.

Catherine Rutter

Principal's Desk



We have come to the end of another busy term and it is hard to believe half the year is over! I have penned this just before I fly out to visit my family in Australia, where my first grandson awaits my arrival. The school, meanwhile, has been left in the capable hands of Deputy Principal, Mr Bezuidenhout and the SMT.

Earlier on in the term Mrs Rutter, our Religious Education coordinator, and myself attended the third Catholic Schools Congress entitled "Towards Tomorrow Together in Faith." With over 80 delegates from our province we engaged in topics relating to the sustaining and growing of Catholic schools in the 21st century. It was a very fruitful time and we will be attending the Catholic Schools National Conference in JHB in the September holidays.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you, to you the parents for all your involvement, whether it was cheering from the sidelines, transporting to sport events or assisting with homework. Your interest and support are most appreciated!

A special thank you to our Fund Raising Committee, under the leadership of Mrs Dominique Otgar, for another excellent fundraiser, the Spelltacular, this term. This was hotly contested and it was decided to award a top Junior and Senior class a 1st place prize. The winners will be announced at the Final Assembly, so watch this space!

As we start the Final Assembly, I again urge you parents to limit your child's access to 'devices' this holiday and encourage outdoor and creative play. Take this time and have fun together when you can. And encourage the love of reading!

Travel safely and God bless.

Mrs Jane Askew

GRADE three OUTING TO interwaste

Last week the Grade 3 classes enjoyed an outing to the Interwaste Depot where we discovered what an immense task it is to dispense of our recyclable waste. At the depot, the children learned that all the rubbish that goes into our blue bags is sorted by hand before it is compacted and baled, ready to be distributed to recycling companies, mostly in Cape Town. The Gr 3M class were lucky enough to see the magnetic belt in action, sorting aluminium from other metals. We were reminded by our guide that all items that go into the blue bags must be cleaned first. Whilst this also makes it more pleasant for the ladies who sort the rubbish by hand, it is primarily because the companies that recycle will not accept the waste if it is contaminated by dirt, as it affects the end product. Sadly, we saw that a significant portion of the items from our blue bags was ending up in the dump because it had not been cleaned sufficiently. Here are some handy tips to assist in making recycling a hassle-free chore in your household:

*Collect a couple of blue bags from the municipality, or a neighbour in order to get started. *Add plastic containers such as yoghurt tubs and milk bottles to your pile of dirty dishes, and rinse them and leave them to drip dry, just as you would your dinner plates.

*When packing away dishes from the drying rack, place recyclables in the correct bin. *Place your blue bags out on the appointed day.

As an Eco-school we hope that every Holy Cross family is doing their bit for the environment. Even if you only recycle paper waste, it is better than nothing. As our guide informed us, recycled white office paper is Interwaste's "gold" and is what keeps them in business.

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From the Music Department

First of all we welcome Mrs Idalette Campbell, who has started teaching piano since the beginning of this term, into the music team and wish her a long and happy stay at our school.



Choirs

The Senior Choir and Vocal Ensemble performed at Tuimedal NG Church as part of the Skemmerklanke Choir Festival, receiving very good comments from the adjudicator, Junita Lamprecht-van Dijk.

The Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Vocal Ensemble

took part in the annual Music Montage, held in the George Civic Centre. It was a long day, which ended on a high note with beautiful and joyful singing by our young choristers.

The Vocal Ensemble sang at the final assembly, putting us all in a holiday mood!

Great news is the proposed Senior Choir Tour next term! The dates for the tour are 23 to 26 August. The choir will stay in Simons Town and sing at the annual Catholic Schools Choir Festival in the Cape Town City Hall on the 25th. We wish them all the best for this wonderful and exciting adventure!

Internal evaluations

Well done to our music learners who prepared so well for their practical and theoretical examinations this term. Keep up the hard work and you will reap the fruit!

UNISA

A successful piano masterclass, conducted by the legendary piano pedagogue, Professor Joseph Stanford, was hosted at Holy Cross for learners in our area. Nine Holy Cross music learners took part and received valuable advice on their repertoire.

Two learners played their UNISA practical examinations this term. Matthew Botha and Ava Murray both passed Grade 1 Piano with distinction. Congratulations to you two!

We await the results of those learners who wrote the UNISA theory examinations.



Class Music
Both grade 3 classes made their own shakers and enjoyed playing rhythm patterns. Here Gr 3 VDB learners are posing with their shakers, made from recyclable material.

Highlights of 3rd term

Please check the term planner for more info regarding the George Eisteddfod, Mossel Bay Eisteddfod, Choir Festival and Young Musicians Auditions.

Have a blessed winter holiday!

Yours in Music



A very big THANK YOU to both BUSHITAYL STUDIO and CROSSFIT George for providing our Grade 7's with a truly creative day out for the girls and a hard workout for the boys. It was so appreciated. Thanks to all who made this possible.

Grade 6 outing to Featherbed Nature Reserve

On Friday 17th June the Grade 6 classes took a trip to Knysna, where we visited the Featherbed Nature Reserve. After having suffered extensive damage from the fires of 2017, the reserve has only recently re-opened to the public. After a boat cruise on the Knysna lagoon, we were transported to the top of the Western head and then hiked back down through the forest and along the beach. We were then more than ready to tuck into a delicious burger lunch under the trees at the Featherbed Restaurant. Our tour guide insisted that we herald our return to the Knysna dockyard with a tuneful rendition of our School Song and the National Anthem, which was possibly the best our Grade 6s have ever sung!

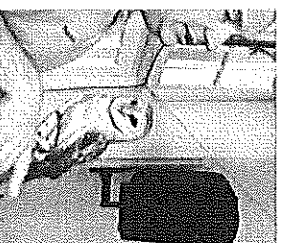


Easter egg handout: Thanks to the generosity of our parents, we were able to bless 46 different pre-schools and crèches in Rosemoor, Conville, Parkdene, Borchards Lawaalkamp and Trembalethu. These are mostly informal schools inside a tin or wooden bungalow, some filled with up to 100 children. Our **Leo club** visited 4 of these schools to hand over some of the eggs and were delighted to be able to spend some time with the children at these crèches.

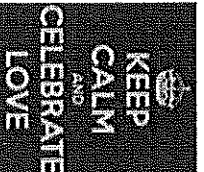
Grade 2 outing news

The Grade 2 classes had a fun-filled day at the George Wildlife Park. Their outing included the feeding of farm animals and having the privilege to observe tigers, cheetahs, caracals and serval cats being fed their favourite meaty treat. The children learnt many interesting facts about their favourite wild animals which we are sure they will never forget.

Foundation Phase Visit



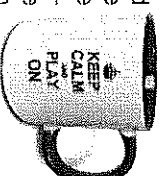
On Monday 10th June the Garden Route Birds of Prey Rescue Centre visited the Foundation Phase learners. They brought an eagle, a falcon and two owls with them. Bertus and his team shared many interesting facts with the children. A few children even got to hold some of the birds. Children were encouraged to visit the centre in George to learn more about these fascinating birds.



Mandela day shoe drive
For our contribution towards Mandela Day's 67 minutes of service to the community, we are asking parents to empty out the shoe cupboards and donate a pair (or ten) of shoes towards our shoe drive. We have identified a need among some of the schools who have played sport against us this term. Many of these children arrived barefoot to play against us and we would very much like to bless them with a pair or two of shoes as we go into winter. If you have any shoes (especially takkies and school shoes) of any size that are still in good condition, please bring these to school by Monday 15 July. There will be a box in reception for donations.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

The children were introduced to various ball skills needed to be applied in the different sporting codes offered at the school, covering Netball, Rugby and Hockey. We have focused on developing their 'hand-eye' or 'foot-eye' coordination, a good sense of timing, as well as balance. The drills and games played during the Physical Education lessons were based on the level of competence and are age appropriate.



The importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship were also taught. Overall, we have enjoyed a very exciting term of sport. The children have participated in weekly league fixtures, as well as weekend festivals. We also hosted a hugely successful Junior Netball and Rugby Festival. We look forward to another action packed term of sports. Keep your eye on the Communicator for all the latest event news.

Yours in Sport

Mr Hanreck