



# NEWS TIME



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**HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Congratulations to Holy Cross on celebrating its 123rd birthday on Thursday 14th September.

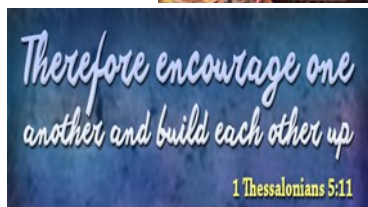
What a wonderful fun-filled day was had by all across on the field with a celebratory ice-lolly and school closing at 12.00 midday.



## Our Theme for the Term

Be a builder at school with kind words and actions.

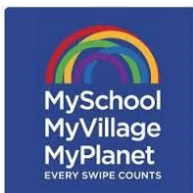
Don't be a bulldozer pulling people down.



## MYSCHOOL CARD

A big THANK YOU to our Holy Cross family for faithfully SWIPING their MySchool cards and for joining up as new members recently.

Please have other family members sign up too and remember KEEP SWIPING!



## From the Editor's Desk-

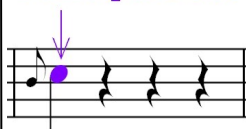
It's that time of the term when the teachers' heads are down and reports are being written as I write this editorial. For the learners though, they have all breathed a sigh of relief as their Formal Assessment tasks (FAT's) and projects are well and truly over! We have had an action packed term, with numerous sports matches and our involvement in the various Eisteddfods: Art, Drama and Music. On the fundraising side of things, our Holy Cross family and friends enjoyed a most successful day out at our Spring Fair, inside our school grounds. A big thank you to the FRC and all who were involved in putting such a successful day together. The Grade 7 Market day got off to a flying start on Wednesday. From doughnuts to boerewors rolls, Minute to win it games, Guess the sweets in a jar and a host of other goodies to buy, the Grade 7's day was a great success! We held the Grade 6 and 7 Public Speaking morning on **Thursday** and once again the standard was extremely high. Enjoy the short holiday, as it will be full steam ahead for our final term!

CATHERINE RUTTER

For all our latest news keep up to date via the Communicator.



## Principal Note



The holiday break is upon us and, although short, it is certainly time to take a few days off and relax! What a jam-packed term we had. After many prayers, we woke to a beautiful day for our Spring Fair! A sincere thank you to you, our parents, and our many friends for supporting us. It was wonderful to see so many people coming to enjoy the day with us. A special thank you to Mrs Ottgar, her dynamic FRC team and the wonderful parents who gave of their time to set up and run the various stalls and then tidy up at the end of the day! It was a great success.

A very big thank you also to Steve Joubert and our Golf Committee for organising a most successful fundraiser. We really appreciate all your effort. Thank you to all who took tickets for the Raffle.

It is with great sadness that we heard about the sudden passing of Robert Pollicutte, a past pupil, last week. His youngest sister, Leila, is in Grade 6. We also extend our heartfelt condolences to Mr Ricus Bezuidenhout and his family on the passing of his mother last week too. For those of you who remember ex-teacher, Mrs Maureen Rourke, we also extend our condolences to her with the passing of her son, David, last Thursday. Let us keep all these families in our prayers at this time of deep sadness.

As the term closes I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who was involved in various activities during the term. Your hard work and support does not go unnoticed. Have a wonderful holiday.

Mrs Askew

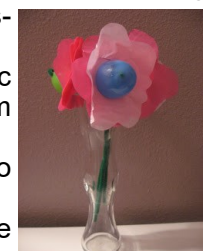
## Spring Flower Day

A big thank you to all the children who went to so much trouble to prepare their recycled Spring Day arrangements so beautifully

and for dressing up 'All things plastic', so beautifully.

This is the second year that we have chosen to move away from traditional flower arrangements and to draw awareness to the fact that we need to recycle plastic. Thank you to those who popped in to view the arrangements. I am sure you would agree that there were some very creative arrangements on display.

A fantastic effort from everyone. Well done to you all! Let's hope the warmer weather is on its way.



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## News from the Music Department

### George Eisteddfod

A variety of music items were entered, including vocal and instrumental solos, duets and ensembles. The adjudicator, Mr Phillipus Hugo, was delighted with the high level and musical variety of Holy Cross Primary School entries. It was a valuable performing opportunity for everyone.

Steven Kapp (piano), Owethu Dingi (piano), Kiara van Rensburg (vocal), Kesia Gelderbloem (vocal), Chloë and Asha Tait (vocal duet) and the Grade 7 Vocal Group (10 Voices) all gave beautiful performances at the Festival Concert.

Steven Kapp won the trophy for Best Instrumentalist and Isabelle Botes the trophy for Versatility, both in the Primary School Section. Congratulations Steven and Isabelle!

### Tygerberg International Eisteddfod

Congratulations to Richelle Baird, Kaitlyn Macdonald, Kesia Gelderbloem, Chloë and Asha Tait, Jesse van Heerden, Jaden van Heerden and Steven Kapp for achieving excellent results at the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod.

We had the following trophy winners in the piano section, attending the Prestige Concert on 20 September: Steven Kapp, Jesse van Heerden and Jaden van Heerden. At this event Steven gave a captivating performance of *In the Hall of the Mountain King* (Grieg) and was awarded a bursary for outstanding achievement overall. Congratulations on such a fine achievement!

### Outeniqua Choir Festival

The Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Vocal Ensemble have all worked very hard towards this event, giving beautiful and polished performances. Again the adjudicator, Mr Phillipus Hugo, was very impressed, giving complements and positive feedback in his reports. It is always a highlight in the choral year and we would like to thank all choristers for their input, as well as parents and staff for their support.

### Lunch Hour Concert

A very successful music concert was held in the NG Moederkerk as part of their Spring Lunch Hour Concert Series, containing a short but condensed program of instrumental and vocal solos, duets, ensembles and choir music of exceptional quality. I am convinced that it was an unforgettable lunch hour for all who attended.

### UNISA Theory 1st session: results

Congratulations to the following learners who ALL achieved distinctions (including 7x Roll of Honour):

Ashley Hoon and Isabelle Botes (Pre-grade 1),  
Kimberly Kershaw, Emma Saayman, Anika du Toit  
and Nathan Hoon (Grade 1)  
Chloe Tait, Asha Tait, Jesse van Heerden, Kesia  
Gelderbloem and Nicola Mouton (Grade 2)

### External practical examinations

We are awaiting the results of the most recent external practical examinations in UNISA (25 learners: 23 piano and 2 recorder) and ABRSM (1 piano). Parents will be notified as soon as these results are available.

Best wishes to our guitar learners who will soon play their TRINITY GUILDHALL examinations!

### Next term:

#### UNISA Theory 2nd session

Learners who are writing their UNISA theory examinations in October, should be doing papers and learn the meanings of all music terms, now and in the holiday! Please check the dates on the term planner!

#### Internal music evaluations

Please take note that these will be done earlier than usual, starting the 2nd week from next term! Learners are encouraged to continue practising during the short holiday!

**REMINDER: Music evaluation letter reply slips and evaluation forms must be signed and returned on the 1st day of next term.**

**Yours in Music!**



## Grade 4 Outing to the Transport Museum and Power Van Trip



Grade 4 R and 4 T went on this historical outing on 6 & 10 September. 28 excited learners boarded the Power Van and braced the cold weather to embark on their 2 1/2 hour journey up the Outeniqua Mountains. The excitement was spurred on by the possibility of seeing snow on Cradock peak and Gr 4 T were NOT

disappointed. The railway pass travels parallel, at times, to the Montague pass, and the train powers its way to the highest point. The knowledgeable and friendly guide took us through the history of George and the surrounding areas. We were told us all about the flowers, waterfalls and all three passes. Outeniqua Pass, Montague Pass and Cradock pass. On the upward journey we passed through six small tunnels, to the sheer delight of all the grade 4's! At times the pass is so narrow, that you think you will brush the rocks or steer off a cliff. About halfway down the pass 4 T stopped for a half hour picnic, where we enjoyed our packed lunches, before returning to the Transport museum. Unfortunately it was too wet for grade 4R to picnic there. At the museum another hour was spent searching for answers to a quiz about the History of Transport. The museum is a national treasure with exhibitions of historical trains, trucks and cars, as far back as the "Kakebeen-wa". It was a delightful outing and enjoyed by all.



## Shakespeare Schools Festival at George Arts Theatre



This annual festival hails from the United Kingdom as an additional education programme for the Arts. Each year the festival encourages schools across South Africa to perform abridged 30-minute versions of the beloved Shakespearean plays, in their local theatres.

George Arts Theatre is the host of this festival in the Southern Cape. Holy Cross Senior Performing Arts group performed their version of 'Comedy of Errors' on Sunday 2 September. They masterfully executed the Shakespearean, lyrical language and entertained the audience with excellent comedy timing. This was a truly wonderful first time appearance and we are looking forward to making this an annual performing Arts event.



### minutes for mandela

**67 Minutes of Mandela Day** was celebrated by all this year. Stationery was collected to give to St. Mary's School, while others collected money and items for the SPCA. Some made fleece scarves for the Children's ward at the George Hospital and 1500 children in the various home-based crèches and pre-schools, cared for by George Child & Family welfare, each received their own ball of playdough that pupils made. All these items were gratefully received and we received letters of appreciation from these organisations. It was a wonderful way to demonstrate kindness towards others and it reinforced our theme for the term, 'Be a builder in your community.'

**Sports News-** Mrs Askew and Mrs Wepener, along with the U/13 Netball team, spent their Holy Cross Day celebrations at Holy Cross Brooklyn in Cape Town. It was wonderful to celebrate Mass with Holy Cross representatives from all the schools, and participate in a Netball tournament on Friday 14th. Our girls fared very well, winning two games and losing their third. Well done, girls!



We encourage parents to ensure that their children attend the **Learn to Swim** lessons, when the swimming season starts again next term, if their children are not yet competent in the water. Water safety is of utmost importance to us.