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End of Term 3 Reflections at Claremont Primary

3 October 2025

As we wrap up Term 3 at Claremont Primary, we are proud to reflect on what has truly been the busiest and most eventful term of the year. From the excitement of Market Day, the fun of the Colour Dash, and the challenge of the Spelling Bee, to the competitive spirit of Interhouse and the dedication shown in soccer, netball and chess, our learners have had countless opportunities to shine. We also honoured Nelson Mandela Day through meaningful donations, reminding us all of the importance of service and giving back.

Alongside these activities, our academic focus was specifically on project work, encouraging students to develop greater independence and take ownership of their learning. Many rose to the challenge, demonstrating responsibility, creativity, and problem-solving skills as they researched, planned, and completed their projects.

The emphasis on independent learning not only deepened their understanding of subject material but also equipped them with essential life skills such as resilience, initiative, time management, and collaboration. These qualities will serve them well both in the classroom and beyond.

We congratulate all our students for their hard work and achievements this term and look forward to building on this momentum for a successful and rewarding Term 4.

Academic Achievements:

Our top achieving students this term

- Grade R – Kaiser Whiskey 90%
- Grade 1 – Heritage Aremu 91,3%
- Grade 2 – Tinotenda Gwesu 80,5%
- Grade 3 – Kyle Chirambagwa 87,5%
- Grade 4 – Qhama Mtungane 92,7%
- Grade 5 – Achulile Nenzani 91,3%
- Grade 6 – Iminathi Dlepu 87,7%
- Grade 7 – Tatiana Le Roux 82,9%



Term 3 Highlights

1) **The Colourful Dash Fundraiser a Huge Success!**



We are thrilled to share the wonderful success of The Colourful Dash, a vibrant fundraiser hosted by the dedicated 4th-year students of Varsity College at our school this term. This exciting event took place on Saturday, 30 August 2025, and truly brought our school community together in support of a great cause.

The Colourful Dash was a fun-filled day featuring a colourful run and engaging physical activities designed to promote the importance of physical health and education. Our learners from Grade R to Grade 7 enthusiastically participated, sporting bright colours and wide smiles as they enjoyed the jumping castle, face painting, and other fun activities.

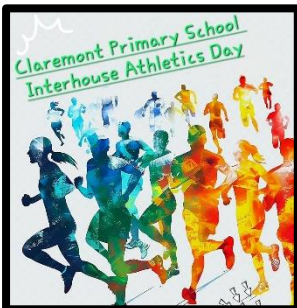
Thanks to the generosity and energy of everyone involved, the event successfully raised an impressive R25000. All funds will go directly towards purchasing new sports equipment to enhance our sports programme and help our learners develop their sporting talents.

We are deeply grateful to the Varsity College students for organising such a well-run and impactful event. Their commitment and creativity made The Colourful Dash a day to remember and one that we hope will become an annual tradition at Claremont Primary.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who supported this event, whether by encouraging participation, volunteering, or simply cheering on the children. Together, we have taken another step toward fostering a healthy, active, and vibrant school community.



2) **Interhouse**



Our interhouse day was a resounding success, filled with vibrant spirit, healthy competition and teamwork. Learners participated with great enthusiasm across all events, displaying not only their athletic ability but also their sportsmanship and camaraderie. The cheering from each house created an atmosphere of unity and encouragement, while the dedication of staff and the support of parents ensured the smooth running of the day. The event

concluded on a high note with all houses celebrating their efforts, making this Interhouse day a memorable highlight of the term.

- House winner – St. Leger
- Spirit cup winner – Victoria
- Top athletes – Keith Gotora (Boy)
Kundai Chiomadzi (Girl)
William Banda (Long Distance)

3) The Reading Competition

The Reading Competition was held on Tuesday, 23 September 2025. Three learners from each grade in the Intersen Phase were selected to take part. In addition to their prepared pieces, learners were also challenged with an unprepared reading passage, which they tackled with determination and confidence.

All participants performed exceptionally well, and the winners will be announced at the end of the year. It was heartening to witness the learners' enthusiasm and passion for reading. We encourage parents to continue motivating their children to read, as it is truly rewarding to see how much they enjoyed it.

I would like to close with a fitting reminder: ***Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body*** – Richard Steele.

Mrs Reuter

4) Market Day



A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the parents who supported the Grade 7 class behind the scenes on Market Day. With outstanding teamwork, creativity, and determination, the learners collectively raised just over R16 000.

Their hard work and enthusiasm were richly rewarded as they set a brand-new Market Day record – the highest total ever achieved. Along the way, learners developed valuable entrepreneurial skills such as planning, budgeting, marketing and customer service. The teamwork within each group was remarkable, as members supported one another, shared ideas, and worked together to overcome challenges.

This success stands as a proud milestone for the Grade 7s and a wonderful example of what can be accomplished through dedication, collaboration, and innovative thinking.

5) Heritage Day Assembly



Heritage Day was celebrated at our school on 24 September with a vibrant and meaningful assembly. Our school is known for its outstanding assemblies and this occasion was no exception. The programme highlighted the rich diversity of cultures that make up our nation, reminding us of the importance of unity and respect in celebrating our shared heritage.

Learners participated with enthusiasm, showcasing traditions and performances that reflected the unique cultural tapestry of South Africa. It was both an educational and inspiring experience, fostering pride in our identity as a school and as a country.

Heritage Day was a true reminder that while our cultures may differ, together we form one strong and united community.



6) Nelson Mandela Day Donation Drive



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and learners who supported our Nelson Mandela Day Donation Drive this term. Your generosity and kindness were truly remarkable. Together, we collected over R3 000 worth of dog and cat food, in addition to blankets, toys, and harnesses. These contributions are invaluable to rescue organisations that rely entirely on public support to continue their crucial work.

As part of the drive, we were also able to make a monetary donation to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA in Cape Town. In return, they visited our school to educate learners on the proper care of pets. The younger learners thoroughly enjoyed the Ani-Pals puppet show, while the older learners benefited from an engaging and informative presentation.

Thank you for helping to fill the bellies of many hungry animals and for making such a meaningful difference in their lives. The overwhelming response to this initiative has been both encouraging and inspiring, and we are grateful to our school community for supporting animal welfare in such a generous way.

Mr D. Downing

7) Mini – Eisteddfod

The annual Mini-Eisteddfod took place in August and involved all learners from Grade R to Grade 3. This exciting event provided learners with the opportunity to display their talents across seven categories. The compulsory categories included Poetry, Creative Writing, Reading and Art, while the optional categories offered Singing, Dance, and Drama.

It was inspiring to watch learners collaborate, demonstrate leadership skills, and express their creativity, particularly in the optional categories, where they delivered outstanding performances.

This year, instead of the usual Showcase Event, the school will host a concert. We extend our sincere thanks to all parents who supported their children’s participation and contributed financially. To recognise the efforts of every child, each was gifted with a certificate, diary/notebook, a pencil and a pen.

A special word of thanks also goes to the Foundation Phase teachers for their enthusiasm and dedication in preparing the learners for this memorable event. **Mrs V Ekambaram**

8) Spelling Bee

Our school once again hosted an enthralling and high-quality Spelling Bee this term. Learners from Grade R through to Grade 7 participated enthusiastically, first competing in their class Spellathons to secure a place in the Top 5 and then vying for the title of Grade Spelling Champion.

The event, expertly hosted by Mrs Gouws and Mr Reddy, highlighted the hard work, remarkable abilities and competitive spirit of our learners. It was a true celebration of language, perseverance, and academic excellence.

Well done to all our participants for their dedication and effort. A special word of thanks is also extended to the parents for their support and encouragement, which contributed to making the Spelling Bee both an educational and financial success.

Spelling Bee Champions 2025:

Congratulations to all our champion spellers – you made us proud!

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| • Grade R: Kaiser Whiskey | • Grade 1: Heritage Aremu |
| • Grade 2: Ndalo Zide | • Grade 3: Kyle Chirambaguwa |
| • Grade 4: Quinton Zvama | • Grade 5: Mivuyo Mthuti |
| • Grade 6: Alejandra Gentle | • Grade 7: Yvette Saunders |

Ms M Omar and Mr J Omar

Extracurricular Activities

Netball

The girls showed outstanding commitment to their training this term and displayed great enthusiasm throughout. They had the opportunity to play a few friendly matches against The Vine, which proved to be both exciting and enjoyable for all involved. These matches not only highlighted areas for improvement but also motivated the team to continue working hard.

Training sessions this term placed emphasis on fitness exercises and match practice, both of which the girls thoroughly enjoyed. Looking ahead, we are eager to schedule more friendly matches next term and are especially excited about the arrival of new netball kits for the team

Mrs L. Burton-Mutwale

Chess

In Term 2, CPS learners participated in league fixtures in their region. In Term 3, the schools that finished in the top two of their league qualified for the Top Schools Tournament, which was held at St Cyprian's on Saturday, 2 August 2025. We are proud that all four of our divisions – U9 Mixed, U11, U13 Mixed, and U13 Girls – made it through to the play-offs.



The U9 Mixed team performed exceptionally well and secured third place, while the U13 Girls achieved an impressive second place. Congratulations to all the teams for their hard work, determination and spirit throughout the tournament.

We are equally grateful to the parents who gave up their day to support their children and cheer them on.



One of the challenges faced this year was that the U13 Mixed team was under strength, as only four out of six players were present. We encourage greater commitment from learners and parents in future to ensure that all teams are given the best chance to succeed.

A sincere word of thanks must also go to Mr Omar, Mr Downing, and Mr Jephthas (Caleb's dad) for their invaluable assistance on the day. Their support helped make the tournament a success for our learners.

Mrs V Ekambaram

Soccer

Extra-mural soccer at CPS continues to grow from strength to strength, with our Term 3 player cohort reaching a total of 43 players – both girls and boys from Grades 4 to 7.

This term, practices focused on building team cohesion, developing positional awareness, and strengthening tactical knowledge. We are grateful for the valuable input of Mr Steve Fitzpatrick from Fernwood FC, whose expertise greatly enriched the training sessions.

Both our U12 and U13 teams played several league matches and gave a strong account of themselves, performing admirably throughout the season. The U13 team, in particular, achieved an outstanding result by placing second in the Metro Central Division 2. This achievement earned them an invitation to participate in the provincial leg of the Motsepe Tournament, where they narrowly lost their knockout match 1–0 to one of the Western Cape finalists.

We are exceptionally proud of all our soccer players for their dedication, skill, and sportsmanship this term.

Mr. J. Omar

Student Leader Training

This term, student leader training has been a truly rewarding experience. The student leaders have been at the top of their game, not only carrying out their regular duties with excellence but also going beyond expectations.

It is inspiring to see how much they grow from strength to strength through their commitment and dedication. Their enthusiasm for the Tuesday training sessions is commendable, and these gatherings provide a valuable opportunity to hear how they apply their skills in problem-solving and conflict resolution.

A heartfelt thank you to our student leaders for taking their mandate so seriously and for doing such an outstanding job.

Mrs Reuter

STEM Club Report

Although the STEM Club did not meet as often as we would have liked this term, it continues to play an integral role in the development of essential skills among our learners. The club provides valuable opportunities for students to think critically, solve problems creatively, and apply their knowledge in practical, hands-on ways. Its importance lies not only in fostering curiosity and innovation but also in preparing learners for a future where these skills are increasingly vital.

We look forward to building greater consistency in the sessions next term to maximise the benefits and opportunities the STEM Club offers.

Mr Reuter

School Finances

The Finance Committee would like to thank all those parents and guardians who have kept payments up to date and ensured the smooth operation and continued quality-learning experiences for our children.

We urge all those who are not up to date to settle their fees. Outstanding balances for 2025 could be handed over to our debt collectors unless a confirmed payment arrangement with the bursar is in place.

Banking Details (for easy payments)

Account Name: Claremont Primary School
Bank: Absa Cheque Account
Branch code: 632005
Account number: 1052890779
Cheque Account
Ref: Learner's Name & Surname and Grade

Send proof of payment to: melanie.Isaacs@wcgschools.gov.za

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Ms. M. Isaacs

Fundraising



On behalf of the staff and learners of Claremont Primary School, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support throughout the year. Your generosity and involvement in initiatives such as the Colourdash, Spellathon, Civvies Days, and the support of our Tuck Shop have made a meaningful impact on our school community.

Whether through contributions, volunteering your time, or encouraging your children to participate, your support is deeply valued and never goes unnoticed.

Thank you once again for being an integral part of the Claremont Primary family. We look forward to your continued partnership as we grow and achieve even more together.

Mrs E. Gouws

Library

The Claremont Primary School Library continues to thrive under the excellent management of Mrs Grose, who is deeply committed to ensuring that our learners have access to the very best reading material. She works tirelessly to keep our collection up to date and relevant, sourcing quality books through generous contributions from members of the community who actively support our library.

Our library is a vibrant hub of learning and imagination, encouraging a love of reading that extends well beyond the classroom. Learners are inspired to explore new genres, discover favourite authors and develop the lifelong habit of reading for enjoyment and knowledge.

A special congratulations goes to **Cwenga Pokile**, who became the first learner to achieve a prestigious library award for reading an incredible 500 books from our school library. This outstanding achievement serves as an inspiration to all our learners, showing just how rewarding a strong commitment to reading can be.

We are grateful to Mrs Grose for her dedication and passion, to our community for their continued donations, and to our learners for embracing the joy of reading. Together, we are building a culture of literacy that will benefit our children for years to come.

Reinforcing the Use of Greenshoots at Home

We would like to remind and encourage all parents of students in Grades 3 to 7 to support their children's use of the **Greenshoots Mathematics (MCO)** program online learning tool.

There has been a strong push by the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) to increase student engagement with Greenshoots. Since Term 1, we have been encouraging students to work through the programme at home at least **twice a week**. This extra practice is vital to reinforce learning and to build confidence in Mathematics.

We especially encourage the use of Greenshoots if your child is currently scoring below 75% in Mathematics. Regular use of the program can make a significant difference in understanding and performance.

In upcoming school assemblies next term, we will place a strong focus on academic achievement within this programme. Students who reach various milestones and earn achievement badges will be recognised with **certificates of excellence**. A great motivation to keep pushing forward!

The Greenshoots program uses minimal data, and each child has been provided with a unique access code and password. If your child is having trouble accessing the program at home, please contact their class teacher for assistance.

Please ensure your child works on the program at least twice a week at home. The program can be accessed on any smart device via this link:

<https://maths.gsed.co.za/>

We also recommend that your child complete the Brainquest exercises with pen and paper to enhance learning.

General:

- 1) There are only 5 weeks in Term 4 before the final exams begin!!!
- 2) Students will wear their summer uniforms in Term 4
- 3) School resumes on **Monday, 13th October**
- 4) The **Phendulani Reading Quiz** takes place on the 21st October
- 5) The Grade 3 and 6 Systemic Tests will take place on the 23rd October 2025.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our students for their dedication, our staff for their unwavering commitment, and our parents and guardians for their ongoing support and partnership. I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break, and safe travels to those leaving Cape Town. After a well-deserved rest, we look forward to another successful and eventful Term 4, which will include the final examinations.

Some of the sights of this term



Warm regards,

Mr Lance Reuter

Head of Department
Claremont Primary