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End of Term 1, reflections at Claremont Primary

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As we conclude Term 1 at Claremont Primary School, we reflect with pride on a term that demanded focus, discipline and determination from our learners.

The first term at Claremont Primary focused on establishing strong routines, setting clear academic expectations, and building a solid foundation for the year ahead. Our learners have settled well into their classes and have approached their work with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. It has been encouraging to see the positive tone set early on, with many learners demonstrating responsibility, resilience and growing confidence.

Across all grades, emphasis has been placed on revising prior knowledge, introducing new concepts, and developing sound study habits. Learners have engaged in class activities and early assessments that promote understanding, participation and critical thinking. Their efforts are reflected in their steady progress and their increasingly positive attitudes towards learning.

We extend a warm welcome to our Grade R learners, who have begun their exciting school journey this term. It has been a joy to see them settling into their new environment, forming friendships, and developing confidence through play-based learning and daily routines. This important first step lays the foundation for their future growth and we look forward to nurturing and guiding them as they continue along their learning path at Claremont Primary.

Academic Achievements:

Our top-achieving students this term

- Grade 1 – Zaara Brenner 89%
- Grade 2 – Heritage Aremu 94%
- Grade 3 – Tinotenda Gwesu 88,3%
- Grade 4 – Liswa Soshuba 90.7%
- Grade 5 – Samukelisiwe Nohashe 90.3%
- Grade 6 – Nenzani Achulile 86,3
- Grade 7 – Uzukhanye Mjoyi 80,9%



Goodhope Volunteers



The school has welcomed six volunteers this term from the organisation Good Hope Volunteers. They have been placed across the school, providing valuable support and assistance to teachers in the classroom.

We are pleased with the positive impact of this initiative and look forward to continuing it in the new term, alongside welcoming student teachers from Varsity College. The Good Hope volunteers, who come from various countries around the world, offer our learners and staff a wonderful opportunity to connect with and learn from different cultures.

In addition, the volunteers led a meaningful assembly ahead of the examination period, where they encouraged learners with the acronym FACE – *Face Everything And Rise*. This powerful message inspired our learners to approach their assessments with courage, resilience and a positive mindset.

STEM Club Report



enrich their understanding of STEM.

The STEM Club has continued to grow in both participation and enthusiasm this term. We are pleased to be collaborating with Christel House, which has added valuable opportunities for shared learning and innovation. Through this partnership, learners are being exposed to new ideas, problem-solving approaches and hands-on experiences that

We look forward to seeing the programme develop from strength to strength as we continue to build on this collaboration and expand opportunities for our learners.



Student Leaders Report

The student leaders of 2026 have started the year with remarkable resilience and a genuine heart to serve both their school and the wider community. They consistently show a willingness to give of their best, setting a positive example for others. It has been a pleasure to work with and train them and to witness their growth and development as young leaders.

I look forward to continuing this journey with them in the new term. Thank you for all that you do. Your efforts are truly seen and appreciated.

Mrs. Reuter

Tennis Report

This term marked an exciting introduction to tennis for many of the learners, with a strong focus on developing basic hand-eye coordination and essential ball skills. Sessions were designed to improve overall fitness while keeping learners engaged through fun and game-based activities that introduced new skills in an enjoyable way. As the weeks progressed, enthusiasm for the sport grew noticeably, with more learners joining and showing increased confidence on the court. It was wonderful to see the group develop, not only their abilities but also a sense of teamwork and enjoyment, making the programme a great success.

Mrs Burton-Mutwale

Pi day competition

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The school proudly hosted its first-ever Pi Day competition, involving learners from Grades 3 to 7. Participants were challenged to memorise and accurately recite the first 100 digits of π , showcasing impressive concentration, memory, and determination.

Congratulations to our winners on this outstanding achievement.

- First Place - Avuyile Mthuti
- Second Place - Mya Pitso
- Third Place - Sokhana Msutu



The digits learners were required to recite were:

3.1415926535 8979323846 2643383279 5028841971 6939937510
5820974944 5923078164 0628620899 8628034825 3421170679

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.

Grades 3 – 7: Included in the report envelopes this term, please find your child's MCO report. This report indicated your child's engagement with the programme. Parents they are encouraged to work on the programme at home.

There has been a strong push by the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) to increase student engagement with Greenshoots. Since last year, 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 want to 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 Term 2, the InterSen phase learners will be introduced to the formal assessments within the MCO Mathematics programme to strengthen their understanding, track their progress, and further develop their problem-solving and critical thinking skills. The aim is to allow for the future possibility of incorporating the programme into their formal assessment structure.

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 within the programme, with pen and paper to enhance their study programme.

Grade 7 Leadership Camp: A Memorable Experience



Our Grade 7 students once again enjoyed a highly successful Leadership Camp in 2026, designed to develop personal growth, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. The programme included a wide range of engaging activities such as an obstacle course, night hike, beach walk, mini-games and a lively concert. These experiences encouraged independent thinking and responsibility, while it gave students the chance to take on leadership roles within their groups, ensuring meaningful participation from everyone.

The highlight of the camp was a once-in-a-lifetime visit to the tallest lighthouse in South Africa, providing an unforgettable experience that combined learning, adventure and inspiration.

Environmental awareness remained a key focus throughout the camp. Recycling was integrated into all activities, with clearly marked waste disposal stations and decorations made from recycled materials. Informative posters around the site reinforced the importance of sustainability.

The camp facilitators played a crucial role in creating a positive and structured environment. Their organised approach kept students actively engaged, balancing exciting activities with time for reflection and relaxation. The overarching themes of kindness, respect, and cooperation were evident in every aspect of the camp, from the facilitators to the kitchen staff, who treated each student with care and encouragement.

Fundraising

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all our parents and guardians for their continued support towards our recent fundraising efforts. Your generosity and involvement play a vital role in helping us provide enriching opportunities and resources for our learners. We truly appreciate the time, effort, and contributions made by our school community.

As we look ahead to the new term, we are excited to announce some fun upcoming events. We will be hosting a Colour Run, which promises to be a vibrant and energetic day for everyone involved. In addition, we will be celebrating World Book Day with a special dress-up event, encouraging learners to bring their favourite book characters to life.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We look forward to another exciting and successful term together.

Mrs Gouws

School Finances

Term 1 has come to an end and we would like to thank all those parents and guardians, (20) who have paid in fees for the year, and those who keep payments up to date, thus ensuring the smooth operation and continued quality learning experiences we can offer our children.

We urge all those who are not up to date to settle their outstanding 2025 fees. We kindly request that all parents with outstanding 2025 school fee balances arrange to meet with the finance office to discuss your current financial situation and agree on a suitable payment plan. We are committed to working with families in a supportive and understanding manner to avoid any further steps being taken, including the handover of accounts.

We are pleased to announce that we are in the final stages of the migration to the Rise Communicator system and statements and invoices will be available through this platform.

- Downloading the app gives you access to all your financial queries.

GET ALL THE UPDATES FROM YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

Dear Parent,

**Have you installed the Rise School Communicator?
No? Please do.**

This is how we will keep you informed about your child's outstanding fee balances, Incidents, School News, Events and Updates. Rise School Communicator is a safe, secure mobile app that will deliver you all the latest updates instantly.



Rise
School Communicator



<http://risebiz.co.za/android>



<http://risebiz.co.za/ios>

Parents do not forget to install the Rise School Communicator on your phones.

Please see [a brief user-guide with the step-by-step instructions](#) on how to download Rise School Communicator onto your smartphones.

- Our school's 6-digit code is **002238**. You will need it when downloading the app.
- If you use Samsung (Android), please follow the link to download the app:
- <http://risebiz.co.za/android> or just type "Rise School Communicator" in the Google Play store.
- If you use Apple (iOS), please follow the link to download the app:
- <http://risebiz.co.za/ios> or just type "Rise School Communicator" in the App store.
- If you use Huawei, please follow the link to download the app:
- <https://appgallery.huawei.com/#/app/C111230037> or just type "Rise School Communicator" in the App Gallery.

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

- **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

Ms. M. Isaacs

School Library

A sincere thank you to Mrs. Grose, who tirelessly works behind the scenes to source funding for our library.

This term, Caxton Books and Rotary Club of Newlands generously donated a combined amount of over R10 000 towards the purchase of new books for our school library.

Their support goes a long way in ensuring that our library remains relevant and well-resourced in an increasingly technology-driven world.

General:

- 1) School resumes on **Wednesday, 8th April 2026.**
- 2) There will be school photos taken on the first day of term 2. Students to please wear their **summer uniform.**
- 3) Students will wear their **winter uniforms** in Term 2, from Monday 13th April.
 - School uniforms can be purchased at School and Leisure, Claremont branch.
- 4) Please avail yourselves for one of the following dates next term, for the parent-teacher meeting scheduled for the 13 and 14 April. An appointment letter will be sent out in the first week of the new term. (some teachers may hold meetings Friday 10th March)
- 5) A big thank you to our Governing Body who is working very hard behind the scenes to make sure that our school runs efficiently.

Finally, I would like to extend a heartfelt message of hope and blessings to our Christian families as we approach the Easter season. May this sacred time be filled with peace, joy and meaningful reflection as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. May His love and grace uplift and guide you, and may the months ahead be filled with renewed hope and abundant blessings.

To our parents and learners travelling to other provinces and countries, we wish you safe and pleasant journeys, a peaceful and restorative break. May your time with family and friends be filled with laughter, love and special moments to cherish.

We trust that this short break will provide you with the rest and renewal you truly deserve.

Warm regards,

Mr Lance Reuter



Head of Department
Claremont Primary