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End of Term Reflections at Claremont Primary

As we conclude another demanding and rewarding term at Claremont Primary, we take a moment to reflect on the experiences and achievements of Term 2.

This has been a notably long term of 54 school days, filled with learning, growth and perseverance from both learners and staff. Despite the extended pace, our school community has remained committed and resilient throughout.

A particular highlight,...and challenge, was the storm on 10 May, which we weathered together as a school community. It was a reminder of the strength, adaptability and unity that define Claremont Primary.

Academic Achievements:

We are proud of our learners for rising to the academic demands of the term. Many faced new challenges, including formal assessments and examinations, and had to develop effective study habits and manage their time responsibly. Their perseverance and dedication have been evident across all grades.

We extend our sincere thanks to Mr Shad Boltman, our school psychologist, who took the time to speak with our InterSen Phase learners about effective study techniques. He introduced learners to the Pomodoro Method of studying, and we are encouraged to see that some students have already begun putting these strategies into practice with positive results.

As the term draws to a close, everyone has certainly earned a well-deserved rest. We thank our learners, staff and families for their continued support and commitment, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the next term.



Our top achieving students this term.

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| • Grade 1 – Kaiser Whiskey Tejada | 88,8% |
| • Grade 2 – Heritage Aremu | 93,5% |
| • Grade 3 – Faith Haruzivi | 87,8 % |
| • Grade 4 – Liswa Sishuba | 87,7% |
| • Grade 5 – Samukelisiwe Nohashe | 92,5% |
| • Grade 6 – Achulile Nenzani | 86,2% |
| • Grade 7 – Iminathi Dlepu | 83,3% |



Birthday Bash Concert – Music through the Ages

Get your tickets soon!!

We are excited to invite all parents and families to our Birthday Bash Concert, themed Music through the Ages. Our learners have been working hard to prepare a wonderful musical journey through different eras and styles of music, showcasing their talents, creativity and confidence on stage.

-  Friday, 28 August at 6:00 pm
-  Saturday, 29 August at 10:00 am
-  Frank Ferguson Hall, Claremont Primary School
-  Tickets: R100 each



Seats can be secured by payment via EFT, through the school bursar, or by sending cash in a sealed, clearly labelled envelope. Please note that seats will only be reserved upon receipt of payment. Physical tickets will be issued during the week before the concert.

We look forward to celebrating our school's birthday with music, joy and memorable performances, and hope you will join us for this special occasion.

The Concert Committee

Finance Office News

Thank You for Your Support!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and guardians who consistently pay their school fees. Your support plays a vital role in helping us provide quality education and maintain the high standards that make Claremont Primary School a special place for our learners.

A special shout-out goes to our Grade R families, who continue to lead the way as our most consistent fee payers! Thank you for your commitment and support.

We are pleased to share that we have seen a positive improvement in school fee payments this term. While our financial position has become more stable, we encourage families experiencing difficulties with payments to contact our Bursar to discuss possible arrangements. We understand that circumstances vary, and we are always willing to engage with parents in a respectful and supportive manner.

School fees remain essential in ensuring that we can meet our financial commitments, maintain our facilities, purchase learning resources, and continue providing the best possible educational experience for our learners.

Making Payments Easier

Our new card machine has been well received and has made fee payments more convenient. We will continue exploring practical and cost-effective ways to make payments as easy and accessible as possible.



Celebrating Our Successes

Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of our school community, our fundraising initiatives have achieved wonderful results:

- **Civvies and Combo Days: R24 312 raised**
- **Colour Dash: R18 830 raised**

These funds have already made a difference! We were delighted to purchase a brand-new Jungle Gym for our Grade R playground, creating an exciting space where our youngest learners can play, explore, and grow.

Every contribution—whether through school fees, fundraising participation, volunteering, or supporting our initiatives—helps us create better opportunities for our learners.

Stay Connected with Rise School Communicator

Don't miss out on important school news, notices, and updates!

Please download the Rise School Communicator and stay connected with everything happening at Claremont Primary School.

School Code: 002238

Android Users

Download from:

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

Or search for Rise School Communicator in the Google Play Store.

Apple (iPhone/iPad) Users

Download from:

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

Or search for Rise School Communicator in the App Store.

Huawei Users

Download from:

<https://appgallery.huawei.com/#/app/C111230037>

Or search for Rise School Communicator in the Huawei App Gallery.

Please refer to the attached user guide for easy step-by-step instructions.

Our new jungle gym...

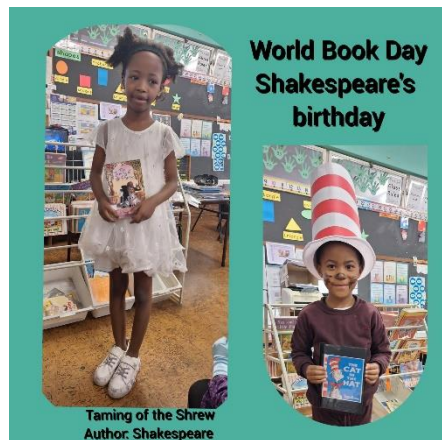


Thank you for being an important part of the Claremont Primary family. Together, we continue to build a school community that our children can be proud of.

Ms Melanie Isaacs

Fundraising

True success is rooted in community collaboration and we extend our deepest gratitude for your continuous generosity and outstanding support.



**World Book Day
Shakespeare's
birthday**

Taming of the Shrew
Author: Shakespeare



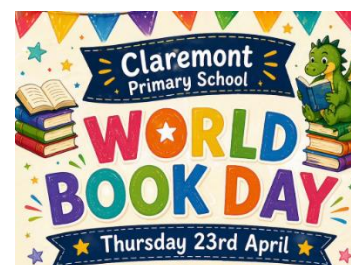
Harry Potter

Every family contribution, regardless of size, is highly valued and appreciated. Our collective action creates meaningful change.



Once again, thank you for being the backbone of our community and for your unwavering support of our fundraising efforts. Your partnership ensures a brighter, more resourced future for our learners.

Mrs Gouws



School Uniforms

The school is in the process of securing a new uniform supplier. For the first time, we also have tracksuits available for our Grade R class.

We have identified a supplier who provides good-quality garments; we will not compromise on quality, at a cheaper cost than our current supplier. However, the supplier works on a pre-order basis and requires a minimum of 20 orders before production can begin. Once the minimum order has been reached, manufacturing takes approximately three weeks, ensuring delivery in time for the start of the new term.

All orders must be paid for in advance before they can be processed.

Please note that these prices are available exclusively through the school order process and are not available through School & Leisure.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

- Account Name: Claremont Primary School
- Bank: Absa Cheque Account
- Branch code: 632005
- Account number: 1052890779
- Cheque Account
- Ref: Name, Surname, Grade & T/Suit
- Kindly send proof of payment AND a copy of the order form to:
Melanie.Isaacs@wcgschools.gov.za

ORDER DETAILS: (Prices are subject to change as necessary).

TRACKSUIT PRICE					
SIZE	CHEST	LENGTH	FULL	TOP ONLY	PANTS ONLY
5-6	98CM	49CM	R450,00	R290,00	R270,00
7-8	104CM	52CM	R490,00	R300,00	R280,00
9-10	108CM	56CM	R530,00	R330,00	R290,00
11-12	110CM	62CM	R570,00	R360,00	R300,00
13-14	118CM	66CM	R610,00	R390,00	R310,00
SMALL	126CM	70CM	R660,00	R410,00	R340,00
MEDIUM	130CM	73CM	R680,00	R420,00	R350,00
LARGE	134CM	76CM	R710,00	R440,00	R360,00
X LARGE	138CM	76CM	R730,00	R460,00	R380,00
2 XLARGE	144CM	76CM	R750,00	R480,00	R400,00

Recycling Initiative

A big thank you to Mrs Le Roux for driving our new recycling initiative. This initiative has already generated R2500 in funding. We encourage all families to support this worthwhile project. For the moment, the focus is on collecting paper and cardboard for recycling.



In addition to serving as a fundraising initiative, that has already generated income for the school; the proceeds will be used to support and grow our STEM Club. More importantly, the project teaches our learners valuable environmental lessons about sustainability, conservation and responsible waste management.

By participating, our learners are developing an understanding of how small actions can make a positive impact on the environment and their community. We hope that this initiative will help foster lifelong habits of environmental responsibility while making a meaningful contribution to our school's programmes.

Drumming Lessons

We are pleased to announce that drumming lessons will be offered in the new term by Mr. Daniel Reuter, a professional drum teacher. These lessons will take place after school, on a Tuesday and Thursday

Please note that this is an optional extra-mural activity and will be offered at an additional cost of R90 for a 30 minute lesson. Kindly also note that participation will be limited to learners whose school fees are up to date. Drumming order forms have been sent out. First-come, first-serve basis will be applied.



Nelson Mandela Day Celebration – 18th July

Please look out for the video shared on the school WhatsApp groups as we celebrate Nelson Mandela Day.

A heartfelt thank you to Mr Downing and Ms Omar, who are at the forefront of this initiative, leading the spirit of giving back and community engagement within our school.

This year, we proudly highlight 15 inspirational quotations from the life and legacy of our esteemed icon, Nelson Mandela:

15 Quotations by Nelson Mandela

1. Education is the most powerful weapon, which you can use to change the world.
2. It always seems impossible until it's done.
3. I never lose. I either win or learn.
4. The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.
5. May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.
6. A winner is a dreamer who never gives up.
7. Courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.
8. Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies.
9. What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived, but what difference we have made to the lives of others.
10. After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb.
11. Live life as though nobody is watching, and express yourself as though everyone is listening.
12. There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.
13. Freedom is indivisible; the chains on any one of my people were the chains on all of them.
14. Money won't create success; the freedom to make it will.
15. As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

We encourage our learners and families to reflect on these powerful words as we honour a legacy of courage, service and humanity.

Reinforcing the Use of Greenshoots at Home

Greenshoots Mathematics (MCO) Programme – Important Parent Information

We would like to remind and encourage all parents of learners in Grades 3 to 7 to continue supporting their children's use of the Greenshoots Mathematics (MCO) online learning programme.

Included in this term's report envelope is your child's latest MCO report, which reflects their engagement and progress on the programme. We encourage parents to review this report carefully and ensure that learners continue working on the programme regularly at home.

The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) continues to place a strong emphasis on learner engagement with Greenshoots Mathematics. Regular practice on the programme helps reinforce classroom learning, develop mathematical understanding, and build confidence.

We strongly encourage the use of Greenshoots, particularly for learners who are currently achieving below 75% in Mathematics. Consistent participation on the programme can make a significant difference to learner performance and understanding.

Grade 7 Parents – Formal Assessment Programme

As communicated previously, the school has begun introducing the formal assessment components available within the Greenshoots Mathematics programme. From **Term 3**, the Grade 7 class will formally make use of the Greenshoots assessment tasks as part of their Mathematics assessment programme.

It is important that Grade 7 parents carefully review their child's School-Based Assessment (SBA) results. Where learners have achieved lower marks, there is often a direct correlation between their assessment performance and the amount of time spent actively engaging with the Greenshoots programme. Regular completion of activities, practice exercises, and assessments is essential for success.

The Greenshoots programme uses minimal data, and every learner has been provided with a unique access code and password. If your child experiences difficulties accessing the programme at home, please contact their class teacher for assistance.

Parents are requested to ensure that learners work on the programme at least **twice per week** at home. The programme can be accessed on any smart device using the following link:

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

Netball:



The netball team showed improved commitment towards the end of the term and has grown into a stronger, more cohesive unit. Regular attendance from consistent players contributed to noticeable individual development, and the learners enjoyed building their skills through lots of practice matches. We also focused on improving overall fitness, which has supported better performance on the court. The team had fun while learning and will be ready to compete against other schools next term.

Mrs Burton-Mutwale

Chess

This term, CPS, learners participated in the chess league. There were 4 teams –
U9, U11, U13 - Mixed
U11– Girls

Results are as follows:

Opposing School	Division/Score	Win/Loss/Draw
Forres Preparatory	U9 M 3 - 3	Draw
	U11 M 3½ - 2½	Win
	U13 M 2½ - 3½	Loss
Hidayatul Islamic Primary School	U9 M 3½ - 2½	Loss
	U11 M 3 - 3	Draw
	U13 M 4 - 2	Win
	U11 Girls 1 - 5	Win
International School of Cape Town	U9 M 6 - 0	Loss
	U11 M 3½ - 2½	Loss
	U13 M 3½ - 2½	Loss
Grace Primary	U 11 M 3½ - 2½	Win

I would like to extend my appreciation to Parents and learners, for your cooperation.
I would also like to encourage more girls to get involved in playing chess.

Mrs V Ekambaram

Soccer:

The U11 and U13 soccer programme at Claremont Primary School once again provided learners with the opportunity to develop their skills while enjoying the game in a fun and supportive environment. Both age group teams participated in a new league, gaining valuable match experience against a variety of opponents. Learners were introduced to new technical skills and tactical concepts, helping them grow their understanding and knowledge of the game. Learners worked hard to apply their skills in competitive situations while developing confidence and game awareness. Emphasis was also placed on building positive team dynamics and learning how to work together effectively as a unit. As the season progressed, both teams showed encouraging development and increasing competitiveness. There are many improvements that can be made. We will focus specifically on improving individual ability, decision-making, and positional awareness. After a busy term, most importantly, all of our learners enjoyed themselves and had fun while developing a lasting enthusiasm for soccer and active participation in sport.

Mr. J. Omar

Student Leaders

It is truly inspiring to see how our student leaders continue to grow in their roles. They are developing into responsible young leaders who serve as the eyes and ears of the teachers when we are not present. It is a pleasure to work alongside them and to witness how they apply the valuable skills and knowledge gained during our training sessions.

A heartfelt thank you to each and every student leader for your dedication, commitment, and willingness to assist in the smooth running of our school. Your positive attitude, hard work, and leadership do not go unnoticed. We are proud of the example you set and the difference you make every day.

Much love

Mrs Reuter

STEM Club

The STEM Club has continued to grow in both participation and enthusiasm this term. We are pleased to continue our collaboration with Christel House, which has provided valuable opportunities for shared learning, innovation and practical problem-solving. Through this partnership, learners are exposed to new ideas, technologies and hands-on experiences that enrich their understanding of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.



Our learners are making steady progress as they develop their coding, robotics and engineering skills. They are currently preparing for the **World Robot Olympiad (WRO) competition**, which will take place on **14 August at the University of the Western Cape (UWC)**.

The WRO is an internationally recognised robotics competition that challenges learners to design, build and programme robots to solve real-world problems. The competition promotes creativity, teamwork, critical thinking and innovation while encouraging learners to apply STEM concepts in a practical environment.

The learners are excited about the opportunity to participate and are working hard during STEM Club sessions to improve their skills and prepare for the challenges they will face. We are proud of their dedication and enthusiasm and look forward to seeing them represent our school at this prestigious event.

We look forward to seeing the programme continue to grow from strength to strength as we expand opportunities for our learners and further develop their passion for STEM education.

Please look out in the new term for an exciting raffle where you could win a multimedia projector. The money raised from this raffle will go towards purchasing a Lego Spike Educational kit. The kit is valued at R12000. The club is currently using one on loan from the UWC STEM club to participate in the upcoming competition. The hope is to get our own kit.





A big thank you to the following people and organisations that have invested in our school this term.

- Pick 'n Pay – food parcels
- Math24 – food parcels
- Mr Cook – Network Cables
- A big thank you for the Astroturf
- Feelive – Instant kettle and projector

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Made For You

General:

- 1) Students will continue to wear their winter uniforms in Term 3.
- 2) School resumes on **Tuesday, 21st July**.
- 3) Parent-teacher meetings will be held on **22nd, 23rd, and 24th July**. Please make yourselves available if contacted by your child's teacher.
- 4) Events to look forward to in term 3: Grade 7's Market Day, The School Concert, The Foundation Phase Mini Eisteddfod, The InterSen Reading competition and the Pendulani Quiz

In closing, I extend my gratitude to our students for their hard work, our staff for their unwavering commitment, and our parents and guardians for their continued support and partnership. Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable break. Please travel safely if you are leaving Cape Town. We all look forward to a well-earned break; we look forward to another successful and eventful term 3.

Warm regards,

Mr Lance Reuter

Head of Department
Claremont Primary