



Newsletter

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Principal's notes

Dear Parents and guardians

A heartfelt thank you to all our parents who joined us at the AGM on 9 March. Your support means so much to the Settlers' team! Congratulations to the two parents and Miss Pitout on winning prizes. We're excited to share the new marketing items at Mini Comrades next term. We're also grateful to Abby Leitch for her inspiring talk, reminding us just how important movement is in every young child's life. Thank you again for being part of such a special evening. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you for attending your child's progress meeting. These conversations are vital as we work together to support your child's growth and success. Your partnership makes a real difference, and we look forward to continuing this teamwork moving forward.

Congratulations to the Naidoo family on the arrival of your baby girl! Wishing you joy, love, and happiness as you welcome her into your lives.

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of a beloved member of the Mbeje family. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of loss.

As we move toward the holidays, may you find strength and joy in the heart of Easter. Parenting often asks much of you: patience, sacrifice, and love. Easter reminds us why those gifts matter.

For Christian families, Easter is not simply another holiday; it is the celebration of Christ's resurrection, the victory of life over death, and the assurance of hope that never fades. This truth is a steady anchor in the midst of busy days and family responsibilities.

As you guide your children, let Easter be a reminder that renewal is possible, that grace is abundant, and that love is stronger than any challenge.

Happy holidays to all the boys and girls! May they enjoy their two-week break where they can rest, play, and have fun. We can't wait to see their bright smiles back at school on 14 April!

**Isa van Heerden
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Staff News

- We were pleased to welcome Nerissa from Sanlam, a past mum from Settlers' Park, who shared valuable insights on personal planning for the future with our staff. Her talk was engaging and thought-provoking for all present.
- On 17 February 2026, Mrs. Teichmann and I attended the Heads of Small Schools meeting. We were impressed by how many Junior and senior phase schools are using the Time2Read program. We are very pleased to have introduced this wonderful programme at our school this year, with care and intention, and look forward to the benefits it will bring our learners.
- On 3 March, our staff and I attended the cluster meeting at Clivia Pre-Primary. Although our guest speaker was unable to join due to illness, we had a marvelous time workshoping together and freely sharing ideas about school and children.
- Our Grade RR and Grade R staff had a marvelous time welcoming back past learners for Reunion Day on the 6 March.
- Thank you to all our teachers for their hard work in preparing such a successful and engaging Senses Day on 13 March.
- On 17 March, Mrs Teichmann and I had a wonderful time with the staff and fellow principals at Cordwalles. It was a joy to join one of our own parents' Design and Technology class that afternoon.
- It was a joy to celebrate Mrs Colenbrander's birthday on 24 March. Thank you for all you do for your learners and our school.



Reminders and events

April 2026:

- **School starts:** 14 April
- **Hearing Screening for Grade RR and R pupils**.....15-16 April
- **PTA meeting**.....15 April @ 12h30
- **World Book Day Dress Up:**23 April
- **Shelby's Birthday**..... 26 April
- **Freedom Day**26 March

Encouragement



Parenting in today's busy, unpredictable world is tough, but you're doing an amazing job. Keep going, stay strong, and remember: love and consistency matter most. We can do this together!"



Warm regards

Isa van Heerden
Principal