



Newsletter

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**Pre-Primary
School**

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Principal's notes

A Warm Welcome to 2026

Hello Parents, Guardians, and Children

A special welcome to our new families. We're excited to have you join our community, and we know this year will be full of wonderful experiences.

I'm thrilled to begin my second year as Headmistress, working with such an enthusiastic team of teachers. They can't wait to meet their new classes on Wednesday, 14 January.

I'm also pleased to begin a full year with our School Governing Body (SGB): Knowing who they are matters, because we simply couldn't run this wonderful school without their support and expertise. Below are our members.

- **Chairlady:** Ziningi Bakunzi (Ziningi and her husband have two children, one in the Crickets class and one in the Ladybird class).
- **Treasurer:** Msizi Malinga (Msizi and his wife have a daughter in the Butterfly class).
- **Secretary:** Annika Savage (Annika and her husband have two girls at Settlers, one in the Bees class and one in the Ants class).
- **Member:** Suhayl Ismail (Suhayl has kindly offered to stay on our SGB without children at Settlers'. We are very grateful to him)
- **Member:** Monique Rafferty (Monique and her husband have a boy in the Caterpillar class).
- **Retired Educator:** Di Morrison
- **Staff Representative:** Marzelle Colenbrander
- **Ex-Officio Principal:** Isa van Heerden
- **Ex-Officio Deputy:** Heather Teichmann
- **Ex-Officio School Secretary:** Amanda Webb

The staff and I are exploring the idea of starting a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Settlers. A PTA can be a wonderful way to strengthen the partnership between parents and teachers, giving us the chance to work together to support our children's learning and school experience, organize events and activities that build community spirit, share ideas and concerns in a constructive way and help raise funds and resources for projects that benefit all learners. I will be touching on this tonight at our 'Info Drop'.

Reminder: Join Us Tonight!

We're excited to welcome you to our Info Drop this evening at 17h15.

If you haven't RSVP'd, No problem. You're more than welcome to join us!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Here's to a joyful, successful year ahead for us all!

Warm regards
Isa van Heerden
Principal





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Staff News



The staff are looking forward to a joyful start filled with learning, laughter, and growth.

Jocelyn Abdul enjoyed her birthday on 1 January 2026. We wish her a truly wonderful year ahead, filled with happiness and success.

Our interns will continue their studies this year, and we wish them everything of the best as they pursue their goals. At the same time, I look forward to spending time with our dedicated staff, upskilling our qualifications by attending workshops and training sessions throughout the year.

Reminders and events

January and February 2026:

- **Info drop evening @ 17h00** 12 January 2026 (You are still more than welcome to join us tonight if you haven't RSVP'D)
- **Children return**..... 14 January 2026
- **Extra Mural demo's** 19 - 26 January 2026. (Parents welcome to watch)
 - 19th: Ball skills @ 08h15
 - 20th: Jumping Jacks: Caterpillars and Butterflies @ 08h15 and Bees, Ants and Ladybirds @ 08h45
 - 21st: Drums: Caterpillars @ 08h15, Butterflies @ 08h30, Ladybirds @ 08h45, Ants @ 09h00 and Bees @ 09h15
 - 22nd: Experibuddes only for Grade RR and R: 08h00 to 08h30
 - 23rd: Karate for children 4 - 6 years: @ 08h15
 - 26th: Ballet: Caterpillars and Butterflies @ 09h00 and Bees, Ants and Ladybirds @ 09h25
- **Friday Treat and Library start:** 30 January 2026
- **Baker Baker starts** 2 February 2026 (explanation at our info drop)
- **Psychomotor starts** 28 January 2026
- **Valentines Dress up Day**..... 13 February 2026
- **Mid-term break**..... 20 and 23 February 2026 (school begins again on the 24 February 2026)

Encouragement



Every new year is a fresh chapter. May 2026 be filled with growth, resilience, and joyful moments for you and your children."



Warm regards

Isa van Heerden
Principal