



Newsletter

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**Pre-Primary
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Principal's notes

Dear Parents and guardians

We're thrilled to begin the second term! This is always a special time, as the children now know their routines, feel more at ease with their teachers, and are ready to learn with greater focus and joy. It's wonderful to see them engaging their minds, bodies, and emotions with growing confidence.

A warm congratulations to our new parents. Your encouragement and perseverance have made the first school experience smoother and more joyful for your children. We truly value your support and open communication.

Here's to a term full of growth, discovery, and happy learning!

Term Highlight: Mini-Comrades

We're especially excited about our upcoming Mini-Comrades on 6 June! This amazing race brings children together with their siblings and even cousins and friends, creating a joyful opportunity to connect with families in their child's class. It's one of our favourite traditions and a highlight of the year.

This year, the event will be organised a little differently with regards to fundraising, as it is one of our main fundraisers for the school. More details will follow soon, but for now, please start getting your children excited for this special day!

Babies:

We are delighted to share the joyful news of the Araya family welcoming a beautiful new baby as well as the Araya family who have welcomed twins! May these little ones bring endless love, laughter, and happiness to their homes. At the same time, we extend our warmest wishes to the Zuma family as they prepare to welcome their new addition in early May. May this exciting chapter bring them everything of the best.

PTA:

Our first PTA meeting was a great success! It was truly wonderful to come together with enthusiasm, share ideas, and collaborate for our children's benefit. A special thank you to the mums who joined us and contributed such valuable input. We appreciate your time and energy. Looking forward to many more moments of teamwork ahead!

Fire Drill:

We had a very successful fire drill practice this term. The children were calm, well-behaved, and knew exactly what to do. A big thank you to Mrs. Teichmann, our Health and Safety Officer, for organizing this important exercise.

Thank you:

On behalf of the Fireflies class, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Sindane family for your generous donation of a cot. Your kindness and support mean so much to us, and we truly appreciate your thoughtful contribution.

A big thank you to Gerhardt Janse van Vuren for his amazing "Creepy Crawlies" pet talks with every class. Our children were fascinated and inspired by his passion for the tiny creatures that make our world so interesting!

**Isa van Heerden
Principal**





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Staff News

- Miss Megan Deacon has successfully completed her final practical at Athlone Primary with outstanding results. Well done, Megan!
- We are pleased to let you know that Miss Kayla Lourens will be doing her work experience later this year in the Grade RR classes. To ease the transition, she is currently assisting in the Ant and Ladybird classes. Let's wish her well as she continues her journey with us.
- We are delighted to welcome Miss Naidu as our new assistant in the Butterfly and Caterpillar classes. Many of you may already know her from aftercare, where she has been gaining valuable experience with children of this age. Miss Naidu is passionate about helping and teaching little ones, and we are excited to have her join our team.
- We had such a lovely time celebrating Shelby's birthday on Friday, April 24, ahead of her actual birthday on the 26th. We are so grateful to Shelby for being such an amazing assistant in the Crickets class and for her caring support of the babies in aftercare. Her kindness and dedication make a big difference every day.
- We are excited and honoured to welcome Mrs Kerry van der Walt back to our school as our speech therapist. Kerry brings years of valuable experience and a warm, caring approach to her work with children. She did work at Settlers' from 2019, before starting her family. We're delighted to have her return and look forward to the wonderful support she will provide to our learners.
- We were delighted to welcome Greg Brookes, Director of ISASA for KZN, on his recent visit. These meetings are invaluable, and we are grateful for his input and guidance. It is reassuring to know we have someone to call on should the need arise.



Reminders and events

May 2026:

- School photos:4 May
- Mothers celebration:8 May
- Miss Lisa Pitout's birthday:9 May
- Alternate day for photos:11 May
- Mrs Som Ries's Birthday:14 May
- Mrs Amanda Webb's birthday:28 May
- Slipper Day:29 May

Encouragement



It's okay to stumble. Perfect parenting doesn't exist; what matters is that you keep trying, keep loving, and keep learning.
Think of it this way: your child doesn't need a flawless parent, they need you, with your unique strengths, quirks, and heart. ♥



Warm regards

Isa van Heerden
Principal