



GROOTE SCHUUR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians

The first term 1 was altogether familiar in so many ways – it had the rhythm and excitement and challenges that is Education. Learners adjusted well, and that provided a solid foundation for the year ahead. We are keenly looking forward to a productive and rewarding Term 2.

Personalia

Staff are blessed with the birth of Ms Andrews' son on the 31st of March. Ms Van Oudtshoorn and Ms Trent will be on accouchement leave from 17 April, and we are looking forward to welcoming their babies. Ms Jana du Preez will substitute for Ms Trent. Substitutions for Ms Andrews and Ms Van Oudtshoorn are done internally.

Term 1 Reports

Reports were issued on the last day of term. A soft copy of the report was emailed on Tuesday 4 April.

Please pay particular attention to the following in the report:

- Any subject below 50% (the minimum internal pass requirement). These are indicated with an asterisk (*) in the **W** (work ethic) column;
- Your child's subject result compared to the grade average; and
- The code in the **B A W** columns. Please look at the descriptors. Any Code D or E is cause for concern and requires urgent attention.

Parent/learner/teacher conferences will be scheduled for 24 April. Arrangements will be

announced at the start of the term. Parents would need to book a timeslot between 16h00 and 19h00 to meet with subject teachers. At-risk learners and their parents will be required to meet their grade heads to discuss an improvement/intervention plan.

Learners are encouraged to attend extra afternoon classes. They need not attend their subject teacher's class – they are free to attend any teacher's class on an afternoon that suits them.

Our Faith – a time of great Significance

Our school community is diverse; hence we are very privileged to be practicing and respecting different faiths. Every faith community speak and pray blessings upon our school – staff and learners.



Easter Service

This is a Groote Schuur tradition, and this year it was held on the 30th of March. The service is led by a member of clergy and accompanied by

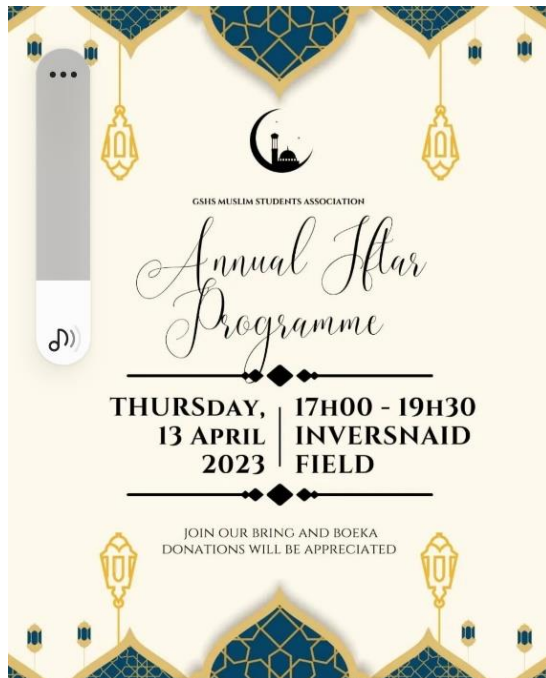
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the Music Department, and the school community joins in Bible readings, choral singing, and holy communion. In 2024 this service will be held on the 20th of March.

Ramadan

The MSA (Muslim Students Association) is hosting the following event. You are welcome to join this annual gathering, which, weather dependent, will be held outdoors.



We wish our staff, learners and their families well for the remainder of Ramadan.

Human Rights Focus

The RCL spearheaded a Human Rights focus throughout March. Homerooms designed and prepared placards that were used in a demonstration on the last day of term. The event promoted a broad understanding of human rights and each citizen's responsibility. Below are learner leaders (RCL and Prefects) with Mr Maart, the RCL liaison.



Building and Campus Improvements

The rehabilitation of the Vredenhof access roads has been completed! The new roads are beautiful!

Please note that access to the Vredenhof Field and PCAC are from Palmyra and Keurboom Roads, however vehicles may no longer exit onto Palmyra Road (the gate below).



Winter Sport

Winter sport will be in full swing from the start of term 2. Parents are to ensure that learners representing the school have the appropriate gear for practices and matches. We also encourage parents and learners to support matches.

The Sports Department will publish the term's fixtures over the next few days.

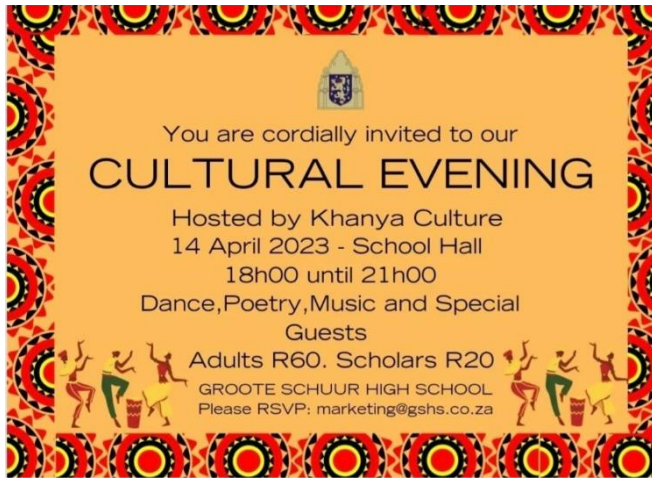
Important dates

April:

- 12 – Term 2 starts with Day 8
- 13 – Annual Iftar Programme (see flyer)
- 14 – 2024 Admissions close
- 14 – Cultural Evening (see flyer below)
- 22 – Eid al-Fitr
- 22 – Earth Day
- 24 – Parent-Teacher- Learner conferences
- 26 – Homeroom Chess and Tabletennis tournament
- 27 – Freedom Day
- 28 – School holiday

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- May:
- 01 – Workers' Day
 - 02 – Winter school uniform
 - 05 – PCAC Expo
 - 05 – Learner Leadership Seminar
 - 11 – South African Maths Olympiad Round2
 - 12 – Gr. 8 Costume Party
 - 13 – PCAC: Art Design Workshop
 - 16 and 18 – Internal Eisteddfod Gala evenings
 - 20 – JG Meiring derby (away)
 - 20 – PCAC: Visual Art Workshop
 - 22 – GET and FET Mid-year Exams start
 - 25 – Africa Day
 - 31 – Cape Town Big Band Festival

Winter Uniform

Cooler weather is already here and over the next two weeks learners may wear either summer or winter uniform. Kindly familiarise yourself and your child with the school's Appearance Policy. A combination of summer and winter uniform items is not allowed.

Winter uniform will be required from 2 May until the end of Term 3.

Food for thought

falling.

if we only knew then what we know now.
 that love conquers everything. that faith
 can move mountains. that good things
 happen to bad people and bad things
 happen to good people. that loud doesn't
 mean strong and quiet doesn't mean weak.
 that closed hearts are often hurt hearts
 that have yet to unfold. that silence can be
 both beautiful and terrifying. that healing
 takes time and time moves both quickly
 and unbearably slowly. that one step in
 any direction can change the course of
 your life forever. that bliss is sometimes
 just loving what you already have rather
 than wanting what you wish you had. that
 you will have days where you feel on top of
 the world and days where you feel like you
 have hit rock bottom. and that rising from
 the ashes requires going through the flames.
 and that falling was part of it all.

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Stay Blessed!

Marius Ehrenreich