



## GROOTE SCHUUR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Our thoughts are with the many families whose livelihoods are affected by the ongoing taxi strike and the accompanying social unrest of the last few days. Some families have also lost loved ones to the violence. We hope and pray for calm to return to our city.

Today was a normal school day. Learner and staff attendance were 54% and 93% respectively. The improvement in learner attendance was very encouraging.

The decision to keep a learner at home must be based on ill health and safety considerations. Parents should furnish the school with reasons for a learner's absence from school. During times of social upheaval, schools are the safest places. We have good safety systems in place, and learners and staff will be safe at school.

Several learners requested to be dismissed early, however they were not ill nor were there any justifiable reasons for such early dismissal. A few learners argued that they were just a few in class, and therefore it was not worth being here. This argument is contrary to the desire for smaller classes and more individual attention.

In future, learners will only be dismissed earlier if the school receives such a request from parents. It is preferred the request is in writing. Front office staff will call parents to verify the information. Learners will only be released into the care of their parents or such a person delegated by the parent. We ask that parents do not make unreasonable demands of the school.

Staff and learner safety remain our priority. We trust that parents will continue to support the school in this regard.

### National Women's Day

This song is in celebration of all the women – moms, grannies, sisters, daughters, nieces, aunts. Take a moment to listen to this song *One Moment in Time* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RawE7mwXTa4>. May love and light be yours throughout the coming year.

### Zwaanswyk High School derby

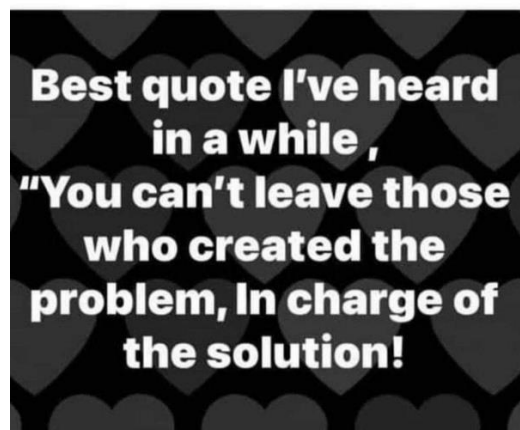
We are hosting ZWHS in an inaugural derby on Saturday, 12 August. We hope this derby will become a feature of our winter season. Ms Otto, her staff and learners are looking forward to their visit to experience the "gees" of a school derby. We welcome them to this "gees"-fuelled experience. Learners (in uniform) and parents are invited to bring their best support and sportsmanship to the day.

There will be good coffee and eats on sale.

Parking is mostly off-road in front of the school, on Campground Road (in front of the WP cricket stadium) and in side roads. There will be minimal parking at Inversnaid and no parking at Vredenhof.

See you on Saturday.

### Food for thought



Stay Blessed!  
Marius Ehrenreich

*Our vision of success:*

*GSHS learners are accountable, well-balanced people striving for academic excellence, while living lives of significance and service.*