



Message from the office

I know I often say this, but this term truly has been an exceptionally busy one. From weekend sports fixtures and music festivals to exams, assemblies, interhouse cross-country, interhouse singing, and VP's Got Talent - we certainly know how to make the most of our girls' time at school!

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff for the immense work that happens behind the scenes, and for walking alongside our girls to prepare them so thoroughly for each event. I also commend our girls for giving their very best this term and for the way they supported and encouraged one another along the way.

Now, it is time for everyone, girls and staff, to take a well-earned break. As John Lubbock wisely said:

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

In fact, rest is essential! It allows us to restore, recharge, and return with renewed energy.

I wish all VP families a peaceful and restful holiday, filled with time to reconnect with loved ones. Take the time to watch the clouds - it is deserved, needed, and important. Safe travels to all, and please, please, please... don't forget to read some books!

Congratulations!

A heartfelt congratulations to Mrs Dewey on the birth of her second son, Owen William Dewey, on Wednesday, 18 June. We wish you lots of love and plenty of sleep.



happy
holidays!

Greetings from the SGB's Desk End of Term 2, 2025

It's hard to believe that Term 2 of 2025 has already drawn to a close.

This term has been filled with academic energy, cultural celebration, sporting spirit, and special moments of connection.

*This term began with so much **dedication** — from our girls, who committed themselves to learning and growing; from our staff, who poured energy into every lesson and event; and from you, our parents, whose support remains the steady thread that holds it all together. Together, we've nurtured potential and created space for possibilities.*

*That same spirit is reflected in each learner, and it's especially important as you receive your daughter's Term 2 report. These reports are not just about marks — they're about effort, growth, and perseverance. Sit with your daughter and look at it in two ways: **celebrate** her achievements and acknowledge her progress; then **affirm** her strengths while encouraging focus where needed. Growth takes time. Your support and belief in her potential are vital to building her confidence and resilience.*

Closer to home, we were honoured to end the term with an inspiring visit from Rachel Kolisi. Her kindness, humility, and sincerity left a lasting impression. She reminded us that confidence is nurtured, courage is built, and every girl has the power to shape her world. We're grateful for her time.

Of course, none of what we achieve would be possible without the passionate and committed people who make Victoria Primary the warm, vibrant place it is. To our teachers, administrative team, and support staff — thank you for your care and dedication. May this break bring you the rest and family time you deserve.

Parents and guardians, thank you for walking this journey with us. Your trust and continued support are the glue that holds it all together. **Please note: Victoria Primary is a fee-paying school, and these fees are crucial to sustaining the high standards of teaching, facilities, and holistic education that our girls deserve.** Your continued commitment ensures that we can provide the quality environment every child needs to thrive.

Currently, fee contributions are not meeting the level required to fully support the school's operations. We extend our sincere thanks to the families who continue to honour this responsibility, your support is not only appreciated, but also vital.

As the holidays begin, we invite you to **Pause and Play:**

- **Pause** - Rest, slow down, and reconnect.
- **Play** - Laugh together, explore, and encourage creativity away from screens. These are the moments that become memories.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 3, refreshed and ready for the next term.

P.S. Don't forget to lock the fridge and the snack cupboard — it's going to be a LONG holiday! 😊

Warmest regards, Mrs. Qeqe
SGB Chairperson

Reports: I trust that you will go through your daughter's report with her and praise her where praise is due and plot the way forward if there is room for improvement. Your daughter needs your support to thrive. **We will have report discussions for Grade 3-7 on the first day back (22 July) from 15h30-17h30. (Grade 3s will be in their classrooms and Grade 4-7 in the hall).** I encourage you to attend to discuss any concerns with her teachers or simply to hear how well your daughter is doing.



Indlulamthi Badges

Congratulations to Andisiwe Mraji and Luhle Songongo who were awarded their badges at Friday's assembly. We are so proud of you both.

Personality of the Week

Congratulations to Iminqweno Qalani who was our POW for her compassion and kindness shown to her classmate. Thank you, Imi!



Sportsmanship Trophy

Congratulations to Isabella Tladi for the encouragement and enthusiasm displayed at our Interhouse Cross-Country event. What lovely spirit you displayed, Isabella!



Academic awards

Congratulations to the following girls who received their Academic Awards at Friday's assembly:

Grade 4

Honours

Luhle Songongo; Zingce Pilisani; Andisiwe Mraji; and Rebecca Phillip

Merit Award

Anna Malamis; Anovuyo Nkohla; Chanelle Muasurwa; Nakhane Klei; Onika Jimmy; Arya Ritchie; Chloé de Beer; Isipho Nelana; Khensani Futshane; Anopa-Nyasha Thondhlana; and Lulama Joe

Grade 5

Honours

Azoma Magopeni; Zenkosi Mati; Misha Potts; Emihle Kulati and Madison Conroy

Merit Award

Cayden Strauss; Amyoli Loli; Isla Orsmond; Caitlyn Bodill; Kendra Chrisjan; Nazley Gabriel; and Zenazi Gqeke

Grade 6

Honours

Makatendeka Chakona; Ababalwe Ngwetsheni; Maham Rizvi; Yusrah Suleman; Haset Sintayehu; Owekhethelo Gongqa; and Olothando Sityata

Merit Award

Ella Radovic; Bridget Akpeng; Siphesihle Chrisjan; Buhle Mamase; and Amy-Leigh Jacobs

Grade 7

Honours

Uzosule Kanana; Iviwe Jakavula; and Imanathi Mcopele

Merit Award

Sibonokuhle Bengé; Mila Nongubo; Eila Chirombo; Isabella Tladi; Mila McConnachie; Esethu Stamper; Nakweziphí Mthetho; Unakho Fetsha; Oluthando Tube; Iminathi Mgwebi; and Sairaah Govender

Academic Full Colours

Uzosule Kanana and Imanathi Mcopehele

Academic Half colours

Iviwe Jakavula

Merit Achievers: The following girls have received over 250 merits so far this year; Nakweziphí Mthetho, Christelle Ruwanza, Limnandi Zweni, Eila Chirombo, Junaid Williams, Ngcwele Manyati, Sibabalwe Hanisi, Sibonokuhle Bengé, Anopa-Nyasha Thondhlana, Chloé de Beer, Taylynne Thomas, Amila Ndandani, Zinathi Ntloko, Kungothando Ngangani, Amy-Leigh Jacobs, Glennis Chakurungama, Anovuyo Nkohla, Zingce Pilisani, Luhle Songongo, Onika Jimmy, Alexis Muller, Uthando Dyantyi, Nakweziphí Mthetho, Christelle Ruwanza and Iminathi Mgwebi.

Interhouse Cross-Country results: On Friday, 13 June the Grade 00-7 girls took part in our annual Interhouse Cross-Country. Well done to everyone for taking part and for cheering your friends on. Congratulations to the runners that made it into the Top Ten. The results are as follows:

U/7

1. Marabel Kuja
2. Luné Coetzee
3. Kwakhanya Kondile
4. Mary-Kate Februarie
5. Emihle Vongo
6. Yhwh-Rapha Matiwane
7. Colette Musarurwa
8. Asaya Diniso
9. Megan van Staden
10. Aleah Molefe

U/8

1. Rosie Jordaan
2. Lulo Kota
3. Riley-Jo Potts
4. Luniko Mzolo
5. Sinqobile Mbeyana
6. Uminathi Solani
7. Sibabalwe Kulati



8. Obendalo Mdilitwana
9. Naleen Ngamale
10. Azachume Manganya

U/9 1km

1. Hlalumi Mali
2. Kaya Jones
3. Alunamida Jakavula
4. Amahle Mchunu
5. Bongumusa Louw
6. Halle Orsmond
7. Lukhololwam Sgam
8. Likamvelihle Dyibishe
9. Okuhle Dyibishe
10. Annabelle Olivier

U/10 and U/11 1.5km

1. Isla Orsmond
2. Nalu Mfiki
3. Oluhle Mpati
4. Mivuyo Santi
5. Chanelle Musarurwa
6. Carla Frazer
7. Noe Molefe
8. Lude Hashe
9. Lunathi Makasi
10. Taylynne Thomas

U/12 and U/13 3km

1. Esona Makabe
2. Siarra Appollis
3. Lunje Manzana
4. Anathi Mbandlakazi
5. Lunje Tshiki
6. Bubele Mvula
7. Micarlin Daniels
8. Liyabona Benyane
9. Yusrah Suleman
10. Lulo Adam
11. Leah Doyle

Overall Results

1st - Disa 190; 2nd - Arum 175;
3rd - Aloe 168; 4th - Fern 161

Interhouse Singing: The four houses worked hard to prepare for this hotly contested event and all our Grade 4-7 girls sang with enthusiasm and displayed real creativity in arranging their chosen traditional songs. The results are as follows:

1st place: Fern

2nd place: a tie between Aloe and Disa

3rd place: Arum

VP's Got Talent: The annual talent show took place on Thursday and proved to be a wonderful evening of music, dance and

various other forms of entertainment. The girls' artwork was also displayed in the hall foyer and we were impressed with the variety and quality of entries across the visual and performing arts. We are grateful to Rachel Kolisi and Mrs. Roberts for adjudicating the competition and providing such encouraging feedback. The talent show winners are:
1st place: Christelle and Grace Ruwanza, Mukundi and Anopa Thondhlana (group dance)
2nd place: Kazlin de Maar (contortionist)
3rd place: a tie between Chikhulupiriro Mitochi (dance) and Iminathi Mgwebi (singing)

Save the Date: Victoria in Concert

The VP Junior Choir (Gr. 3), Senior Choir (Gr. 4-7), Chamber Choir and Orchestra will perform alongside the VGHS ensembles on Thursday 24 July at 17:30 at the Glennie Hall at VP. This is an exciting collaboration between our two music departments, and we look forward to a wonderful celebration of music. Tickets cost R20 (adults) and R10 (learners) and are available from the school office.

SAC Prep Festival results

VP A 1-0 BBC A; VP A 3-0 Oatlands;
 VP A 1-1 Prep; VP B 0-0 PA;
 VP B 0-2 Prep B; VP B 2-1 BCC B

Union results: It was a tough morning for our teams across all age groups. We commend our girls for their determination, and the sportsmanship displayed. Thank you to our coaches and parents for their support on the day.

Union High's Anne Beagley Hockey Festival:

We wish our U13A hockey team all the best as they travel to Graaff-Reinet for the annual hockey festival on Friday. Have fun and play your best, girls! Thank you to Ms Christian and Mr Daniels for accompanying them and for this season of coaching and nurturing the team.

Birthday wishes

We wish the following staff members and girls who celebrated their birthdays

last week, this week and during the holidays a very happy birthday: Mrs Britz-Nel, Ms Makeba, Mrs Dewey, Zothando Mzileni, Owami Shabalala, Sibonokuhle Benge, Lusanele Sixaba, Lara-Anne Fouche, Sinesipho Mafani, Zinathi Mabunda, Samkelisiwe Matiwane, Aventhandwa Ponoshe, Isithandle Maseti, Ella Radovic, Sisekothu Ndebele, Asivuse Shumane, Indibabale Kepe, Nakweziphi Mthetho, Luminjalo Galelekile, Uminathi Kate, Erica Shawa, Taygan Tarentaal, Amy-Leigh Jacobs, Akira Tarentaal, Anathi Mbandlakazi, Katherine Marais, Lulo Dudu, Olothando Sityata, Kendra Chrisjan, Nazley Gabriel, Lukholowam Sgam, Le-Yante Mnto, Leah Fox, Lelethu Mlisa, Holly Riddin, Alegra Evans, Mila McConnachie, Olumiyo Rulashe, Kelcey Coetzee, Makatendeka Chakona, Ophola Mbongwana, Nkwenkwezi Mtakati, Avenathi Msuthu, Nevaeh Jacobs, Shae Sauls, Colette Musarurwa, Akhe Songongo, Silubonile Mtimkulu and Milani Nzekeni. We hope you have a lovely day!



Assembly Grade 4M: Unfortunately, we could not have 4M's assembly on Monday as the NAF scaffolding had not yet been checked by their safety team. They will present their assembly on the first day back next term (22 July) at 09:30. Parents are welcome to join us.

Regards

Mrs Rafferty
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Upcoming events:

Thursday 26/06	National Arts Festival begins
Friday 27/06	U13A Hockey team leaves for the Anne Beagley Hockey tournament in Graaff-Reinet
Monday 30/06	U13A Hockey team return to Makhanda
Monday 21/07	Boarders return
Tuesday 22/07	Term 3 begins. Winter uniform Report discussion 15:30-17:30 Grade 4M assembly @09:30

