



St Andrew's School, Welkom Circular

April 2026

IMPORTANT DATES TERM TWO:

8 April - Term 2 starts
10 April- Memorial service
Report hand out
NFS U/14 & U/16
Hockey Trials
(Boys)
14 April- Parents' Evening
15 April- Formal Assembly
16 April- PTA Meeting
17 April- NFS U/12 Hockey
Trials (Girls)
23 April- League B & C
Netball Trials
24 April- Book Day dress
up
27 April- Freedom Day
28 April- School Holiday
29 April- School Holiday
30 April- School Holiday
Lejweleputswa
Netball Trials
1 May - Worker's Day
8 May - Gr 11 Camp
9 May - Gr 11 Camp
10 May - Gr 11 Camp
14 May - Ascension Day
15 May - Mini Expo
16 May - Expo District
22 May - Inter-Regional
Chess
23 May- CBC Derby
Inter-Regional
Chess
24 May- Inter-Regional
Chess
27 May- Lejweleputswa
Netball Play-
offs

30 May- Free State
Netball Trials
4 June - Examination:
Gr 12
6 June - Grey College
Primary School
Soccer
Tournament
8 June - Examinations:
Gr 11
9 June - Examinations:
Gr 10 to Gr 7
10 June- Examinations:
Gr 6 to Gr 4
13 June- Free State
Motsepe Cup
Soccer
15 June- School Holiday
16 June- Youth Day
23 June- BOG Meeting
26 June- End of Term 2

A Word from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin Term 2, I do so with a deep sense of gratitude and renewed purpose as I continue in my role as principal of St Andrew's School, Welkom. Coming out of the Easter weekend, we are reminded of hope, renewal and new beginnings—values that continue to guide and inspire us as a school community.

Our school stands firmly on a proud tradition of excellence, strong values and a committed community. As we move forward, we will continue to build on this solid foundation, striving to grow and strengthen all that makes St Andrew's such a special place.

We remain dedicated to our mission and vision of developing well-rounded learners who grow academically, socially and spiritually. I look forward to working alongside our staff, learners and parents as we continue this journey together.

May this term be one of growth, purpose and blessing for every member of our school community.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Mrs Janke

New Leadership Structure

We are pleased to announce several new leadership appointments within our school.



Mrs Rademeyer has been appointed as Head of Department for the Pre-Primary and the Junior Primary Phase.

Mrs Nezar will serve as Head of Department for Senior Primary academics.



Mrs Van den Berg will take on the role of Head of Department for High School academics, as well as overseeing discipline across the school.

Mr L Jordaan has been appointed as the new Assistant of the Head of the Boarding Facility. He will play an important role in supporting and guiding our hostel learners.



We congratulate each of them and thank them for their willingness to take on these important leadership roles in service of our school.

Welcoming our new teachers

We are pleased to welcome several new staff members to our school community this term.

Ms Berries, who joined us earlier in February, will now take on the role of teaching Afrikaans in Grades 9 to 11, as well as English in Grade 6. She will also be involved in Primary school hockey.



Ms Els joins us to teach Afrikaans FAL from Grade 4 to 7, as well as Life Orientation in Grades 4 and 5. She will also be involved in netball and the Junior and Senior Primary choirs.



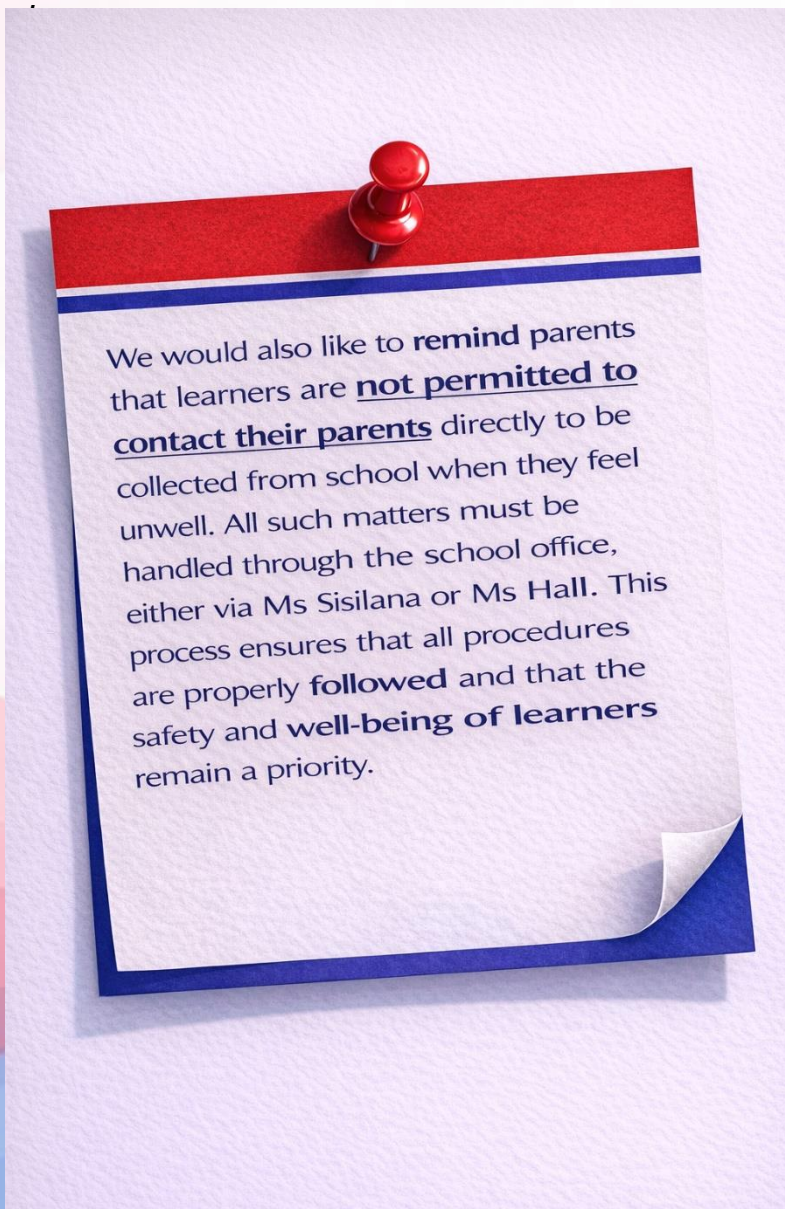
Mr Nyarko joins us to teach Mathematics for Grades 9 to 12 and will also contribute to our robotics programme.

Finance Matters

We kindly remind all parents of the importance of paying school fees on time. The financial stability of the school relies on these contributions, which enable us to maintain high standards of education and provide quality opportunities for our learners.

Please note that strict action will be taken in cases where school fees are not paid.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to those families who consistently support our fundraising initiatives. Your ongoing support plays a vital role in the continued development of our school.



We are also excited to welcome **Mr Fourie**, who will officially join us at the beginning of May. He will be responsible for the Art Department and will teach Visual, Creative and Performing Arts from Grade 4 to 11, as well as SS in Grades 5 and 6. In addition, he will lead the High School Choir and introduce theatre as a new dimension in our school's cultural programme.



In the interim, we extend our sincere gratitude to **Ms Mothetho** for her willingness to assist on a part-time basis.





Holiday Highlights

During the recent holiday, many of our teachers and learners participated in a variety of enriching activities.

Ms Nel was selected to accompany Expo participants to the *Tunisia Science Festival* from 23 to 29 March, where she represented both our school and region with pride.

Our Grade 12 learners travelled to *St Lucia* and enjoyed a memorable experience. We extend our sincere thanks to **Mrs Van den Berg, Mr Lenong, Mr Jordaan, Ms Nel** and **Ms Bause** for organising and accompanying the learners.

Jaywon Berries (Grade 12) was selected for the Free State Athletics Team and participated in the *Athletics South Africa Championships* in Germiston.

Christopher Nunes participated in the *Frisbee Championships* and represented his team, the Dumptrucks, at the OWR Tournament in Pretoria from 28 to 29 March.

Micaela Sardinha continued her *Marine Sciences* journey, which she began in 2025 and her volunteer work at the Two Oceans Aquarium, where she further developed valuable skills.

Botshelo Phello (Grade 7) is participating in the *Tangible Girls Individual Coding Tournament* as part of Women in Tech Month (24 March – 12 April).

Our learners also took part in the Chess Qualifiers at HTS on Saturday, 28 April. In the U12 category, **Kano Mahila** placed 20th; in the U14 category, **Mohau Khoele** placed 6th; and in the U18 category, **Floyd Moyo** placed 5th, **Jason Hefer** 8th, **Bohlokwa Rasego** 11th, **Seabi Moroe** 13th and **Tshiamo Motumi** 14th. In addition, six learners represented the school at the *South African Junior Closed Chess Championships* from 28 March to 2 April: **Mohau Khoele, Oratile Mokhathi, Theo Molete, Bohlokwa Rasego, Amolegang Seekoei** and **Jason Hefer**.

We also thank **Mr Zozi, Mr Molelekoa** and **Mrs Botes** for dedicating time during the holiday to prepare our learners for the upcoming season. Mr Zozi and Mr Molelekoa worked with the senior hockey girls and soccer boys, while Mrs Botes coached the senior girls' netball team. **Mr Zozi** also attended a hockey course in Bloemfontein.

We congratulate all our learners and staff on their commitment, achievements and contributions during the holiday!



ACADEMIC FOCUS

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- **Term 2** is both an examination term and a particularly busy one. Due to the special holiday week, there will be no fixed formal test week. Tests will be scheduled by subject teachers, and parents are asked to refer to the **Term 2 assessment dates** for detailed planning.
- **Term 1** reports and **Term 2 assessment dates** will be issued on **Friday, 10 April**.
- Parents are encouraged to review these carefully, discuss results with their children, and assist with planning for the term ahead.

PARENTS' EVENING

- **TUESDAY, 14 APRIL | 17:30 – 19:00**
- All parents are strongly encouraged to attend this **important evening** to meet with teachers, discuss learners' progress, and support their academic journey.

SPECIAL SCHOOL HOLIDAY

- **27 April – 1 May**
Please note that certain Grade 12 classes will take place during this period. Affected learners will be informed accordingly.

EXAM PREPARATION & DATES

- Learners are encouraged to **begin preparing from the start** of the term and maintain consistent study habits.
- **Examination Schedule:**
 - **Grade 12:** 4 June (Life Sciences Practical at 14:00)
 - **Grade 11:** 8 June
 - **Grades 10–7:** 9 June
 - **Grades 6–9:** 4- 10 June

We encourage all our learners and parents to stay focused, plan effectively, and work diligently throughout the term!

Sport and Activities

This term marks the official season for **hockey, netball, tennis and soccer for our senior (high school) learners**, with various league commitments taking place.

Please note that fixture dates may be subject to change due to scheduling clashes between schools, and adjustments may be made accordingly.

Hockey:

Trials are scheduled for Friday, 10 May for the boys—U14 (Pako Leeuw and Siya Molutsi) and U16 (Seabi Moroe), who have progressed to the second round of the Northern Free State trials. Trials for the U12 girls, including Ashlynn Janke, who is part of the Lejweleputswa team, will take place on 17 May.

Soccer:

In preparation for the soccer boys' Brebner Tour during the upcoming July holiday, players and coaches will have the opportunity to attend four Saturday soccer clinics hosted by Mr Tladi and his team. These will take place on 11 April, 18 April, 25 April and 2 May. We extend our sincere thanks to them for this initiative.

We will once again host Grey College Primary School for a soccer tournament on 6 June. This will be the third year that we host this event, which continues to grow into one of the highlights of our sporting calendar.

We also look forward to our annual CBC Derby, which will take place on 23 May in Bloemfontein.

Cross-country:

It is also cross-country season, with league races set to begin on 8 May. Please note that team selection will be based on learners' commitment to practices, dedication to the sport and overall fitness levels.

Expo:

In addition, it is Expo season—an important academic and creative platform for our learners. Key dates include 15 and 16 May for the Mini-Expo, followed by the District Expo on the Saturday. We look forward to seeing the innovative work produced by our young scientists.

Chess:

Our chess teams have already been actively participating this year and the official chess league will commence this term on Fridays.

While participation in sport and cultural activities is strongly encouraged, it is important that learners maintain a healthy balance with their academic responsibilities. The academic culture of St Andrew's remains our top priority.

Parents are kindly requested to inform register teachers if their children are involved in any extra-mural activities outside of school. Please also provide the relevant dates of these events so that they can be included in the school term calendar.

Community

We are currently in the process of establishing a **Saints Parent Business Register**, with the aim of further strengthening our school community. Many of our parents own or manage businesses in and around Welkom and this initiative will make it easier for Saints families to support one another by making use of local services and businesses within our community.

This initiative seeks to make parent businesses more visible, encourage local support, strengthen relationships within the Saints community and create meaningful networking opportunities among parents.

A *Google form* will be shared on the *WhatsApp* groups shortly. Parents who own or manage a business are kindly invited to complete the form so that their business can be included in the **Saints Business Directory**. We encourage all parents to support this initiative as we continue to build a stronger and more connected school community.

PTA News

The PTA continues to play a vital role in supporting the school and we look forward to several exciting initiatives this term.

The PTA will be selling T-shirts to parents and order forms will be sent out shortly. These shirts are more than just apparel—they **promote a sense of unity, pride and visible support** within our St Andrew's community.



During the first week of May, each learner will receive a booklet of 50/50 raffle tickets at a cost of R250 per booklet. The raffle will run until the end of Term 2 on 26 June. To encourage participation, there will be a special incentive for both the class and the learner who sells the most booklets.

We are also excited about the upcoming “**Your Daughter, My Daughter**” formal event, which promises to be a special highlight of the term. Further details regarding ticket prices, date, venue and dress code for this **ladies-only** event will be communicated soon.

The PTA meeting for Term 2 will be held on Thursday, 16 April at 17:30 in the staffroom.

General Notice

Gr 11 Trip Notice

Information regarding the **Grade 11 trip to Camp Discovery (8 May to 10 May)** has been communicated to parents via letter.

Parents are **required to take note** of the details provided and **ensure that all requirements are met on time**.



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



It is with deep sorrow that we share the passing of Lesedi Lekama, a Grade 6 learner at our school. Lesedi was a valued member of our school community and his loss has left a profound void in the hearts of his classmates, teachers and all who knew him. He will be remembered for his bright spirit, his beautiful smile and the joyful memories he brought to those around him.

During this time of grief, we extend our sincere and heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and we stand together as a school community in offering our support, comfort and care.

We have chosen to place this tribute at the end of our circular as a symbol of our final farewell to Lesedi, honouring his memory with the dignity and respect he deserves as we say goodbye.

As shared in my message to the school, we will remember Lesedi not only in this moment of loss, but in the way we continue to show kindness, compassion and care to one another each day. In doing so, his memory will remain part of the life of our school.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, 10 April 2026, at 07:30 in the Burnett Hall.

*"Let the little children come to me...
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such
as these."*

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Matthew 5:4

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