



St Andrew's School, Welkom Circular

May 2026

IMPORTANT DATES TERM TWO: MAY

- 1 May - Worker's Day
- 2 May – Online Battle Boards Chess Championships
- 4 May – Winter Uniform
CAT Olympiad Gr 12
- 6 May – CAT Olympiad Gr 10 & Gr 11
Accounting Olympiad
- 7 May – Lejweleputswa Netball Trials
- 8 May - Gr 11 Camp Discovery
Cross-Country League 1
Final Lejweleputswa Netball Trials
- 9 May - Gr 11 Camp Discovery
U/16 Soccer Tournament St. Dom's
- 10 May – Mothers' Day
Gr 11 Camp Discovery
- 12 May – Guest Speaker: Dr Rito – Bullies (SP)
Afrikaans ATKV Olympiad
- 13 May- Guest Speaker: Dr Rito – Bullies (HS)
- 14 May - Ascension Day
Guest Speaker: Dr Rito- Bullies (JP)
- 15 May - Mini Expo
Cross-Country League 2
Interact – Restoring Hope
- 16 May - Expo District
Golden Voice Competition
Marine Sciences
- 18 May – Formal Test Week Starts Gr 4-12
Spirit Week: Day 1
- 19 May- Spirit Week: Day 2
- 20 May- Spirit Week: Day 3
- 21 May- Spirit Week: Day 4
- 22 May – Spirit Week: Day 5
Cross-Country League 3
Inter-Regional Chess
- 23 May- CBC Derby
Inter-Regional Chess
- 24 May- Inter-Regional Chess
- 27 May- Lejweleputswa Netball Play- offs
- 29 May- Gr 12 Fundraiser: Cozy Day
Teachers Gross Eating Challenge
Cross-Country League 4
- 30 May- PTA Fundraiser: High Tea
“Your Daughter, My Daughter”
Netball Free State Trials

A Word from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a busy, yet very productive term so far and we would like to thank our parents, staff and learners for their continued commitment and support. Unfortunately, due to ongoing weather conditions, many of our sporting league obligations could not take place as planned and several dates had to be moved around and rescheduled accordingly. We appreciate the understanding, flexibility and patience shown during these disruptions.

At the same time, we need to address a serious concern regarding learner attitude towards discipline, respect and responsibility within the school environment. There has been a noticeable increase in instances where learners are challenging teachers, responding disrespectfully, refusing to take accountability for their actions and reacting to correction with excuses, defiance or argumentative behaviour. It is concerning that some learners are quick to shift blame onto teachers instead of taking responsibility for their own conduct.

This type of behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Our teachers deserve to be treated with respect at all times and our classrooms must remain spaces where effective teaching and learning can take place without disruption. Respect, discipline and personal responsibility are expected from every learner.

We ask for the full support of parents in reinforcing these values at home. Learners must understand that actions have consequences and that accountability is an important part of growth and maturity. **Continued misconduct will result in disciplinary action in line with the school's code of conduct, including warnings, detention, parent meetings and further disciplinary steps where necessary.**

At the same time, we sincerely commend the many learners who continue to display excellent manners, show respect towards staff and peers and consistently uphold the values and standards of our school. We are proud of the example they set for others.

Let us continue working together to maintain a respectful, disciplined and focused learning environment for all learners.

Mrs Janke

Finance Matters

We remind all parents that the payment of school fees is a serious responsibility and remains essential to the effective functioning and financial stability of the school. These payments enable the school to maintain quality education, uphold high standards and continue providing opportunities and resources for all learners.

Parents are, therefore, urged to ensure that school fees are paid promptly and consistently. Please take note that strict action will be taken against accounts that remain unpaid and where arrangements have not been met with the school. Failure to meet financial obligations places unnecessary strain on the school and affects its ability to operate effectively.

At the same time, we would like to sincerely thank those families who consistently meet their financial commitments and continue to support our fundraising initiatives. Your loyalty, responsibility and ongoing support contribute significantly to the growth and development of our school.

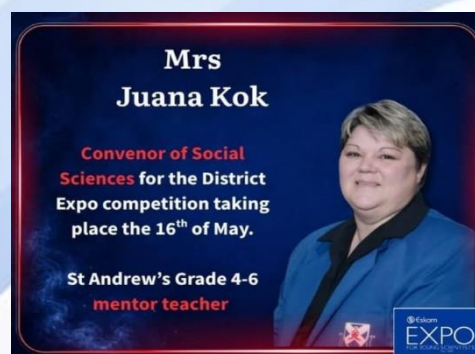
Academic Focus

Expo



With Expo season in full swing, our Saints' teachers have been working tirelessly in preparation for the **competitions taking place on 15 and 16 May**. Behind every successful project stands a team of dedicated educators who continue to guide, motivate and inspire our learners throughout the process. From assisting with research and experiments to offering support and encouragement, these staff members play an important role in ensuring the success of Expo at St Andrew's.

We would like to acknowledge the following staff members for their involvement and leadership in this year's Expo activities:





We sincerely thank these dedicated staff members for the passion, time and effort they invest into creating opportunities for our learners to grow, discover and excel. We also wish all our teachers and learners involved in the upcoming competitions everything of the best and trust that their hard work and dedication will be rewarded.

Natural Sciences

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL GRADE 7 TO 9 PARENTS

Please take careful note of the upcoming Natural Sciences (NS) Project/Expo due dates:

- **Grade 8 and Grade 9 learners are required to submit their projects on 22 May**
- **Grade 7 learners must submit theirs on 25 May**

These projects form part of the **School-Based Assessment (SBA)** and will count as the official Term 3 project mark for Natural Sciences.

Parents are urged to closely monitor their child's progress and ensure that projects are **completed and submitted on time. No late submissions, extensions or excuses will be accepted under any circumstances.** Learners must strictly follow all instructions provided by the subject teachers.

Please, further note that the **use of AI is strictly prohibited and projects may not exceed a 10% plagiarism. Any project found to be in violation of these requirements will face penalties or disqualification according to assessment guidelines.**

We request the full cooperation and support of parents to ensure that learners approach this important assessment responsibly and with the seriousness it requires.

Test Week

Parents are kindly reminded that **Test Week will commence on 18 May**. All tests will be written during the normal class periods of the specific subject and learners are, therefore, expected to attend school daily and be fully prepared for each assessment.

We strongly encourage parents to support and monitor their child's preparation at home by ensuring that learners study consistently, complete revision activities and come to school organised and ready for their tests. Adequate rest, proper planning and responsible preparation are essential during this period.

Should a learner feel unwell on the day of a test, parents are requested to still send the learner to school to write the assessment, where possible and to make the necessary arrangements with the register teacher. Communication with the school in such situations is extremely important.

Learners are reminded that these assessments form an important part of their academic progress and they are expected to approach Test Week with seriousness, responsibility and commitment.

TEST TIMETABLE

Starting on 18 May
Tests will be written during the class period

DAY / DATE	GRADE 12	GRADE 11	GRADE 10	GRADE 9	GRADE 8	GRADE 7	GRADE 6	GRADE 5	GRADE 4
Monday 18/5	Maths Maths Lit	Afrikaans Sesotho	Business Physics	Geo	Art	N Science	History	N Science	Maths
Tuesday 19/5	English	English	English	Maths (9B during EGD)	EMS	Afrikaans / Sesotho	English	Maths	English
Wednesday 20/5	Afrikaans Sesotho	Maths Maths Lit	CAT Life Science	Life Science	Geo	EMS	Maths	Art	Afrikaans
Thursday 21/5	CAT Geography Life Science	Accounting EGD History IT	Accounting EGD History IT	Afrikaans Sesotho	History	EGD	N Science	History	Art/Music
Friday 22/5	History Physics	Business Physics Art	Afrikaans Sesotho	English	N Science	History	Afrikaans / Sesotho	Afrikaans / Sotho	N Sc
Monday 25/5	Accounting EGD IT	CAT Geography Life Science	Maths Maths Lit	History	Afrikaans Sotho	Maths	LO (during PE)	Eng	History
Tuesday 26/5	Business	-	-	EGD (9C during Maths)	Maths	Geo (during period 1, 2)	Art	-	-
Wednesday 27/5	-	-	-	Physics	Comp	Art	-	Music	-
Thursday 28/5	-	-	-	EMS	Eng	Computers	-	Geography	Music
Friday 29/5	-	-	-	Art (9C also during p1, 2)	Life Science	Eng (during period 3, 4)	-	-	-
Monday 1/6	-	-	-	-	EGD	-	Geography	-	Geography
Tuesday 2/6	-	-	-	-	LO (in PE periods)	LO (during PE)	Music	-	-
Wednesday 3/6	-	-	-	-	-	Music	-	-	-
Thursday 4/6	-	-	-	Comp (9B during p9 - Hist)	-	-	-	-	-
Friday 5/6	-	-	-	Music	-	-	-	-	-
Monday 8/6	-	-	-	-	Music	-	-	-	-

Top Academic Achievers

Congratulations

TO OUR

TOP ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

— Term 1 —

Your hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence have truly paid off. We are extremely proud of each of you!

GRADE 4

- Kano Mahila

GRADE 5

- Katlego Leeuw
- Bapi Nkhobo
- Lethabo Ntholi
- Dean Sehloho

GRADE 6

- Ashlynn Janke
- Linamandla Macala
- Hlompho Mohlatsane
- Mason Mugadza
- Bokamoso Nyamane

GRADE 7

- Blessing Mokhosi

GRADE 8

- Tshegofatso Seane
- Fifi Sobebele

GRADE 9

- Diogo de Oliveira
- Ore Mokhathi
- Ora Mokhathi
- Sihle Msibi
- Mukona Mashamba
- Nkanyiso Ndlovu

GRADE 10

- Atli Tlale
- Benita Tshitenge

GRADE 11

- Neo Nthejane
- Micaela Sardinha
- Tebogo Tladi

GRADE 12

- Christopher Nunes



Keep aiming high!

As we continue into this term, stay focused, remain disciplined and keep striving for excellence. Your future is bright and the best is yet to come!

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

We are excited to announce that our **Grade 8 to Grade 11 learners of 2027** will have the opportunity to qualify for the Top Achievers' Tour following the **Term 2 examinations**. This initiative is aimed at recognising and rewarding learners who consistently perform well academically and demonstrate dedication, discipline and commitment towards their studies.

The tour, organised in partnership with Travel and Sport Academic & Sports Tours, will provide selected top-performing learners with valuable educational opportunities and experiences beyond the classroom. It is designed not only to celebrate academic excellence, but also to motivate learners to continue striving towards their full potential.

Parents are encouraged to support and motivate their children during this important academic period. **Learners are reminded that hard work, focus and perseverance can open doors to exciting opportunities and memorable experiences.**

Further details regarding the selection process and tour arrangements will be communicated in due course.

April and May Highlights

April and May have been very busy and exciting months at St Andrew's, filled with many special moments and achievements across academics, sport, culture and leadership. We are incredibly proud of our learners and staff who continue to work hard and represent the school with excellence.

One of the highlights was the outstanding achievement of **Grade 9 learners, Oreratile and Oratile Mokhathi**, who qualified to represent **South Africa at the Commonwealth Chess Championship taking place in Sri Lanka from 16–26 May 2026**. This came after exceptional performances at national level and we wish them all the best as they compete internationally.

We are also proud to announce that our St Andrew's **Chess Team** has officially qualified for the **Battleboards Nationals**. Well done to every team member on your valiant effort and the way you represented the school with pride. We wish you all the best as you continue your journey at nationals.

Our learners have also achieved great success in other sport and activities.

Atile Mohlatsane (Grade 1) and **Hlompho Mohlatsane (Grade 6)** proudly represented the school in **horse riding** competitions. Atile secured both a 1st and 2nd place finish, while

Hlompho achieved two outstanding 1st place finishes. We are proud of the way they represented St Andrew's with confidence and pride.

At the **Free State Karate Championships**, the **Moloto brothers** once again made the Saints proud with their outstanding performances. Mphe earned bronze medals in both Kata and Kumite; Phaswa achieved an impressive double gold in Kata and Kumite; while Mmushi received a bronze medal in Kata and a silver medal in Kumite. All three brothers have officially qualified for the **National Championships** taking place on 15 May - 17 May 2026 — a remarkable achievement that reflects their hard work, discipline, and dedication to the sport.

St Andrew's also celebrated success in hockey selections. Congratulations to **Pako Leeuw (Grade 6)**, **Siyabonga Molutsi (Grade 8)**, and **Seabi Moroe (Grade 10)** on being selected for their respective **NFS hockey teams**.

Our **U19 boys' soccer** and **U19 boys' and girls' hockey** league teams have also had a fantastic season so far, **with all three teams remaining undefeated to date**. Their teamwork, discipline and commitment have been exciting to see.

Several of our netball girls participated in league trials. We would like to congratulate and acknowledge the following netball girls who were selected to represent Saints at the **Netball B & C Lejweleputswa Round 1 League Trials held at Goudveld Hoërskool** on 7 May: **Aphiwe (Grade 7)**; **Phindile, Tshago, Mpho and Tumi (Grade 8)**; **Linda, Sihle, Boleng, Anita and Ore (Grade 9)**; **Atli, Molehadi, Celeste and Benita (Grade 10)**; and **Tebogo (Grade 11)**. A special congratulations goes to **Atli, Celeste, Anita and Molehadi** for successfully progressing through the trials to **Round 2** that took place at **Welkom Gimnasium**. We are then very proud of **Anita Macala (Grade 9)** for being selected to go through to the **Free State trials in Bloemfontein** on 30 May. Congratulations also to **Mrs Karen Botes**, who was selected as a **selector** at the **U/17 Lejweleputswa Netball Trials**.

Academically, our learners have continued to excel. Our **Grade 10 and 11 IT and CAT learners** participated in the national online Computer Olympiad – Talent Search 2026, competing against schools across the country. Outstanding results included bronze awards for **Atli Botipe, Emmanuel Luphahla, Bokamosa Mzini, Rose Mashiane, Seabi Moroe** and **Lulamani Modukanele**, while **Jason Hefer** achieved a silver award.

Jason Hefer also continued to perform well in **archery competitions**, improving his scores and rankings with each event.

Naledi, one of our Grade 12 learners, achieved excellent results at the D.T.M.A dance competition and qualified for **provincials** in all her dance categories. We are also incredibly proud that she has been selected to participate in the **World Dance Competition at Disney World in Orlando, Florida**, during July 2026. This is a massive achievement and we wish her every success.

Our **Marimba Boys** proudly performed at the Robing Ceremony held at St Matthias Anglican Church, where they represented the school beautifully.

We also celebrated **World Book Day** with great excitement as learners and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters, creating a fun and memorable atmosphere throughout the school.

Earth Day was celebrated with our Student Council planting a tree and teachers incorporating environmental awareness into their lessons.

During **Autism Awareness Week**, learners and staff wore blue in support of understanding, acceptance and inclusion.

Our **Grade 11 learners** attended the **Career Expo at St Dominic's**, where they explored future study and career opportunities. The same group also travelled to **Camp Discovery in Pretoria** for a valuable team-building experience focused on leadership, growth and friendship.

Lastly, we would like to commend our **Grade 12 learners** who attended extra classes during the school holiday. Their willingness to use their holiday time to prepare and work towards their goals showed real dedication and commitment.

As we continue through the term, we remain incredibly proud of our learners and staff for the passion, dedication and school spirit they display in every area of school life. St Andrew's continues to grow from strength to strength and we look forward to even more success and memorable moments in the months ahead.



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.

ST ANDREW'S VS CBC

DERBY

23 MAY HOSTED AT **CBC**

THIS YEAR. THEIR TURF. OUR TIME.

PROGRAMME



ALL LEARNERS MUST BE AT SCHOOL AT **05:30**



BUSES WILL LEAVE AT **06:00**

 **08:45** **ARRIVAL** Teachers/coaches – coffee on veranda

 **09:15** **OPENING**

 **09:30** **MINI HOCKEY** U8 | U10

 **09:30** **NETBALL** U14
10:00 U16

 **09:30** **CHESS (HIGH SCH)** Mrs Rossouw's class

 **10:00** **HOCKEY** U13
10:45 U18

 SOCCER	FIELD A	FIELD B	FIELD C
09:30	-	U15	U9
10:30	U17	U11	-
11:30	U19	U13	-

 **12:40** **LUNCH** Managers/Coaches

 **13:30** **DEPARTURE**

CHESS

THINK. STRATEGIZE.
CHECKMATE.

HOCKEY

SPEED. SKILL.
NO MERCY.

SOCCER

ONE GOAL. ONE TEAM.
ONE VICTORY.

NETBALL


PASSION. PRECISION.
UNSTOPPABLE.

ST ANDREW'S
COMES TO CONQUER
PRIDE. PASSION.
WHO TAKES THE



CBC
DEFENDS THE FORT
RIVALRY.
CROWN 

 **CBC**
HOSTED AT CBC

 **BE THERE.**
BE LOUD.

 **TWO SCHOOLS.**
ONE DAY. LEGACY FOREVER.



DEAR PARENTS, GUARDIANS,
AND DAUGHTERS OF ALL AGES

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO INVITE YOU TO OUR UPCOMING

My Daughter, Your Daughter

AN ELEGANT GATHERING FOR ALL LADIES

A special gathering to celebrate, support, and empower our girls while strengthening the partnership between home and school.

Join us for meaningful conversations, shared experiences, and guidance on topics that matter in the lives of our daughters.

Through engaging discussions and activities, we aim to foster confidence, mutual understanding, and a strong sense of community among parents, guardians, and daughters.

EVENT DETAILS



DATE: 30TH MAY 2026



TIME: 11:30PM FOR 12:00PM



VENUE: 1 TORONTO



DRESS CODE: HIGH TEA
(DRESS AND HEAD GARMENT)

LADIES
ONLY
EVENT

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE
FOR **R250** PER PERSON OR SECURE A TABLE OF 10
FOR A 10% DISCOUNT AT ONLY **R2250**.

We encourage all parents and guardians and our community at large to attend, as your presence and involvement play a vital role in shaping and supporting our daughters' growth and well-being.

KINDLY CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE BY **20 MAY 2026**
TO HELP US WITH ARRANGEMENTS.

TICKETS CAN BE BOOKED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE
AS FROM **4 MAY 2026**.

THERE WILL ALSO BE
SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCES AND
MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKERS.

*We look forward to sharing this beautiful
and meaningful occasion with you.*

Show Your PRIDE
Support Our School!

PARENTS' SUPPORTER T-SHIRTS ARRIVING SOON!
TOGETHER WE GROW. TOGETHER WE SUCCEED.

MORE THAN JUST A T-SHIRT

These shirts are more than just clothing—they're a symbol of pride, unity, and the community we share.

Imagine standing at school events, cheering from the sidelines, or simply going about your day while proudly representing your child's school.

It's a small way to feel more connected and involved—and it makes a big difference.

YOU'LL LOVE YOUR T-SHIRT

You'll love your T-shirt for its stylish and flattering design, combined with the comfort you can enjoy all day long. Made from high-quality fabric, it's perfect for everyday wear, whether you're at school events or out and about. Most importantly, it offers a fun and meaningful way to show your support and celebrate your school spirit.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE OUR PARENT COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER IN THESE SHIRTS—IT TRULY CREATES A SENSE OF BELONGING AND EXCITEMENT THAT OUR CHILDREN NOTICE AND APPRECIATE.

HOW TO GET YOURS

- The order form will be available at the office from the **4TH OF MAY.**
- Payment must be made when ordering.

PRICE RANGE

Price range will be between **R450 - R480** depending on the T-shirt size.

Don't miss out on being part of this initiative.
LET'S STAND TOGETHER, SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL, AND WEAR OUR PRIDE WITH JOY.

ONE SCHOOL. | ONE COMMUNITY. | ONE PURPOSE.

St Andrew's School Welkom
Educating for Life

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WIN BIG!

50/50 LUCKY DRAW
Take part in our 50/50 LUCKY DRAW. Your ticket helps our school and gives YOU a chance to win!

50/50 Raffle
WIN WHILE SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

THREE LUCKY WINNERS WILL SHARE:

1ST PRIZE 50% of the total prize pool	2ND PRIZE 30% of the total prize pool	3RD PRIZE 20% of the total prize pool
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Just one **R50** per ticket. Each learner will receive a booklet of 5 tickets. Parents, please help us sell or buy tickets!

DRAW DATE: 26 JUNE 2026
The class and learner that sells the most tickets will be rewarded!

The more books sold, the greater your chance to win! Learners will be held responsible for the R250 if the booklet is lost.

Together, we can make a difference!

ISASA | SCAN ME | or visit: <https://grco.de/bCHDKp> | Anglican Diocese of the Free State

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ST ANDREW'S
PROUDLY ASSOCIATES WITH

Ms Bongzi Mtambo

AS SHE LAUNCHES HER **OWN SINGING SCHOOL** AT ST ANDREW'S

TOP 7 FINALIST IDOLS SA 2020

A NEW CHAPTER. A NEW STAGE.
The Future Sounds Bright!

EMPOWERING VOICES. INSPIRING EXCELLENCE. | MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW SOON

We kindly request all parents to please follow the correct traffic flow during drop-off and collection times and to avoid making U-turns in the main street near the school. These actions create unnecessary traffic congestion and place the safety of our learners, parents and staff at risk. We ask for your cooperation and patience in helping us maintain a safe and orderly environment around the school. Your support in following the designated traffic procedures is greatly appreciated.

**"Let all that you do be done in love."
— 1 Corinthians 16:14**

NO U-TURN IS ALLOWED!

Please use the entrance and exit gate to make traffic flow smoothly.

