



St Andrew's School, Welkom Circular

July 2026

IMPORTANT DATES TERM THREE: JULY

- 1 July- SA Open Chess Championship, CT
- 2 July- SA Open Chess Championship, CT
- 3 July- SA Open Chess Championship, CT
- 4 July- SA Open Chess Championship, CT
- 5 July- NFS Hockey B u/14, Hillcrests, KZN
SA Open Chess Championship, CT
- 6 July- NFS Hockey B u/16, Hilton, KZN
- 7 July- NFS Hockey B u/14 Rhino Week,
Vanderbijlpark, Gauteng
- 13 July- Gr 12 Maths Extra Class
Cape Town Chess Open
- 14 July- Gr 12 Maths Extra Class
Cape Town Chess Open
- 15 July- Gr 12 Maths Extra Class
Cape Town Chess Open
- 20 July- School Start for Staff
Staff Development
- 21 July- School Start for Learners
Council Nominations Open
Free State Closed Chess
- 22 July- Expo: Judges Training
Expo: Committee Meeting
Free State Closed Chess
- 23 July- Photo Day
Council Nominations Close
Soccer u/16 League vs St. Dom's
- 24 July- Gr 1-12 Academic Report hand out
Photo Day
Lejweleputswa Cross Country
Championships
Tennis League: u/15 & u/19
LO: Jar of Hope Project due
- 26 July- Christmas in July, St. Matthias
Anglican Church Service 08:30
- 27 July- Free State Science Olympiad
IT Computer Programming Olympiad
Gr 10-12
- 28 July- Parents' Evening (17:30)
OISESA School Visit
SAASTA Life Sc. Olympiad Gr 10 & 11
Council Speeches
Soccer u/12 League vs Welkom Prep
Soccer u/10 League vs Koppie Alleen
Chess League

A Word from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we settle into the first week of the holiday, I would like to take a moment to thank every member of the St Andrew's family for a busy, productive and successful second term.

To our parents, thank you for your continued trust, encouragement and support throughout the term. Whether you supported your children at sporting events, attended school functions, assisted through sponsorships or simply partnered with us in their education, your involvement makes a meaningful difference. We truly value the strong partnership between home and school.

To our learners, thank you for your commitment and for representing St Andrew's with pride. Your achievements in the classroom, on the sports field and in cultural activities continue to inspire us.

My sincere appreciation also goes to our teachers, administrative staff and ground staff. Your dedication and hard work ensure that St Andrew's continues to provide an environment where excellence can flourish.

As we enjoy the remainder of the holiday, I encourage every family to take the opportunity to rest, recharge and spend quality time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another productive term filled with new opportunities.

Please remember that **academic reports will be issued on Friday, 24 July**. We encourage parents and learners to use the reports as an opportunity to celebrate achievements while identifying areas for continued growth and improvement.

I would also like to thank those parents who have begun reaching out to assist in building and improving our school through sponsorships and contributions. Every gesture, big or small, makes a meaningful difference. A special word of appreciation goes to **Mr and Mrs Botipe** for generously sponsoring the tar used to repair potholes on our campus. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated.

Thank you for being part of the St Andrew's family. Together, we continue to build a school of excellence, as we proudly live out our motto, ***Fiat Lux – Let There Be Light***.

29 July- Formal Assembly, 1 Toronto
OISESA School Visit
SAASTA Natural Sc. Olympiad Gr 4-6
Council Speeches
Tennis League: u/19
30 July- OISESA School Visit
SAASTA Natural Sc. Olympiad Gr 7-9
Council Voting
Soccer PS League vs Reitz Park
Soccer u/16 League vs Rheerderpark
31 July- Council Announcement
Cross Country League

I wish each and every member of our St Andrew's family a safe, restful and blessed holiday.

Mrs Janke

Finance Matters

As we concluded another term, we would like to remind all parents that the payment of school

fees is a shared **responsibility** and plays a vital role in the continued success and **sustainability** of St Andrew's School.

School fees enable us to maintain the high standard of education, provide quality teaching and learning resources, care for our facilities and continue creating opportunities that allow every learner to thrive at school.

We, therefore, kindly urge all parents to ensure that their school fee accounts remain up to date or that agreed payment arrangements are honoured. **Please note that the school will continue to apply its financial policies consistently and appropriate action will be taken where accounts remain outstanding and no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made.** *Outstanding fees place considerable pressure on the school's financial stability and ultimately affect our ability to continue providing the quality education our learners deserve.*

A special reminder to our Grade 12 parents: The **final examination fees** are **incorporated into the monthly school fees** and are **not charged separately**. It is therefore essential that all school fee payments remain up to date. **All Grade 12 examination fees must be fully paid by the end of September.** *Failure to keep accounts up to date may place a Grade 12 learner at risk of not meeting the financial requirements associated with the final examination process.* We, therefore, urge all Grade 12 parents to prioritise these payments and to contact the Finance Office immediately should they experience any difficulties, so that suitable arrangements can be discussed.

At the same time, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the many families who faithfully meet their financial commitments each month and who continually support our fundraising initiatives throughout the year. Your loyalty, generosity and commitment to St Andrew's School do not go unnoticed. Your support plays an invaluable role in the development and long-term success of our school.

Staff Matters

Welcome to the St Andrew's Family

It gives us great pleasure to officially welcome **Ms Mntambo** to the St Andrew's School family. We are excited to have her join our community and look forward to the passion, talent and experience she brings to our learners.

Ms Mntambo has a deep love for music and the performing arts and is committed to helping young people develop their confidence and talents through singing and performance. We are confident that she will make a meaningful contribution to the cultural life of our school.

We would also like to encourage parents and learners who have an interest in vocal training and singing development to consider joining **Ms Mntambo's Singing School**. Whether your child is an aspiring performer, enjoys singing as a hobby or would simply like to build confidence through music, her programme offers a wonderful opportunity to develop these skills in a supportive and professional environment.

Music has the power to inspire creativity, build self-confidence and develop discipline and perseverance—qualities that benefit learners both inside and outside the classroom.

We extend a warm St Andrew's welcome to Ms Mntambo and wish her every success as she begins this exciting journey with us. **Welcome to the St Andrew's family, Ms Mntambo!** We look forward to celebrating many musical achievements together.

**TOP 7
FINALIST
IDOLS SA
2020**

ST ANDREW'S
PROUDLY ASSOCIATES WITH
Ms Bongki Mntambo
AS SHE LAUNCHES HER
OWN SINGING SCHOOL
AT ST ANDREW'S

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

EMPOWERING VOICES.
INSPIRING EXCELLENCE.

**MORE INFORMATION
AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE**

Staff Achievements

At St Andrew's, we believe in celebrating excellence, dedication and achievement—not only amongst our learners, but also within our staff community. We are proud to recognise the outstanding accomplishments of the following staff members:



Congratulations to Ms Andrews on the remarkable achievement of completing **200 Park Runs**. This milestone is a testament to her commitment and passion for a healthy lifestyle. Reaching 200 Park Runs requires years of dedication and consistency and we are incredibly proud of her accomplishment.

A special congratulations also goes to **Mr Santos**, who has been selected as the **Lejweleputswa U11A Cricket Coach**.

This appointment is a well-deserved recognition of his coaching ability, commitment to developing young cricketers and passion for the game. We

wish him every success as he leads the team and proudly represents both the district and St Andrew's School.



We would also like to congratulate **Mrs Botes** on being selected as the **U15 Cheetah Umpire at the South African Netball Championships**. This selection reflects her extensive knowledge of the game and its rules and the respect she has earned within this sporting community. We are proud to have her expertise represented at provincial level.

A special congratulations also goes to **Mrs Louw**, who has been appointed as the **U18 Team Manager for the Telkom Netball Championships**, taking place in **Boksburg from 5 to 10 July**. This appointment is a wonderful recognition of her leadership and organisational skills. We wish her and the team

every success at the championships.

Ms Andrews, Mr Santos, Mrs Botes and Mrs Louw continue to embody the values of excellence, commitment and professionalism that we strive for at St Andrew's School. Thank you for being exceptional ambassadors for our school and such inspiring role models for our learners!



Prayer Requests

As a St Andrew's family, we continue to uphold one another in prayer during times of need.

We kindly ask our school community to keep **Mrs Liesel** (Daycare), **Aunty Paulina** (Tuckshop), and **Father Keith** in your prayers as they are currently receiving treatment in hospital. We pray that God will surround them with His healing hand, grant wisdom to the medical teams caring for them, strengthen their families and bless them with a full and speedy recovery.

At the same time, we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the encouraging progress **Ms Nel** is making following her recent surgery. We are grateful for her positive recovery and continue to pray that God will restore her strength completely and grant her continued healing in the weeks ahead.

Academic Focus

Eskom Expo for Young Scientists

Innovation, curiosity and scientific thinking were on full display as our learners participated in this year's **Eskom Expo for Young Scientists**.

On **Friday, 15 May**, our **Junior Primary learners** proudly showcased their projects at the **Welkom Eskom Expo for Young Scientists**. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, creativity and confidence displayed by our young scientists.



A heartfelt thank you goes to all the parents and learners who dedicated countless hours to researching, designing and completing their projects. Your commitment and hard work were evident in every exhibit. We also extend our sincere appreciation to our mentor teachers for their guidance and unwavering support throughout this exciting journey of discovery and innovation.

On **16 May**, our **Senior Primary and High School learners** participated in the **District Round** of the Eskom Expo. We are delighted to announce that the following learners have been selected to represent St Andrew's School at the **Regional Science Expo**, which will be held on **14 and 15 August** at **CUT Welkom**:



★ **ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL** ★
PROUDLY REPRESENTING
OUR SCHOOL!

OUR LEARNERS WILL REPRESENT US AT THE
REGIONAL SCIENCE EXPO!



- **Brandan Pretorius (Grade 4)**
- **Kapinga Nyema (Grade 4)**
- **Mmushi Moloto (Grade 4)**
- **Rebapile Nkhobo (Grade 5)**
- **Phaswa Moloto (Grade 5)**
- **Lethabo Ntholi (Grade 5)**
- **Mphoentle Lehloka (Grade 5)**
- **Linamandla Macala (Grade 6)**
- **Aphiwe Ndlovu (Grade 7)**
- **Blessing Mokhotsi (Grade 7)**
- **Botshelo Phello (Grade 7)**
- **Tshego Seane (Grade 8)**
- **Mphe Moloto (Grade 8)**
- **Orefile Motaung (Grade 8)**
- **Oeratle Mokhathi (Grade 9)**

Your curiosity. Your ideas. Your future.

★ **WE BELIEVE IN YOU!** ★

Congratulations to each of these learners on this outstanding achievement. Your critical thinking and passion for scientific inquiry have earned you the opportunity to compete at regional level.

We wish all our regional qualifiers every success as they continue preparing for the next stage of the competition. We have every confidence that you will represent St Andrew's School with excellence and pride. Good luck—we are behind you all the way!

Grade 12 Examination Marks Report

On **29 June 2026**, **Grade 12 parents** received their child's **June Examination Marks Report**.

This report reflects **the examination marks only** and was shared to provide parents and learners with an early indication of academic performance following the June examinations. We encourage parents to use these results as an opportunity to discuss their child's progress, acknowledge achievements and identify subjects that may require **urgent additional attention** and focused preparation during the months leading up to the final NSC examinations.

Please note that the **official Grade 12 academic report** will be issued on **Friday, 24 July 2026**. This report will include both the June examination marks and all **School-Based Assessment (SBA)** marks, providing the learner's overall results for the term.

We encourage all Grade 12 learners to remain focused and committed as they prepare for their preliminary and final examinations. Every assessment is an important stepping stone towards achieving their matric goals and with the continued support of parents and teachers, we are confident that our learners will continue striving for excellence.

Mathematics

Important Notice to Grade 12 Mathematics Parents

To further support our Grade 12 learners in their preparation for the final examinations, **Mathematics extra classes** will be held during the school holidays.

Dates: 13–15 July 2026

Time: 09:00–11:00

Venue: Mr Nyarko's Classroom

These classes form an important part of our examination preparation and will focus on revising key concepts and addressing areas where learners require additional support.

We strongly encourage **all Grade 12 Mathematics learners** to attend. The work covered during these sessions will be valuable in building confidence and ensuring that learners are well prepared for the demands of the final NSC examinations.

We ask parents to please support us by ensuring that their child attends each session punctually and comes prepared with the necessary stationery, calculator and Mathematics study material.

Success in Grade 12 is built through consistent effort, and these extra classes provide an excellent opportunity for learners to maximise their potential. We look forward to seeing all our Mathematics learners on **Monday, 13 July, at 09:00**.

Grade 9 Psychometric Testing

As part of our commitment to guiding learners in making informed subject and career choices, all **Grade 9 learners** will participate in **compulsory Psychometric Testing** during August.

The assessments will take place as follows:

- **Grade 9B:** Saturday, **8 August 2026**, from **09:00–13:00**
- **Grade 9C:** Saturday, **15 August 2026**, from **09:00–13:00**

Psychometric testing is an **invaluable tool that assists learners in selecting their Grade 10 subjects and exploring future career opportunities**. The assessments evaluate a range of areas, including **interests, aptitudes, personality traits, learning styles and cognitive abilities**. Each learner will receive **personalised feedback**, providing valuable insight into their strengths and helping them make **informed decisions** about their academic and career pathways.

The assessments will be conducted by **Ms Valeske Kelly**, a qualified **Industrial Psychologist**, together with **Mr Dimitri Lombaard**, a qualified **Psychometrist**.

Parents are kindly reminded that the **assessment fee of R550** is payable. We respectfully request that this amount be paid **on or before the due date** to ensure that all arrangements for the assessments can be finalised.

Jar of Hope – LO: Whole School Community Project

At St Andrew's School, we believe in nurturing compassionate hearts and teaching our learners the importance of serving others. This term, we are excited to launch our **Jar of Hope** initiative as a **whole-school community project** involving learners from **Grade R to Grade 12**.

Each learner is encouraged to prepare a **Jar of Hope** by filling a clean jar with the required dry ingredients, creating a nutritious soup mix that can provide a warm meal for a family in need. This simple act of kindness reminds us that even a small contribution can make a significant difference in someone's life.

While the project involves the entire school, it will also form part of the **Life Orientation (LO) SBA assessment** for learners from **Grade 4 to Grade 12**.

All completed **Jars of Hope** must be handed in by **Friday, 24 July 2026**.

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL WELKOM

JAR OF HOPE

GRADE 4 TO GRADE 12 LEARNERS

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SHARE HOPE.

Feed 16 people for under R50 with the Jar of Hope

HOW TO MAKE A JAR OF HOPE

INGREDIENTS FOR ONE JAR

1 CUP RICE + 1 CUP LENTILS + 1 PACKET SOUP POWDER

+ 1 CUP BARLEY OR 1 CUP SPLIT PEAS OR 1 CUP SOUP MIX

+ 1 UNWRAPPED STOCK CUBE = H O P E

YOUR JAR WILL BE DONATED TO ST MATTHIAS CHURCH FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS IN JULY INITIATIVE.

COUNTS TOWARDS SBA MARKS FOR TERM 3

HAND IN ON 24 JULY 2026

BE PART OF THE CHANGE. SHARE HOPE.

One jar can make a big difference. THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS!

The jars will then be donated to **St Matthias Church** on **Sunday, 26 July 2026**, as part of their **Christmas in July Service** and community outreach initiative. We warmly invite all our learners, parents, and families to join us for this special service, which will begin at **08:30**. It will be a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the spirit of generosity while supporting those less fortunate.

We encourage every family to become part of this meaningful initiative. Together, we can teach our children that kindness, compassion and service to others are among life's greatest gifts.

One jar can make a big difference. Together, we can share hope.

Top Achievers' Academic Tour – Dubai 2027

At Saints, we believe in recognising and celebrating academic excellence. We are, therefore, excited to announce that our **2027 Grade 8 to Grade 11 learners** had the opportunity to qualify for the **Top Achievers' Academic Tour to Dubai**, which will take place during the **September 2027 school holidays**.

*This exciting initiative, in partnership with **Travel and Sport Academic & Sports Tours**, is designed to reward learners who consistently demonstrate academic excellence, dedication, discipline and commitment to their studies. The tour will provide selected learners with a unique educational and cultural experience beyond the classroom, exposing them to world-class learning opportunities while broadening their global perspective.*

The **Top Achievers** will be determined based on their **Term 2 academic results** and we are excited to announce that the successful learners will be recognised during our **Formal Assembly on Wednesday, 29 July 2026**.

We encourage parents to continue motivating and supporting their children to strive for excellence in all they do. Hard work, perseverance and a positive attitude can open the door to incredible opportunities such as this!

Congratulations in advance to all the learners who have worked diligently throughout the year. We look forward to celebrating our Top Achievers and wish them every success as they work towards earning their place on this unforgettable academic tour to **Dubai** in 2027.



Extra-curricular Focus

Congratulations to Our U10 Soccer Boys

A huge congratulations to our **U10 Soccer Boys** on an outstanding season and for reaching the **league final against St Dominic's**. While the final result may not have gone our way, the team displayed tremendous determination and teamwork throughout the season.

Representing St Andrew's with pride, the boys consistently demonstrated resilience and a never-give-up attitude. **Reaching the final is a remarkable achievement and one that they should be extremely proud of!**

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the coaches, parents and supporters who encouraged the team every step of the way. Your support played an important role in the success of the season.

St Andrew's School was also privileged to host the **league finals for all age groups from U9 to U13**. It was wonderful to welcome players, coaches, families and supporters from across the region to our campus and to celebrate the spirit of school sport together.

To our U10 boys: Well done on a fantastic season so far! You are making St Andrew's proud and we look forward to watching you continue to grow and succeed in the season and years ahead.



St Andrew's Soccer Day – 6 June 2026

St Andrew's School proudly hosted its annual **Soccer Day** on **Saturday, 6 June 2026**, welcoming **Grey College Primary, St. Helena Primary, St Annes, Welkom United Club and Edmund Rice Primary School** to our campus for a day of exciting soccer, outstanding sportsmanship and good competition.

We are extremely proud of the performances and achievements of all our teams:



The poster features the school crest with a shield, a cross, and the motto 'FIAT LUX'. The title 'ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL SOCCER RESULTS' is prominently displayed in bold, stylized fonts. Below the title, the phrase 'WELL DONE SAINTS!' is written in a banner. The results are organized into three sections for U9, U11, and U13 teams, each accompanied by a soccer ball icon. The U9 section shows a 0-0 draw against Grey College Primary and a 2-0 win against Edmund Rice Primary School. The U11 section shows a 3-1 win against Grey College Primary and a 0-1 loss against Edmund Rice Primary School. The U13 section shows 1-0 wins against both Grey College Primary and Edmund Rice Primary School. At the bottom, the school's motto 'ONE TEAM. ONE SPIRIT. ONE SAINTS FAMILY. PROUD. UNITED. UNSTOPPABLE.' is written in a banner with stars.

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL
SOCCER RESULTS
WELL DONE SAINTS!

U9

- **DREW 0-0**
AGAINST GREY COLLEGE PRIMARY
- **WON 2-0**
AGAINST EDMUND RICE PRIMARY SCHOOL

U11

- **WON 3-1**
AGAINST GREY COLLEGE PRIMARY
- **LOST 0-1**
AGAINST EDMUND RICE PRIMARY SCHOOL

U13

- **WON 1-0**
AGAINST GREY COLLEGE PRIMARY
- **WON 1-0**
AGAINST EDMUND RICE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE TEAM. ONE SPIRIT. ONE SAINTS FAMILY.
PROUD. UNITED. UNSTOPPABLE.

While we celebrate these excellent results, we are even prouder of the character displayed by our players throughout the day.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all our parents and supporters who spent the day on the sidelines encouraging our boys. Your support created an incredible atmosphere and motivated our players to give their very best. We sincerely appreciate the sacrifices you make and the role you play in the development of our young sportsmen.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to Grey College Primary, St. Helena, St Annes, Welkom United Club and Edmund Rice Primary School for accepting our invitation and contributing to a highly competitive and enjoyable day of soccer. Thank you to the coaches, referees and all staff members whose hard work and commitment ensured that the event was well organised and successful.

Hosting events such as these provides our learners with valuable opportunities to develop not only their soccer skills but also sportsmanship. We are proud of what our Soccer Day has become and are excited to continue growing this tournament in the years to come.



Congratulations to every player who represented St Andrew's School with such pride. You have done your school proud and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for an even bigger and better **St Andrew's Soccer Day** next year.

Brebner Soccer Tournament 2026

At the start of our winter holidays, our **U17 Soccer Boys** proudly represented St Andrew's School at the prestigious **Brebner Soccer Tournament** in Bloemfontein. The team departed on **25 June** and returned on **30 June** after four days of competitive soccer against some of the strongest school teams in the country.

Although the results did not always go our way, our boys displayed resilience and a willingness to compete against quality opposition. Every match provided valuable experience and contributed to the team's growth and development.



A poster for the Brebner Soccer Tournament U17 Boys. It features the school crest with 'FIAT LUX' and a soccer player silhouette. The results are listed for four days, with a soccer ball at the bottom.

DAY	RESULT
DAY 1	✗ LOST 2-1 vs DR VILJOEN
	✗ LOST 2-0 vs HTS LOUIS BOTHA
	✗ LOST 4-0 vs BREBNER 1
DAY 2	✗ LOST 1-0 vs GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
	✗ LOST 1-0 vs NORTHERN DISTRICTS 2
DAY 3	= DREW 0-0 vs GREY COLLEGE (2) (LOST 5-4 ON PENALTIES)
	= DREW 0-0 vs SOCCER DREAMS (WON 3-0 ON PENALTIES)
DAY 4	✓ WON 1-0 vs WELKOM HIGH SCHOOL

Throughout the tournament, several of our players were recognised for their outstanding performances:

- **Seabi Moroe** – **Man of the Match** vs Glenwood High School
- **Papa Molete** – **Man of the Match** vs Soccer Dreams
- **Euan Nyakabau** – **Man of the Match** vs Welkom High School



Cross Country Inter-Regionals

On **27 June**, three of our athletes proudly represented Saints at the **Cross Country Inter-Regionals** held in **Bethlehem**.

We are proud to congratulate the following learners on their outstanding performances:

- **Entle Pandela** – **5th place** in the **Girls U15** category.
- **Tintswalo Mashele** – **10th place** in the **Women's U20** category.
- **Jaywon Berries** – **21st place** in the **Men's U23** category.

Competing at inter-regional level is a significant achievement and reflects the hard work these athletes have shown throughout the season. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented the school.

Congratulations, Entle, Tintswalo and Jaywon. Your Saints family celebrates your achievements and wishes you every success with the rest of the season!



Northern Free State Hockey Tours



Seabi Moroe, Siyabonga Molutsi and Pako Leeuw will be participating in their respective **Northern Free State Hockey Tours**, commencing on **5 July to 11 July**.

Being chosen to represent the NFS is a wonderful achievement and reflects the commitment these learners have shown throughout the hockey season. Representing one's province is a significant honour, and we are incredibly proud of each of them.

We wish Seabi, Siyabonga and Pako a memorable and successful tour.

SA JKA National Karate Championships

We are proud to congratulate **Mphe Moloto** on his outstanding performance at the **SA JKA National Karate Championships**, where he represented both himself and St Andrew's School with a true Saints spirit.

Mphe delivered an excellent performance, earning **two bronze medals**:

- **Junior Novice Boys Orange Kumite**
- **Junior Novice Boys Orange Kata**

Competing at national level is a remarkable achievement. We are incredibly proud of Mphe's accomplishments and the way he continues to represent our school with excellence.

Congratulations, Mphe! Your Saints family celebrates your success and wishes you every best for the future.



BRS Horse Jumping Winter Show

Congratulations to **Atile Montsheng (Grade 1)** and **Hlompho Montsheng (Grade 6)** on their outstanding performances at the **BRS Winter Show**.

 *St Andrew's School Welkom*
Educating for Life

Congratulations

ATILE (GRADE 1) & HLOMPHO (GRADE 6) MONTSHENG

on their wonderful achievements at the BRS Winter Show!

We are proud of the way they represented themselves and showed great sportsmanship throughout the competition.

30cm SHOW JUMPING - 1ST CLASS -		30cm SHOW JUMPING - 2ND CLASS -		EQUITATION TEST	
1	ATILE - 1ST PLACE	1	HLOMPHO - 1ST PLACE	1	HLOMPHO - 1ST PLACE
2	HLOMPHO - 2ND PLACE	2	ATILE - 2ND PLACE	2	ATILE - 2ND PLACE

 *To finish first and second in every class they entered is something truly special!*

WELL DONE, ATILE & HLOMPHO!

We couldn't be prouder! 

Their performances were exceptional, with the siblings finishing **first and second in every class they entered**—a truly remarkable achievement.

To dominate every event they entered is a testament to their love for equestrian sport. We are incredibly proud of both Atile and Hlompho for their outstanding achievements and for representing St Andrew's School with such distinction.

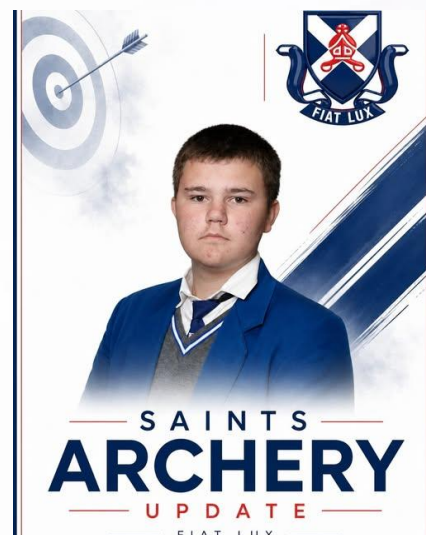
Congratulations, Atile and Hlompho!

Archery Achievement

Congratulations to **Jason** on his participation in an **Archery Competition** held at **Trio High School, Kroonstad**.

Competing in his first archery tournament was a new and challenging experience but Jason approached it with a positive attitude. In his **first competition**, he achieved a score of **217**, finishing **11th out of 19 Grade 11 competitors**.

Showing remarkable resilience, Jason returned even stronger in his **second competition**, improving both his score and ranking. He achieved an impressive **239 points**, finishing **8th out of 19 Grade 11 competitors**.



Jason's steady improvement is a wonderful reminder that persistence leads to progress. We are proud of the way he embraced the challenge, continued to improve and represented the Saints with pride.

Congratulations, Jason! Keep aiming high—we look forward to celebrating many more achievements with you in the future

Golden Voice Competition Finals

We are incredibly proud of our talented singing group, **The Soul**, together with **Christopher Nunes**, who has also qualified as a soloist, for reaching the **finals of the Golden Voice Competition**.

The members of **The Soul** are:

- **Molehadi** (Grade 10)
- **Bino** (Grade 12)
- **Tshepang** (Grade 12)
- **Christopher** (Grade 12)
- **Q** (Grade 11)
- **Musa** (Grade 10)

They will be accompanied on the keyboard by **Ashton** (Grade 12).

The finals will take place on **Saturday, 11 July 2026**, at **12:00**, at **The Rhino, Goldfields Mall**. Qualifying for the finals is a tremendous achievement and reflects the great singing talent of our school.

A special word of appreciation goes to **Ms Bongzi Mntambo**, whose expertise and commitment continue to inspire and develop our young performers. Thank you for investing in our learners and for sharing your gifts so generously with our school community.

We encourage the entire **St Andrew's family** to come out and support our talented performers as they proudly represent our school on this exciting stage. **Good luck to The Soul, Christopher, Ashton and Ms Mntambo!** We are incredibly proud of you and wish you every success. Go and make St Andrew's School proud.

Chess

On **27 June**, a group of our talented chess players proudly represented **St Andrew's School** at the **Lejweleputswa Chess Qualifiers**. We are incredibly proud of their commitment, sportsmanship, and the manner in which they represented our school throughout the tournament.

D Section

- **Mohau Khoele** – 7th
- **Kano Mahila** – 11th
- **Khumo Botipe** – 16th
- **Rebapile Nkhobo** – 24th
- **Sthembile Tshepiso** – 29th



B Section

- **Theo Molete** – 10th
- **Mukona Mashamba** – 11th
- **Ore Mokhathi** – 16th
- **Floyd Moyo** – 17th
- **Anita Macala** – 19th
- **Boleng Nkhobo** – 20th



A Section (Open Section)

Competing in the highly competitive **Open Section**, where players competed against adults, **Ora Mokhathi** finished in **13th place**. This is an excellent achievement and a valuable experience against seasoned opponents.

We also wish the following learners all of the best who will be participating in the **Cape Town Open Chess Tournament**, taking place from **27 July–5 July**:



- **Mukona Mashamba**
- **Ora Mokhathi**
- **Ore Mokhathi**
- **Anita Macala**
- **Amolegang Seekoei**
- **Kano Mahila**
- **Bohlokwa Rasego**
- **Theo Molete**
- **Rebapile Nkhobo**
- **Boleng Nkhobo**

May this opportunity allow them to grow their skills and gain valuable experience. We are proud of each one of you and look forward to celebrating your achievements.

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.



When I want to do my best at St Andrew's, I can...



Our Teachers Help Us Learn

Our Support Staff Help Us Every Day

Our Office Staff Keep Us Organized

Our Cleaners Keep Our School Clean and Safe

Our Cooks Provide Healthy Meals

Our Grounds Staff Keep Our School Beautiful

We Appreciate All Adults at School

Take Pride in My School

PTA Focus

My Daughter, Your Daughter High Tea – A Celebration of Women and Relationships

Our **My Daughter, Your Daughter High Tea** was a tremendous success and a truly memorable afternoon filled with inspiration, meaningful conversations, and special moments shared between mothers, daughters, and other important women in our learners' lives.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our **PTA** for their hard work and dedication in organising this beautiful event. You ensured that the afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended.

We were privileged to hear from **Mrs Thagane**, who shared insightful and thought-provoking information that encouraged everyone present to reflect on the importance of nurturing healthy relationships, supporting one another and embracing the unique role women play in shaping the lives of young people.

A special word of appreciation goes to **Mrs Luphahla** for her inspirational address. Her message resonated deeply with the audience and served as a powerful reminder of the strength, courage and influence that women have in shaping future generations.

The entertainment added a wonderful touch to the afternoon. **Mrs Phoofofo** captivated the audience with her beautiful songs, while our very own **Ms Mntambo** had the ladies on their feet with her uplifting performance. Their musical contributions created a vibrant atmosphere and made the event even more memorable.

Thank you also to **Ivy Catering Lounge** for the delicious food and refreshments. We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to **DocMore Sound Hire** for providing the professional sound equipment and technical support that ensured every speech and song could be enjoyed by all in attendance. Their excellent service played an important role in creating the warm and vibrant atmosphere that made the afternoon such a success.

Most importantly, thank you to all the mothers, daughters, grandmothers, aunts and special guests who attended. The hall was filled with elegance and all the ladies looked absolutely **breathtaking**. We are grateful for the wonderful support received and are already looking forward to making next year's event even bigger and better. Thank you for helping us celebrate the special bond between mothers and daughters and for making this year's High Tea such a remarkable occasion.



PTA SHIRTS

Have Arrived! 

Support Our School!

PARENTS' SUPPORTER T-SHIRTS ARE HERE!

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



Order forms available at the office.



Next orders to be placed by 31 July.



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.**



St Andrew's School Welkom
— Educating for Life —

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

WIN BIG!

Take part in our **50/50 LUCKY DRAW**

Your ticket helps our school and gives **YOU** a chance to win!

Great News!
THE PROJECT HAS BEEN **EXTENDED** TO **31 JULY 2026!**

50/50 Raffle

WIN WHILE SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

THREE LUCKY WINNERS WILL SHARE:

1 ST PRIZE	2 ND PRIZE	3 RD PRIZE
50%	30%	20%
of the total prize pool	of the total prize pool	of the total prize pool

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!

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SCAN ME or visit: <https://qrco.de/bcHDKp>

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General Notice and Reminders

OISESA School Evaluation Visit

From **28 to 30 July 2026**, St Andrew's School will welcome a team from the **Office of Independent Schools Evaluations Southern Africa (OISESA)** for our external school evaluation.

OISESA is an independent quality assurance body that evaluates schools against nationally and internationally recognised standards. *The purpose of the evaluation is not simply to assess compliance but to identify areas of excellence, recognise good practice and provide recommendations that will assist the school in its ongoing journey of growth and improvement.*

During the three-day visit, the evaluation team will observe lessons, meet with members of the School Board, management team, teachers, learners, parents and support staff, while also reviewing school policies, academic programmes, learner support systems, governance, leadership and the overall life of the school.

This process provides valuable external feedback on how effectively St Andrew's School is fulfilling its vision, mission and commitment to providing quality education in a caring and supportive environment. It is also an opportunity for us to celebrate the many strengths of our school while embracing constructive recommendations that will help us continue striving for excellence.

We would like to thank our staff, learners, School Board, and parents for the commitment and support they have shown in preparing for this important milestone. A school evaluation is not only a reflection of the work done by the staff but also of the partnership that exists between the school, our families and the wider St Andrew's community.

*We ask our parents to keep our school in their **thoughts and prayers** during this important visit. We are confident that the dedication and spirit that define St Andrew's School will be evident throughout the evaluation process.*

School Photo Days – 23 & 24 July 2026

Our annual **School Photo Days** will take place on **Thursday, 23 July**, and **Friday, 24 July 2026**. These photographs become treasured keepsakes for families and form an important part of our school's history.

Thursday, 23 July – Academic, Class & General Photographs

The following photographs will be taken throughout the day:

- Individual learner photographs
- Class photographs (with class teachers)
- Sibling photographs
- Staff photographs
- Ground staff photograph
- Chess
- Junior & Senior Eisteddfod groups
- Junior Primary Choir
- Senior Primary Choir
- High School Choir
- Eskom Expo groups
- Olympiad groups
- Interact & SCA
- Music & Marimbas
- Learner Council
- Tier 1 & Tier 2 groups

Parents wishing to have **sibling photographs** taken are kindly requested to ensure that all siblings are present on this day.

Friday, 24 July – Sport & Cultural Photographs

The second day will be dedicated to our **sports teams and representative groups**, including:

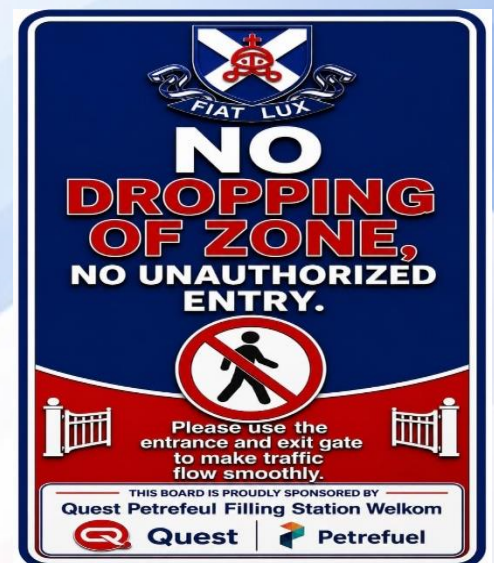
- Cricket

- Athletics
- Mini Cricket
- Tennis
- Hockey
- Netball
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Cross Country
- Squash
- Inter High & Free State Athletics teams
- Provincial athletes across all sporting codes

Learners who are members of national or provincial sports teams or representative groups must ensure that they arrive with the **correct official playing kit or attire** for their photographs. Coaches and teachers will communicate any specific arrangements where necessary.

We kindly request that all learners arrive neatly dressed, well-groomed and in the correct school uniform (**formal winter number ones**) or **official sports attire** where applicable.

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.



As we reflect on another successful term, we give all glory, honour and praise to our faithful God. Every achievement, every opportunity, every challenge overcome and every blessing received has been possible through His grace and His constant presence among us.

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