



ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL, WELKOM

Educating for Life

8 September 2025

Dear Parents

RE: PARENTS CIRCULAR 5 / 2025

As we approach the end of term 3, it is hard to believe how quickly the past few weeks have flown by. It has been a busy and productive term, filled with learning, growth and many exciting moments for our learners. We would like to take this opportunity to share some feedback on the term gone by, while also looking ahead to our plans and preparations for the final term of the year.



1. **Academics:**

As we are now in the final stretch of the academic year, we would like to highlight a few important matters regarding assessments and reporting. Please take note that the academic reports for this term will be issued earlier than usual, on Monday, 22 September 2025, due to the very busy programme in a very short 4th term.

In addition, our formal assembly has been moved forward to Thursday, 25 September 2025, as our annual Prize-Giving Ceremony will take place during the fourth term.

We would like to remind parents and learners of the critical importance of the fourth term's examination results. These marks form a significant part of the final promotion mark at the end of the year, especially in the higher grades. With only three weeks of actual teaching before the final examinations commence in the fourth term, it is essential that our learners remain focused, apply themselves diligently, and commit fully to their studies in order to avoid disappointment at year-end.

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2. Finances:



We would like to take the opportunity to remind all parents and guardians of the importance of honouring your financial and contractual obligations towards the school. Our ability to provide quality education and maintain our facilities relies heavily on the timely payments of school fees, which ensures that we remain financially sustainable. Parents who are currently in arrears and who, despite repeated opportunities have failed to redeem their accounts, will unfortunately receive a final notice requesting

that alternative arrangements be made for their children. We do not take such measures lightly, and we fully understand the impact this may have; however, the financial wellbeing of the school and the interests of all our learners must remain our priority. The newly appointed Board of Governors will be meeting soon to finalize the proposed budget for 2026. As part of this process, the Board will also review school fees to ensure that the school remains sustainable while continuing to deliver the high standard of education we are committed to.

3. Staff:

It is always difficult to say goodbye to valued members of our school family. This term we bid a fond farewell to two special individuals who have made significant contributions to our school community.



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Firstly, we say goodbye to Mrs. Christelle Ferreria, our school secretary, who has been an integral part of St Andrew's School for more than 19 years. Her community, dedication, efficiency and commitment have made her an invaluable asset and stalwart of our school. Although she is officially stepping down, we are grateful that she has agreed to assist us on certain days to complete a few important ongoing projects. As she now devotes more of her time to life on the farm, we extend our sincere appreciation for her years of loyal service and wish her every happiness in this new chapter of her life.

Secondly, we bid farewell to Mrs. Sheriah Basson (Rose), who has been a teacher at our school for almost 3 years. Recently married, she will relocate to Bethlehem. We also want to express our appreciation for her dedication, passion and the positive impact she had on our learners during her time with us. We wish her all the success and happiness as she embarks on this new journey.

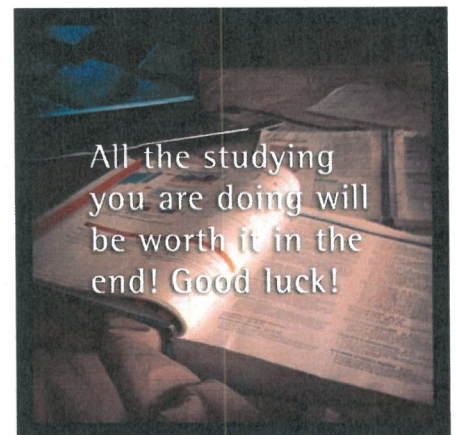
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ALL THE BEST

4. Grade 12's:

Our Grade 12 learners are currently busy with their Preliminary Examinations, which form an important part of their School-Based Assessment (SBA) and contribute significantly towards their final results. We encourage them to remain focused and committed during this critical period.

While the matric farewell on 26 September 2025 promises to be a highlight on the calendar and a well-deserved celebration, we urge our learners not to allow the excitement of the event to distract them from their academic responsibilities.

During the upcoming school holidays, it is essential that our matrics dedicate themselves to their studies and make the most of their time to prepare thoroughly for their final examinations.



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The last official school day for our Grade 12's will be on 15 October 2025, followed by the Valedictory Service on 19 October 2025.

We wish all our matrics every success as they prepare for their final examinations and embark on the next exciting chapter of their lives.

5. Important Dates:

6 September – Soccer U/9 + U/16 vs St Andrew's Bloemfontein & Hoopstad Academy.

11 September – Senior Primary – Spring Ball

12 September - High School – Spring Ball

18 September – Ndlovu Youth Choir Performance

22 September – Reports going out

23 September – 5-A-SIDE FUN DAY (HERITAGE CELEBRATION)

24 September – Heritage Day

25 September - Formal Assembly

26 September – School Closes

13 October - Teacher/ Admin staff back at school

14 October - Learners Start

15 October – Matrics Last Day + Entrepreneur's Day

19 October – Valedictory Service

21 October – Prize-Giving Gr 8 -12

22 October - Prize-Giving Gr 1-3

23 October - Prize-Giving Gr 4-7

31 October – Pre-School Graduation

03 November - Examinations Starts for Gr 10/11

04 November - Examinations Starts for Gr 7

05 November – Examinations Starts for Gr 8/9

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07 November – Examinations Starts for Gr 4/5/6

20 November – Last Day of Examinations

03 December – Reports go out/School closes

God Bless


Mr G HINRICHS
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