



ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL, WELKOM

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25 November 2025

RE: PARENTS CIRCULAR 6 / 2025

Dear Parent/Guardians

We have come to the end of the academic year all too quickly and we are reminded once again that the opportunities and special moments along the journey should be embraced and valued, as we may never pass this way again.

The year 2025 has been much like any road - filled with its ups and downs – yet we have reached our destination knowing that we have been blessed in abundance.

As we now finalise reports, promotion schedules and preparations for 2026, please take note of the following:



1. **Academics:**

Our Grade 12 learners have completed their final IEB examinations, and we trust that they have given their very best. We look forward to receiving positive results that will not only benefit them but also stand as an accolade to our school.



We wish our Grade 12's a bright and fulfilling future and we extend our heartfelt thanks to the parents who have been part of the St Andrew's family for so many years. May your investment in your child's education at our school continue to yield meaningful returns.

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With regards to the rest of the school, we are currently finalizing reports and preparing promotion schedules. Parents will be consulted regarding any learner identified as at risk.

It is important to understand that, in some cases, repeating a grade may be recommended when it is in the learner's best interest.

Academic reports will be issued on 3 December 2025 between 07:30 and 08:30.

2. Finances/ Sustainability

Our parents know that maintaining our school's legacy of providing excellent education within a family-orientated environment depends not only on the quality and dedication of our teachers, but also on the school's financial capacity to sustain its systems, structures and staffing.



As we approach the end of the year, it is essential that all commitments regarding payment of school fees – both current and outstanding – are honoured. In some cases, a learner's continued enrolment at St Andrew's in 2026 will depend on the settlement of outstanding fees.

3. Staff Matters

The end of the year not only brings closure to the year's work, but it is often also the time people make changes in their lives, embark on new journeys and explore new horizons.

Mrs Carike Rothman has submitted her resignation after serving St Andrew's for 18 years. We thank her for her dedication and loyalty over so many years and the value-added contribution she has made! We wish her well for the future.



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Mr Solomon Mpevane, a ground staff member for the past 17 years, is also retiring at the end of this year and we also thank him for his service to the school. We wish him a blessed retirement.

Mrs Maryke Bekker, having served our school for 11 years is also leaving at the end of the year, as she will be relocating to Potchefstroom. We express our sincere appreciation for the wonderful work she has done over the past years, and we wish her and her family all the best on their new journey.



By now, you are aware that the school's secretary, Mrs Christelle Ferreira, who has provided dedicated service and expertise for the past 19 years, resigned in 2024. However, she has continued on an *ad hoc* basis during 2025 to ensure a smooth transition of knowledge and skills and will now also be leaving us as the year has ended. We would like to sincerely thank her for her invaluable contribution to the school, and we wish her and her family all the best on the farm.

4. Parents/learners leaving

At the end of each year, we know that we will not only bid farewell to our Matrics and their parents, but also to those learners and families who are relocating or who have had to make difficult decisions for various reasons. As a school family, it is always hard and truly sad to see them go – especially when we have watched the children grow, develop and thrive over the years, knowing that St Andrew's has been a place where they belonged.

We extend our warmest wishes to all families embarking on a new journey. We believe that the seed planted here at St Andrew's will continue to grow, blossom and bear fruit in the years ahead.

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5. Looking ahead to 2026:

As we look towards 2026, we want to reassure our parents that St Andrew's remains a school built on a firm foundation. Established in 1963, our school has a long-standing reputation for excellence, shaped by the Anglican ethos, values and principles that continue to guide our daily practice.

While the economic challenges in our region have affected enrolments across all private schools, St Andrew's has constantly remained a place of stability, quality and integrity. Although my retirement at the end of the first term next year may feel unsettling to some, please rest assured that the school's strength has never depended on a single individual. We have a dedicated, skilled and passionate staff who are fully committed to upholding the high standards that define St Andrew's. The systems, structures and culture that have sustained this school for more than six decades remain firmly in place, ensuring that St Andrew's will continue to grow in stature, adapt to circumstances and serve our community with excellence for many years to come.

6. Important Dates:

3 December 2025:	Handing out of Grade 1-11 academic reports (07:30 – 08:30)
8 January 2026:	Administrative and teaching staff start
9 January 2026:	Tour de Saints
12 January 2026:	Learners return for the start of academic year 2026 IEB Grade 12 results released
16 January 2026:	Athletics Interhouse Meeting.
19 January 2026:	Grade 4-7 Parents' information evening (17:30)
20 January 2026:	Grade 1-3 Parents' information evening (17:30)
21 January 2026:	Pre-School Parents' information evening (17:00) Grade 8-11 Parents' information evening (17:30)
22 January 2026:	Daycare Parents' information evening (17:00) Grade 12 Parents' information evening (17:30)
25 January 2026:	Dedication Service at St Mathias Church (18:00)
26 January 2026:	PTA Election of office bearers.



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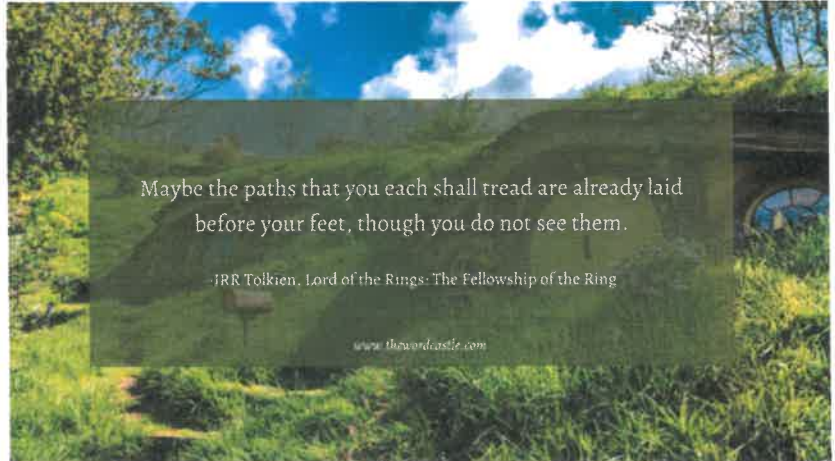


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7. General:

As we reach the end of the year, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Board of Governors, our parents, our learners, our teachers and our administrative and support staff. Your dedication, partnership and commitment have contributed to making this year a successful one.



Maybe the paths that you each shall tread are already laid before your feet, though you do not see them.

-JRR Tolkien, Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring

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It is only through a shared vision, collective effort and unity of purpose that we are able to pursue our ultimate goal of serving the best interests of our children. As a Christian school, founded on faith and guided by the values of our Anglian tradition, we also pause to acknowledge the favour, grace and blessings bestowed upon us by our Heavenly Father.

We rest in the assurance that the One who has guided us thus far, will continue to lead and sustain us as we move into 2026 and beyond.

We wish every member of the St Andrew's family a season of rest, peace and togetherness. May you be kept safe and may you experience His goodness and presence throughout the holidays and festive season.

Kind regards

Mr G Hinirichs



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