



HIGHBURY
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Message from our Headmaster

Dear Parents

The campus has seen many improvements during the recent holidays and throughout the term. We are thankful for the Highbury Board's planning and foresight, which have resulted in a number of wonderful projects being completed at the school. As you drive through Highbury, you will have noticed the refurbishment of the tennis courts, which is now complete. Tennis is a very popular sport at Highbury, and the boys are enjoying playing on the fresh new courts. We were also delighted to refurbish five Foundation Phase classrooms. These upgrades are much appreciated and ensure that the boys are learning in first-class environments. A new jungle gym has also been erected in the Boy Zone aftercare facility. Thanks to the funds raised by our Parents' Association, we have been able to refurbish the ICT Lab, which we look forward to opening after half term. Through careful foresight and planning, our 122-year-old school continues to maintain its facilities, ensuring a campus that inspires boys to learn and achieve their full potential.

Our cultural department has been vibrant and active this term. Those of you who watched the Senior Primary play, *Tut Tut!*, will agree with me that the boys were marvellous on stage. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the play develop – from its early stages, where the boys were learning their lines, to the finale, where they performed with confidence. Many life lessons are gained through being part of a production. One of these is teamwork: being part of a cast provides an invaluable lesson in working together. Another is the way the boys grow in self-confidence by acting in front of an audience. *Tut Tut!* is a memory that will remain etched in these boys' hearts from their years at Highbury.



It has also been a busy term on the sporting front. The Inter-House Athletics took place during the term, with the boys participating with passion and giving their best in the various events. There was also excellent house spirit at the Inter-House track event finals. We have now moved into the hockey and basketball season, where the boys have enjoyed their practices and matches.

This term, our LAD Centre hosted a talk on the concept of "Lighthouse Parenting," which explores how parents can positively impact their children and the communities where they live. Mandy Herold spoke insightfully on this topic. Our LAD talks are designed to provide our parent community with relevant and engaging information to support you in your parenting journey.

As we approach half term, I wish all our boys and parents a restful and refreshing break. I look forward to spring and the second half of the term.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roland Lacock'.

Roland Lacock
Headmaster



A Handful of Happenings

Your Way's Better

During their Kool-To-Care session, the boys were finishing up making sandwiches to give to our friends at Egcekeni Primary School, when one of their favourite songs came on. Unprompted, and spur of the moment, the boys got together to sing along and dance. Moments like these remind us how incredibly special it is to be part of the Highbury community. [Watch the video here.](#)



Lighthouse Parenting

Our *Lighthouse Parenting* talk with Mandy Herold was an inspiring evening for the community. With her trademark mix of science, warmth, and humour, she reminded us that children thrive when they have a steady guiding presence in their lives. Parents left feeling encouraged and equipped with strategies they can use right away, from building resilience to strengthening emotional bonds. It was a valuable evening of learning, reflection, and connection – one that will stay with us as we continue supporting our boys in becoming confident, well-rounded young men.



Important Reminders

- Please ensure that at least one parent per household has downloaded the **Highbury app**. The app is an important source of information.
- Please ensure all boys have got **short, clean nails** at all times.
- Half term is a great opportunity for boys to get a **haircut**. We hope to see them on Tuesday looking smart.
- Please note: the **Highbury Triathlon** which was postponed in March has been rescheduled for 24 October. See you there!
- Please **update your details** on ADAM if you've changed phone numbers or email addresses.

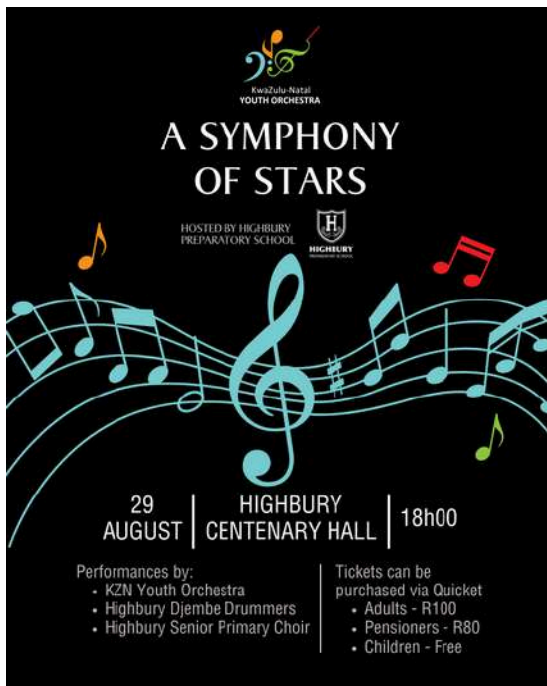
Upcoming

- Term 3 half term: 22 – 25 August
- Term 3 break up day: 26 September
- Term 4 start: 7 October
- FP Play tickets on sale: 26 August
- Weavers' Nest Storybook Evening: 27 August
- **Enviro Day: 29 August**
- **KZNYO, Highbury Djembe & Marimba performance: 29 August**
- Grade 5 Egyptian Day: 3 September
- Grade 6 visit to Kearsney: 8 September
- Grade R Parents' Workshop: 10 September
- Middle School Public Speaking & Reading finals: 11 September
- **FP Play evening performances: 16, 18 & 19 September**
- FP Play for grandparents: 17 September
- Weavers' Nest Grandparents Day: 19 September
- Grade 7 Interactive Day at St Mary's: 22 September
- Grade 1 – 3 STEAM Days: 25 September
- **Business & Breakfast: 25 September**

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A Symphony of Stars

Don't forget to book your tickets for 'A Symphony of Stars'. It is set to be a fantastic evening, showcasing young talent. [Book here](#).



Latest Craze

The latest playground obsession? Yoyos! It's been amazing to watch this classic toy make a comeback, with boys perfecting their tricks and swapping tips at break time. Just goes to show, some trends really do come full circle.



Caught in Action

Spotted: a top secret mission in progress. One boy giving his friend a boost up a very big tree while they thought no one was watching. Boys will be boys, after all.



Everyone Reading in Class

We're proud to be a reading school – a place where books are celebrated and stories are part of our everyday life. One of the ways we live this out is through 'ERIC' (Everyone Reading in Class). At a set time, the whole class stops what they're doing, picks up a book, and reads. No screens, no rushing, just every boy with a book in hand. Our boys choose what they want to read: novels, non-fiction, comics, or magazines. The classrooms settle into that special, quiet hum of pages turning and imaginations sparking. We're intentional about creating a culture where stories matter, where curiosity is fed, and where reading is something to enjoy, not endure.



New Jungle Gym

The boys who attend aftercare were counting the days while their brand-new jungle gym took shape. Finally, the wait was over, and it was so worth it. The verdict was unanimous: it's every bit as good as they'd hoped.



A Handful of Happenings

A Great End to a Great Day

The Grade R boys ended their first day of Term 3 with a dance party. What a great way to finish off a day of learning. Watch them [here](#).



Tennis Courts

Over the school holidays, our tennis courts were resurfaced, and they're looking fantastic. The upgrade has made a big difference, and the boys are already enjoying the improved playing surface.



ICT Lab

Our ITC Lab refurbishment is almost complete and it's looking amazing. Just a few final touches to go before the big reveal. We can't wait for the boys to step into a fresh, modern space built for creativity, coding, and all things digital. Watch this space!



Book Reading

Our FP boys were treated to a special visit from Mrs Bagaria, who came to read them a book she had written herself. Mrs Bagaria is the proud mum of a Highbury Old Boy, now in Grade 10 at Kearsney. The boys loved hearing her story and meeting a real author.



Staff

Proudly Primary.

Several of our staff attended the *Proudly Primary* conference hosted by St Charles, a valuable few days of learning, sharing, and connecting with fellow educators. It was a great opportunity to explore new ideas and bring fresh inspiration back to our classrooms.



Staff

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome **Mr Ricus van der Ryst** to the Highbury team as our new Facilities Manager. Ricus, his wife, and their daughter have already become part of our extended Highbury family. He joined us on 1 July and has quickly settled in, already feeling right at home on our campus.

We look forward to the great contribution he'll make in keeping Highbury a place where our boys can thrive.



Congratulations

A big congratulations to **Mr Brandon Harvey** on his marriage. We're so happy for you both and wish you endless joy, laughter, and love in the years ahead.



A Trip to the USA

We are incredibly proud of **Dr Noma Zondi**, who was selected to attend the prestigious International Boys' Schools Coalition (IBSC) Conference, hosted this year at Belmont Hill School in Massachusetts, USA. Dr Zondi was part of the Incoming Action Research Team, attending training from 20–22 June. The team's research focus for 2025/2026 is "*Foundations for Learning: Facilitating Boys' Executive Function and Self-Regulation in the Classroom*" – a critical area of learning and development in boys' education. The main conference featured world-class speakers, and Dr Zondi also attended a variety of breakout sessions, engaging with outgoing Action Researchers as they presented their findings and shared insights from schools across the globe.

Well done, Dr Zondi – we're so proud to have you representing Highbury on an international stage.

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to **Mr Juandré de Beer** on his marriage. Wishing you and your wife a wonderful journey together, filled with love, laughter, and happy memories.



Kearsney Public Speaking

Mrs Nqobile Adigun was recently invited to judge the Inter-House Public Speaking event at Kearsney College. Mrs Adigun noted with pride how many Highbury Old Boys were among the speakers and how impressively they performed. It was a special reminder of the strong foundations laid during their time at Highbury.



Happy Birthday

Happy 50th to **Mr Roland Lacock**! He celebrated this milestone birthday on 19 August, and the boys loved celebrating alongside him. We're so grateful for the energy, care, and dedication he pours into Highbury every day.

Farewell

We say farewell at the end of August to **Mr S'phamandla Latha**, who has been part of the Cap 'n Chino team at Highbury since 2013. We thank him for his time and contribution during his years at the school and wish him all the best for the future.



Highbury Highlights



Weavers' Nest

Our Weavers have been exploring the theme *Treasures and Collections* – thinking about what makes something special and why we treasure it. From stamp and coin collections to the most important treasures of all (our children), it's been a warm, thoughtful journey. The Grade 00s have been creating their own "art collections" inspired by famous artists like Picasso and Frida Kahlo, and everyone is enjoying reading the full collection of Hairy Maclary stories. The children have been counting down the days until their Storybook Evening later this month.

Grade R

It's a term of *Wonders* – both natural and manmade. From tiny miracles in nature to incredible human creations, the boys have been wide-eyed and curious. They're also revisiting all the letters learned so far and practising their counting at every opportunity.

Grade 1

Our boys are deep into *Stories with Julia* – an exciting exploration of Julia Donaldson's books. Highlights have included:

- *Superworm* with superpower crafting
- *What the Ladybird Heard* followed by a real farm visit to Camp Orchards
- *Jack and the Flum Flum Tree* inspiring imaginative writing
- *The Snail and the Whale* introducing long 'A' vowel sounds
- *The Detective Dog*, paired with relaxed reading sessions with Sunny, our therapy dog

With the Readathon in full swing, it's the perfect time for a theme that blends language, creativity, and joy.

Grade 2

In maths, the focus is on time and times tables (2, 5, and 10), while in language, the boys are building their grammar skills – pronouns, similes, adverbs, and more. Cursive handwriting continues, and listening and comprehension skills are being sharpened. A big highlight is each boy will get to plan and conduct their own science experiment to share with the class at the end of the term.

Grade 3

This term's theme: *Dinosaurs*. In maths, the boys are tackling bracket sums and rounding off, while language lessons tie directly into the theme. A solid mix of creativity and core skills.

Grade 4

The boys are exploring *Food Chains* – producers, consumers, herbivores and carnivores – while in English, they're diving into the 7 Wonders of the Natural and Modern World. A recent visit from St Mary's included a lively scavenger hunt around campus.

Grade 5

The boys had their first-ever dissection (of a flower) as part of their science theme on plant life cycles. For Geography, they visited the old Highbury weather station, began a meteorology research project, and are now building weather instruments. In History, they're exploring Ancient Egypt, which links perfectly with this year's school play, *Tut Tut!*, as well as their art lessons, where they've created scarab beetle artworks.

Grade 6

ICT lessons have focused on data handling – comparing qualitative and quantitative data and working with graphs and charts. In Drama, the boys have been creating their own stop-motion animation films. Art has been all about pop art and clay sculpture. Geography is focused on climates and vegetation zones around the world.

Grade 7

In Science, the boys are exploring energy (types, transfer, and conservation) along with experimental procedures. English has shifted to film study, with the boys studying *The Blind Side*. They've been learning about camera angles and shot types, and even created their own trailers. Drama continues with documentary filmmaking. In Art, the boys are working with acrylics on canvas and clay sculpture – building technical skill and creative confidence.



Weavers' Nest

Hooked on Books

Our Grade 000 and 00 children were in for a treat when the lively team from 'Hooked on Books' arrived at Weavers' Nest. Known for bringing stories to life in the most imaginative ways, this energetic duo acted out book "trailers" from some children's titles. Two delightful bookworms, Wiggly and Woggly, made the long trip from Story Galory Town to whisk our little Weavers away on an adventure through five wonderful tales. It was a laugh a minute, and judging by all the smiles, the children were certainly hooked!



Chickens in Grade 0000

Our littlest Weavers in Grade 0000 have had some very special new friends join their class – four fluffy little chickens! The children have loved watching them grow, and taking turns to feed them and care for them. Holding the chicks has been a wonderful way to practise using 'gentle hands', learning how to be kind and careful with small creatures.

Of course, naming them has been half the fun. Some of the suggestions so far include Amakukhu, Sweetheart, Midnight, Duck, and Bubbles.



Aftercare Fun

Just a bit of aftercare fun using some simple items: magnetic tiles, a clothes hanger, and a water gun. Mrs van Zyl set up this activity, and it was such a hit! There were lots of laughs and some serious concentration. Watch the video [here](#).

Art

Our little artists have been hard at work creating something truly beautiful. Using their imagination and creativity, they made lions, rhinos, and elephants – each one full of character and charm.



Foundation Phase

100 Days of Grade R

Our Grade R boys celebrated '100 Days of Grade R' in style, dressed in clever, colourful costumes that showed off just how creative they (and their parents!) can be. They paraded proudly through the FP Quad to the cheers of the Grade 1–3 boys and then headed to the Weavers' Nest to show the Grade 000 and 00 children their outfits. They enjoyed a full day of 100-themed fun and wrapped it all up with a dance party on the basketball courts.



Grade 1 Excursion

The Grade 1s set off to Camp Orchards with big smiles and even bigger excitement about the bus ride. The boys learnt about vegetable farming "God's way", tasted fresh garden produce, and went on a forest walk to collect treasures. They crossed a wobbly bridge, had a snack, and finished the day with a tractor ride around the farm. A wholesome, hands-on day they won't forget anytime soon.



Exploring the Science Lab

The Grade 2s kicked off their science theme with an exciting visit to the Senior Primary Science Laboratory, where they met the ever-curious 'Professor Shawstein'. They learned that the best scientists always start with the question, "I wonder why...?" We can't wait to see what discoveries they'll make next!



Learning to Read

Learning to read and write in Grade 1 should feel like an adventure, so our teachers keep it active, boy-friendly and fun. For this activity, the boys worked in pairs. One wore a sentence card on his head; his partner read it aloud while he listened and wrote down the words. Then they swapped. A simple way to practise reading, writing, listening and teamwork - all in one go.



Market Day

Our Grade 2 Market Day was absolutely wonderful. The theme was science, and the boys didn't disappoint. Stalls were filled with bubbling potions, clever contraptions, colourful experiments, and all sorts of quirky creations that showed just how imaginative our boys can be. You could see the excitement on their faces as they explained how things worked and showed off what they had made.



Senior Primary

Science Experiments

The Grade 7s put their scientific skills to the test, working in groups to design and conduct experiments. They explored how light intensity changes with distance, timed pendulum swings, investigated how heat affects the rebound height of a ball, and compared the tensile strength of different paper towels - all while following correct experimental procedures and recording their findings.



Grade 4 Interactive Day

Our Grade 4 boys welcomed the St Mary's girls for a fun and interactive day themed around biomes. The boys and girls were split into groups and set off on a clue hunt to discover which biome they'd be creating. Once revealed, they gathered the resources they needed and got to work bringing their biomes to life – from deserts and rainforests to oceans, wetlands, tundras, grasslands, and forests. The activity wrapped up with each group reporting back on what they had learnt about their chosen biome. It was a day filled with teamwork, curiosity, and plenty of creativity. Even more special was seeing new friendships form while old friends caught up again.



Grade 5 Interactive Day

Our Grade 5 boys had an unforgettable time hosting the girls from St Mary's for an interactive day filled with laughter, teamwork, and plenty of action. The day was a whirlwind of activity, with groups rotating through stations that kept everyone engaged. From basketball and line dancing to rebus puzzles, charades, and a Disney movie quiz, there was something for everyone. By the end, the only disappointment was that the day was over. A brilliant way to connect, collaborate, and make memories with our sister school.



Lightbulb Moments

The Grade 6 boys have been exploring the concepts of electricity through circuit building – learning by doing, testing, and discovering how it all connects. There's nothing quite like watching the lights go on, literally and figuratively.



Senior Primary Play

Tut, Tut!

Our Senior Primary boys brought ancient Egypt to life in their production of Tut, Tut! – a witty and adventurous tale inspired by the life of King Tut, with a clever twist from Mark Twain's *The Prince and the Pauper*. The story followed a young Prince Tut, weary of royal life, who sneaks into the city in search of excitement. There, he meets a peasant who looks exactly like him, and together they hatch a plan to swap places for three days. But when the King dies and Tut is called to the throne, their scheme quickly unravels...

It was a spectacular performance, full of energy, humour, and creativity. The boys shone on stage, and the feedback from parents and guests has been overwhelmingly positive.

The boys performed for parents, grandparents, the FP boys, Highbury staff, and on the last day, they performed for each other.

A heartfelt well done to every teacher and staff member who worked tirelessly behind the scenes – your hard work and passion made this production truly outstanding.

Thank you to Shane Doyle & Natalie Edy for the photos. You can view and download the entire album [here](#).



Outreach

Kool To Care

As part of Mandela Day's 67 minutes, our boys came together in their KTC groups to make sandwiches for the children at Egcekeni Primary School. It was heartwarming to watch the older boys guide and encourage the younger ones as they worked side by side.



MySchool

Please sign up to MySchool and select Highbury as your beneficiary. Every swipe counts!

Rhinos

We are proud to support two rhinos, Baleka, a white rhino, and Tai, a black rhino, who both live at Somkhanda Game Reserve. Our annual Maputuland Challenge is a major fundraiser, with most years raising over R100,000 to support conservation efforts through WILDLANDS. These funds directly contribute to protecting endangered species like Baleka and Tai and ensuring their continued care and safety.



Here's the latest update from WILDLANDS:

Baleka: It was a particularly rainy summer at Somkhanda, and Baleka has been enjoying the fresh food that has grown so quickly that he can barely be seen over the tall grass. As one of Somkhanda's dominant bulls, he is often seen patrolling his territory and spending time with different females. Although we are now into the dry season, there is still so much water in the bush, Baleka has more than enough to keep him going until the next rains.

Tai: Although Tai is one of Somkhanda's oldest black rhinos, he's still busy patrolling his territory and was even spotted recently on the very top of one of Somkhanda's tallest mountains! However, one of our favourite sightings of Tai recently was when we caught him having a swim to cool down right in front of one of our camera traps – we hope you love this photo as much as we do.

Thank you to our community for continuing to support this important cause.

Highbury Old Boys

Get in Touch

Highbury Old Boys are part of our story long after school ends. Whether you're nearby or abroad, we'd love to stay in touch with you for reunions, networking, mentoring, and school news. Update your details, share milestones, or let us know if you'd like to get involved.

To connect, email our Foundation Officer, Tammy Fraser: alumni@hps.co.za

Class of 2020 Reunion

We were delighted to welcome back our Class of 2020 for a special reunion. Now in matric, it was incredible to see how much these young men have grown – not just in stature, but in character and confidence too.

The morning was filled with laughter, connection, and plenty of stories shared as the boys caught up with old friends and teachers. Watching them walk through our gates again reminded us of the strong bonds formed at Highbury and how these continue long after school days.

We are so proud of each of them and can't wait to see what their futures hold.



Eco

From Garden to Table

Our boys have been hard at work tending to the veggie gardens – watering, weeding, and watching things grow.

Some couldn't resist tasting the fruits of their labour, with a few happily munching on lettuce straight from the soil. One boy, after taking a bite, declared it "a bit dusty", only to realise he'd forgotten to wash it first.

We will be celebrating World Enviro Day on 29 August.



Culture



Piano & Music Theory

Congratulations to **Aaryan Naidoo** (Grade 5) on his excellent achievements in music. He was awarded a Merit for his Trinity College London Grade 1 Piano Practical Exam with a score of 83%, and a Distinction for his Grade 1 Theory of Music Exam with an impressive 90%. A fantastic accomplishment that reflects both talent and hard work. Well done, Aaryan.



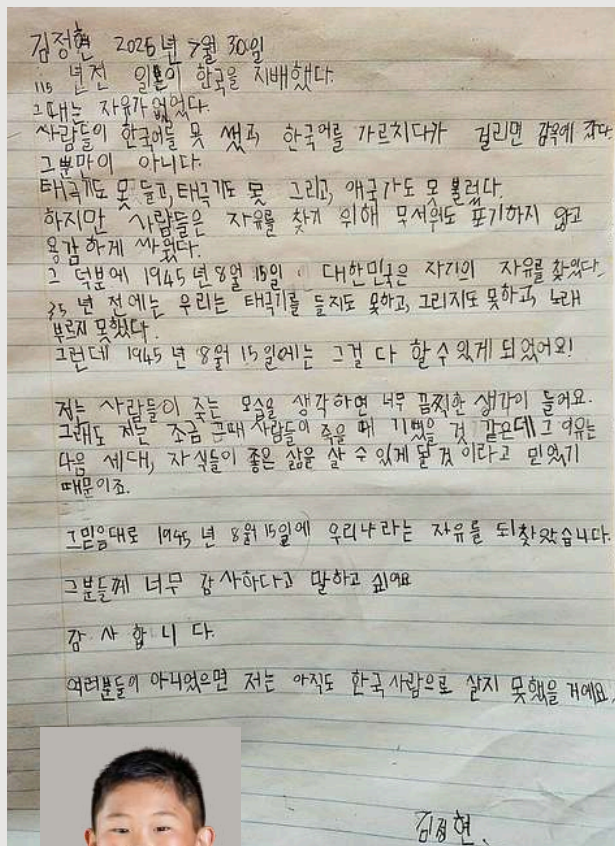
Violin

Well done to **Aarav Bharath** (Grade 4) who earned an A+ for his solo violin performance at the Queensburgh Festival of Arts during the winter holidays. A great result that reflects his talent and dedication to his music.



Violin

Congratulations to **Quinn Murdey** (Grade 3) who earned an A++ and took home the trophy in the Under 9 String Solo category at the Queensburgh Festival of Arts. A brilliant achievement that reflects his talent and hard work – well done, Quinn!



Writing Contest

Congratulations to **Daniel (Jong-hyun) Kim** (Grade 4) who was awarded Third Place (Merit Award) in the 2025 Liberation Day Writing Contest, open to the entire Korean community in South Africa. Daniel's piece reflected thoughtfully on Korea's history under Japanese occupation, expressing gratitude for those who fought for independence on 15 August 1945. His writing showed a strong sense of historical understanding and heartfelt appreciation for the sacrifices made.

We're very proud of this meaningful achievement. Well done, Daniel.

Translation:

A long time ago, Japan invaded Korea. At that time, there was no freedom. People couldn't use Korean, and if they taught Korean they would be dragged to prison. That wasn't all. They couldn't draw the Taegukgi (Korean flag), nor could they call out for independence.

But people didn't give up and bravely fought to find freedom. Finally, on August 15, 1945, Korea regained its independence. For 35 years, we couldn't raise the Taegukgi, draw it, or sing songs of our own. But on August 15, 1945, we were finally able to do those things again!

When I think about the people who died, I feel very sad. But those people gave their lives with the belief that their children and future generations could live good lives.

As a result, on August 15, 1945, our country regained its freedom. I want to say thank you so much to those people. Thank you. If it weren't for you, I still wouldn't be able to live as a Korean today.

Academic Awards

We are so proud of the effort, commitment, and progress shown throughout the first semester. Whether through achievement, diligence, or noticeable improvement, each of these boys has demonstrated the values we hold high at Highbury. Keep up the excellent work!

Grade 7

Certificates

- Siyambonga Mandikutse

Academic Diligence

- Sam Goss
- Ethan Kruger
- Samuel Lubbe
- Luthando Khanyile
- Mangaliso Sibiya
- Charlie Forrester

Academic Achievement

- Aarav Kassanjee
- Matthew Lovell
- Liam van Bronckhorst
- Keagan Lund
- Nicholas Moroney
- Dallin van Zyl
- Enzo Ward
- Finn Wren
- Neo Mphatswe
- Evan Nieuwoudt
- Zachary Shelper
- Timothy Yorke-Smith

Academic Half Colours

- William Linington
- Kalin Masic
- William Sanders
- Lizwi Sibiya
- Owen Smart
- James Dickson
- Oliver Hooper
- Matthew Hope
- Luke Swale
- Francis Waldburger
- Oliver Gordon
- Andrew Hollins
- Joshua Schneemann
- Alex Wyatt

Academic Full Colours

- Jahan Seery
- Ryan Wood

Academic Honours

- Michael Laurence

Grade 6

Certificates

- Tyler Tooms
- Fezile Nkabinde
- Harry Goss

Academic Diligence

- Kazimier Moodley
- Sibusiso Nyanda
- Kade Rohde
- Caleb Greyling
- Karabo Mqedlana
- Imnothi Dlamini

Academic Achievement

- Oliver Adendorff
- Michael Coventry
- Luca Stylianou
- Nqubeko Tiano
- Kenton Jones
- Cade Thompson
- Jack Wulff
- Cameron Grootes
- Zethemba Shabalala
- Robert Armour
- Harry Evennett
- Troy Goosen
- William Ferrar
- Alexander Dreyer
- Nathan Palframan
- Ibanathi Simelane

Academic Half Colours

- Max Aitken
 - Kuba Botha
 - Sisanda Buthelezi
 - Evan Grace
 - Caleb John Matinyarare
 - Daygan van der Horst
 - Noah Tyler
 - Oliver Edy
 - Charles Ferrar
 - Luc Macquet
 - Kuye Shelembe
 - Luke Lötter
 - Joshua Magor
 - Zanemvula Motha
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Academic Awards

Grade 5

Academic Achievement

- Ethan Cheesman
- Jovahn Moodley
- Kanishk Moodley
- Manelisi Ngcamu
- Melisizwe Shandu
- Hunter Anderson
- Aman Bugwandin
- James Curtiss
- Saien Govender
- Aaryan Naidoo
- Quade Burn
- Sidney Cole
- Keegan Dalton
- Reece Dent
- Justin Wood

Academic Diligence

- Luke Curtiss
- Beauden Wait
- Bahlenkosi Sangweni
- Finley Bruwer
- Jean-Luc Setzkorn
- Oliver Henderson
- Benjamin Janse van Rensburg
- Cameron Rowley

Academic Progress

- Tanner Liebenberg
- Joshua Meyer
- Nhlanhla Notha
- Jeehoo Yun
- Lorenzo Nzimande
- Harvey Ainsworth
- Xavier Chessa

Grade 4

Academic Achievement

- Chase Gunn
- Yandisokuhle Nyide
- Quaid Ries
- Blake Baird
- Aiden Gaines
- Carter Hammond
- Joshua Hotz
- Frank Wulff
- Matthew Bunge
- Brody Cornelesen
- Xavier Diaz
- Quinn Mason
- Siphile Mchunu
- Ulrich Kruger
- Jamie Levine
- Charlie Macquet
- Yuvaan Maharajh
- Ayrton Smith

Academic Diligence

- Jake Anderson
- Zac Fillis
- Daniel Kim
- Zibusiso Mjwara
- Kent Logan
- Alex Nortje
- Cooper Lund
- Leo Walker

Academic Progress

- Charlie Dixon
 - Colby Rayne
 - Mpumelelo Tiano
 - Rhys Irving
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Sport

Swimming

A huge congratulations to **Xavier Diaz** (Grade 4) who competed in the Kloof Winter Champs gala at St Mary's, and was awarded Victor Ludorum in the U10 age group.

His impressive results included:

1st – 50m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle

2nd – 50m Backstroke

3rd – 100m Individual Medley

A fantastic achievement and a reflection of his hard work in the pool – well done, Xavier.



BMX

During the July holidays, **Zack van Zyl** (Grade 6), **Adam van Zyl** (Grade 4), and **Liam Mörck** (Grade 1) competed in the South African BMX Champs and Winter Classic Series in Pietermaritzburg. Zack and Adam proudly rode for the KZN A Team, which placed 1st overall.

– Zack placed 4th in both National Finals (11–12 Expert Boys) and is now ranked 3rd in SA in his age group.

– Adam placed 3rd in both National Finals and 3rd in the Winter Classic (10 Expert Boys) and is currently ranked 2nd in SA in his age group.

– Liam dominated the 7-year-old Novice Boys category, placing 1st in both National Finals and 3rd in the Winter Classic, and now sits at 1st in SA in his age group.

With one round to go in September, we're incredibly proud of these boys and their achievements on the track.



Rugby

Congratulations to **Nsika Ngcobo** (Grade 3) who was named Player of the Year for the U9 Hillcrest Villagers Club Rugby team. A brilliant achievement and a reflection of his passion, commitment, and talent on the field – well done, Nsika.

Karate

Well done to **Harry de Lange** (Grade 1) who took part in his JKS karate grading at the Shin-gi-tai dojo. After a focused and determined effort, Harry earned his half orange belt – a fantastic milestone on his karate journey.

Hockey

During the July holidays, **Oliver Gordon** and **Oliver Hooper** (Grade 7) represented the KZN U13B hockey team. The team went on to win gold at the regional tournament held in Benoni, with Oliver Hooper finishing as the tournament's top goal scorer. A proud achievement for both boys.



Sport

Soccer

Congratulations to **Brody Cornelesen** (Grade 4) who took part in the 2025 KZN Youth Cup for soccer. His U10 team finished 2nd overall, and Brody was awarded the Golden Glove for Best Goalkeeper in the U10 division – a well-deserved recognition of his skill between the posts.



Golf

Well done to **Max Baglione** (Grade 4) who placed 3rd out of 30 golfers aged 6 to 15 at the SCIEG (Institute for Elite Golfers) holiday camp tournament. A strong result against tough competition and a great showing of his growing talent on the course.



Rugby

Well done to **Kgwedi Melato** (Grade 1) who received the *Players' Player* award in rugby at Hillcrest Villagers Youth Club. A special recognition showing just how much his presence and effort are valued on the field.



Sailing

Congratulations to **Ethan Kruger** (Grade 7) who placed 6th overall in the KZN Optimist Regionals. A solid result in a highly competitive field and a great display of focus and sailing skill. Well done, Ethan.



Rugby

Amahle Mpembe (Grade 3) was awarded *Rookie of the Year* at Hillcrest Villagers Rugby Club. A great reflection of his impact on the field in his debut season. Well done, Amahle.

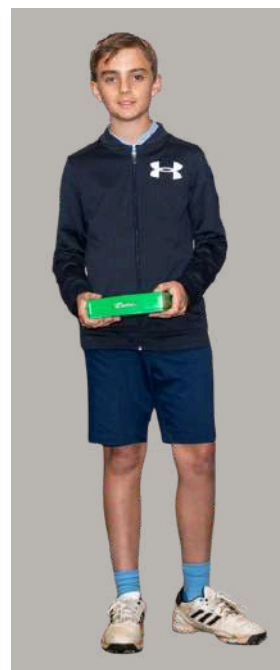
Cricket

Matthew Venter (Grade 4) played as an U10 in the U11 Dolphins School of Excellence tournament, representing the Erwee Eliminators. His team made it all the way to the final, played at the iconic Kingsmead cricket ground, narrowly losing with just 3 balls to spare. Matthew bowled consistently across the tournament, finishing with impressive figures of 4 wickets for 38 runs over 9 matches. A fantastic experience and a strong performance at a higher age level – well done, Matthew.



Golf

Congratulations to **Nicholas Moroney** (Grade 7), winner of the 2025 KZNGU Junior Champs Boys U13 Division (Stableford) held at San Lameer. Over 36 challenging holes, Nicholas came out on top – a fantastic achievement on a tough course. Well done, Nicholas.



Sport

Soccer

Ntsikayomuzi Chonco (Grade 4) spent part of his July holidays at a high-performance football camp in Oakham, UK. Despite being the youngest participant in a group for boys aged 11 and up, Ntsika held his own among top players from around the world.

Over the week, he received more than 20 hours of intensive training, sharpening his technique, positioning, and game awareness. He also embraced the opportunity to connect with peers from different countries, gaining valuable skills both on and off the pitch.

Ntsika returned with a strong assessment report, reflecting his focus, dedication, and maturity beyond his years. A huge well done to Ntsika on this incredible achievement.



Soccer

A big well done to **Cullen O'Brien** (Grade 2), **Quade Burn** (Grade 5), **Kayden Laatz-Reineke** (Grade 2), and **Spencer Burn** (Grade 2) who took on the challenge of the Tinman Mini Triathlon. With a 200m swim, 5km cycle, and 2.5km run, this event was no small feat, and our boys gave it everything. An incredible effort from start to finish – we're so proud of your grit and energy.



During the July holidays, five Highbury boys represented PADSSA at the annual KZNIPSSA Ian Macleod Soccer Trials held at Kearsney College. All the boys played with great commitment and composure, and we're proud to share that **Oliver Adendorff** and **Zuko Ngcibi** (Grade 6) were selected to represent the KZN U13 team at next year's Bill Stewart Invitational Tournament. A huge well done to both boys on this outstanding achievement.



Tug of War

The Inter-House tug of war never fails to deliver! Each pull was backed by roaring support from the sidelines. It's raw, loud, competitive, and always one of the boys' favourite events.

Ballet

Congratulations to **Mnqobi Mabaso** (Grade 1) who received a distinction for his Cecchetti Ballet Pre-Primary exam. A fantastic result and a reflection of his hard work, focus, and love for dance.



Sport

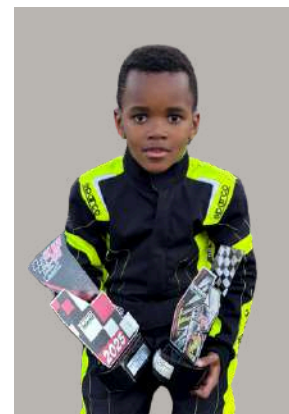
FP Inter-House Athletics

The Foundation Phase Inter-House Athletics Day was everything it should be: loud, fun, and full of energy. Every boy from Grade R to 3 got the chance to race, with plenty of cheers from the sidelines. The parent races were a highlight. Competitive spirits came out, shoes came off, and the boys absolutely loved seeing their mums and dads giving it a go. After a full day of fun and friendly rivalry, Escombe's took the win. Well done, boys.



Karting

Well done to **Melokuhle Ndlovu** (Grade 1) who had a thrilling weekend on the track, competing in rounds 4 and 5 of the KZN Kart Club Regionals in the Bambino division. Melo placed 2nd in both races – an impressive result and a great display of skill and focus.



SP Inter-House Athletics

Our Senior Primary Inter-House Athletics Day took place over the weekend, and what a wonderful day it was. From start to finish, the boys gave it their all, whether they were on the track or the sidelines. Records were chased, personal bests were broken, and races were tight. But what stood out most was the camaraderie: boys cheering for their friends and celebrating every effort, not just every win. Escombe's came out on top overall, while Robinson's walked away with the Spirit Trophy. Thanks to all the staff, parents, and boys for making it such a memorable day. A big thank you to Natalie Edy for assisting with photography.



Field Events

It's been a strong athletics season so far, with our boys showing fantastic talent and commitment – especially in the field events. Their hard work is paying off, and we're proud of the progress and performances across the board.



Sport

A New Record

At the field event finals, **Neo Mphatswe** broke the U13 high jump record not once, but twice. He cleared 1.56m to top the 1.55m record set by Luke Barendse last year, then went on to jump 1.57m, resetting his own record within minutes. Well done to Neo for raising the bar! [Watch him in action here.](#)



Athletics

Congratulations to Jamie Levine (Grade 4), who was nominated by KZN Athletics for Best Newcomer 2025 and attended the annual awards evening at the Elangeni Hotel. Jamie was thrilled to receive the award and overwhelmed by the recognition. A special moment and a well-deserved honour – well done, Jamie.



Soccer

Congratulations to **Samuel Praschma** and **Ibanathi Simelane** (Grade 6) who were selected for the *Team of the Tournament* at the Kearsney Soccer Festival. Their standout performances have earned them an incredible opportunity – trials at Barcelona FC in Spain in 2026. A huge achievement and an exciting journey ahead.



Tennis

Despite icy 3-degree mornings and late finishes under floodlights, our 1st and 2nd teams stayed focused and fired up at the Limodo Truida Kestell Tournament. The 1st Team topped their Round Robin and went on to face top schools from across the country. After close losses to Durbanville and Pretoria Oos, they edged out Grey 38–37 in a thriller, finishing 4th overall in the A Section.

The 2nd Team won 4 of 5 Round Robin matches and placed 3rd in the B Section out of 24 teams – a brilliant result.

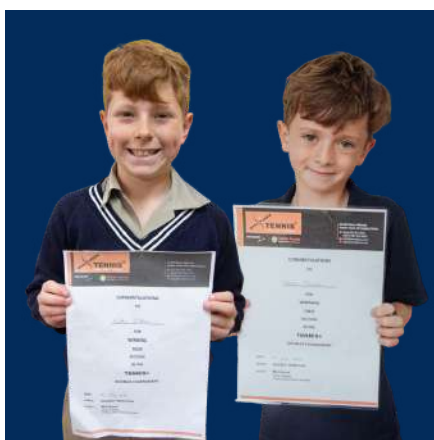
Both teams received glowing feedback from coaches and parents for their sportsmanship and manners – a proud moment for Highbury. Well done to all our Open Tennis boys – your grit, heart, and teamwork stood out.



Sport

Tennis

Congratulations to **Samuel Sweidan** and **Cullen O'Brien** (Grade 2) who won their section in the Tennis+ Doubles Tournament held in July. A great result and a strong display of teamwork on court.



Soccer

Well done to **Lunamandla Shabangu** (Grade 1) whose team, Highway United, finished 3rd in a recent soccer tournament. A great achievement and strong team effort.



Cycling

We're incredibly proud of all the boys who took part in this year's Amashova cycle race – a challenging and iconic ride from Pietermaritzburg to Durban. Whether riding 38km, 65km, or the full 106km, each boy showed determination, strength, and grit on the road.

106km Finishers

William Sanders (Grade 7)
Charlie Forrester (Grade 7)
Oliver Sanders (Grade 4)
Joshua Briner (Grade 4)

65km Finishers

Nicholas Moroney (Grade 7)
Max Aitken (Grade 6)
Joshua Kane-Berman (Grade 6)

38km Finishers

Oliver Edy (Grade 6)
Jack Buzzard (Grade 6)
Matthew Venter (Grade 4)
Jake Anderson (Grade 4)
Noah Edy (Grade 3)
Matthew Briner (Grade 1)



Sport

Mountain Biking

Our Highbury boys are dominating in the KZN Cycle Lab Schools Series, charging through the first two races!

Race 1: Waterfall College

We kicked off the season with a record-breaking turnout, as over 30 of our boys hit the track on a chilly Sunday morning. Our sub-nippers, nippers, and sprogs tore up the 1.8km lap course, racing through 2 laps for sub-nippers, 3 laps for nippers, and 4 laps for sprogs. It was a fantastic day of fun, grit, and school spirit.

Race 2: Maritzburg College

The momentum didn't stop there. Our Highbury boys showed up in full force, dominating the sub-nipper, nipper, and sprog categories once again. These boys are proving they've got the heart to take on any challenge.

Next Up: Umhlali Prep on Sunday, August 24th

Get ready, because Highbury is geared up to bring their best to Umhlali Prep this weekend. Let's cheer our boys on as they race to make themselves and our school proud.

Highbury is currently standing in 3rd position in KZN, and we could not be prouder! Well done to all the Highbury boys who show up and put in so much effort, a true testament to our ethos of "Highbury boys do hard things!"

Boys who have participated in the KZN Cycle Lab Schools Series:

- Max Aitken
- Max Baglione
- Matthew Briner
- Hunter Clarke
- Ethan James Colepeper
- Benjamin Colle
- Conor Doyle
- Nathan de Lange
- Luc Desvaux De Marigny
- Matthieu Desvaux De Marigny
- Joshua Kane-Berman
- Jake Logan
- Kent Logan
- De Waal Louw
- Kade May
- Hudson May
- Charlie Macquet
- Cullen O'Brien
- David Pearce
- Jack Pullen
- Cole Scott
- Kwanda Sibisi
- Judah te Roller
- Adam van Zyl
- Zack van Zyl
- Matthew Venter
- Barclay Way
- Hunter Way
- Jack Young



Sports Results

Rugby

St Charles College 7s Tournament: Saturday, 28 June

Open Boys

vs Northern Park: Won
vs SCC Gold: Won
vs Virginia: Won
vs Laddsworth: Won

Semi-Final vs Midlands: Won 19–14
Final vs Umhlali: Won 35–7

U11 Boys

vs Winterton: Won
vs Pelham: Won
vs Umhlali 2: Lost
vs SCC Blue: Won

Semi-Final vs Pelham: Won 24–21
Final vs Umhlali 1: Lost in Extra Time 21–28

Soccer

Kearsney Soccer Festival: 16–19 July

Group Phase

P: 3 W: 3 L:0 Pts: 9

Won 6–1 vs Broadhurst Primary (Botswana)
Won 6–3 vs Pelham (PMB)
Won 2–1 vs Atholl Heights

Quarter Finals

Lost 2-3 vs Merchiston Prep (PMB)
5th Play Off: Won 2–1 vs John Wesley

Highbury finished 5th out of 12 schools and can be proud of their 1st position in the Group phases.

Basketball

Wednesday, 6 August

U10 Red vs U10 Blue: 18–14
U11A vs U11B: 30–02
3rd vs 4th/5th: 34–06
1st vs 2nd: 78–06

Wednesday, 13 August

U10 Red vs U10 Green 26–18
U11A vs U11B 22–02
4th vs Molweni U13A: 14–00
3rd vs Molweni U13A: 16–11
2nd vs Bhekaphambili U13A: 22–01
1st vs Bhekaphambili U13A: 78–04

Tennis

Romans TKS Limodo Tennis Tournament: 6–9 August

A-Team

vs LS Jordania: Won 48–11
vs LS Louw Geldenhuys: Won 43–27
vs LS Tygerpoort: Won 40–32

Semi-Final vs LS Pta-Oos: Lost 30–35
3rd/4th vs Grey College: Won 35–34

A-Team finished 4th out of 16 schools after finishing one game behind Grey College in the knock-out pool.

B-Team

vs LS Unika: Won 48–25
vs Curro Kathu: Won 48–12
vs LS Tygerpoort: Won 39–28
vs Grey College B: Lost 37–39
vs LS Senekal: Won 46–28

Semi-Final vs LS Wilgerivier: Lost 30–43
3rd/4th vs LS Kathu: Won 39–33

B-Team finished 3rd out of 24 schools.

Sports Results

Hockey

vs Hillcrest Primary School: Friday, 8 August

U10C: Won 5–0
U10B: Won 2–1
U10A: Won 5–0
U11C: Won 3–1
U11B: Won 10–0
U11A: Won 3–0
2nd XI: Won 3–0
1st XI: Drew 1–1

Played: 8
Won: 7
Lost: 0
Drew: 1
Goals For: 32
Goals Against: 3

vs DPHS: Saturday, 16 August

U9H: Lost 0–6
U9G: Won 5–3
U9F: Lost 0–2
U9E: Lost 4–6
U9D: Lost 0–5
U9C: Lost 3–4
U9B: Lost 0–1
U9A: Lost 3–5

U10H: Won 4–0
U10G: Lost 1–7
U10F: Lost 2–4
U10E: Drew 2–2
U10D: Lost 0–6
U10C: Lost 4–7
U10B: Lost 0–5
U10A: Lost 2–3

U11C: Lost 0–5
U11B: Lost 0–1
U11A: Lost 0–3

5th XI: Won 4–0
4th XI: Drew 1–1
3rd XI: Lost 0–3
2nd XI: Won 1–0
1st XI: Lost 2–5

Played: 24
Won: 4
Lost: 18
Drew: 2
Goals For: 38
Goals Against: 84

Athletics

Inter-House Athletics: Wednesday, 30 July & Saturday, 2 August

1st: Escombe's – 309 Points
2nd: Acutt's – 246 Points
3rd: Duff's – 220 Points
4th: Robinson's – 189 Points

Champion Athlete U10: Jamie Levine
Champion Athlete U11: Blayne Piper
Champion Athlete U12: Zuko Ngcibi
Champion Athlete Open: Neo Mphatswe

Mass Relay – Brian Bosman Cup: Duff's
4 x 100m Relays – Eigenmann Family Trophy: Acutt's
Tug of War – Power Shield: Escombe's
House Spirit Trophy – Molver Trophy: Robinson's

Sports Results

Athletics Cont.

KZNCSSA Durban North Zonal Athletics Meeting: Saturday, 16 August

Open

Joshua Anderson – 100m (3rd), 200m (3rd), 1500m (3rd)

Kaden Azran – 200m (4th), Javelin (1st)

Nicholas Hoar – 100m (2nd), 200m (6th)

Mason Mamotte – 1500m (1st)

Neo Mphatswe – High Jump (1st)

Inathi Phakathi – Long Jump (1st)

Mangaliso Sibiya – 100m (1st), 200m (2nd)

U12

Njongo Gqaleni – Shot Put (3rd)

Evan Grace – Shot Put (1st)

Daygan van der Horst – Javelin (1st)

U11

Keegan Dalton – 1200m (1st), High Jump (2nd), Shot Put (2nd)

Blayne Piper – 80m (2nd), 100m (3rd), High Jump (1st), Javelin (1st)

U10

Ntsika Chonco – 80m (2nd), 100m (3rd), 1200m (2nd)

Jamie Levine – 100m (1st), 1200m (1st), High Jump (1st), Long Jump (1st)

Victor Ludorum: Junior 10 –13

1st: Jamie Levine: 1805 Points

3rd: Blayne Piper: 1712 Points

John Roberts Memorial Athletics Meeting: Friday, 1 August

Open

Kaden Azran – 4x100m Relay (1st)

Nicholas Hoar – 4x100m Relay (1st)

Mason Mamotte – 1200m (3rd)

Neo Mphatswe – 4x100m Relay (1st)

Mangaliso Sibiya – 100m (1st), 150m (2nd), 4x100m Relay (1st)

U11

Blayne Piper – 100m (1st), 150m (1st), 70m Hurdles (2nd)

U10

Jamie Levine – 100m (1st), 150m (1st), 1200m (1st), 70m Hurdles (2nd), 4x100m Relay (2nd)

Gray Stockcil-Smith – 4x100m Relay (2nd)

Adam Van Zyl – 4x100m Relay (2nd)

Jack Young – 70m Hurdles (3rd), 4x100m Relay (2nd)

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U11

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Parents, you can easily share your son's achievements with us through the Highbury app. Simply head to **Resources for Parents**, then select the **Notable Achievement Form**. Fill in the details, add a photo if you'd like, and submit – it's that easy!

We can't wait to share and celebrate these moments with our Highbury community.

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