



# **HIGHBURY**

## **PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

# **Highbury Happenings**

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## Message from our Headmaster

Dear Parents

The ability to read critically is more important than ever in a world shaped by artificial intelligence, fake news, and deepfakes. That's why our first key focus in 2025 is developing strong **reading and comprehension** skills in our boys. Highbury's reading programme is carefully structured to help our boys not only become confident readers but also to analyse, question, and interpret the information they consume.

A recent article in the Independent on Saturday stated: *"As traditional media is responsible for less and less of the information we receive, it's especially important to be able to critically evaluate what you read."*

Our goal is to equip boys with the skills to think independently, challenge ideas, and understand different perspectives in the texts they encounter. In a rapidly changing media landscape, fostering critical reading and thinking is essential to navigating the world with confidence and discernment.

The second area we are focusing on is **emotional awareness**. Developing emotional awareness enables people to manage emotions effectively and avoid being derailed by a sudden strong emotion. Research shows that children with higher emotional intelligence pay better attention, engage more in school, build stronger relationships, and show greater empathy.

The third focus area in 2025 is developing **digital responsibility** within the Highbury community. There are many educational benefits to technology and the applications of technology in education cannot be denied. However, not all the information being placed online is benign and we have much to do to protect the children and prepare them for the online space they find themselves in.



When we take the first letter for these words, the R for 'Reading', the E for 'Emotional Awareness' and the D for 'Digital Responsibility' we get the word **RED**. There are two images that come to mind when thinking about RED: The first image is a red traffic light. The red traffic light tells us to stop. As a society, we need to stop and think about the current state of reading in the world. We need to stop and think about the impact that unsupervised and age-inappropriate technology is having on our children and we need to grow our emotional intelligence.

The second image to think about when we think of the word RED is a heart. As a community, we want to grow the influence of kindness and compassion in our school and society. **The Highbury theme for this year is RED.**

Kind regards  
**Roland Lacock**  
Headmaster

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Roland Lacock', written over a horizontal line.



# A Handful of Happenings

## Welcome Back!

The school was filled with excitement on the first day back as our boys returned to school. They delighted in seeing their friends and meeting their new teachers. Wishing our Highbury family an action-packed year filled with lots of learning, growing, laughter and good health.



## 2024 School Magazine

Our 2024 school magazine has gone to print and will be coming home with your child in March.

Thank you to the Highbury staff who have worked hard to compile this beautiful publication: writing reports, captioning photographs, compiling class pages, and more.

A big thank you to all the parents who advertised in the magazine.



## 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 remember to pack sufficient **drinking water** for your child. With the ongoing water crisis in Hillcrest, we need to ensure all children remain hydrated 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** has been postponed and won't be on 7 March as per the printed calendar. We will announce a new date once confirmed.
- Remember to apply for your younger children to join **Weavers' Nest** in 2026.

## Upcoming

- Term 1 half term: 21 - 24 February
- Term 1 break up day: 28 March
- Term 2 start: 23 April
- Term 2 half term: 23 - 26 May
- **LAD Talk: 26 February**
- Grade 4 Durban Day: 6 March
- Music Concert: 11 March
- Grade 1 Interactive Day at St Mary's: 12 March
- **Weavers' Nest Open Day: 13 March**
- **Highbury Open Day: 14 March**
- Grade 1 Number Fun Day: 17 March
- Grade 2 Pirate Day: 18 March
- Easter Service (SP): 19 March
- Easter Service (FP): 20 March
- **Highbury Golf Day: 20 March**
- Human Rights Day: 21 March
- Grade 7 Camp: 24 - 28 March
- Grade 6 Camp: 24 - 27 March
- Grade 5 Camp: 26 - 28 March
- Grade 3 STEAM Day: 26 March

# A Handful of Happenings

## Heat Pumps

We have installed two new energy-efficient heat pumps in our pool to replace the old ones, ensuring the water stays at the perfect temperature while reducing our energy consumption. This means a more reliable, eco-friendly heating system.

## Pupdate

We are so proud of Sunny, our therapy dog, who is now officially registered as an Education Support Dog. She is the first in South Africa with this certification. Highbury continues to prove we are never behind – Jamais Arriere.



## All Grown Up

Our hearts are bursting with pride as we watch our 2024 Grade 00 girls soar in Grade R at St Mary's this year. Don't they just look so smart in their 'big school' uniform?



## World Read Aloud Day

Highbury was buzzing with excitement as boys and teachers dressed up as their favourite book characters for World Read Aloud Day.

To make the day even more special, our teachers picked a class to read to, sharing stories that had everyone hooked from the first page. There was plenty of laughter, some wide-eyed moments, and maybe even a few plot twists no one saw coming.



# A Handful of Happenings

## Kool to Care

There's nothing quite like the excitement of our first Kool-To-Care (KTC) session of the year.

The boys were all smiles as they met up with their buddies – some reconnecting with familiar faces, others meeting their 'brothers' for the very first time. It's always amazing to see how naturally the Grade 7 boys step into their roles as leaders, guiding their groups with a mix of confidence, care, and a whole lot of heart.

This time around, the boys took a moment to jot down their ambitions for the year ahead, and we look forward to seeing them work towards those goals.



## Open Days

Word of mouth is a very powerful marketing tool. Every time you talk positively to friends, colleagues and acquaintances about Highbury and Weavers' Nest, you are helping us to create awareness in our community of what makes Highbury and Weavers' Nest such a happy place of learning for our boys and girls. Please tell your friends about us and encourage them to join our Open Days on 13 and 14 March 2025.



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# Board of Governors

## Introducing our new Chairman of the Board of Governors: Mr Blake Edy.

We are pleased to welcome Blake Edy as Highbury's new Chairman of the Board of Governors. Blake has been an integral part of our Finance Sub-Committee since 2020 and now steps into this leadership role as Mr Murray Evennett concludes his term.

Beyond his commitment to Highbury, Blake is a dedicated family man. His wife, Natalie, is a photographer, and together they have two sons at the school — Oliver (Grade 6) and Noah (Grade 3).

To help our Highbury families get to know him better, we asked Blake a few questions about his background, his vision for the school, and what Highbury means to him.



### Can you tell us a bit about your background and what led you to join Highbury as Chairman of the Board of Governors?

I am a Chartered Accountant and although my background is in finance, I currently work in a frozen food manufacturing and distribution business where I am involved in various aspects of the business from operations to procurement, logistics and a bit of finance. I originally joined the Finance Sub-Committee in 2020, when my oldest son was in Grade One! After a few years on the Finance Sub-Committee, I was appointed as the Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee and then towards the end of last year, I was appointed as the new Chairman of the Board of Governors.

### What excites you most about stepping into this role at Highbury?

I enjoy strategic planning, and I am most excited about the opportunities that exist through strategic planning to cement Highbury's position as one of the leading independent boys' primary schools in South Africa.

### What are your key priorities as Chairman of the Board of Governors?

Firstly supporting the Headmaster and my fellow Board of Governors is an ongoing key priority. Secondly, I will be prioritising the refinement of Highbury's strategic plan for the next 3 – 10 years and beyond.

### What do you believe sets Highbury apart from other schools?

Highbury has one of the most serene campuses in the country, with our stone Chapel and McMillan cricket oval being highlights for me! The school offers something for every boy and this diverse offering, coupled with a nurturing environment sets Highbury apart and enables the boys to thrive. The Cap 'n Chino crunchies are also the best!

### If you could describe your vision for Highbury in three words, what would they be?

Sustainable, world-class, and inclusive.

### What do you enjoy doing outside of your professional commitments, and what might the Highbury community be surprised to learn about you?

I enjoy running and cycling and recently swam the Midmar Mile. I also like a bit of adventure and once climbed to the top of Moses Mabhida Stadium to do the bungee swing.

### If you could go back to school for a day, what subject would you want to sit in on at Highbury?

Science!

### What's your favourite thing to buy at the Cap 'n Chino?

A cappuccino and of course a world-famous crunchie.

### What message would you like to share with the Highbury families, students, and staff as you begin this new chapter?

Highbury has a special place in my heart as my boys have thrived during their time at the school. As part of the Highbury community, I am looking forward to helping to secure Highbury's future so that it will continue to provide a place where students can continue to not only thrive but leave as well-rounded, well-educated young gentlemen.

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## Highbury Old Boys

To strengthen the lifelong bond between Highbury and its Old Boys, a Highbury Old Boys' Association membership fee has now been included in the school fees. This ensures that every boy remains connected to the rich legacy and supportive network of the Highbury community long after he leaves.

The Association brings together Old Boys, past parents, staff, and donors who share a passion for maintaining the school's world-class standards and providing opportunities for future generations. In today's competitive world, a strong alumni network is invaluable — not just for the school, but for the boys themselves as they seek connections and opportunities in their careers.

As a member, your records are kept up to date, you gain access to exclusive networking events, reunions, and mentorship opportunities, and you remain part of a community that supports both you and Highbury.

This year, reunions will be held in Constantia (May), at Highbury on Spirit Day (June), and for Old Boys now in Matric (October). Milestone reunion years including the Classes of 1975, 1985, 1995, and 2005 are especially encouraged to attend.

Your involvement is key to ensuring that Highbury's legacy continues as we help the next generation of boys to become men who contribute to society.

Please email [alumni@hps.co.za](mailto:alumni@hps.co.za) for any queries.

## Parents' Association

2025 is well underway and the Highbury Parents' Association kicked off the year with an incredible show of 'Highbury Heart' at the annual Midmar Mile on the 8th and 9th of February. It was fabulous to see so many Highbury families participating in this exciting event.

We found more Highbury Heart through the incredible support of our Valentine's Day Flower Market. This 'pop-up' fundraising initiative meant our PA was able to 'share the love' and make Valentine's spoils super easy and convenient for our Highbury and Weavers' Nest families.

The PA Committees are hard at work in preparation for our annual Family Day in June. Look out for an opportunity to get involved in our 'Rugby & Soccer Breakfast Bar' in term 2.

To learn more about the Highbury Parents' Association please check out our section on the Highbury app. We look forward to an exciting year ahead!



**HIGHBURY**  
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



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## Staff



### Welcome to the Family

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our new staff who join us this year. We are so excited to have you join the Highbury family and look forward to many happy years together!

From left to right:

**Sr Kathy Andrews** (School Nurse)

**Miss Helen Laatz** (Grade 6 Form Teacher)

**Mr Devyn Camons** (Grade 7 Form Teacher)

**Mrs Amy van Zyl** (Weavers' Nest Aftercare Manager)

**Miss Aaliyah Kistna** (Grade 3 Teacher)

**Mrs Tiana-Rose Dunstone** (Grade 0000 Teacher)

**Mr Jaques Voss** (Head of Sport)



### Long Service

This month, two of our staff members were acknowledged for 20 years of service. Thank you, **Miss Felicity Khumalo** and **Mr Alpheus Mazibuko**, for dedicating two decades to Highbury.



### PADSSA Coaching

Congratulations to **Mr Ayanda Shazi** who has been appointed as Coach for the Panthers (u11 PADSSA cricket team).

### Engagement

Congratulations to **Mrs Suzi Roberts** who recently got engaged. We wish you and Darren all the best as you plan the wedding!



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## Staff



### A Baby Girl

Congratulations to **Miss Tholakele Khumalo** on the birth of her beautiful baby girl, Asemahle Nokukhanya. She was born on 22 January weighing a healthy 3.13kg.



### Advanced Driving Course

Congratulations to **Mr Jabulani Gumede** and **Mr Sizwe Mfeka** for completing their Advanced / Defensive Driving Course which includes advanced driving, defensive driving, aquaplaning, anti hijack, gravel road driving, distracted while driving, and following distances.



### Hillcrest Marathon

Well done to **Mr David Burns, Mrs Taryn Essery, Mrs Gill Smyth** who ran the Hillcrest Marathon.



### Where's Wally?

Our teachers dressed up for World Read Aloud Day, and the SP teachers all coordinated to dress up like Wally. The boys loved seeing them take part!

**“A good education can change anyone.  
A good teacher can change everything!”  
— Unknown**

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# Book Club

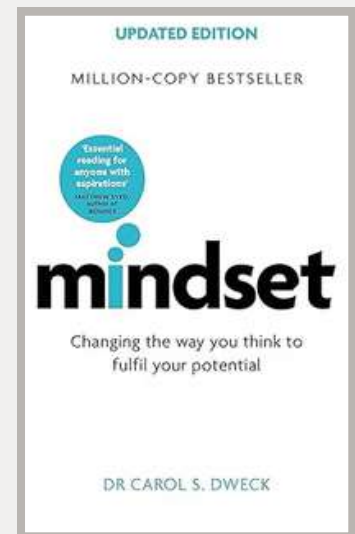
## ***Mindset: The New Psychology of Success by Carol Dweck***

Mindset: The New Psychology of Success by Carol Dweck explores how our beliefs about intelligence and abilities shape our success in life. Dweck introduces two core mindsets:

1. Fixed Mindset – People with this mindset believe that intelligence and talents are static traits. They avoid challenges, fear failure, and see effort as pointless since they believe abilities are innate.
2. Growth Mindset – Those with a growth mindset see abilities as something that can be developed through effort, learning, and perseverance. They embrace challenges, persist through setbacks, and view failure as a learning opportunity.

Dweck applies these mindsets to areas like education, business, relationships, and parenting, showing how shifting to a growth mindset can lead to greater achievement and resilience. The book emphasises the power of belief in shaping behavior and outcomes, encouraging readers to cultivate a mindset that fosters continuous learning and improvement.

**Recommended by Mr Roland Lacock**



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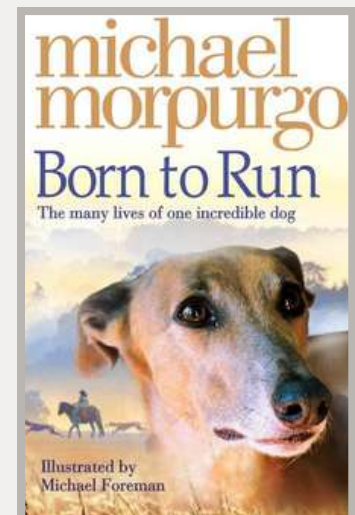
## ***Born to Run by Michael Morpurgo***

If your son loves stories about adventure, resilience, and the unbreakable bond between humans and animals, Born to Run by Michael Morpurgo is a must-read!

This heartwarming book follows the journey of a greyhound named Best Mate. Saved from a canal as a puppy by a boy named Patrick, Best Mate finds himself on an unexpected path through different owners and challenges — each one shaping his incredible story. From life as a beloved pet to the fast-paced world of greyhound racing, and even a daring escape to freedom, Best Mate's journey is filled with excitement, heartache, and hope.

Michael Morpurgo's storytelling brings Best Mate's perspective to life, making readers feel every twist and turn of his adventure. It's a touching reminder of the power of love, loyalty, and never giving up — perfect for young readers who enjoy animal stories and thrilling adventures.

**Recommended by Miss Bongisisa Mamba**



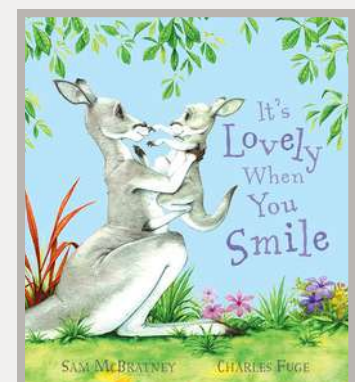
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## ***It's Lovely When You Smile by Sam McBratney***

If you're looking for a heartwarming story to share with little ones, It's Lovely When You Smile by Sam McBratney is a delightful choice. This beautifully illustrated picture book follows a young rabbit, Little Roo, who's having a particularly grumpy day. Nothing seems to go right — until his mother's playful antics help turn his frown into a smile.

With its gentle message about emotions and the power of love, this story is a wonderful reminder that a little laughter and a lot of love can brighten even the gloomiest days. Illustrated by Charles Fuge, the charming artwork brings the characters to life, making this a cozy read for bedtime or any time a pick-me-up is needed.

**Recommended by Ms Kerry Swale**



# Weavers' Nest

We've had a wonderful start to the year at Weavers' Nest! We recently hosted our Parents' Information Evening, where parents had the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and connect with other families in our community. Our Coffee Catch Ups have also been in full swing — these one-on-one meetings allow parents and teachers to discuss each child's progress in a relaxed setting.

This term, our umbrella theme is 'I am God's extraordinary work of art', and we are weaving this message into every aspect of our learning. Through books, rhymes, poems, songs, and art, we are encouraging self-exploration and gratitude, celebrating just how marvellously we are made. Every moment is a chance to learn, and we're making the most of them!



## Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day at Weavers' Nest was full of fun and smiles! The children arrived dressed in red, white, and pink, ready for a day of celebration. There was plenty of excitement and a whole lot of love all around.



## Settling In

Just a few weeks in, and our Grade 0000s are already settling in so beautifully. They've gone from quiet observers to confident little explorers, making new friends, trying new things, and finding their rhythm. Every day brings a little more courage, a little more curiosity, and a whole lot of fun for our littlest Weavers.



## Adventure Garden

Our Grade 000 children ventured out to the Adventure Garden for the very first time! Each child arrived at school clutching their favourite teddy bear, ready for a morning filled with excitement, exploration, and imagination.

After a sweet teddy bears' picnic, they were off to explore. With no traditional playgrounds in sight, they embraced good old-fashioned fun: climbing logs, balancing on rocks, digging in the dirt, swinging from the trees, and letting their imaginations run wild.

## Choo Choo!

All aboard the Grade 00 Express! Inspired by 'The Magic Train Ride' by Sally Crabtree, our little engineers put their creativity to the test, building life-sized trains out of recycled materials, and working together over a few days to bring their vision to life.

It was pure joy watching their faces light up as they explored and discovered the magic of unstructured play.



**“Play is the highest form of research.” – Albert Einstein**

# Foundation Phase

This term has been filled with exciting themes and hands-on learning!

Grade R explored 'I am Blessed', celebrating being a Highbury boy, learning about their bodies, and discovering their God-given gifts. They also built early phonics and numeracy skills.

Grade 1 focused on 'Me at Highbury', developing phonics, numeracy, and reading skills through Mr Big/Mr Small, Fun Fridays, and Highbury Speak. They practised problem-solving, social skills, and movement breaks like morning runs and brain breaks.

Grade 2 dived into 'Sun, Sea, Sand and Pirates!', exploring ocean life, environmental awareness, reading buddies, and key maths concepts like bonds and shapes.

Grade 3 focused on 'Becoming Exceptional', learning about inspiring figures like Siya Kolisi and Bear Grylls, reflecting on resilience, grit, and kindness.

Our boys are growing in confidence, curiosity, and character every day!



## Learning Letters

In Grade 1, learning letters is all about making them stick in fun and creative ways. For 'F', the boys got stuck into foam, writing the letter on their desks. Messy, but effective! 'H' had them up and moving with hip-hop dancing, turning letter learning into a dance party. 'N' got loud with Noisy Nick on the drums, making sure they wouldn't forget that sound anytime soon. And for 'P', they made pink pig biscuits, because learning is even better when there's a snack involved. Each letter comes with its own adventure, making sure the boys have fun while they learn.



## Morning Run

The morning run has become an integral part of life at school for our Foundation Phase boys! It is always wonderful to see their improvement over the year. They go from struggling to run one lap to running over 10 laps with ease. With every step, they're building stamina, resilience, determination, and a lifelong love for staying active.



## Creating Masterpieces

Our Grade 2 boys have created some beautiful art to tie in with their 'Sun, Sea, Sand and Pirates' theme.

**"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss**

# Senior Primary

Our Senior Primary boys have hit the ground running this year! Grade 4 is diving into mapwork, exploring South Africa, Durban, and its landmarks.

Grade 5 has been learning about the San, cracking open an ostrich egg, and getting creative with mixed-media lizards in Art. They also wrote about Ragnar the crabeater seal, who washed up in Ramsgate!

Grade 6 is tackling whole numbers and creating scale maps. They've been exploring inspiring athletes, writing biographies, and working on speech skills.

Grade 7 is sharpening their maths skills for the South African Maths Challenge, exploring the Biosphere in Science, and creating maps of Hillcrest. In English, they're gearing up for public speaking.



## Script Writing

The Grade 6 and 7 boys are creating radio adverts to enhance their creativity, teamwork and communication skills. This engaging task also works towards developing their persuasive writing and public speaking abilities. Watch this space!

## Motivational Monsters

The Grade 6s created these fun monsters to spread positive messages for 2025. Inspired by American Artist Kevin Lyons, each of our budding artists created his own unique monster and message.



## Science Apparatus

Our Grade 6 boys are learning how to use essential science apparatus with confidence and care. From test tubes to Bunsen burners, measuring cylinders to beakers, the boys got hands-on experience with the tools that will fuel their experiments throughout the year.

Under the guidance of Mr Shaw, they mastered key techniques like accurate measuring, safe handling, and proper setup. This is a great start to what's sure to be a year full of exciting experiments!

## Highbury's History

The Grade 4s are exploring Highbury's rich history through hands-on activities. They visited the Highburian museum to research answers for their workbooks, embarked on a scavenger hunt to learn more about the school's staff and buildings, and even mapped out Highbury as it was in 1932.



## Snail Racing

You know you're at a boys' school when one of the break time activities is snail racing! These Grade 4 boys were hedging their bets on which snail would win. [Watch the video here.](#)



## San Rock Art

After learning about how the San made paint and paintbrushes, where they would paint, and the subjects of their paintings, the Grade 5 boys did their own San 'rock' art in their workbooks, using the same colours and subject matter that the San did.

**“Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody.” – Kid President**

## Outreach



### Stationery Drive

Thank you to all the generous families who donated stationery at the end of last year. This was handed over to Egcekeni Primary School.

### MySchool

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



### CHOC

Thank you to our Highbury families for their support of CHOC – Have a Heart for Children with Cancer Campaign, which we participated in on Friday, 14 February. Our focus was on raising an awareness amongst our children and being part of making a difference. Through your generous donations we were able to hand over R7010 which is absolutely incredible! Thank you for your continued support of our various outreach projects.

## Eco

### Deep Rooted

'Deep Rooted' is this year's theme, but one aspect of this Enviro programme is 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. We would appreciate your support and encouragement of your son in the collection of the following items:

**Monday:** Project Hope – bread tags and milk bottle caps collected can be sent to Mrs Basner in the Kitchen.

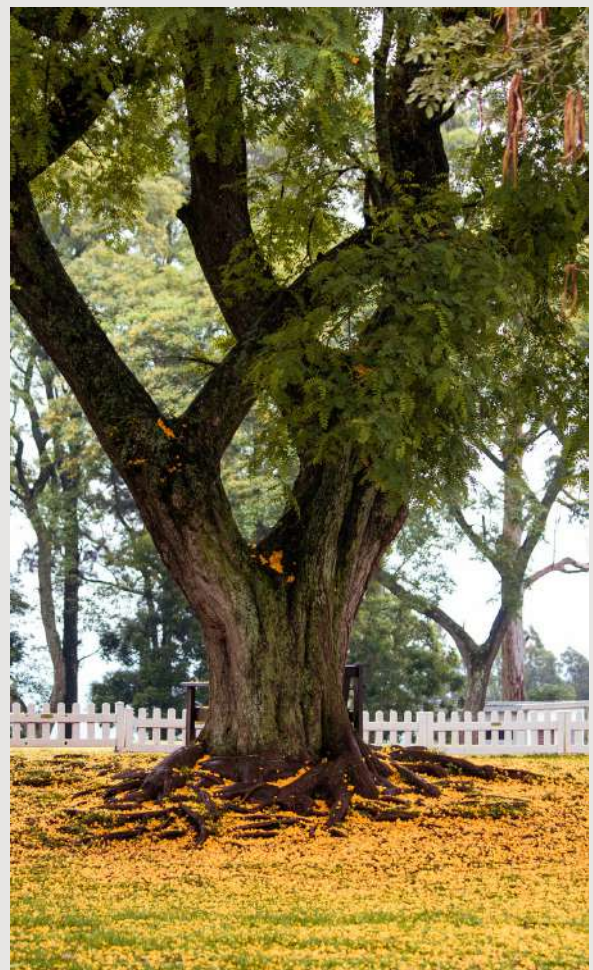
**Tuesday:** Milk bottles can be placed in the containers between Aftercare and the swimming pool. (This initiative is with Enviro Timbers where the school will get one recycled bench for every three benches that are produced. It takes about 1200 milk bottles to produce one bench.)

**Wednesday:** Newspapers, paper and cardboard flattened and packed in plastic carrier bags. Please place in the designated recycling area outside the Media Room. This is a 'House Collection' where points are allocated to each House per kilogram of paper collected. These points go towards the final tally for the Champion Shield awarded at the end of the year.

**Thursday:** Green Office Collections i.e. batteries and cartridges to the box outside the Library.

**Friday:** Ice-cream and yoghurt tubs for CROW to Mrs de Beer's classroom.

E-Waste (computer accessories, monitors, telecommunication equipment, toasters, bulbs, irons) will be collected on dedicated days which will be published each term. Thank you for your support in engaging with our boys about how they can make a difference, ensuring that planet Earth remains 'green forever'.



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## Culture



### Clarinet

Well done to **Jahan Seery** (Grade 7) who passed his Grade 3 Trinity Level 1 Clarinet exam.



### Voice

Well done to **Luca Mons Clark** (Grade 5) who passed his Grade 3 Trinity Level 1 Voice exam.



### Voice

Well done to **Lumnene Qwabe** (Grade 4) who passed his Grade 1 Trinity Level 1 Voice exam with merit.



### Violin

Well done to **Michael Laurence** (Grade 7) who passed his Grade 2 ABRSM Violin exam with merit.

## Sport

### Inter-House Gala

Our Senior Primary Inter-House Gala, held over two days, was a fantastic display of sportsmanship and determination. The boys put their heart into every lap, and the cheers from the sidelines were simply brilliant.

Duff's clinched the win, while Robinson's took home the Spirit Trophy for their amazing enthusiasm. A huge thank you to all our swimmers, supporters, and everyone who helped make the event such a success.



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## Sport



### Motocross

Congratulations to **Joshua de Lange** (Grade 00) who competed in his second motocross race ever and placed 2nd in the PW50 class.



### Midmar Mile

Well done to all the boys who swam the Midmar Mile. This is no easy feat, and we are very proud of you for all completing the race.



### Karting

Congratulations to **Melokuhle Ndlovu** (Grade 1) who came 2nd in a KZN karting competition. This was his first time competing.

### Valentine's Gala

Our Grade 2 and 3 boys made a splash at the Valentine's Gala. They teamed up with St Mary's and welcomed local schools for an afternoon of fun and friendly competition.

A big thank you to our visiting schools for joining us and to all the teachers, coaches, and parents who helped make this event such a wonderful experience. It was a fantastic day of swimming, friendship, and making memories — just the way we like it at Highbury.



### Motocross

Congratulations to **Nathan de Lange** (Grade 3) who competed a motocross competition and placed 1st in the 50cc Snr class.



### Swimming

Well done to **Xavier Diaz** (Grade 4) who competed in the Baynesfield Seeding Swim 1.2km race.



### Athletics

Congratulations to **Jamie Levine** (Grade 4) who competed in the SA Athletic Champs in Bloemfontein. Jamie came 1st in the U9 600m race, and set a new record.



# Sports Results

During a half-term that has been regularly disrupted with inclement weather and cancelled sports fixtures, our boys have made the most of every opportunity to compete against neighbouring schools.

Sport is an integral part of life at Highbury, and we strive to ensure that every boy has the chance to participate and compete across a wide range of sporting codes.

## Cricket

### **Kearsney College 100 Tournament**

Highbury sent two mixed open teams to this wonderful initiative and formed part of their trials process. The boys played wonderful cricket for their first outing of the year and both teams only lost one fixture over the weekend. Awards went to the following players:

- Player of the Festival: Oliver Hooper
- Bowler of the Festival: Keagan Lund

### **Virginia 6s Tournament - 1st XI**

Saturday 18 January

The 1st XI travelled to Northwood to participate in this annual tournament. They played entertaining cricket the whole day and unfortunately lost in the final to a strong Penzance team.

### **Cricket vs Atholl Heights Primary School**

Week of 20 January

Results were as follows:

U10A lost by 30 runs.

- Matthew Goble 49\*
- Charlie Macquet 2-11
- Jack Young 2-17
- Matthew Goble 2-26

U11A won by 63 runs.

- Matthew Linington 66
- Xavier Chessa 33
- Harry Dixon 31
- Mark Lovell 2-32

2nd XI won by 7 wickets.

- Jack Buzzard 2-2
- Francis Waldburger 2-7

1st XI won by 156 runs.

- Matthew Hope 116\*
- Michael Laurence 59
- Oliver Hooper 52

### **Cricket vs Clifton, Durban**

Week of 10 February

In a rain-affected fixture, the results were as follows:

U10C won by 10 wickets.

U10B won by 66 runs.

- Blake Baird 33\*
- Matthew Bunge 2-3
- Blake Baird 2-9

U11C won by 7 wickets.

- Melisizwe Shandu 2-2

U11B won by 60 runs.

- Reece Dent 48
- Ben Wilkinson 43
- Madsen Duffield 2-11

4th XI lost by 5 wickets.

- Thomas Morgan 2-15

### **Cricket vs Winston Park**

Week of 17 February

In a rain-affected fixture the results were as follows:

1st XI won by 77 runs.

- Oliver Hooper 86
- Michael Laurence 46
- Oliver Edy 3-14

### **PADSSA U11 Trials**

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected for the U11 PADSSA Squad:

- Xavier Chessa
- Matthew Linington
- Danny Rendelheiro
- Zander Moodley
- Alwande Gwala

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# Sports Results

## Basketball

### **Saheti Basketball Tournament - 1st Team**

The results were as follows:

vs ISSA: Won 2-6  
vs Heronbridge: Won 22-3  
vs Kings School, Linbro Park: Won 36-11  
vs The Ridge: Leading 21-4

Unfortunately, the tournament was abandoned at this stage, due to inclement weather.

## Tennis

### **Ethekwini Tennis Trials**

Congratulations to the following boys who have made it through to the 2nd Round, scheduled for the 1st & 2nd March.

- Luc Macquet
- Manelisi Ngcamu
- Seth Haslam

## Swimming

In preparation for the much anticipated D&D Interschools Championship Gala on Friday 7th March, our swimming squad participated in the following swimming galas, where they performed admirably:

**WBHS Championship Swimming Gala** on Monday 20 January.

**St Mary's Invitational Swimming Gala** on Wednesday 5 February.

**DPHS Invitational Relay Gala** on Wednesday 12 February.

**Curro HCA Invitational Swimming Gala** on Tuesday 18 February.

**Highways A-Zone Interschools Relay Gala** on Tuesday 25 February.

### **Senior Prep Interhouse Swimming Gala**

On a vibey afternoon and evening, the boys, staff and parents were treated to wonderful swimming by all the boys that participated in this annual event that is a highlight of the calendar. The final results were:

Spirit Trophy: Robinson's  
4th Place: Acutt's  
3rd Place: Escombe's  
2nd Place: Robinson's  
1st Place: Duff's

A massive congratulations to all the individual race winners.

## Water Polo

### **Water Polo vs Clifton, Durban**

Friday, 14 February

Congratulations to all the boys and staff on a fantastic set of results.

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| 1st: Lost 3-7  |           |
| 2nd: Won 10-5  |           |
| 3rd: Won 6-1   | Played: 8 |
| 4th: Won 13-1  | Won: 7    |
| U11A: Won 8-3  | Lost: 1   |
| U10A: Won 15-1 | GF: 62    |
| JnrC: Won 6-2  | GA: 21    |
| JnrD: Won 1-1  |           |

**Wishing our teams who are on tour over the half-term break, all the best.**

- Our 1st Water Polo Team at the Grey Junior Water Polo Tournament in Gqeberha.
- Our 1st XI Cricket Team at the Prep Schools Cricket Festival, hosted by St Andrew's Prep in Makhanda.

# Achievements for our Newsletter

We love celebrating the achievements of our boys — both in and out of the classroom! Whether it's a sports victory, a music performance, a milestone or , or something special they've accomplished outside of school, we want to hear about it.

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.



## cubs

do your best . . .

7-10 year old boys

Being a Cub is fun and exciting! You learn new things, make new friends, do good turns to help people and protect nature around you!



play, sing and build things with friends, discover and explore new places, plants, animals, cultures and technologies, camp or have a sleepover.

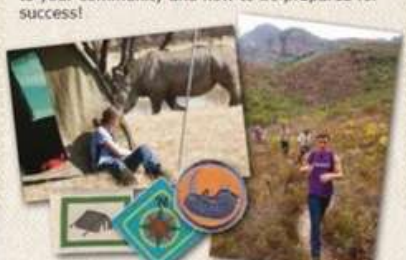
ready to explore and have fun as a cub?

## scouts

be prepared . . .

11-17 year old boys

Being a Scout teaches you how to be independent, how to take responsibility, how to protect your environment, how to contribute to your community and how to be prepared for success!



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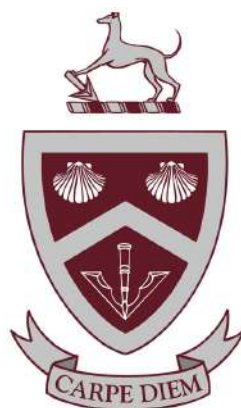
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## Venue Hire

Did you know that you can hire venues at Highbury for private events? The venues available for hire are: Centenary Hall, Memorial Hall, Mike Procter Pavilion, Lecture Theatre, LEAP Pavilion, Chapel, Highbury Aftercare and the playing fields. Visit our website to find out more or to book a venue: [hps.co.za/venue-hire](https://hps.co.za/venue-hire)

## Tuk Tuk Sponsorship

Kickstart your morning with a coffee from our Tuk Tuk after drop-off. The Coffee Cruiser is parked at the Centenary Hall zebra crossing, ready to fuel your day. 100% of the proceeds go towards sustaining the school, and every sip supports Highbury's mission to stay a top-tier prep school! Thank you to Kearsney College for sponsoring The Coffee Cruiser Tuk Tuk this term. If you'd like to sponsor the Tuk Tuk for a term, please reach out to Nomfundo at [nomfundo.ndumndum@hps.co.za](mailto:nomfundo.ndumndum@hps.co.za).



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