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Message from our Headmaster

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that autumn is upon us and that we are already halfway through the second term of 2025. The trees on the property are turning to the golden and brown hues of autumn, and there has been a noticeable chill in the air.

I would like to thank you, our parents, for your support during the winter sports season. Many exciting matches have been played on the soccer pitches and rugby fields. At the end of last term, I wrote a letter to our community appealing for your support in upholding the values of the Highbury community on the sidelines this season. I have greatly appreciated the **positive role parents have played**, cheering joyfully for the boys and showing respect to referees during the first half of the season. The boys have been encouraged to foster team spirit and demonstrate good sportsmanship on the field, and together we look forward to the rest of the season.

A few years ago, posters with the words **"Hhayi la"** were placed around the school. Translated into English, these words mean "Not here". At Highbury, we have been intentional about saying Hhayi la to a number of things. First and foremost, we say Hhayi la to racism. Our school welcomes children from a wide range of racial and cultural backgrounds, and it is important that all children and parents feel a strong sense of belonging. We also say Hhayi la to bullying and unkind behaviour.

Highbury must be a place where **every child feels safe, respected, and treated with dignity**. These messages are shared with the boys regularly in Chapel and classroom lessons. As parents, you play a vital role in reinforcing this message at home. Please speak about this phrase in your homes and join us in standing against racism and bullying.



Our theme for the year is **RED – Reading, Emotional Development, and Digital Awareness**. I have referenced the work of Jonathan Haidt on a few occasions recently, and there is one aspect of his work that I would particularly like to support. Haidt promotes the concept of **"Wait Until Eighth"**, which encourages delaying the introduction of a smartphone until a child reaches the eighth grade. While the Highbury iPad programme is carefully managed and offers age-appropriate digital support, providing your child with a smartphone at a young age can expose them to broad and often inappropriate internet access. I encourage you to consider postponing the purchase of a smartphone until your child completes primary school or enters Grade 8.

Enjoy the half-term break – take time to rest, reflect, and enjoy the changing weather and autumn colours.

Wishing you all a blessed half-term.

Kind regards
Roland Lacock
Headmaster



A Handful of Happenings

Highbury Turns 122 Years Old

We celebrated Founders' Day with a whole school assembly where Mr Lacock shared some brilliant throwbacks and tales from Highbury's rich history. Then came the much-loved Chapel Challenge – and what a race it was! Our boys ran their hearts out, with cheers, claps, high fives and encouragement at every corner. With the Weavers' Nest children there to cheer them on, it was a beautiful reminder that the Highbury family always shows up to support one another.

Well done to the winners from each grade: **Nathan Bunge** (Grade R), **Grayson Despy** (Grade 1), **Samuel Whiteley** (Grade 2), **Jack Hooper** (Grade 3), **Jamie Levine** (Grade 4), **Blayne Piper** (Grade 5), **Ibanathi Simelane** (Grade 6), **Mangaliso Sibiya** (Grade 7).



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 your son's **iPad is fully charged** before school and all apps are up to date.
- The **lost property** box is overflowing! Please ask your son to check for any missing items.
- As the weather changes, please ensure your son has the **correct seasonal uniform** and that all items are clearly labelled.
- Kindly follow the **traffic flow rules** during peak hours and keep parking areas clear to ensure everyone's safety.
- Do not park and obstruct a pedestrian crossing in any way.

Upcoming

- **Half Term - 23 May - 26 May**
- LAD Parent Talk - 28 May
- FP Inter-House Cross Country - 29 May
- SP Inter-House Cross Country - 29 May
- Music Concert - 5 June
- **Highbury Family Day - 7 June**
- Weavers' Nest Father's Day - 11 & 12 June
- SP Father's Day - 12 June
- FP Father's Day (evening) - 12 June
- Grade 2 Excursion - 13 June
- **Highbury Spirit Day - 14 June**
- **Old Boys' Reunion - 14 June**
- Youth Day (public holiday) - 16 June
- Music Concert - 19 June
- Grade 3 Medieval Day - 25 June
- Grade 1 Safari Day - 26 June
- End of Term 2 - 27 June
- Weavers' Nest & FP reports available on ADAM - 27 June
- SP reports available on ADAM - 2 July

A Handful of Happenings

Grade 7 Hoodies

The wait is over, our Grade 7s have their hoodies!

It's a Highbury tradition they've looked forward to for years, and now that they've got them, they're making the most of it. Rain or shine, 10°C or 40°C... if it's Friday, the hoodies are on.



Commitment to the Core

Now, this is commitment! **Mr Harvey** and **Mr Camons** didn't let a monsoon stop them from backing the boys. They truly are the real MVPs of moral support.

We're officially calling this 'sideline couture'.



Bathroom Upgrades

We're pleased to share that the Foundation Phase bathroom has been fully upgraded and refurbished! The new space is fresh, functional, and designed with our young boys in mind.



IT Lab Refurbishment

Our brand-new IT Lab is currently being renovated and it's going to be a game-changer. With updated tech, a fresh new look, and a space designed to spark innovation, our boys will soon have the perfect environment to explore, create and get future-proofed. Watch this space!



A Handful of Happenings

An Unexpected Surprise

After news of Atipa Kawara and Grayson Fourie's 1961 1c coin discovery near the Highbury jungle gym made its way onto social media and into the pages of the Highway Mail, we were overwhelmed by the response.

Messages came pouring in from people near and far, sharing their fascination and fond memories of collecting coins. One email stood out in particular. Bassani's Auction House got in touch to say how much they loved the story. They felt inspired to encourage Atipa and Grayson's budding interest in numismatics (that's coin collecting, as the boys have since learned), and decided to send them a very special gift.

Each boy received a 2025 Silver Krugerrand in its official proof box - the latest release and a striking contrast to the well-worn 1961 1c they had uncovered. Along with the coin came a personalised letter and, to their delight, some Chappies. The note shared a quirky bit of trivia: years ago, some shop owners used Chappies as a form of small change when they ran out of coins.

The presentation took place during morning Chapel, and it couldn't have been more fitting. The theme was 'sharing our treasures', and this gesture, both generous and meaningful, brought the message to life in the most beautiful way.



Highbury Herald

When Benjamin Janse van Rensburg from Grade 5 had the idea to start a school newspaper, he didn't keep it to himself - he made an appointment with Mr Lacock to pitch it. Mr Lacock, always up for encouraging initiative, told Ben to bring him a first draft by the end of the week.

True to his word, Ben delivered. But what he didn't expect was to find that very first edition proudly pinned up on the notice board for everyone to read.

Since then, The Highbury Herald has become a bi-weekly highlight. Boys gather to read the latest news, opinions and fun facts - all written by one of their own.

We love that our boys have a space to express themselves, share ideas, and get creative. Well done, Ben, for getting the presses rolling!



**“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”
– Benjamin Franklin**

Highbury Old Boys

Old Boys' Reunion in Cape Town

On Thursday, 15 May, the very first official Highbury Old Boys Cape Town Reunion was held on a perfect autumn evening at Constantia Uitsig Wine Estate, at the charming Nest Deli. With a backdrop of vineyards and mountain views, Old Boys spanning over 60 years, along with past staff, gathered to reconnect, reminisce and celebrate the spirit of Highbury.

The evening began with drinks, canapés and a welcome from Highbury's Headmaster, Mr Roland Lacock, followed by a captivating speech from our guest of honour, Mr Peter Dauncey, Deputy Headmaster 1978-1998. Mr Dauncey's address reflected on his time at Highbury, unforgettable memories, and the importance of adding to the greater good.

There was a tangible sense of camaraderie as stories were shared, Old Boy ties were worn with pride, and memories came flooding back. Just like the iconic Highbury mosaic badge on the Memorial Hall is made up of many individual pieces, each one of our Highbury family presents a part of something greater - a shared legacy that continues to grow.

We hope this event marks the beginning of a strong and thriving Cape Town branch of Highbury Old Boys. Thank you all for a wonderful evening making history and reconnecting. Jamais Arrière – Never Behind.



Don't forget to follow our [Highbury Old Boys' Facebook page](#) to stay up to date on all things alumni related.

If you have any news to share or would like to update your details, please get in touch with our Foundation Officer, Tammy, at tammy.fraser@hps.co.za.

**“Once a Highbury boy, always a Highbury boy”
– Mrs Willows**

Parents' Association

It's hard to believe we're already well into Term 2 – time really is flying!

We kicked off the term with a very successful Highbury Golf Day on 20th March. With a sold-out field, great weather and a fantastic atmosphere, it was a day filled with laughs, connection and memorable moments. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Looking ahead, we're excited for two of the biggest community events on the calendar:

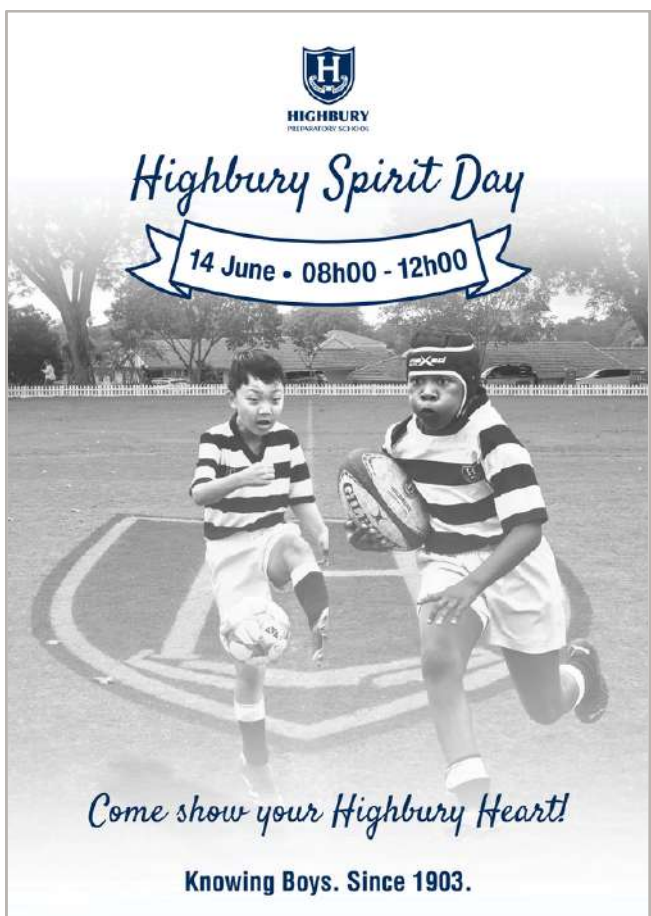
Family Day – 7 June

The Family Day Committee has been hard at work putting together what promises to be a brilliant day for all ages. Alongside the much-loved Fun Run and a variety of entertainment for the kids, there'll be food vendors, craft stalls, and plenty of space for families to relax and connect. Don't miss it!

Spirit Day – 14 June

Our annual Spirit Day is another chance to come together as a Highbury family and show our support for the boys as they represent the school on the sportsfields. Bring your supporters' gear and help us cheer them on!

Lastly, keep an eye out for the launch of the Highbury Lifestyle Brand – a trendy and bespoke range of gear designed to show off your Highbury pride in style. Whether you're on the sidelines, at the shops, or out and about, you'll want to be seen in this exclusive merch!



“Community is the spirit that draws people together.”
– Sandra Day O'Connor

Staff



Newly Engaged

A big congratulations to **Miss Aaliyah Kistna** on her engagement to her fiancé, Storm! We're so happy for you both and wish you a future filled with love, laughter, and wonderful memories together.



PADSSA Chaperones

Congratulations to **Mr Brandon Harvey** and **Mr Devyn Camons**, who have been selected as official chaperones for the PADSSA Rugby team. A proud moment for our staff – we know the boys are in excellent hands!



First Aid

Some of our staff recently completed a First Aid course to ensure they're fully equipped to handle emergencies with confidence and care. We're proud of their commitment to keeping our boys safe and supported every day.



Long Service Awards

We're honoured to recognise three incredible members of our Highbury family for their dedication and service:

Mr S'manga Mlaba – 15 years
Mr Jabulani Gumede – 15 years
Mrs Colleen Linley – 20 years
Thank you for the many years of care, commitment, and heart you've given to our school.

Mother's Day Celebrations

We had a week filled with love, laughter and more than a few happy tears as we celebrated the incredible mothers in our Highbury family.

Our littlest Weavers beamed with pride as they showed their mums around their special space, making memories, sharing moments, and soaking up one-on-one time together.

Grade R rolled out the red carpet with a morning of pampering: nail painting, makeup, hand massages, bracelet-making, and some delicious gingerbread men to top it all off.

Grades 1–3 treated their mums to a heartfelt morning of poetry, songs and gifts, ending with a sunny picnic on McMillan Field.

Senior Primary boys started the day with warm cups of tea (made by the boys themselves), fun quizzes, stories and games – a calm, meaningful moment in a busy week.

To all our Highbury and Weavers' Nest mums – thank you for your endless love, support, and presence. You are so deeply appreciated and so loved. We cherished celebrating you!



Weavers' Nest



Making Lemonade

Our littlest Weavers in Grade 0000 had the sweetest time making lemonade. They picked lemons straight from the trees at Highbury (with a little help), gave them a good squeeze, added some sugar and water... and then came the big taste test. Some pulled funny faces, some asked for more, and all of them were so proud of their homemade creation. It was sticky, it was messy, and it was so much fun. Just the way learning should be! [Watch the video here.](#)

Exploring Beyond the Classroom

The art room had a change of scenery. Our little artists took their creativity outdoors, heading down to the Grade R path for a morning of hands-on discovery. They explored textures by rubbing paper over the patterned floors, discovering all the shapes and bumps hidden beneath their feet. They also covered the paving stones with bright, happy chalk drawings, and for a bit of fun with fine motor skills, they practised using scissors to carefully cut bits of grass, popping their clippings into little bags to take back inside.



Messy hands, busy minds

The children have been busy creating some wonderfully wild works of art. From muddy masterpieces to fingerprint bugs and leafy little critters, the creativity on display has been nothing short of delightful.



**“Let them be little. Because they’re only that way for a little while.”
– Anonymous**

Foundation Phase

It's been a jam-packed term of discovery and adventure in the Foundation Phase.

The Grade R boys have had their eyes to the sky with their 'Looking Up' theme, exploring everything from clouds and rainbows to rockets, birds and drones. They also dressed up to revise letter sounds, built three-letter words, and worked with numbers 7 and 8.

The Grade 1s are diving into 'All Things Wild', learning about the Big Five and their habitats.

Their upcoming STEAM Safari Day has them buzzing with excitement, as they explore wild animals across subjects.

The Grade 2s are deep in the rainforest! Their theme, 'Life in the Rainforest', started with The Enormous Crocodile and continues with rich cross-curricular links, from fractions and graphs in Maths to similes and cursive patterns in English.

The Grade 3s are exploring all things medieval as they prep for Benchmark Assessments, with knights, castles and dragons bringing their theme to life.



Painting

The Grade 1s spent their morning soaking up the warm autumn sunshine while letting their creativity run wild.

Wheelie Wednesday

Wheelie Wednesday = the best day ever! Every Wednesday, our Grade R boys roll into their favourite time of the week: Wheelie Wednesday. We close the exit gate of the school, and for a whole hour, it's just scooters, skateboards, go-karts and BIG smiles.

Market Day

Our Grade 3 boys turned entrepreneurs (and knights!) for their medieval-themed market day. The boys brought the Middle Ages to life with handmade crafts, tasty treats, and clever games - all designed, priced, and sold by them. The energy was high, the stalls were bustling, and the creativity was off the charts. Well done to our Grade 3 boys for their hard work and enthusiasm - you ruled the day!

Time to Read

The Grade R boys proudly celebrated their reading journey with a special 'Time to Read' dress-up day. They arrived at school dressed as something beginning with one of the letters they've learnt so far. The day was filled with word-building activities, revision games, and plenty of fun, all themed around the letters they've mastered!



Literacy Skills

Our Grade 1 boys have been having the best time learning to read! Here are just a few of the creative ways our teachers have been building those early literacy skills: **Word Snake** – like musical chairs, but with a twist! When you land on a snake, you add your own word to grow the snake even longer. **Word Hunt** – inspired by 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', the boys searched for hidden words around the classroom, then read and wrote them down.

Sight Word Bracelets – each boy wore a bracelet with a word and had to find a classmate with the matching one.

Bean Bag Toss – throw a bean bag into the pot and read the word it lands on.

It's all part of making reading fun, active, and meaningful – perfectly suited to how boys learn best.

**“Children are not things to be moulded, but people to be unfolded.”
– Jess Lair**

Senior Primary

From endangered animals to outer space, and everything in between – our boys have been hard at work this term, exploring exciting themes across subjects. Here's a quick look at what Grades 4 to 7 have been up to in the classroom.

The Grade 4s explored South Africa's public holidays in English, wrote about Tala Game Reserve, learnt body vocabulary in Afrikaans, and studied Mars in their Solar System theme.

The Grade 5s focused on endangered animals, inspired by *Kulu, the Pangolin*.

They wrote diary entries, watched conservation videos, and prepared orals on threatened species, linking perfectly with their Science theme.

The Grade 6s tackled global trade through a fun simulation, explored patterns and fractions in Maths, and made their own food preserves in Science. In the arts, they created koi fish portraits and stop-motion films.

The Grade 7s studied plant classification and material properties in Science. They've also been preparing children's story performances in Drama and creating nature-inspired watercolour art.



Food Preservation

As part of their theme on food processing, our Grade 6 boys were tasked with making a food preserve of their choice. From jams to pickles and more, there were many brilliant and thoughtful submissions.

Visit from St Mary's

The Grade 7 girls from St Mary's joined our boys for a day of fun, teamwork and friendly competition. After tackling obstacle courses and minefields, the top teams earned a head start for round two: orienteering and a fire challenge. The teams had to hunt for items across campus, filter dirty water, and use it to boil an egg over a fire. Four teams succeeded – though one was disqualified when a teammate ate their egg before judging!



Endangered Animals

Our Grade 5 boys have been absolutely loving their endangered animals orals – and so have their teachers! From weird and wonderful facts to passionate storytelling, they've brought their research to life in the most engaging ways.



“The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice.” – Peggy O'Mara

Outreach

Easter Egg Donation

As part of our outreach programme, our Grade 2 boys blessed the children at Fulton School for the Deaf with Easter eggs. It was a special opportunity to share kindness, joy, and a little Easter magic with others.



MySchool

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



Culture

Speech & Drama Festival

We're so incredibly proud of the following boys who delivered outstanding performances at the recent SADASA Speech and Drama Festival:

Grade 1

Tristan Tarkowski
Fletcher Cole

Grade 2

Carter van Staden
Saint. Louis Lunga Junior Mhlongo
Dastan Naidoo
Matthieu Desvaux de Marigny

Grade 3

Robert Tomlinson
Kuminaphakade Mthembu
William Dennekamp
Michael Drakopoulos
Katlego Mokoena

Their talent and stage presence earned them selection for the prestigious Primary School Showcase taking place in October – what a brilliant achievement!



Culture

Abagility

Congratulations to **Saien Govender** (Grade 5) who placed 2nd in his age group at the South African Abagility Championships held in Rustenburg. Competing against 159 participants, Saien completed multiple timed exams in both abacus and mental arithmetic and earned a Champion Trophy for his outstanding performance. He also took part in up to four International Grading Exams and is now eligible for International Certification based on his results. We're incredibly proud of Saien's focus, speed, and excellence in this challenging competition.



Chess

Every week after school, you'll find a bunch of our Senior Primary boys gathered around chessboards, completely locked in. Some are learning the ropes, others are already plotting checkmates – but they're all having fun, thinking hard, and pushing themselves in new ways. Out of this group, a handful of boys are selected to join our official chess team, and recently, they took on Hillcrest Primary in a friendly match. There were some nail-biting finishes, some impressive plays, and lots of quiet determination. We love seeing how much the boys enjoy it and how they're growing in confidence, patience, and focus with every move.



Piano

Congratulations to **Jahan Seery** (Grade 7) for passing his Trinity Grade 4 piano exam with distinction. A wonderful result that showcases his growing skills and passion for music.

Music Under the Stars

Our boys had an unforgettable evening at the Music Under the Stars Choir Festival, hosted by Westville Primary. They lit up the stage with energetic performances of *Uptown Funk* and *Call Me Maybe*, and their enthusiasm was truly contagious. Our boys absolutely loved every minute of it and we are so proud of them.



Sport



BMX

Zack van Zyl (Grade 6) and **Adam van Zyl** (Grade 4) recently competed in the South African BMX Champs, proudly representing the KZN A Team, which placed 2nd overall. Both boys performed exceptionally, with Zack earning 2nd and 3rd in his legs, and Adam securing 3rd and 2nd respectively. They also placed 3rd in the gruelling Summer Series – a tough six-race event held in hot conditions, where Adam showed incredible grit by finishing his race after a hard fall. Currently, both brothers are ranked 2nd in South Africa on points, with two more rounds to go in July and September. We wish them all the best for the next leg at the PMB track.



Swimming

Well done to **Hayden Irving** (Grade 7) who represented the KZN U13 boys' team at the SA National Schools Swimming Championships. Hayden swam superbly, reaching five finals and just missing a bronze in the 50m freestyle. KZN finished 2nd overall based on gold medals – just behind Gauteng. A fantastic achievement and an incredible experience for Hayden on the national stage.



Tennis

Well done to **Manelisi Ngcamu** (Grade 5) on his great performance at the KZN Mini 3 Tennis Tournament held at Westridge. He placed 3rd in the U12 singles and, in an impressive move, played up an age group in the doubles. Despite facing U14 opponents, his team made it all the way to the final – even beating a U14 pair along the way – and finished 2nd overall. A fantastic achievement.



Sailing

Ethan Kruger (Grade 7) has had a brilliant sailing season so far. Over the April holidays, he competed in the Mirror Worlds 2025 Sailing Competition with his dad at the helm. They placed 21st in a gruelling 12-race regatta marked by rough seas and high attrition. Impressively, Ethan was one of only five sailors aged 13 and under to complete the event. Ethan also placed 3rd overall at the Grand Slam weekend in his Solo Optimist Class – an outstanding achievement after eight challenging races.



Motocross

A big congratulations to **Cruz Brewis** (Grade 00) who competed in his very first motocross race and earned himself a podium finish. Cruz placed 3rd overall, showing incredible courage and skill for his debut. We're so proud of this little racer.

Sport

Hockey

We are exceptionally proud of our boys who have been selected to represent PADSSA following the final hockey trials. This is a tremendous achievement and a reflection of their hard work, skill, and dedication:

PADSSA U13A

Harry Ogilby (Grade 7)

PADSSA U13B

Oliver Gordon (Grade 7)

Oliver Hooper (Grade 7)

Hayden Irving (Grade 7)

PADSSA U12A

SJ Mahabeer (Grade 6)

Cade Thompson (Grade 6)



Mountain Biking

A massive well done to **Grayson Despy** (Grade 1) who tackled the New Hanover MTB & Trail Race 10km Fun Ride with Shongweni Cycle Club. Despite cold and muddy conditions (and being only 7 years old) Grayson finished 10th out of 41 riders overall, 9th out of 28 boys, and 8th in the U12 category. An outstanding effort for this young rider.



Lifesaving

Congratulations to **Joshua Kane-Berman** (Grade 6) who was awarded U12 Nipper of the Year 2025 and Most Improved at the Marine Surf Lifesaving Club's end-of-season prizegiving. A fantastic recognition of his hard work, growth and dedication throughout the season – well done, Joshua.



Badminton

Well done to **Ryan Anderson, Kenton Jones, Oliver Edy, and Joshua Kane-Berman** (all Grade 6), and **Jeehoo Yun** (Grade 5), who competed in the KZN Schools Badminton Tournament and placed 2nd in the A section. The boys played with great skill and determination, and we are incredibly proud of their achievement.

Sport



Rugby

We're incredibly proud of our boys who have been selected to represent PADSSA in rugby – a brilliant achievement that reflects their talent, dedication, and teamwork on the field. Well done, boys, we're so proud to have you representing Highbury:

PADSSA U13A

Mnqobi Ngwane (Grade 7)
Mason Mamotte (Grade 7)
Mangaliso Sibiya (Grade 7)

PADSSA U13B

Neo Mphatswe (Grade 7)
Inathi Phakhathi (Grade 7)
Joshua Schneemann (Grade 7)

PADSSA U12

Kuba Botha (Grade 6)
Njongo Gqaleni (Grade 6)
Kade Rohde (Grade 6)
Ibanathi Simelane (Grade 6)



Lifesaving

Congratulations to **Hayden Irving** (Grade 7) on his fantastic results at the SA Lifesaving Championships in Port Elizabeth. He brought home three silver medals in the Surf Swim, Run-Swim-Run, and U14 Taplin Relay (as part of the Durban Surf team), as well as a bronze in the Iron Nipper event. A brilliant end to a dedicated season.



Mountain Biking

Well done to **Jack Young** (Grade 4) who competed in the first race of the KZN XCO Cup Series for mountain biking and earned a fantastic 4th place finish. A great start to the series – we're proud of you, Jack.



Cycling

Congratulations to **Judah te Roller** (Grade 6) who completed the aQuellé Tour Durban 42km road race in an impressive time of 2:01. He placed 2nd in the U13 boys category and finished 242nd overall out of 402 riders. A fantastic effort in a tough field – well done, Judah.

Sport

Rugby

The rugby boys had a busy holiday, competing in three rugby festivals and playing a total of 11 matches, all before the season officially began. They showed heart, determination, and courage, especially during the prestigious St Stithians Prep Festival in Johannesburg, where they faced challenging weather conditions. Above all, the boys embodied true sportsmanship and humility, proudly flying the Highbury flag. Now, fully equipped and inspired, they are ready to take on the season and face any situation that comes their way.



Cricket

Well done to **Robbie Leisegang** (Grade 1) who was named Player of the Match at his Academy Cricket T20 Tournament in Scottburgh. A brilliant performance from our young cricketer.



Cross Country

On 9 May, it was our turn to host the Inter-School Cross Country – and what a lovely afternoon it was. Glorious autumn sunshine, a buzzing atmosphere, and some brilliant running from all the schools. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make it such a fantastic event.



Swimming

Congratulations to **Jean-Luc Setzkorn** (Grade 5) who was awarded Aquazone Silver Squad Swimmer of the Year! A fantastic achievement that recognises his hard work, dedication, and progress in the pool – well done, Jean-Luc!



Sport

Soccer

Last month, 26 boys and 5 staff headed off on their annual soccer tour to Camp Discovery in Dinokeng. The trip kicked off with a flight to Johannesburg and a special visit to the Proteas Women's Cricket training camp, where the boys met stars like Laura Wolvaardt and Nonkululeko Mlaba.

At camp, the boys enjoyed buffet meals, dorm life, a game drive, team-building activities, and exciting night matches under newly installed lights. They played against top schools from across Southern Africa, with over 1450 players in attendance.

U11A – Played 8: Won 4, Drew 2, Lost 2
Finished 5th out of 9 | MVP: **Nhlosehle Mtshali**

1st XI – Played 8: Won 4, Drew 2, Lost 2

Finished 3rd out of 9 | MVP: **Samuel Praschma**

On the return trip, the group visited DP World Wanderers Stadium for a match, a motivational talk, and a stadium tour. A surprise airport reunion with one of the Proteas Women capped off a trip full of unforgettable moments. Thank you to our staff, parents, and sponsors who made it all possible!



Ballet

Well done to **Mnqobi Mabaso** (Grade 1) who was awarded the Ballet Star Chart Winner for Term 1. A wonderful achievement – we're proud of his dedication.



Karting

Well done to **Melokuhle Ndlovu** (Grade 1) who took part in the 2025 RMC South African Kart Championships in the Bambino category. A fantastic achievement for one of our youngest racers.



Mountain Biking

Well done to the boys who proudly took part in the New Hanover MTB Race, completing the challenging 25km ride:

Matthew Briner (Grade 1)
Jake Logan (Grade 1)
Kent Logan (Grade 4)
Oliver Sanders (Grade 4)
Joshua Briner (Grade 4)
William Sanders (Grade 7)

An amazing effort from each of you. We're so proud of your determination on the trails.



Sports Results

Rugby

April Holiday Rugby Festivals - 1st XV

Derek Braansterst Festival (Cowan House)

Cowan House: Won 12-10

Curro Hillcrest: Won 28-0

Ashton, Ballito: Lost 5-37

Virginia Prep: Won 50-5

St Stithians Prep Sports Festival

Pridwin: Lost 5-7

Waterkloof House Prep School: Lost 0-17

The Ridge: Lost 14-17

St Stithians Boys' Prep: Won 28-0

Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival

Kloof Senior Primary: Won 24-7

KZN Ibutho Development: Won 29-5

Umhlali Prep: Lost 5-19

Rugby vs Merchiston & Scottsville

Thursday 8 May

Results:

U9D: Lost 15-25

U9C: Lost 10-45

U9B: Lost 10-25

U9A: Won 20-15

U10D: Won 35-5

U10C: Lost 15-30

U10B: Won 15-10

U10A: Lost 20-30

U11C: Won 30-25

U11B: Lost 5-17

U11A: Lost 5-14

4th XV: Lost 0-29

3rd XV: Lost 10-27

2nd XV: Lost 7-10

1st XV: (vs Scottsville) Won 45-7

Played: 15

Won: 5

Lost: 10

Points For: 242

Points Against: 314

Rugby vs Clifton, Nottingham Road

Saturday, 26 April

Results:

U9B: Won 15-5

U9A: Won 20-15

U10B: Won 50-0

U10A: Won 50-5

U11A: Won 22-0

4th XV (vs Clifton 3rd XV): Lost 17-29

3rd XV (vs Clifton 2nd XV): Lost 12-28

1st XV: Lost 10-17

Played: 8

Won: 5

Lost: 3

Points For: 196

Points Against: 99

Rugby vs Westville Senior Primary School

Saturday 17 May

Results:

U9D: Won 30-15

U9C: Won 50-0

U9B: Won 25-0

U9A: Won 10-5

U10C: Won 44-25

U10B: Won 30-15

U10A: Lost 30-35

U11B: Won 26-10

U11A: Lost 5-7

5th XV: Won 35-30

4th XV: Lost 12-24

3rd XV: Won 22-10

2nd XV: Won 24-7

1st XV: Won 19-14

Played: 15

Won: 12

Lost: 3

Points For: 362

Points Against: 197

Sports Results

Soccer

vs D.S.D & Kainon

Monday 5 May

U10B vs Kainon U10A: Won 3-2
5th vs Kainon 2nd: Lost 1-4
4th vs D.S.D 1st: Lost 2-3
3rd vs Kainon 1st: Won 4-0

vs St Charles College

Wednesday 7 May

U10B vs St Charles: Drew 2-2
U10A vs St Charles: Drew 2-2
U11B vs St Charles: Won 3-2
U11A vs St Charles: Won 4-3
5th vs St Charles: Won 5-0
4th vs St Charles: Won 4-0
3rd vs St Charles: Won 4-3
2nd vs St Charles: Won 3-2
1st vs St Charles: Lost 0-3

vs St Benedict's & Kainon

Monday 12 May

U11B vs Kainon U10A: Lost 1-0
U11B vs Kainon U11A: Won 2-0
U11A vs St Benedict's U10A: Won 4-2
U11A vs St Benedict's U11A: Won 5-1
4th vs Kainon U13A: Won 4-1

vs Lyndhurst & St Benedict's

Wednesday 14 May

U10A vs Lyndhurst: Drew 6-6
U11A vs Lyndhurst: Won 1-0
3rd vs St Benedict's U13A: Won 7-4
2nd vs Lyndhurst: Won 5-0
1st vs Lyndhurst: Won 3-0

Badminton

Highbury A

vs Hillcrest A: Won 6-5
vs Westville A: Won 9-0
vs St Mary's: Won 9-0
vs Westville A: Won 6-3

Highbury B

vs Hillcrest B: Won 7-2
vs Highbury C: Won 5-2
vs Morningside A: Won 9-0

Highbury C

vs Hillcrest B: Won 7-2
vs Highbury B: Lost 2-5

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 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.



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!

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