



HIGHBURY
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Highbury Happenings

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Message from our Headmaster

Dear Parents

School tours are special events. This term, I had the privilege of travelling with the Highbury Tennis Team to Paarl. Our seven-member team played in the Gerrie Berner Tennis Tournament, where the boys played with determination and courage. Highbury came ninth out of the twenty participating teams, and I was particularly proud of the sportsmanship that our boys displayed. Throughout the tour, the boys were complimented on their manners and the competitive yet friendly approach to the game. At Highbury, we work hard to instil in the boys a real understanding of the values that our school stands for. I felt that the tennis team got it right. Spending time away with the boys also creates opportunities to build relationships, whether it is travelling in the hired car from venue to venue or braaing the evening dinner, these are valuable memories that I will always cherish. Well done, boys.

As we come to the end of the year, it is the time that the senior boys will be writing their formal assessments. I suggest the following guidelines:

- The boys should study in a quiet place at a desk.
- There should be adequate light in the room.
- Create a timetable where they study for 30 minutes and then take a ten-minute break.
- There should be no distractions, such as a television that is on in the room.
- Provide positive support rather than pressure.
- Check that they have all the necessary stationery.



The Parents' Association Party takes place on Friday, November 7. This is always a fun event that is a celebration of the year for all Highbury Parents. If you haven't booked your tickets for the party, I encourage you to do so.

I would like to remind parents that, should they need to drop off an item for their child during the school day or collect their child for an appointment, the correct procedure is to go to the reception area for their phase of the school. The phase secretary will be able to help the parent. This process is best practice in schools and helps us to be aware of who is on the campus.

We are rapidly approaching the end of the academic year, and I wish you all the best for the final stretch.

Warm regards

Roland Lacock
Headmaster



A Handful of Happenings

Lost in a good book

There's something special about seeing boys so absorbed in a story that the world around them fades away. During break time, this duo were spotted reading on the bench; not because they had to, but because they couldn't put their books down. Even when the bell rang, they walked back to lineup with their noses still buried in the pages, completely lost in their imaginations. As Dr Seuss once said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." We love seeing our boys discover those "places".



Important Reminders

- Please ensure that at least one parent per household has downloaded the **Highbury app**. The app is an important source of information.
- There are a lot of functions coming up. Please keep track of notifications on the app and emails, so nothing is missed along the way.
- Please check that your **contact details** are up to date on ADAM to ensure you receive all communication.
- Please put your **son's name** on every piece of uniform (even socks!) – our lost property box fills up quickly.
- Lastly, remember to **celebrate the little moments** along the way – these school days fly by!

Upcoming

- **Half Term - 31 October - 3 November**
- Grade R dress rehearsal for Weavers' Nest, FP boys & St Mary's - 5 November
- Grade R Christmas Concert for Grandparents - 6 November
- **Grade R Christmas Concert for Parents - 6 November (evening)**
- **Parents' Association Party - 7 November**
- **Carol Service - 17, 18 & 20 November**
- Grade R Inter-House Gala - 21 November
- Grade 1 Inter-House Gala - 21 November
- Grade R-3 Christmas Picnic & Inter-House Cycle Day - 24 November
- Grade 3 BFG movie night - 24 November
- **SP Sport & Performing Arts Awards Ceremony - 25 November**
- Grade 7 Leavers' Lunch - 25 November
- **FP Awards Ceremony - 26 November**
- **SP Awards Ceremony - 27 November**

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Sunny Turns Three

Our beloved therapy dog, Sunny, turned three on 17 October. Some of the boys brought her gifts, and the Foundation Phase boys all sang happy birthday to her – a sweet celebration for a very good girl!



Applications for Weavers' Nest

Weavers' Nest is officially full for 2026, and 2027 is almost there, too. If your child was born in 2025, now's the time to apply for 2028 entry.

Spaces fill quickly, so apply early to avoid being placed on our waiting list. Email marketing@hps.co.za for more information.

Water Polo Plaque Unveiling

We proudly unveiled the Highbury Captains of Water Polo Honours Board, celebrating the boys who've led with determination and pride. It was special to have past captains and their families join us, along with Mr Andrew Shedlock (Class of 1976), who generously donated the board, and Mr Andrew Bromley-Gans, who started water polo at Highbury in 1995.



Never Behind

Our staff live out our motto, *Jamais Arrière* – Never Behind. Their commitment to growth and excellence shines through in the many conferences, workshops, and studies they've taken on. Here are some of the professional development opportunities they've embraced recently:

Conferences and Workshops:

- GLS: Global Leadership Summit – Open Skies
- 'The Art and Science of Building Resilience in Children' – Impact Learning
- Nourishing Neurodiversity Workshop – Colleen Wilson
- PurpleZA – AI for Educators
- 'Big circles. Little Circles' – Lauren Snailham
- 'Spring into Supportive Learning' – RTA
- 'On the Prowl' – Protecting your child against online predators
- 'Update to Principals' Webinar' – Emma Sadleir
- 'The Online Lives of Boys' – IBSC
- School Sports Summit – Playbook Education, Cape Town
- ASB Accreditation (Aptitude Test for School Beginners) – MindMuzik
- Laser Cutter Training – in-house training

Educator Networking Opportunities:

- Grade 4 & 5 Cluster Meeting

Further studying by our Life-long Learners:

- The National Diploma in Early Childhood Development – Caversham Institute
- Bachelor of Social Sciences Honours in Psychology – South African College of Applied Psychology (SACAP).

A Handful of Happenings

Headmaster's Chapel

9th October marked the first Headmaster's Chapel of the term, which is a cherished Highbury tradition where our Grade 3 boys proudly invite their parents to share this special time with them in Chapel. Each Thursday this term, the Grade 3 parents have the special opportunity to sit beside their sons, share in the message, and experience the meaningful traditions that make these mornings so memorable. It's a quiet and sacred space for connection, reflection, and faith – a truly special moment shared between parent and son.



They Grow Up So Fast

Fifteen of our Grade 7 boys have reached a special milestone – ten years at Highbury. That's a combined 150 years.

These boys began their school journey as tiny tots at Weavers' Nest and have grown into confident, capable young men ready for their next adventure. Jamais Arrière!



Scholarships

Congratulations to these Grade 7 boys who have each been awarded scholarships to their senior schools of choice from 2026. Their awards span academics, sport, cultural, all-round, and merit – a true reflection of Highbury's commitment to developing well-rounded young men. We're incredibly proud of these boys who have earned their spots at some of the country's top schools, including Kearsney College, Hilton College, Michaelhouse, Maritzburg College, and St Charles College. What an outstanding way to finish your Highbury journey – well done, gentlemen.

Ryan Wood, Matthew Hope, Michael Laurence, Mangaliso Mkhulisi, William Linington, Harry Ogilby, Inathi Phakathi, Oliver Gordon, Joshua Schneemann, Luke Swale, Evan Nieuwoudt, Jahan Seery, Kaden Azran, Oliver Hooper.



Parents' Association



Triathlon

Our annual Highbury Triathlon was a terrific day of action, energy, and teamwork. Boys from Highbury and several visiting schools gave it their all, showing determination and sportsmanship from start to finish. A huge thank you to Jason Young and Damian Bradley for spearheading the event and ensuring everything ran smoothly. We're also grateful to our generous sponsors – Thirsti, Halfway MG, and BActive Events – for their support in making the day such a success.

A special mention goes to Damian Bradley, who kindly donated two floating trophies for the Grade 7 female and male champions – a fantastic addition to an already memorable event. [You can view the album here.](#)



Thanksgiving

We gathered for our special Thanksgiving Chapel and Tea – a heartfelt moment to pause and celebrate the incredible parents who give so much of their time and energy to our school community.

Our Liaison Parents, along with so many others who've helped at events, outings, and behind the scenes throughout the year, joined us for a morning of gratitude and connection.

From coordinating class activities to lending a hand at major events, your support truly makes a difference. Highbury wouldn't be the same without your enthusiasm, kindness, and willingness to get involved.

Thank you for everything you do – we are so grateful for each of you.



Weavers' Nest

Being Thankful

How sweet are these?

The Grade 00s have been learning about what it means to be 'thankful'. They each drew something that they were thankful for, and their teachers wrote down what they said.



A Visit from Sunny

Our Grade 00 children were delighted to welcome a very special visitor – Sunny, Highbury's gorgeous therapy dog.

Mrs Smith showed the children how Sunny listens carefully to her instructions and responds with calm obedience. The children then had a chance to practise gentle petting and learn how to approach dogs with care and kindness.

Even some of the children who were a little unsure at first found the courage to give Sunny a soft pat.



'I Can'

Our Grade 000 children have spent the term exploring their inspiring theme, 'I can'. Through every activity, they've discovered just how much they are capable of – from small independent tasks to big new achievements.

Each child had their own 'I can can,' collecting a little marker every time they mastered a new skill. The joy and pride on their faces grew with every "I can!" moment: setting the table, cutting with a knife and fork, scrambling eggs, milking a 'cow,' gently petting a dog, crossing the road safely, polishing shoes, dressing themselves, and even learning to waltz!



Pirates & Princesses

To end off their delightful *Molly's Brolly* theme, the Grade 000 children arrived at school dressed as pirates and princesses.

Molly's Brolly, a charming story by Andrea Shavick, follows Molly, a little girl with a magical umbrella that takes her on wonderful adventures. Inspired by the book's imaginative world, the children spent the term exploring creativity, weather, and adventure through stories, play, and art.



Foundation Phase

Celebration Day

The Grade 1 Celebration Day was a mix of laughter, teamwork, and festive fun. Our boys invited the girls from St Mary's to join them, and together they enjoyed a day packed with fun activities. They took turns flying down the slip 'n slides, made reindeer hats, decorated reindeer cupcakes, learnt some new dance moves, and played a few friendly ball games. It was the perfect way to celebrate the year, enjoy each other's company, and end their Grade 1 journey on a high note.



Recorder Rap

Learning recorder in Grade 3 isn't all just 'Hot Cross Buns'! The lessons are built around how boys learn best, with lots of movement, energy, and fun. The boys warm up with this rap song. It's loud, lively, and the perfect way to turn learning music into something they look forward to every week. [Watch the video here.](#)



'Boomwhackers'

Our Grade 2 boys took music class to a whole new level with Boomwhackers – colourful tubes that make music when you tap them. They played "Jingle Bells", and they did such a great job! [Watch the video here.](#)



Excursion to Tin Shed

The Grade 3 boys headed off to the Tin Shed for an exciting excursion. They spent the morning zip-lining through the trees, tackling obstacle courses, cracking puzzles, and searching for hidden treasures. They cheered each other on, tackled challenges together, and embraced some good old-fashioned outdoor fun.



Senior Primary

Manga Art

Our Grade 7 boys have been exploring the world of Manga art, and the results are seriously impressive. Their artwork shows real creativity and attention to detail.

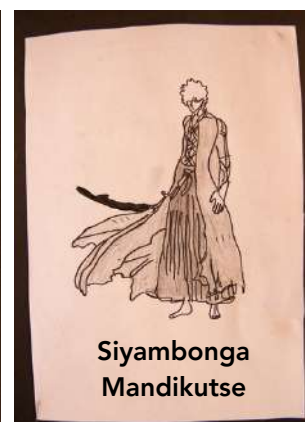
Stop Motion

The Grade 6s have been hard at work planning, creating, and filming their very own stop-motion videos – and the results are nothing short of brilliant. From storyboarding scenes to experimenting with movement, lighting, and timing, they've discovered just how much patience and creativity it takes to bring still images to life.

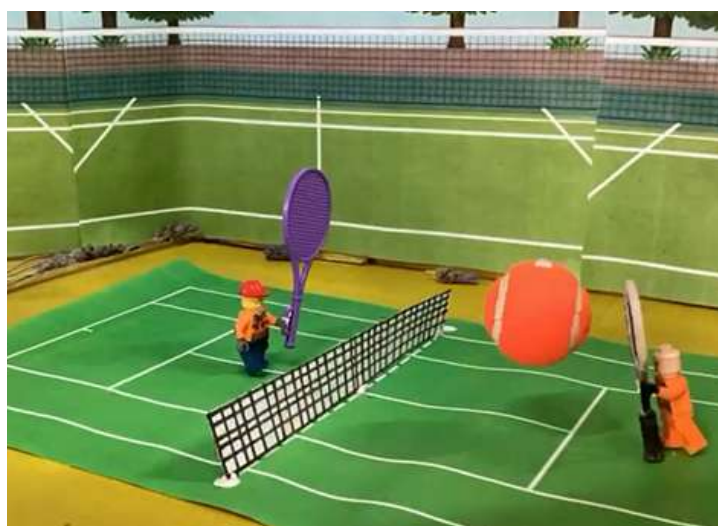
Check out this one created by **Langaletu Damaseb**, **Charles Ferrar**, and **Thomas Morgan** and be sure to watch until the end for a laugh! [Watch the video here.](#)



Mason Mamotte



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Highbury Hive

Our Grade 7 boys stepped into the world of business, pitching their creative ideas and innovative products in front of a panel of real investors at this year's Highbury Hive. A huge well done to every boy for the effort, teamwork, and bright ideas that were pitched this year.

3D Design

Our Grade 6 and 7 boys recently explored the world of 3D design, and the results were seriously impressive. After some creative and clever entries, **Max Aitken** (Grade 6) and **Travis Howes** (Grade 7) were named the winners in their respective grades. Well done, boys!



Outreach

Maputuland Challenge

Earlier in October, 17 of our Grade 7 boys took on the 16th running of the legendary Maputuland Challenge, started by Mr Belinda Willows – an endurance run along the rugged 4x4 trails from Bhanga Nek to the southern tip of Lake Sibaya.

What started as a bold idea years ago has become one of Highbury's proudest annual traditions, built on two powerful goals:

1. To raise vital funds for the continued protection of Highbury's two adopted rhinos, Tai and Baleka, who live under the care of the local community and WildTrust in Zululand.
2. To give our boys an experience that tests both body and mind; one that demands courage, grit, teamwork, and resilience beyond the classroom.

To earn a Maputuland Challenge medal, each boy must run a minimum of 35 km. This year, every single one of the 17 boys crossed that mark, and ten of them conquered the full 55 km route.

Through incredible dedication and support from parents, boys, and sponsors, R140 000 was raised for WildTrust. The funds were handed over to CEO Dr Roelie Kloppers, who personally congratulated the boys and presented each with his well-earned medal.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who made this year's Maputuland Challenge possible – a true testament to what courage, community, and purpose can achieve together.



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5 SEARCH BY CATEGORY Place Our Name in the search bar. You can filter up to three levels to support.	6 CHOOSE US Click on 'make a difference together'.	7 TRACK YOUR SUPPORT In 'My Cause' you can track the year-to-date total contribution to your benefit through the MyCause programme.	

Culture

Grade 7 Leavers' Concert

The Grade 7 Leavers' Concert was a truly special evening. It was one final chance for our boys to take the stage together and share their talents before they move on from Highbury.

Every performance was heartfelt, filled with emotion and pride. From the music and singing to the laughter and memories woven throughout the night, it was a beautiful reflection of the boys' journey. It was certainly a fitting farewell to their years at Highbury and a celebration of all they've become.



Voice & Piano

Judah te Roller (Grade 6) shone at the 2025 eThekweni Eisteddfod, earning a gold certificate (86%) and a bronze medal for placing 3rd overall in his age group for voice recital. He also achieved a silver certificate (82%) for his Piano Grade 3 recital. A wonderful achievement across both disciplines – well done, Judah.



Voice

Judah te Roller (Grade 6) and **Aman Bugwandin** (Grade 5) performed a vocal duet at the 2025 eThekweni Eisteddfod and were awarded a silver certificate (82%) in the "Voice 12-year vocal duet" category. Well done, boys.



Theatre

Benjamin Janse van Rensburg (Grade 5) has been selected for The Young Performers Project 2025/2026 show season. We're so proud of this exciting achievement and look forward to seeing which production he'll be cast in. Well done, Benjamin.



Voice

Atleha Mokoena (Grade 3) took part in the 2025 eThekweni Eisteddfod and earned top marks for his vocal performances – receiving a gold certificate (86%) for Voice: Classical and a diamond certificate (90%) for Voice: Musical. A fantastic achievement.



"Playing music isn't just about hearing — it's feeling rhythm, seeing patterns, thinking ahead, and moving in time. It's your whole body learning to listen."
— Unknown

Culture

Voice

Michael Drakopoulos (Grade 3) impressed at the 2025 eThekweni Eisteddfod, earning a diamond certificate with 90% for his voice recital. Well done, Michael.



Music Concert

Our music concert, held on 23 October, was a wonderful celebration of talent and growth. From confident soloists to first-time performers, our boys shone brightly on stage. Some were so tiny their feet dangled sweetly while they played the piano – a reminder of how special it is to watch them learn, grow, and share their love of music.



SADASA

The following boys took part in the inaugural SADASA (Speech & Drama Association of South Africa) Primary School Showcase, held on Saturday, 18 October at Westville Senior Primary. This exciting event gave young performers a platform to build confidence, creativity, and communication skills:

Grade 1: **Tristan Tarkowski, Fletcher Cole**

Grade 2: **Carter van Staden, Saint Louis Mhlongo, Dastan Naidoo, Matthieu Desvaux de Marigny**

Grade 3: **Robert Tomlinson, Kuminaphakade Mthembu, William Dennekamp, Katlego Mokoena, Michael Drakopoulos**

Well done, boys, for stepping onto the stage and giving it your all.



Voice

Katlego Mokoena (Grade 3) shone at the 2025 eThekweni Eisteddfod, earning two gold certificates for his vocal performances – 88% in Voice: Section E Musical and 89% in Voice: Classical. Well done, Katlego.



Academic

Mathletics

Well done to the following boys who took part in a recent Mathletics competition: **Blake Snyman, Wawaweru Ngotho, Usiphile Mabaso, Qadi Mkhwanazi, Nsika Qadi Ngcobo, Lubanzi Mncube, Heath Elliott, Levi Wentzel, Cullen O'Brien, Jake Logan, Renzo Stylianou, and Saint Louis Lunga Junior Mhlongo.** We're proud of the enthusiasm and effort you showed.



Sport

Tennis

Jamie Levine (Grade 4) competed in two ProKennex 11 & Under tennis tournaments this October — and won both! He took the Boys Singles title on the 5th and again on the 26th, showing impressive skill and consistency on the court. Well done, Jamie.



“Boys don’t just play sports — they learn teamwork, courage, and how to get back up.”
— Unknown

Cycling

Joshua Briner and Oliver Sanders (both Grade 4), along with **William Sanders** (Grade 7), took on an incredible challenge at the Treverton Adventure Race — and conquered it! The boys completed the official 65km schools course, which included a 14km trek, 7km paddle, and 44km cycle, navigating their way through checkpoints along the way. They finished in a total time of 8 hours and 36 minutes. What an achievement!



Sport

Soccer

Congratulations to **Benjamin Sweidan** (Grade R) on being named Sportsman of the Year for the U6A team at Highway United Soccer Club. What an awesome achievement.



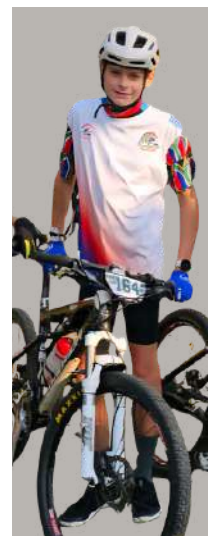
BMX

Congratulations to **Zack van Zyl** (Grade 6) and **Adam van Zyl** (Grade 4) for making the finals at the SA BMX Champs in Kempton Park. Adam placed SA 3 and Zack SA 8 in their age groups – an outstanding achievement in a highly competitive field



Enduro

Well done to **Ethan Kruger** (Grade 7) who took 5th place at the KZN Enduro Champs held at Giba Gorge – an impressive result in a demanding sport. Great work, Ethan!



Tennis

Luc Macquet (Grade 6) served up a fantastic performance in Pretoria. Luc placed 3rd in the U12 boys singles at the Tshwane Belgrave Grand Prix and went on to win the U12 doubles section. What an achievement – well done, Luc.



Karate

In March of this year, **Aarav Kassanjee** (Grade 7) competed in the JKA KZN Provincials (U13 category), earning two gold and two bronze medals, and was awarded his provincial colours and kit. He went on to represent KZN at the JKA Nationals and Africa Cup in May, where he proudly took home silver and bronze medals and received his South African kit. Well done, Aarav!

Fly Fishing

Sam Goss (Grade 7) and **Harry Goss** (Grade 6) competed in the SA Nationals Fly-Fishing Championships, where they spent 15 hours over two and a half days fishing in tough conditions. Their KZN team walked away with the gold medal. Sam placed 3rd in the KZN U18A team and finished 11th overall in the country, while Harry caught the second biggest fish of the tournament – an impressive 63cm yellowfish.



Sport

Mountain Biking

Jack Young (Grade 4) and **Conor Doyle** (Grade 4) were selected to compete in the Mountain Biking Nationals in Tzaneen. This is a proud moment for both boys, and it marks Jack's second consecutive year of qualification.

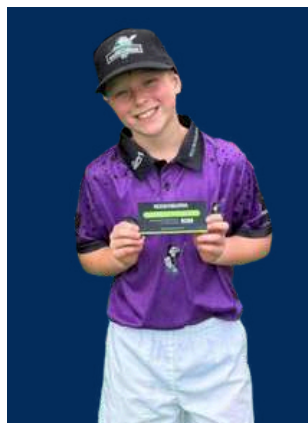


Hockey

A big congratulations to **Ben Bradley** (Grade 5) on receiving the Kearsney Stars Youth U11–U15 Boys Sportsmanship Award. This special recognition reflects his excellent attitude, respect for others, and the way he carries himself both on and off the hockey field. Well done, Ben.

Cricket

Well done to **Cullen O'Brien** (Grade 2) on taking part in the Dolphins School of Excellence U9 Super 8 Cricket Tournament. He was named Man of the Match in one of the games – a fantastic achievement and a proud moment.



Surfing

Zachary Shelver (Grade 7) represented KZN at the SA Junior Surfing Championships in Jeffreys Bay and delivered an impressive performance. He won both his Round 1 and Round 2 heats, advancing straight to the quarterfinals and placing in the top 12 surfers nationally. Zach ultimately finished 10th in South Africa in the U14 Boys Division – a remarkable achievement, especially as he is still U13.



Cycling

Well done to **Hunter Clarke** (Grade 1) who completed the 8km Balwin Wild Ride in just 52 minutes, placing 12th in his age group. A brilliant effort and great endurance for one of our youngest cyclists.

Mountain Biking

Grayson Despy (Grade 1) achieved an outstanding milestone on 19 October, winning his first-ever mountain biking race at the inaugural Balwin Properties Wild Ride in Durban. He powered through muddy trails to place 1st overall out of 70 riders, 1st in his Nipper U11 category, and 1st among all male competitors – finishing the 8km course in 00:39:13. To top it off, his dad crossed the line just behind him in second place. What a special moment to share.



Sport

Basketball

From 10 – 12 October, we hosted the annual Highbury Basketball Tournament and what an event it was! We are so proud of our boys, who showed true determination and grit, taking home the trophy this year.

Our heartfelt thanks to all the schools who took part: Egcekeni Primary School, HeronBridge College, Merchiston Preparatory School, Pelham Senior Primary School, Pridwin Preparatory School, SAHETI School, St Benedict's College Bedfordview, St David's Marist Inanda, St John's College, St Peter's Boys Prep School, St Stithians College, and The Ridge School.

A special shout-out to our big brothers at Kearsney College for hosting the boys overnight. And huge THANK YOU to our sponsors – without you, none of this would be possible:

Thirsti Water • Tyremart KZN • Siko Republik • Kufanikwa Consulting • BlacLyon • Isivuno Auctioneers • The Unlimited • Jiggies • United Fish And Meat Centre

Thank you to Natalie Edy Photography for the wonderful photos, which showcase the event perfectly.

Here's to everyone who played, coached, cheered and supported. We're already looking forward to next year.



Trail Running

Congratulations to **Max Aitken** (Grade 6) on an incredible achievement at the Glencairn Trail Run. He placed 1st in his category, was the first junior to finish on both days, and came 19th overall out of 268 runners – an outstanding performance.



Ballet

Our Weavers' Nest girls have been working hard in ballet all year, and their dedication shone on stage during their year-end production at the Playhouse. We're so proud of you all – well done, girls.



Soccer

Harry Murray (Grade 2) was awarded Player of the Year for the U8A team at Hillcrest United Football Club. A fantastic achievement – well done, Harry.



Soccer

Aaron Scandurra (Grade 3) was named Player of the Year for the U9C team at Hillcrest United Football Club. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition, Aaron.

Sport

Soccer

Bayanda Ngcobo (Grade 4) and **Mitchell Armour** (Grade 3) have been selected to represent South Africa at the prestigious Surf Cup International in Barcelona, Spain, from 23 November to 2 December 2025. Their invitation to join the Dragons HPT Elite Team is the result of months of standout dedication, hard work, and consistent performance in training, tournaments, football camps, and matches.

This global tournament will host 138 teams from 28 countries, including some of the world's top academies like Real Madrid, Manchester City, and Arsenal. We're incredibly proud to see Bayanda and Mitchell stepping onto this world stage. Well done, boys.



Tennis

Our 1st Tennis Team had the privilege of flying to Paarl to compete in this year's Gerrie Berner Tennis Tournament. They experienced all four seasons during their time in the Cape but made the most of every moment both on and off the courts.

After a tough start against Beaumont (the eventual winners) and De Hoop, the boys showed great resilience and determination. Their hard work paid off with a strong win against Swellendam, followed by a 5–2 victory over Rhenish in windy conditions. They finished the tournament in style, beating Eversdaal 7–0 to secure 9th place overall.

We're proud of the team's sportsmanship and the compliments they received throughout the tournament. A special mention to Seth Haslam, who was nominated by opponents for a Sportsmanship Award.

Thank you to Mr Lacock and Mr de Beer for their support and for ensuring the boys were well looked after (and well fed!) each evening.



Cricket & Soccer

Cullen O'Brien (Grade 2) took part in the DSE Super 8's with the Dolphins School of Excellence, and was also named Sportsman of the Year for the U8A team at Hillcrest United Football Club. What wonderful achievements, Cullen.



Ballet

Mnqobi Mabaso (Grade 1) took to the stage at the Playhouse for his year-end ballet showcase – a proud moment after all his hard work this year. Well done, Mnqobi.



Sport



Soccer

Harry Murray and Renzo Stylianou (Grade 2) brought the heat at the Pinetown Super Cup. Their U8 team played their hearts out and came away with the gold.



Soccer

Well done to the following boys on their achievements in soccer: **Charlie Mazoue, Jack Tully, Moyamunye Manyoni, Mngqobi Mabaso, and Kuminaphakade Mthembu.**



Athletics

Congratulations to **Ntsika Chonco (U10), Jamie Levine (U10), Keegan Dalton (U11), Blayne Piper (U11), Daygan van der Horst (U12), Joshua Anderson (U13), Nicholas Hoar (U13), Mason Mamotte (U13), Neo Mphatswe (U13), Inathi Phakathi (U13), and Mangaliso Sibiya (U13)** on their selection for the KZNCSSA Athletics team – an outstanding accomplishment!

Cricket

Congratulations to **Matthew Hope** and **Michael Laurence** (Grade 7) on their selection for the KZN U13A Cricket team. They will represent the province at the SA Schools Cricket Association Regional Week in Benoni from 28 November to 2 December. Well done, boys!



Cross Country

Well done to **Jamie Levine (Grade 4), Jack Young (Grade 4), Keegan Dalton (Grade 4), Danny Rendilheiro (Grade 4), Matthew Cruickshank (Grade 5), Charlie Forrester (Grade 7), and Luthando Khanyile (Grade 7)** on being selected to represent the KwaSanti District Cross Country team.



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Sports Results

Cricket

vs St Charles College

U10C: Lost by 7 wickets

U10B: Won by 7 wickets

U10A: Won by 52 runs

- Jack Morris 34
- Charlie Macquet 3-11
- Matthew Goble 3-16

U11C: Lost by 7 runs

- Tanner Liebenberg 31 & 3 Wickets

U11B: Lost by 4 wickets

- Manelisi Ngcuma 30
- Cruz Stylianou 4-27

U11A: Lost by 5 wickets

- Matthew Linington 3-8

5th XI: Lost by 10 wickets

4th XI: Lost by 33 runs

3rd XI: Lost by 6 wickets

- Kazimier Moodley 39*

2nd XI: Lost by 9 wickets

1st XI: Won by 38 runs

- Matthew Hope 100*
- Michael Laurence 40
- Oliver Hooper 34
- Harry Ogilby 4-47
- Keagan Lund 3-25

vs DPHS

U10C: Lost by 77 runs

U10B: Lost by 6 Wickets

- Colby Rayne 2/6

U10A: Lost by 27 runs

- Charlie Macquet 2/12

U11C: Lost by 5 Wickets

- Saïen Govender 2/5
- Ntsika Xaba 2/9

U11B: Lost by 10 Wickets

vs DPHS cont.

U11A: Lost by 70 runs

- Alwande Gwala 4-17

4th XI: Lost by 9 Wickets

3rd XI: Lost by 10 Wickets

2nd XI: Lost by 88 runs

- Tyler Tooms 3/14
- Francis Waldburger 2/35

1st XI: Lost by 7 wickets

- William Linington 72
- Matthew Hope 66
- Michael Laurence 64

vs Kloof SP

U10B: Won by 73 runs

U10A: Won by 8 wickets

- Matthew Goble 4/9
- Ethan Woods 2/6

U11B: Won by 10 wickets

- Reece Dent 32*
- Jovahn Moodley 3/2

U11A: Won by 6 wickets

- Danny Rendilheiro 44
- Matthew Linington 42*

5th XI vs 4 th XI (Internal): Lost by 8 Wickets

4th XI vs 5 th XI (Internal): Won by 8 Wickets

- Luke Swale 33*
- Samuel Praschma 2/5

3rd XI vs 2nd XI (Internal): Lost by 6 Wickets

- Samuel Praschma 30*
- Cameron Mee 30
- Connor Brien 2/10

2nd XI vs 3rd XI (Internal): Won by 6 Wickets

- Sam Lubbe 37*
 - Kazimier Moodley 3/12
 - Ibanathi Simelane 2/13
 - Robert Armour 2/18
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Sports Results

Cricket

vs Kloof SP cont.

1st XI: Won by 292 runs

- Ryan Wood 166*
- Oliver Edy 99*
- Harry Ogilby 59
- Keagan Lund 3/7
- Ryan Wood 3/20
- William Linington 2/14

Basketball

Highbury Basketball Tournament

Final Standings:

1. Highbury A
2. St Peter's Boys' Prep A
3. Saheti A
4. Merchiston Prep A
5. Pelham A
6. St John's Boys' Prep A
7. St David's Marist Inanda A
8. St Stithians Boys' Prep A
9. The Ridge A
10. Heronbridge A
11. St Benedict's A
12. Saheti B
13. Highbury B (C-Section Winners)
14. Heronbridge B
15. Highbury Peace Players
16. Highbury U11A
17. Egcekeni Primary A

Most Valuable Players per team:

Highbury A: Hlabangane Mtshali

Highbury B: Zuko Ngcibi

Highbury U11A: Alwande Gwala

Highbury Peace Players: Melisizwe Shandu

Highbury boys selected as best players in the Tournament:

- Neo Mphatswe
- Mangaliso Sibiyi

Tennis

Gerrie Berner U13 Tennis Tournament

vs De Hoop Primary (Somerset West): Lost 2-5

vs Beaumont Primary (Somerset West): Lost 1-6

vs Swellendam Primary: Won 6-1

vs Rhenish Primary (Stellenbosch): Won 5-2

Gerrie Berner U13 Tennis Tournament cont.

vs Laerskool Eversdal (Durbanville): Won 7-0

Highbury finished 9th overall out of 20 schools.

Swimming

St Mary's DSG Upper Highway Individual Gala

Final results – Boys:

1. Highbury 305 Points
2. Hillcrest Primary 290 Points
3. Atholl Heights Primary 287 Points
4. Winston Park Primary 286 Points
5. Kloof Senior Primary 219 Points
6. Thomas More 117 Points

New records:

Matthew Goble (U10)

- 50m Breaststroke – broke the record from 0:52.27 to 0:50.81

Gray Stockil-Smith (U10)

- 50m Backstroke – broke the record from 0:48.04 to 0:44.23

Xavier Diaz (U10)

- 100m Individual Medley – broke the record from 1:45.15 to 1:37.18

Hayden Irving (U13)

- 50m Butterfly – broke the record from 0:33.46 to 0:32.85
- 100m Individual Medley – broke the record from 1:15.64 to 1:13.61

Water Polo

vs DPHS & Chelsea

Junior C vs DPHS: Lost 0-9

Junior B vs DPHS: Lost 5-6

U10A vs DPHS: Won 9-3

U11A vs DPHS: Lost 2-7

4th vs DPHS: Won 6-1

3rd vs DPHS: Won 5-3

2nd vs DPHS: Won 11-4

5th vs Chelsea 3rd: Won 5-3

3rd vs Chelsea 2nd: Won 5-4

1st vs Chelsea: Lost 0-3

Clifton U13 Festival

1st vs DPHS: Lost 4-5

1st vs Ashton A: Won 9-1

2nd vs Ashton B: Won 8-1

2nd vs Reddam Umhlanga: Won 7-1

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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