

## END OF TERM NEWSLETTER

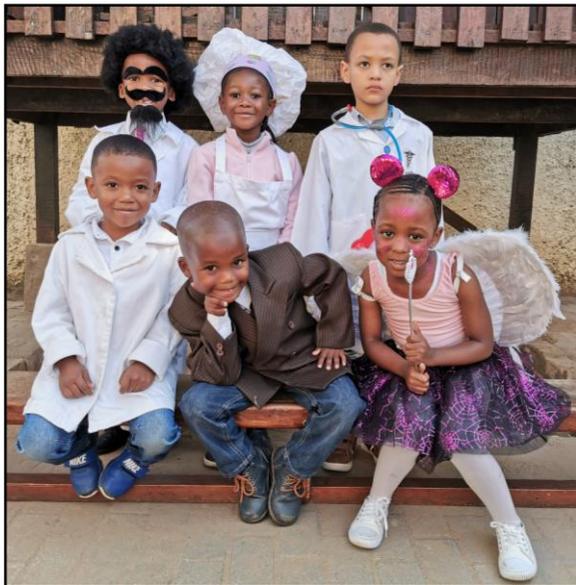
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Dear Parents

We have come to the end of an eventful term.

We celebrated our 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. It was a beautiful day and the parade and choir items were enjoyed by all. The School Birthday is always one of the highlights of the year for the Foundation Phase pupils and the tradition has been continued since the inception of the school in 1949. Should you be interested in finding out more about the history of Oatlands there is a beautiful book for sale at the office at a cost of R160 written by the late Margaret Lloyd, the third principal of Oatlands. The book is full of photographs and amusing stories.



### U8 & U9 Boys and Girls Hockey

The U8 and U9 boys and girls hockey teams have had a very good season with some wins and some narrow losses. The learners played matches against St Andrew's Prep, Port Alfred High School and Kingswood Junior School. The learners thoroughly enjoyed their matches and we are very proud of each and every learner. Term 3 will bring more opportunities and experiences for the players to improve and show off their hockey skills.

*Mrs E Malan, Miss E Green and Mr M Lesoro*

### U11 Boys Hockey

The U11 hockey boys played two matches this term, both against St Andrew's Prep. During the first encounter, the U11A boys won 2-1 and the U11B pupils won 8-0. During the second encounter the U11A pupils beat St Andrew's Prep, 5-0. They played like superstars and really put what they learnt into practice. Well done boys, you made Oatlands proud!

*Mrs M Beckmann and Mr A Singata*

### U13 Boys and Girls Hockey

Our hockey season has gotten off to a good start. Our junior girls have played in some round robin tournaments with local schools and some of our U13 girls will be playing against DSG over the K-Day weekend at Kingswood. Our boys have played matches against Graeme College and St Andrew's Prep. Fifteen of our boys represented the Sarah Baartman District at the Winter Games in East London at the end of May.

*Mrs P Field*

### U8, U9, U11 and U13 Rugby

The U8 rugby boys participated in the St Andrew's Mini Rugby Festival, winning most of their matches. This festival gave our Grade 1 and 2 boys the opportunity to improve their skills and gain a better understanding of the rules of the game. The U9 rugby boys played two matches against a strong Graeme College team and a well experienced Grey College team. The boys showed great courage as they drew against Grey College, which is one of the strongest rugby teams in the Province. The U11B and C teams played matches against Graeme College and won all their matches. The U13B and C teams played two matches against Graeme College and played well, winning one of their matches.

*Mr A Singata, Mr S Kitchen, Mr M Lesoro and Mr R Gombert*

## Art

Excellent art work was once again produced by the pupils in our art club which is ably led by Mrs Ristow.



## Choir

The choir have learnt a number of new songs this term and the quality of their singing is improving at every rehearsal. The highlight of the term was performing at the official renaming of *NELM* to *Amazwi* which took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. The children sang extremely well and were beautifully behaved.

*Mrs D Lesar*



## Grade 6 Boknes Camp

On the 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of May, our Grade 6 pupils went on a camp to Boknes. The pupils learnt about various historical sites, including the cannons and shipwreck at Cannon Rocks. They also learnt about the European explorers, particularly the exploration of Bartholomew Dias, to our coast. A long hike along the beach to see the 'Dias Cross' was a highlight of the camp. The excursion was facilitated by Mr Basil Mills from Amazwi (previously known as NELM) as well as Mr and Mrs Beckmann, Mrs Field, Miss Mclean and Mr Lesoro.



## Has your child lost any school clothing??

Please remember to mark your child's clothing so that if it is lost, it can be returned if found. All unclaimed lost property is washed at the end of the term and sold in our second hand clothing section. There are many items of clothing in good condition for sale at very reasonable prices.

## School Buildings

The prefab classrooms which were promised to the school by the Department of Education a few years ago have finally arrived! Two of our classes will be relocating to the prefabs in the new term.

Kind regards

Alison Dugmore

Acting Principal

## TERM 3 : DATES TO DIARISE

<b>Tuesday, 9 July</b>	Term 3 begins
<b>Wednesday, 31 July</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Friday, 9 August</b>	National Women's Day (public holiday)
<b>Friday, 30 August</b>	Big Walk
<b>Thursday, 5 September</b>	Civvies Day (Spring)
<b>Friday, 6 September</b>	Arbor Day
<b>Friday, 20 September</b>	Term 3 Ends