



Principal's Corner

Dear Theodorians
2020

Theodor Herzl School, a home and a new beginning.



Welcome back from what was, I am sure, a wonderful holiday. I trust that you spent quality time with friends and family.

In the High School, it will be a new beginning for all the Grade 8 students. It will also be a new beginning for the numerous students in other grades who have joined the Theodor family from other schools.

While there are no new staff at the High School, we do have a familiar face in that Ms Elna Maree is back to teach Geography while Ms Tenniele Ah Shene is away on maternity leave. Ms Anna Sliwinski takes up a new position in being the Sport Coordinator. We wish her all the best in this new appointment.

In the Primary School we also welcome:

Mr Craig Carter - Grade 6 & 7 English, Grade 6 Technology, Grade 6 Geography, Grade 6 Natural Science, Grade 5 Life Orientation.

Ms Roxanne Bowien - Grade 6 Mathematics, Grade 6 & 7 Afrikaans, Grade 5 Natural Science, Grade 5 Technology

In the Pre-Primary School, we welcome:

Ms Rebecca Ann Stols our new Assistant teacher.

At the early start of 2020, there was a great deal of excitement as we awaited the announcement of our inaugural IEB Grade 12 National Senior Certificate (NSC) results.

As you have no doubt read in the media, we have achieved wonderful results. Many of our students came right through our schooling system, so it is fitting that I acknowledge the contribution from all teachers be they Pre-Primary, Primary and High. It

takes hard work, commitment and expertise of all the teachers to make this possible. Parents have also played a vital role in supporting, encouraging and nurturing their children through this highly stressful time and are to be thanked for their support.

The 2019 Grade 12 students are also to be thanked for their support. They have been an extraordinary bunch that took up the challenge of being the 1st IEB group. While it is fitting to celebrate these outstanding results, particularly the high marks and the distinctions, these statistics do not, however, always tell the whole story. For many students who are part of our inclusive school, their IEB NSC results need to be understood in their specific context, and we are often more proud of these less difficult to discern triumphs, than the more obvious achievements. Education is about these results, but also about the values, skills, habits and relationships that our pupils take out into the world after they leave their school. I also wish to single out one group. Working under a great deal of pressure, expectation, change and heightened anxiety, over the last 3 years, the High School team of teachers took on the challenge of preparing splendidly our 1st cohort of IEB students. I am sure the broader Theodor Herzl School community is incredibly proud and deeply appreciative of their commitment, passion, dedication and sheer professionalism that, without a doubt, played a huge role in our recording such wonderful results in our inaugural IEB NSC year.

Given these superb results, I have absolute confidence that the move to the IEB has been vindicated and that our students will benefit from the IEB experience as they start their tertiary education and life beyond the school gates.

Mrs Tanya Goodall, the Head of Academics at the High School, provided a summary of the 2019 matric results. Here is an extract of her presentation:

“The class of 2019 is the first Theodor Herzl High School class to sit the NSC IEB examinations.

They achieved an impressive 100 percent pass rate.

30 out of 32 students achieved a Bachelor’s Degree pass (94%).

TOP 3 IN CLASS OF 2019

1st: Jenna Conradie: 85% and 7 distinctions

2nd: Josie Claassen: 81% and 4 distinctions

3rd: Louise Daniel: 79% and 4 distinctions”

Well done class of 2019; we are very proud of your achievements.

In conclusion, I wish you all the best for a fun, rewarding and successful year.

Kind regards

John Alexander
Executive Principal

Welcome to “Big School”

There were hardly any tears on the first day in Grade 1! Our new pupils soon realized that it is fun to be in Grade 1. They explored their new playground, classrooms, met their teachers and new friendships started to bloom.



Primary School First Assembly

The Grade One pupils were made to feel very welcome at their first “Big School” assembly. Mr Lees explained that there are many ingredients required to make a wonderful school, like teachers, learners, facilities and especially values. They also felt very proud to wear their very own personalized money pouches that they received on stage.



High School Tutoring

MATHS AND SCIENCE HELP!

AT THEODOR

FREE!

EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1430-1600

IN THE MATH LIT ROOM

MRS J SCHMIDT~~ (support teacher at Theodor)

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS

Welcome to Theodor Herzl

Our youngest Theodorians have settled in nicely at our Pre-Primary School. They are very excited to learn and make new discoveries this year.



From the Marketer's Corner



Dear Theodorians, Parents & Friends of Theodor,

Welcome back to a brand new (leap) year filled with 366 opportunities to accomplish our goals.

At the end of last year, the High School Staff parking area was



Our High School teachers started the new year making use of a brand new Staff parking area.



What a lovely surprise to see the newly tarred road as we entered our school grounds on the first day.



The Grade 2 and 3 pupils were delighted with the new painted playground outside their classrooms, especially the foursquare courts.



A big thank you to our grounds staff who looked after our school ground during the holidays. We appreciate you.



The Primary School Tuckshop is under new management. We wish Mrs Kerry Miltz and her team well with her new endeavour. We already love the new look and feel!



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