

### Principal's Corner

Dear Theodorians

*“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”*

[Aesop](#)

Welcome back to Term 3 - another “short and sharp term”, with some new and exciting initiatives taking place across the campus.

With *kindness* in short supply around the world in general, the simple words by the famous Aesop are more than appropriate. Apart from it being our chosen theme for 2022 (it should and will remain as an ongoing focus anyway!), kindness has been acknowledged by our respective schools in numerous ways this year. From 1-5 August, our High School focuses intentionally on kindness in the Random Acts of Kindness Week. This involves various initiatives and will be communicated and reflected upon in the coming days.

I am excited that a number of tours are taking place this term. It signals our “growth” as a school but also a return to “normal”. This coming weekend sees our High School embarking on the First Team Soccer and Netball tour to the Knysna, Plettenberg Bay and George area. This is the first of its kind in many years. I am delighted that this tour is taking place and thank our Sports' Department for creating this opportunity for our students. All Shabbat protocols are being observed - an important fact to note and for our students to be cognisant of.



Our Primary and High School Steel and Marimba Bands attend a Music Festival in Queenstown in the up-coming days - another exciting opportunity for our children. There is much in which to be involved.

Speaking of sport, we are proud of the fact that the five Primary School girls who were reflected in my last newsletter as having made it through to the PEPSA Soccer finals, were selected to represent the Eastern Province in the Inter Provincial Tournament in Pretoria in September. A significant achievement, with Theodor Herzl having the most representatives of any school (5 out of a squad of 18). Bravo girls...and our coaches!



This coming week sees our High School students receive their academic awards at the termly Academic Assembly. This will be reflected upon in next week's newsletter.

Congratulations to **Owami Dandala** (Grade 11), our representative in the Junior City Council, who made it through to the final round of selection for the Junior City Council Mayor. His election to the Board and Chair of Public Relations is a significant achievement.



Building of our three new classrooms at the High School gets underway this coming week. It is an exciting phase and one which heralds “growth” and development at our Theodor Herzl Schools.

In addition, these past holidays have seen much work being done w.r.t. general landscaping and re-arranging of our gardens on campus. This has included pruning and cutting back of trees and alien vegetation. I thank our Estates Manager, Mrs Haydee Breedt, for her initiative and hard work in ensuring that our campus remains a more than attractive one!

The following article by Alana Pace, entitled “*Reframing your child's mistakes as opportunities for growth*” is an interesting read - no matter the age of your child. It is filled with practical tips. I particularly enjoy the use of the word “**yet**”...the notion that someone has not necessarily achieved “success” or the necessary requirements **yet**. It is emphasizing the belief that growth and progress **WILL** happen, just not immediately. The link is: <https://parentingfromtheheartblog.com/kids-failure-growth-mindset/>

I wish you well in the coming week. If you are travelling to support tours or family events, safe travels!

Kind regards

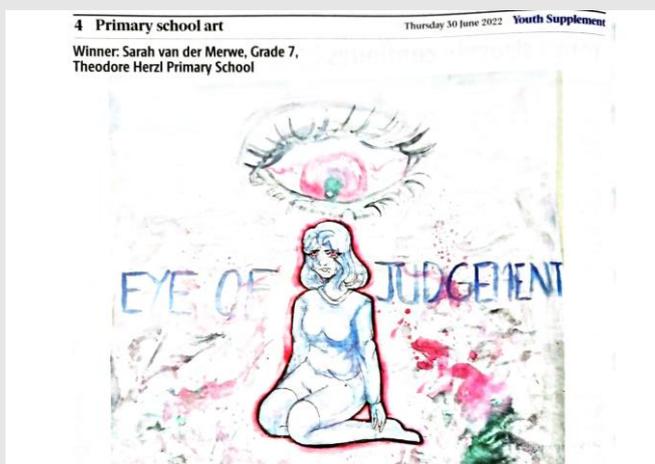
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## We feel proud of...

Sarah van der Merwe, who came first in the Primary School category of the Herald Youth Day Artwork competition.



## Pre-Primary School News

Our Theodorables are very happy to be back at school! They have missed their teachers and playground.



## Primary School News

Our Primary School Staff “took action against Poverty” on Mandela Day. They came together and made teaching aids and fulfilled the vision of the Nelson Mandela Foundation for 2022, namely, “do what you can with what you have, and where you are.” Mission accomplished!



## High School News

The last day of Term 3 saw our pupils “flip” learning on its head at Theodor Herzl, with self-defence lessons, rock climbing, lazer gun skills, barn dancing, creating comic books, basic car skills, calligraphy, card games, the list of activities was endless.

