



Three Schools, One Campus

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Principal's Corner

Dear Theodorians

"I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework."

[Lily Tomlin](#)

And so, just like that, Term 2 is behind us. I can honestly say that this term, although topsy turvy and unpredictable with COVID-19, has been one of the happiest times of my professional life. Theodor is a unique space, with a heart and "story to tell" which stretches beyond the confines of a classroom or the sport-fields.

The final week, although not the way we necessarily would have envisaged the ending of a term (by reverting to on-line/remote learning), again reminded me of the commitment of our teachers. I thank them for this. One has no option but to adjust and adapt. This is true for our children and parents too. One has to assume that one is taking numerous life-lessons out of the experiences - and we are.

We bid a sad farewell to **Ms Jacqui van Rooyen** who leaves us to enter the world of on-line teaching/learning. We thank her for her commitment to and passion for her role as Guidance Counsellor at Theodor High School. I am delighted to welcome **Mrs Elzaan Cothill**, an experienced and well-known Counselling Psychologist to our staff from Term 3. We are more than fortunate to have her expertise and experience on our doorstep. In addition, I am delighted to announce that **Mrs Jacqui Schmidt** has been appointed as our Mathematics Literacy teacher when Mr Evan Engelbrecht leaves at the end of August. She will assume this role until the end of the year. Known to many of us, and already providing support for children who are needing additional help with Maths and Science, Jacqui's experience will prove more than significant in this role.

With examinations and Review Weeks a thing of the past, your child's/children's reports would have been received by you by now. There were many successes, and these will be reflected in the first newsletter of next term. I will be sending out correspondence to all parents (with Board members, staff, children and past pupils having been briefed too) about a process that will unfold in the first week of next term. It is an exciting process which, as it unfolds, will unpack and re-affirm our mission, vision and values. What it is that makes Theodor Herzl,

Theodor Herzl. I am excited about the workshops and discussions that lie ahead. All of our voices/stories are important - and they will be heard. Watch this space.

While the COVID-19 pandemic is not something new (and many argue about being "fatigued" by the pandemic) the following article remains more than relevant. Looking at the emotional well-being of a child/teacher/parent is vital. The article is worth a read. The link is:

<https://www.tes.com/news/coronavirus-schools-pupil-wellbeing-must-not-lead-narrow-academic-focus?amp>

Thank you for your continued support of us as we navigated taxi strikes, COVID-19 and other hurdles this term.

I wish you a wonderful and blessed holiday with your family.

Kind regards

Viktor

Viktor Kurz
Executive Principal

We feel proud of..

Our teachers who presented some amazing and super-fun online lessons this week. Thank you, we appreciate you.

To all the **TEACHERS**

From hand holding to screen sharing
From chalk to chat
From blackboard to whiteboard
From real to virtual
The journey was difficult
but YOU did not give up.

From offline to online
From keep quiet to speak up
From no mobile to turn on your mobile
From conventional to technical
The journey was difficult
but YOU did not give up.

From notebook to screenshot
From teacher's assessment to self assessment
From classroom to zoom
From school to home
The journey was difficult
but YOU did not give up.

Pre-Primary Fun

Our Pre-Primary School teachers put together the most amazing home-schooling packs for their little pupils. They also made special teaching clips to aid online/home teaching in the last week of term.



Primary School Activities

Our Primary School teachers multi-tasking: teaching online, marking and preparing Term 2 School Reports!



High School News

We were very fortunate to have Mr Khusta Jack addressing our High School pupils with a heartfelt Youth Day message just before we went online for the last week of term.



Our High School teachers at their best: teaching online.



Our Matrics ended Term 2 on a high note. They were invited to collect their personalized Matric Dance invitations at school. They are all looking forward to

A Night Under The Stars.



We look forward to...



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

