

Principal's Corner

Dear Theodorians

“The best gift you are ever going to give someone is the permission to feel safe in their own skin.”

Author unknown

The words by the unknown author sum up what I believe we strive to get right at Theodor Herzl. Tolerance and acceptance of differences defines our ethos; and with that, a **confidence** to be yourself.

With numerous Management and Heads of School strategic planning sessions having been held - there are exciting initiatives ahead. Not wanting to be specific at this point, I can say that bedding down and defining Theodor Herzl Schools' **mission, vision and values** is just one aspect; by the end of this term, you will receive communication about how this process, with numerous workshops and presentations involving **all** stakeholders, will be rolled out. These stakeholders will include the Board, staff, parents, students and “Old Theodorians”. Knowing “who we are” is vital. It is going to be an exciting and energizing process, defining the essence of Theodor Herzl and what makes us different. Aligned to this process will be a marketing strategy; telling the Theodor narrative, telling our “story” to the world.

At High School, confirming our **core sports** for Term 3 and the rest of the year will be communicated with you shortly. As stated on numerous platforms, compulsory participation in at least one sport and one cultural activity is non-negotiable - with our participation in leagues and inter school matches commencing as soon as it is allowed by national government.

Discussions are also underway with regard to new subjects being introduced at High School next year. It is about having options and opportunities. All of this will be communicated in due course.

We are excited about offering a number of all-round scholarships to new High School children from next year. Called “*The Theodorian Scholarship*”, it will be placed on our website and Facebook page shortly. It will provide worthy children the opportunity to enjoy the unique Theodor experience. Watch this space.

The following article is an interesting one. The role of the Expressive Arts (Art, Drama and Music) at schools (and education in general) is explored. The link is:

<https://www.edutopia.org/video/new-studies-link-arts-crucial-cognitive-skills>

Have a good week ahead!

Kind regards

Viktor

Viktor Kurz
Executive Principal

We feel proud of...

Rebecca Roux who received the 2021 Braveheart Award at the KB Lifesaving Club Annual Prize-giving.



Pre-Primary Fun

Teacher Daniella's class was learning about our beautiful country this week.



Teacher Helen's class learnt about different shapes.



Primary School Activities

Our kindest Grade 1 pupils received a special badge during the Compassion assembly this week.



Mrs Penny Shaw was thoroughly entertained by the Grade 1 Dinosaur orals.



The Grade 2 THESPA actors and actresses had fun with role-playing this week.



Die Graad 3 leerlinge lees baie beter in Afrikaans wanneer hulle buite kan lees.



It was a messy affair, but every single Grade 5 NS pupil had tons of fun making their very own clay pots.



High School News

Set in the “swingin’ sixties”, multi Tony and Olivier award-winning hilarious farce, **ONE MAN TWO GUVNORS** by playwright Richard Bean is directed by Port Elizabeth’s own award-winning Robin Williams and promises to be the belly-laugh we all need!!!!

Originally starring the Carpool Karaoke and The Late Late Show’s James Corden and produced at the National Theatre in London, the show is ‘over-the-top’, brilliantly zany, silly and chaotic - almost “Carry-On” style pure fun. The early 1960s are definitely rose-tinted and even the gangsters are rose-scented; all is bright and beautiful.

Robin is assisted in this production by Chireen Ferreira as associate Director, David Limbert on Lighting Design and Tech mentorship as well as a raft of PE theatre stalwarts and Theodor Herzl parents and teachers mentoring the young backstage, costuming and tech learners.

The production will run for 7 performances in the Theodor Herzl school hall with only 100 audience members per show, seated in “bubbles”. Tickets are R100 with block bookings and pensioner tickets at R80 and are available either at the school. Book yours soonest.



Dear Theodorians, Parents & Friends of Theodor

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- **For new supporters** it is the best way to get a card
- **For existing supporters** it is the easiest way to update your beneficiary to our school.

Theodor Herzl High School

Presents
ONE MAN TWO GUVNORS
BY RICHARD BEAN
DIRECTED BY ROBIN WILLIAMS
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR CHIREEN FERREIRA

Tickets TO 25-07 03-08 2021
Show Times: 25, 26, 27, 28, 31 July
2, 3 August @ 19:00
Bookings: Open 10 May

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