

### Principal's Corner

Dear Theodorians

*“The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values.”*

[William Inge](#)

With examinations looming for all of our High School students, I thought William Inge's words appropriate. Without wanting to beat the same drum, education and the “successes” in it are relative...the value of education is so much more than the accolades that come with doing well and succeeding. It is what one does with that “knowledge” that is critical too. Theodor Herzl Schools is about its essential values.



From education and knowledge to water: I confirm that we have completed and upgraded the installation of our borehole water system for the entire campus (Pre Primary, Primary and High School), with increased capacity. This has included the installation of additional tanks which collect and harvest rainwater. What this means is that should we ever reach a stage where the “taps run dry” and Day

Zero is upon us, we will have sufficient water for all three schools w.r.t. ablution facilities and general tap water usage. We have not reached a stage of including drinking water from the borehole or rain-water tanks. At this point, drinking water will be supplied as per normal with appropriate bottled water as and when needed. I thank **Mrs Haydee Breedt**, our Operational Manager, for her role in ensuring that all systems are in place.



To confirm, the process of defining our mission, vision and values is ongoing along with our brand positioning. The process will continue with refining the data being collected. This will be wrapped up in January/February 2022, with Board approval and ratification.

To confirm, a letter w.r.t. booklists for High School will be going out today. I reiterate the fact that we are excited about increasing our academic offering: Grade 8 and 9s will have compulsory Art, Music, isiXhosa and German (Hebrew too, will be provided as an optional extra until Grade 9) as part of the new curriculum, with Advanced Programme Maths (AP Maths) introduced for those interested and able in Grade 10 (2022) and Advanced Programme English (AP English) from Grade 11 (2022). The latter two subjects are optional.

As mentioned in previous correspondence, our Inter House Athletics will be happening in the opening week of Term 1 next year - it will take on an exciting form as an evening “event”. Details will be communicated in due course by our new Head of Sport, Mr Jason Hyam.

The obstacle course in the Pre Primary school proved to be a “big hit” recently...beautifully reflected on our Facebook page too.



I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr Wesley Petzer** as our new IT Manager for the whole Theodor Herzl School campus. This is a new position and one which will enhance our efficiency from an IT and technology point of view. We wish him many happy years at Theodor Herzl Schools.

All that remains is for me to wish you a blessed and safe "long weekend". Happy voting on Monday!

## Viktor

Viktor Kurz  
Executive Principal

### Jewish Life

With the guidance of Ceramist, Goldie, our children created the most beautiful Channukias. Thank you to Morah Jenny for organizing this creative activity.



Our Jewish pupils hard at work learning Parashas for the Shabbos Project.



Mr Kurz met Messrs Brorsen and Blumenthal from Herzlia during their visit to Theodor.



### Pre-Primary Fun

Our Theodorables had oodles of Obstacle Course fun this week.



### Primary School Activities

Watch out World! At Careers Day we met some dedicated Theodorians, determined to be very successful in their chosen careers.



During Creative Writing, our Grade 2s were writing about "doors".



These Theodorians read the book, *The Stick Man*, and then designed their very own stick figures.



As part of Technology in Grade 7, our children created outfits from recycled waste. It was wonderful to see the amazing design skills and creativity that went into their outfits.



## High School News

We wish our Katie-Jay Ferrant the best of luck/*break a leg and chookas* to her Grade 5 Trinity Examination on Monday. Katie's programme is entitled *MON DEIU* and explores the passion of Joan of Arc and others for France and G-d.



To our Grade 10 & 11 pupils who start writing Final Examinations on Tuesday, a special message for you...

