



Principal's Corner

Dear Theodorians

"Family is not an important thing. It's everything."

[Michael J. Fox](#)

I begin by paying tribute to those families (among them families of Theodor) who have lost loved ones due to Covid - especially in the past week. As a community we offer up our support and constant prayers for the entire family network. For those who remain ill, you continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Michael J.Fox's words could not be more apt.

The holistic nature of Theodor has certainly been, and continues to be, reflected in its many moving parts. On the academic front, cycle tests are coming to a close for Grades 8 - 11, while our Matrics continue with writing their Trial examinations.

With the theme of "community" our focus this year, our Interact Club held a Hoodie day in aid of Zanethemba Baby Home on 6th August. The idea behind the fundraiser was to raise awareness of foetal alcohol syndrome and the risky behaviour related to teenage drinking. Together, we managed to raise just under R1800. This will go a long way in supporting the vulnerable children at Zanethemba. I thanks *Mrs Danielle Botes* and the committee for driving this initiative.

Continuing with the theme of "community", our final day of the term is a day where we follow the LDOC programme. The format of this day for Term 3 is "Community Service Day". The formal curriculum is suspended for the morning, as each grade focuses on a worthy local cause. It is about "giving back to others in need" while having fun at the same time. It is a normal school day, with compulsory attendance.

I respectfully request that it is not an opportunity for a student to start an early holiday.

On the sporting and outdoor scene, it is good to see children and staff on the fields and courts - slowly getting back to normal. With no formal leagues in place, the following friendly" matches/ outings at the High School have been planned:

- Soccer and Netball match vs Harvest Match: 31 August
- Inter House Soccer on 2 September
- Inter High Schools Cross country competition: 6 September. This is being hosted by Theodor Herzl
- Inter Schools Tennis match (opponent to be confirmed): 8 September
- The Two River Hike: 3-5 September
- The Grade 11 Camp :13-14 September

We bid farewell to *Mr Evan Engelbrecht* who has given many loyal years to Theodor Herzl High School. We wish him well at D.F. Malherbe. We welcome *Mr Louis Nel*, who takes on a full-time position from next week Wednesday. I will introduce him more formally in next week's newsletter.

In our fast-paced lives, "re-charging" and reclaiming our lives and our sense of "self" is not always easy. The following article, written by Shawn Anchor and entitled "Resilience is about how you re-charge, not how you endure" is an interesting one. Stress and the management of it affects all of us. The article is certainly worthy of a read and applicable to all of us. The link is: <https://bit.ly/3ktUW6f>

All that remains is to wish you a wonderful week ahead.

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Viktor Kurz
Executive Principal

Pre-Primary Fun

Become a Theodorable...

- We Enjoy
- Music
 - IsiXhosa
 - KinderKinetics
 - Baking

Join us on the morning of 6 September 2021 between 09:00 and 11:00 for a glimpse into our world - where children can be children.

Applications are still open for Grades 000, 00 and 0 (Ages 3-4), (4-5) & (5-6)

- We Offer
- Aftercare 12h00 - 16h45
 - Extra-murals



- We Have
- OT
 - Physio
 - Speech
 - Onsite Therapies

Contact Wendy on castignaniw@theodorherzl.co.za or 041 581 2204



The youngest Theodorians came to school with some absolutely Theodorable hairstyles on Wacky Hair Day.



Primary School Activities

Congratulations to our Primary School Chess team who outwitted Grey.



The Tokyo Olympics might be over, but at Theodor Herzl Primary School, our pupils have been playing like true Olympians in a series of Inter-House sport matches. We played boys soccer matches and tennis last week and look forward to girls soccer and hockey matches this week. House Ben Gurion won boys soccer and tennis. Watch this space for this week's results. Come on House Weizmann!



High School News

Our High School pupils are relieved that their test cycle is over.



Hang in there Matrics, your Trial Examinations will be over soon.

Our High School Outdoor Activity Club enjoyed perfect weather on the Sacramento Trail yesterday.

