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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This holiday, I had the opportunity to fully embrace my mom hat, as two of my children played in holiday sporting tournaments. My son's water polo team entered their tournament as underdogs, a smaller squad with a few missing players. After two thrilling days, they made it to the semi-finals, which they narrowly lost. Then came the 3rd/4th playoff, and with just one second left on the clock, the score was tied at 2-2. The opposing team was awarded a 5m penalty.

As the goalkeeper's mom, my nerves were finished, and I immediately started praying for my boy. But then I noticed something that stilled my heart, the player stepping up to take the penalty was not their usual shooter, but a boy facing his first round of chemotherapy the very next day. This is why I love extracurricular activities for our children: they teach lessons that reach far beyond the classroom, lessons of courage, empathy, teamwork, and perspective. They remind us that sport is not only about winning or losing, but about the spirit of humanity that underpins it. The team knew he might miss, but they also knew that the opportunity for him to take that shot, to experience that moment, was more meaningful than the result itself. And he did it. With one second remaining, he scored. They won 3-2. And I have no doubt that my prayers for him wrapped around that pool with many others.

It reminded me that when I pray, I shouldn't pray for my desired outcome, because the outcome is already known. Instead, I must pray that His will be done, and align my heart with His purpose.

As we enter this concluding term of 2025 may our prayers and our actions alike echo this truth: "Thy will be done, O Lord."

May we, as a Fatima family, finish this year with grace, peace, and faith that whatever unfolds, it is already held in His hands.

C. LOURENS

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FAITH AND FLOURISH

God, When I Can't — You Can

Each new day is a gift — a fresh beginning that reminds us of the life God continually breathes into us. As Term 4 begins and the busyness of the end of the year approaches, may we remember this truth: no matter what yesterday held, today is another chance to start again, to grow, and to walk forward with hope. In this new life that God gives us, we are invited to lean not on our own strength, but on His.

There are moments when we feel tired, uncertain, or overwhelmed. In those times, it's easy to believe we're not enough. But it's in those very moments that God whispers, "You don't have to be — because I am." The simple prayer, "God, when I can't — You can," becomes a powerful reminder of who He is — faithful, loving, and always near.

In the book of Isaiah, we're told that God is the One "who makes streams in the desert." What a beautiful promise that is — that even in dry or difficult seasons, He brings new life and hope.

This week, find time to rest and to pray that simple prayer: "God, when I can't — You can."

Trust that He is working in every moment, making streams in the dry places of our lives.

with love & faith
Miss Nanak

STAFF NEWS



Last term Mrs Lourens and Mrs Beetge joined with Heads from across the country at the recent ISASA conference in Cape Town. It was an intellectually stimulating and engaging networking time!

PARENTS' CORNER



JOIN US AT OUR

Daughter Dialogue

ROOTED AND RISING

23 OCTOBER 2025
18H00

COST: R150 PP
RSVP VIA [LINK](#)
PAYMENT VIA KARRI APP

GUEST SPEAKERS:
ALI BROAD & LEANNE SADDINGTON
NAVIGATING TEEN YEARS WITH COURAGE AND MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES.

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FOUNDATION PHASE

SPORTS DAY



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SENIOR PRIMARY



Mia Govender and **Rosetta Evans** were selected to represent KZN in the U12 Action Netball team for 2026.



Evelyn Amos has been selected for the Greater Durban Local Football Association (GDLFA) ladies team for 2025. The team is comprised of female players between the ages of 13-18, made up of selected players from across various club teams who are part of the association.



INTER SCHOOLS ATHLETICS - ASHTON		
RACE	U10	U11
100M	5 th	6 th
200M	1 st	6 th
800M	Brooklyn Ramsay 12 th Mia Ludlow 11 th	Mackenzie Barrie-Smith 6 th
4 X 100M	5 th	6 th

CROSS COUNTRY MILEAGE CERTIFICATE
100KM
Cara Paulus
Irrim Tayob

U13B ASTON TOURNAMENT		
TEAM	RESULT	SCORE
vs DGC	Won	2-0
vs Northlands	Drew	0-0
vs Westville	Won	1-0
vs Virginia	Lost	1-0
Placing them 2 nd in their pool		



U13A DGC TOURNAMENT		
TEAM	RESULT	SCORE
vs Penzance	Drew	0 - 0
vs Virginia	Lost	0 - 1
vs Ashton	Drew	0 - 0
vs Winton Park	Won	1 - 0
vs Thomas More	Won	2 - 0
vs St Mary's	Won	1 - 0
vs Northlands	Game called off due to weather	
Finish 5 th overall		

SP HOCKEY VS WESTVILLE					
TEAM	RESULT	SCORE	TEAM	RESULT	SCORE
U10A	Lost	2-1	U11C	Drew	2-2
U10B	Lost	1-0	U11D	Lost	3-0
U10C	Lost	3-0	U13C	Drew	1-1
U11A	Won	3-0			
U11B	Won	2-0			

SP HOCKEY VS ST MARYS					
TEAM	RESULT	SCORE	TEAM	RESULT	SCORE
U10A	Lost	4-0	U11C	Drew	0-0
U10B	Lost	5-1	U11D	Drew	0-0
U10C	Lost	7-1	U13A	Won	2-1
U11A	Won	2-0	U13B	Drew	0-0
U11B	Drew	0-0	U13C	Lost	2-0

SP HOCKEY VS NORTHLANDS					
TEAM	RESULT	SCORE	TEAM	RESULT	SCORE
U10A	Won	6-0	U13A	Drew	0-0
U10B	Won	7-0	U13B	Lost	1-0
U10C	Lost	1-0	U13C	Lost	1-0
U11A	Won	2-0			
U11B	Won	2-0			

SP HOCKEY VS DGC					
TEAM	RESULT	SCORE	TEAM	RESULT	SCORE
U10A	Won	4-2	U11C	Won	2-0
U10B	Lost	2-1	U13A	Lost	3-0
U10C	Lost	3-0	U13B	Drew	1 - 1
U11A	Won	2-0	U13C	Lost	4-0
U11B	Won	1-0			



U13A RESULTS FROM THE ST STITHIANS COLLEGE WATER POLO TOURNAMENT

TEAM	RESULT	SCORE
vs Umhlali	Lost	11-2
vs St Marys Kloof	Won	10-1
vs St Mary's Waverley	Drew	8-8
vs RAD	Won	8-2
Quarter Finals vs Wynburg	Lost	9-5
Semi Final vs St Marys Kloof	Lost	8-4
vs Kingsmead	Lost on 1 v 1s	8-7
Placing the team 8 th overall out of 16 schools.		



INDOOR HOCKEY - PSI



U11 Panthers: Rosetta Evans , Dylan Halstead & Joey Gregory - **1st Place overall**

U11 Pumas: Chloe Swanepoel & Brooke Ellis - **1st Place overall**

U11 Caracals: Madison Wallis, Grace de Sousa, Leila Salmon; Brooke Greenwood; Mackenzie Barrie-Smith - **2nd Place overall**

U12 Panthers: Amaya Gomez-Cuadrado - **1st Place overall**

U12 Tigers: Charly Springate & Emily Van Laun - **2nd Place overall**

U12 Pumas: Sophie de Bufanos - **2nd Place overall**

U13A RESULTS FROM THE RHU WATER POLO TOURNAMENT

TEAM	RESULT	SCORE
vs Ashton	Won	5-0
vs Ohana	Won	8-0
vs Westville	Won	8-0
vs Reddam House Umhlanga	Won	5-1
Finals vs Umhlali	Lost	2-0

Placed 2nd overall

Dhiya Sukhraj won Goal Keeper of the Tournament



HORSE RIDING - SANESA PRIZE GIVING



Charlotte Goble:

- Top Rider (1st place)
- Top Horse & Rider combination (1st place)
- First for Working Hunter
- Runner up for Show jumping
- Second runner up for Working Riding
- KZN team for Dressage, Equitation, Showjumping and Working Hunter and Working Riding



Savana Terreblanche:

- Second runner-up rider
- Second runner-up horse & rider combination
- Second runner-up Working Hunter
- Runner up dressage rider
- KZN team for Dressage, Equitation, Showjumping and Working Hunter Top Group G Primary School



Amélie Ozoux:

- Certificate Of Excellence in Dressage level 2 with 72.69%
- KZN team for Dressage, Equitation, Showjumping and Working Hunter.



Alexis Challenor:

- 1st in hand utility
- 1st School overall
- 1st Western Games

DANCE



Mackenzie Judge took part in the MOVE Dance competition Nationals which took place in Cape Town. Her results are as follows -

Solo Awards:

- 2nd Ballet Classical Solo
- 2nd Musical Theatre Solo
- For her Musical Theatre she was selected to represent South Africa in Florida in June at the Disneyland Competition.

Group Dance:

- 1st place and qualified for Disneyland

Hayley Bonnin participated in the Natal Festival of Dance held at Reddam.

She participated in 8 dances:

- 2 x Solos
- 1 x Duet
- 5 x Group Dances

Here results are as follows:

- 2 x Bronze Medals
- 4 x Silver Medals
- 1 x Gold Medal



PIANO

Chloe Georghiou did her Grade 4 exam in Piano through the Trinity College of London and achieved a merit. She is now working on her Grade 5 pieces.



HIGH SCHOOL

2026 LEADERSHIP MASS AND ASSEMBLY

We are proud to announce our Student Executives for 2026: Buhlebenkosi Ngema as Head of High School, Catie Padoa as Head of Ethos, Jessica De Witt as Head of Primary School, Emma Schoombee as Head of Sport, and Dominique O'Brien as Head of Humanities. We are confident that these ladies will lead with humility and compassion, upholding the ethos, morals, and values of our school while inspiring and guiding others. Congratulations to the entire leadership team for 2026.



SPEECH NIGHT

What a memorable evening celebrating our Matric Class of 2025. We are incredibly proud of each one of them. A special thank you to their parents, guardians and dedicated teachers, who have supported our girls throughout their journey at Fatima. Many of our matrics have been with us for 12 years, and some for even 13 years, as they joined us at Headway Pre-Primary in Grade R.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to our guest of honour and past pupil, Courtney Challis-Chandler, for her inspiring and thought-provoking address. She reminded us that success does not always look the way we expect. True success lies in purpose, personal growth, and staying true to oneself.

TOP ACADEMIC AWARDS

Dux - Giselle Gould

Proxime Accessit Trophy - Amy Coward

3rd in Grade 12 - Danielle Newmarch

Congratulations to all our award recipients!



MATRIC FAREWELL AND BELL RINGING

Last week, we bid farewell to our Matric Class of 2025 as they rang the bell and shed many tears on their last day of school.

We wish them the very best of luck as they head into their final exams. May this next chapter be filled with success, growth, and unforgettable memories.



1 ST TEAM DANVILLE TOURNAMENT			
TEAM	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
1 st Team	vs St Mary's	Lost	2 - 5
1 st Team	vs Curro Hillcrest	Lost	6 - 8
1 st Team	vs Reddam Umh	Lost	1 - 11
1 st Team	vs Maris Stella	Lost	2 - 12
1 st Team	vs Wykeham	Won	6 - 5
1 st Team	vs DGHS	Won	5 - 4
1 st Team	vs WGHS	Won	9 - 3
Finish 9 th overall			

WATER POLO MATCHES			
TEAM	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
U14A	vs Northwood Boys	Drew	1 - 1
		Drew	2 - 2
U14A	vs Westville Boys	Lost	3 - 5
		Lost	3 - 4
U14A	vs TMC U16A	Won	
U16A	vs TMC U16A	Lost	

WATER POLO LEAGUE			
TEAM	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
U14B	vs St Anne's U14A (Semi)	Won	7 - 6
	vs St Mary's U14A (League Final)	Won	6 - 2
U16A	vs Reddam Umh	Won	15 - 3
1st Team	vs WGHS	Lost	3 - 5
Well done to our U16s for finishing 5 th , our 1 st Team for finishing 10 th and to U14Bs for winning the U14A League!!			

U14A KZN TOP SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

TEAM	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
U14A	vs St Mary's	Won	14 - 0
U14A	vs Wykeham	Won	19 - 0
U14A	vs St Anne's	Won	6 - 1
U14A	vs TMC	Won	11 - 1
U14A	vs DGC	Won	9 - 0
U14A	vs TMC (Semi)	Won	8 - 5
U14A	vs DGC (Final)	Won	10 - 2

Well done to our U14A's for winning the KZN Top Schools Tournament for the first time!

U16A KZN TOP SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

TEAM	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
U16A	vs WGHS	Won	5 - 2
U16A	vs St John's	Won	16 - 2
U16A	vs St Anne's	Lost	6 - 9
U16A	vs Maris Stella	Lost	
U16A	vs Danville	Lost	3 - 7
U16A	vs St Mary's (7&8 th)	Won	9 - 1

Well done to our U16A's for placing 7th at the KZN Top Schools Tournament

NETBALL FAST FIVES TOURNAMENT

TEAM	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
OLOF 1	vs Curro SR	Won	16 - 7
	vs Riverdene	Won	12 - 3
	vs CLL	Won	12 - 6
	vs Reddam Umh	Won	11 - 5
	vs Ashton (Semi)	Lost	8 - 10
OLOF 2	vs Ashton	Lost	8 - 16
	vs Danville	Lost	7 - 15
	vs Hilgrove High	Won	13 - 1

SOCCER VS WATERFALL & INANDA

TEAM	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
U14A	vs Waterfall U14A	Lost	0 - 1
U15A	vs Waterfall U16A	Won	2 - 0
U16A	vs Inanda 1 st	Lost	0 - 2
1 st Team	vs Waterfall 1 st	Drew	1 - 1

SOCCER TRIANGULAR

TEAM	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
U14A	vs CLL	Won	7 - 0
	vs Danville	Won	3 - 0
U15A	vs Danville	Lost	0 - 2
U16A	vs Danville	Won	3 - 1
1 st Team	vs CLL	Won	2 - 0
	vs Danville	Lost	0 - 1

KZN ACTION NETBALL TEAM 2026

U14 Mhlabi Tshobisa
U15 Isabella Kitching
U16 Mika Gouws, Alexis Ahearne, Nikita Parsons
U17 Zoey Quigley
U19 Alexis Ahearne, Nikita Parsons, Chloe Geldenhuys





INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

Stella Fourie – 3 new records for 100m, 200m and 400m

Kayla Driver – 1 new record for 100m.

Saskya Kistnasami – 1 new record for 200m.

Dylan Halstead – 1 tied record for 100m.



INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS RESULTS

TROPHY WINNERS 2025	
TROPHY	RECIPIENT
JOHN PAUL THE GREAT TROPHY (Spirit of running in the Senior Primary)	Jessica Riley
BRAND TROPHY (Best time in the Junior School for 100m)	Mackenzie Payne
CARELSE TROPHY (Best time in the Senior School for 100m)	Stella Fourie - New Record: 12,43
CARELSE TROPHY (Best time in the Junior School for 150m)	Bianca Salmon
FATIMA CONVENT TROPHY (Best time in the Senior School for 200m)	Stella Fourie - New Record: 26.73
AMARAL TROPHY (Best time in the Junior School for 800m)	Natalie Speirs
HORN TROPHY (Best time in the Senior School for 800m)	Meg Graham
N. DE MARIGNY TROPHY (Best overall time for 400m)	Saskya Kistnasami
REG WRIGHT RELAY TROPHY (Best 4 x 100m relay time)	Open St Patrick's Relay Team
MOST POINTS SCORED IN U10 AGE GROUP	Scarlett Cannon
MOST POINTS SCORED IN U11 AGE GROUP	Dylan Halstead
MOST POINTS SCORED IN U12 AGE GROUP	Willow Gunther
MOST POINTS SCORED IN JUNIOR OPEN - AGE GROUP	Bianca Salmon
MOST POINTS SCORED IN U14 AGE GROUP	Saskya Kistnasami
MOST POINTS SCORED IN U15 AGE GROUP	Meg Graham
MOST POINTS SCORED IN U16 AGE GROUP	Kayla Driver
MOST POINTS SCORED IN OPEN AGE GROUP	Stella Fourie
FR SLATTERY CUP (Best athlete in the Junior School)	Bianca Salmon
JUNIOR VICTRIX LUDORUM (U14 & U15)	Saskya Kistnasami
SENIOR VICTRIX LUDORUM (U16 & OPEN)	Kayla Driver
SPIRIT CUP	St Patrick's
INTER-HOUSE TROPHY	St Anthony's

Congratulations to Mia Lopes who played in the KZN U18A soccer team and to Bella Akal who played in the KZN U14B Soccer team, both their teams finished 3rd overall. A special mention to Sophia Da Costa who was selected as Captain of the KZN U14A Soccer team who finished 1st overall.



Congratulations to Madison Maxwell who represented KZN for Figure Skating at the inter-provincials and came 1st in her section.



Congratulations to all our Touch Rugby girls who participated at IPT over the past holidays. We are very proud of all their efforts.

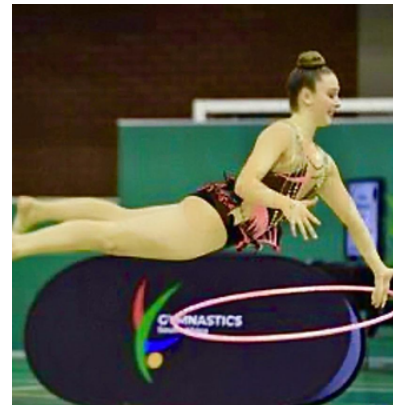
Congratulations to our Fatima girls who represented KZN Rhythmic Gymnastics at the SA National Champs.

Almoné Bosch (Junior) - Finished 3rd overall

Amy Rose George (Senior) - Finished 11th overall

Riley Gouws (Level 8, U15) - Finished 5th overall

Nomthandazo Madela (Level 8, U15) - Finished 13th overall



Congratulations to Ava Moore for proudly representing KZN at the SA Cross Country Championships, where she placed 41st out of 94 top runners. Well done also to Saskya Kistnasami, who gained valuable experience at the SA Short Course Gala over the holidays and achieved some personal bests.

CULTURAL

CRAFT CLUB



NATAL FESTIVAL OF DANCE

Congratulations to Kajol Ramlachan, who achieved first place in her category at the Natal Eisteddfod and was awarded the trophy for Most Promising Tap Novice Dancer, earning the highest mark overall in her division.



SPOKEN WORD

Riddhi Dayaram and Aditi Sewcharan showcased their talent at the Maris Stella Poetry Slam on Thursday, 18 September.



HERITAGE DAY



IZINDABA FILM FESTIVAL 2025

We wrapped up the term's Humanities celebrations with the 5th Annual Izindaba Film Festival, a vibrant showcase of our students' storytelling talents. Launched by the English Department, the festival encourages creative and thoughtful interpretations through film. Working with intention to achieve a professional standard, we are incredibly proud of the films our girls have produced. A huge thank you to Jimmy Reynolds for his assistance with the final adjudication, and congratulations to all the award nominees and recipients.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Albertse, Anika [Imitations] Creative Concept Award

Allen, Julia [The Art of Coffee] Best Direction

Gaines, Ruby [Unlocked] Best Cinematography & Lighting, Best Single Shot, Best Narrative Fiction Short Film

Haynes, Lia [Bus-ted Plans] Best Scriptwriting, Viewers' Choice Award

Kaliprasad, Suri [The Other One] Best Sound Design

Mack, Nikita [Dreamer] Best Editing, Best Animated Short Film

Mtshali, Anele [The Other One] Best Actress

Stirton, Tylah-Anne [The Heart of Tofu] Best Documentary Short Film

von Allemann, Ruby [Just Me] Best Production Design

