



Fatima Focus

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Principal's Message

There's a conversation happening across South Africa right now, in the media, at conferences, in staffrooms and on WhatsApp groups, about the growing intensity of school sport. Much of it centres on schoolboy rugby and the arrival of Supersport Schools, and it raises real questions about competition, commercialisation and what we want youth sport to be. It's a layered issue, shaped by forces well beyond any one school or community. But some things are within our reach. And the most important of them, I'd argue, is how we, as parents, show up on the sidelines.

During our recent OISESA inspection, the mentor asked a Grade 4 –7 focus group what, if anything, made them sad about school. One little Grade 4 girl didn't mention homework or tests. She said: "Only when I see parents shouting at the security guards and being rude to the people who are trying to help us in the car park." It stopped the room. And it stayed with me.

Our children are watching us, not occasionally, but constantly. They are reading us the way they read a book, picking up every tone and gesture, filing it away as an example of how the world works and how adults behave. I was reminded of this at a recent U10 netball match, one of those lovely games where the score seesawed back and forth and both teams played with real heart. As one of our girls stepped up to take a shot, a parent from the other team called out, "Miss!" I'll be honest: it took me a moment to process that an adult had just wished failure on a nine-year-old. I've since seen it elsewhere too, a ripple of applause when a child doesn't make a shot. I understand the pull of the moment. We love our teams. We want them to win. That feeling is completely human.

And yet — these are still children. They are learning to compete, learning to lose, learning to try again. Every time they step onto a court or a field, they are doing something quietly brave. That deserves to be honoured, whatever colour bib they happen to be wearing.

As the bigger national conversation about youth sport continues, perhaps the most useful question isn't about policy or broadcasting rights. Perhaps it's a simpler one, and it belongs to each of us individually: What are our children learning from the way we watch them play?

If we can answer that well, and live up to it, we'll have done something far more valuable than winning a match.

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Faith and Flourish

Over the last week, I was struck by the story in 1 Kings about Elijah and the widow who was asked to make bread for him. In her lowest moment, when she had nothing left but a little flour and oil, she chose, in her obedience and love for God, to listen. With her simple contribution, God did far more than anyone expected. He did not let her flour or oil run dry, providing for her, her son, and Elijah.

How often do we find ourselves focusing on what we lack? More time, more energy, more answers. Yet throughout Scripture, we see a God who is always doing more—more than we can see, more than we can understand, and often more than we could imagine.

Sometimes God's abundance looks different from what we expect. It may be the strength to keep going, the encouragement of a friend, a moment of peace in a busy day, or a door opening when we thought all hope was lost.

As we come to the end of the first half of our year together, let us remember that we serve a God of abundance. The same God who sustained the widow is still at work in our lives today. Even when we cannot see it, He is doing more than we can think or imagine.

This week's challenge: Take a moment each day to notice one way God has provided for you and thank Him for His faithfulness.

With Love and Faith,

Miss T. Nanak

Staff News



Mrs Lisa Mingay

Lisa Mingay was selected to participate in the world's 1st **International Final of the Rotax Kart 100 Championship**, held at Silverstone, UK, from 28-31 May.

Making up the SA Race Team were 2x Capetonians, 2x Jobergers, and 2x Durbanites. There were 160 of the world's top Kart 100 drivers (this included 8 lady drivers). Rotax is introducing this fun, competitive championship officially in SA in 2027. **Lisa Mingay placed 38th overall.**

Welcome Iyana



Congratulations Ms Karthy Dlodla on the birth of your daughter **Iyana** - born 15 June 2026 at 07h55.

Foundation Phase



Our Foundation phase girls have been learning about the importance of protecting our marine spaces. **World Oceans Day** is celebrated on the 8 June each year and this year the theme is Strong Marine protected areas.

We have been exploring the different layers of the ocean and what lives in each layer, the importance of protecting our coral reefs, and the risks our oceans face such as overfishing, plastic pollution and global warming. The girls made beautiful coral reefs out of playdough, played a sea creature memory card game, watched serene under the sea video clips, and identified marine animals on a checklist. They were also shown how our Keep our Oceans clean magnetic recycling board works.

Foundation Phase



Well done to our grade 2s who took part in all the U8 Netball Festivals held this term.



U8 Netball



Foundation Phase



U9 Netball Fixtures vs Ashton



U9 A Netball



U9 B Netball



U9 C Netball

Foundation Phase

The grade 3s ran in the Crawford Mini Comrades and did a fantastic job, well done girls.



Senior Primary



Our **Senior Primary Marimba girls** were privileged to entertain the runners at the recent **Comrades Expo** this last weekend. Thank you girls, you made us so proud.



Senior Primary



Our **SP Giggles and Goals evening** was a fun-filled night of soccer as classes took on their dads and dad figures in a series of lively (and slightly “heated”) matches. There was plenty of laughter, energy, and just enough competition to keep things interesting!

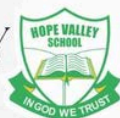
Everyone came dressed in green and gold to support Bafana Bafana’s opening FIFA World Cup game, which added to the festive spirit on and off the field.

A great evening of **sport, connection, and lots of giggles!**



HOPE VALLEY

WISH LIST



MEDICAL & FIRST AID SUPPLIES:

- BACTROBAN
- MED - LEMON
- PANADO SYRYP
- PANADO TABLETS
- PLASTERS

CLEANING & HYGIENE SUPPLIES:

- TOILET PAPER
- BLACK BAGS
- CLEANING SUPPLIES

CLASSROOM & STATIONERY SUPPLIES:

- CHALK
- PRITT GLUE
- PENCILS
- PENS
- WHITEBOARD MARKERS
- LAMINATING SHEETS

ART & CREATIVE RESOURCES:

- PAINT BRUSHES
- ART SUPPLIES

SPORTS EQUIPMENT:

- SOCCER BALLS
- NETBALL BALLS

WE KINDLY ASK FOR ANY DONATIONS TOWARDS THESE ITEMS TO SUPPORT OUR LEARNERS AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY. ANY CONTRIBUTION, BIG OR SMALL, WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

Grade 7 initiative for **donations for the Hope Valley Farm School** via Karri. They will visit this school on their excursion.



PLEASE HELP US, HELP
THE Hope Valley CHILDREN

Ways to give:

- * Tuesday charity at school
- * Monetary donations: **KARRI App**
- * ‘Donations from wish list’ drop off zone: Junior Drama Room

Last day for donations & drop off is **BREAK UP DAY 26th June.**

Senior Primary

30KM CROSS COUNTRY MILEAGES

Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7
Payton Snelling	Harris Gunther	Brooklyn Artz	Karien Van Schalkwyk
Rosie Heffer	Daniella Govender	Chloe Swanepoel	Lara Britz
Lihle Sokhulu	Elizabeth Hampton	Frankie Coetzee	Jessica Reilly
Abigail Wingfield			

100KM CROSS COUNTRY MILEAGES

Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7
		Mackenzie Barrie-Smith	

Milena Luizinho achieved 3rd place in the U10 clubs routine for her **Rhythmic Gymnastics** which took place on Saturday 06 June.



Four of our girls participated in the **Chelsea Tennis Tournament** on Friday, 5 June. It was a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon of tennis, providing the girls with a wonderful opportunity to gain match experience, have fun, and enjoy the spirit of the game.



Senior Primary



High School



Well done to our 1st Team Netball girls who made it through to the **KZN Champs Tournament**, we are so proud of the girls for finishing 3rd overall!



We are very proud of Olivia Morris who received the Most Improved Junior Female Ski Paddler at the Rox annual prize giving, she was also acknowledged for her hours (233 hours) of Lifeguard duties.



We are so proud of Jenna-Lee Atkinson, who represented KZN at the KSA Junior National Karate Championships. Jenna won a gold medal for Junior Female Team Kata, a bronze medal for Individual Kata and a silver medal for Individual Kumite.

Jenna also represented the South African Protea Karate Team at the K1 International Youth League Karate Championships, where she earned a bronze medal for Individual Kumite and placed 5th in Individual Kata.

Sports Results

SP Netball vs Penzance

U10A	Drew	6-6	U11C	Lost	5-7	U12A	Won	14-4	U13A	Lost	10-29
U10B	Lost	2-6	U11B	Lost	2-10	U12B	Won	10-9	U13B	Lost	11-14
U10C	Lost	1-4	U11C	Lost	3-11	U12C	Lost	3-16	U13C	Lost	5-15
U10D	Lost	5-7				U12D	Lost	1-24	U13D	Drew	5-5

SP Netball vs Northlands

U12A	Lost	12-17	U13A	Lost	4-24
U12B	Lost	7-12	U13B	Lost	3-11
U12C	Lost	4-5	U13C	Lost	4-12
U12D	Lost	7-8	U13D	Lost	2-9

SP Netball vs Ashton

U10A	Lost	1-5	U11C	Lost	2-13	U12A	Won	11-7	U13A	Lost	2-12
U10B	Lost	3-9	U11B	Lost	0-17	U12B	Won	18-2	U13B	Lost	8-13
U10C	Lost	4-6	U11C	Lost	2-1	U12C	Lost	4-5	U13C	Lost	4-5
U10D	Won	6-3				U12D	Won	3-1	U13D	Lost	4-5

HS Hockey vs Ashton

U14A	Won	3-2
U16A	Won	4-1
1 st Team	Won	6-0
2 nd Team	Won	5-0



HS Hockey vs Maris Stella

U14A	Won	12 - 0
U16A	Won	6 - 0
U16B	Won	2 - 0
1 st Team	Won	4 - 0
2 nd Team	Won	4 - 0





The **Fatima Parent Committee** hosted their annual **Ladies Games Evening**. The ladies really embraced the **Bright & Beautiful** theme of the evening, the hall was filled with festive colours and outfits. A special thank you to the Parent Committee for putting together another fun evening of laughter, camaraderie, and sisterhood. Thank you to everyone who generously contributed prizes to the event. It was truly a night to remember.