



Fatima Focus

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 4!

Our new leadership teams greeted the girls at both the top circle and bottom gate with music, colourful placards and happy smiles. Their enthusiasm brought a lovely energy to the start of the term. It was good to be together again.

For our Matrics, this first week has also held many lasts. Through significant ceremonies and joyful celebrations, we have honoured their achievements, their contributions and the journey that has brought them to this moment. There has been much to celebrate, alongside the emotion of knowing that familiar routines are drawing to a close. School lasts have a way of making us notice what we have grown accustomed to: the friends waiting at the gate, the teacher who knows when something is wrong, the seat in a classroom, the sound of the school song. Things that once felt ordinary suddenly become precious.

A school journey is built through thousands of these moments. It holds first friendships, brave attempts, disappointments, discoveries and opportunities to begin again. Somewhere along the way, the little girl who needed help finding her classroom becomes the young woman helping someone else find theirs. Watching that growth is one of the great privileges of being part of a school. This week, we have seen that journey reflected in both our outgoing Matrics and our incoming leaders. As one group prepares to step beyond our gates, another has stepped forward to welcome, serve and lead. Each carries something of those who came before her, while bringing her own energy and gifts to the Fatima story.

Our Term 4 focus, "See God in all," invites us to pay attention to these moments: to recognise His presence in a cheerful greeting, a proud parent, a grateful farewell and the care we offer one another as the last term unfolds.

May we make room for all that this season holds, with grateful hearts and the courage to take our next forward strides.

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Faith and Flourish

Speaking Truth into Our Feelings
As we begin this stretch of the academic year, I am reminded that many of our staff and girls are walking around school carrying a little more than we should, amongst all that life brings our way.

But as we continue to explore our theme of seeing God in all things, I am reminded of a truth: there is no place we could ever go where God is not. Even in the busyness, uncertainty and disorder of our minds, He chooses to meet us where we are and bring order to what feels overwhelming.

Sometimes, the best way to allow Him to do this is by speaking His truth into everything we face. Today, in my lesson with the Grade 11s, we took time to recognise and face our feelings, but we did not stop there. We chose to match those feelings with the truth of who God is and what He promises us.

And so, my challenge to you this week is to be honest about what you are feeling, but do not allow those feelings to have the final word. Speak truth into them, truth that comes from God.

The truth I am holding onto this week comes from Job 42:2: "I'm convinced: You can do anything and everything. Nothing and no one can upset your plans."

Miss T. Nanak

Parent's Corner



As we bid farewell to our Matric Class of 2026, we also extend a heartfelt farewell to the parents who have served on our Parents' Committee and PTA. We sincerely thank you for your time, support, and dedication to our school throughout the years.

A special mention goes to Chinelle Gaspar(14) and Melissa Lopes(12), who have proudly served our school for over 10 years. As their daughters also prepare to complete their schooling this year, this marks a particularly special and meaningful farewell for their families. Your commitment, generosity, and invaluable contributions to our school community have been truly appreciated.

CHINELLE GASPAR :Parent Committee – 2013

MELISSA LOPES :Parent Committee – 2015

MANDI HANSEN :Parent Committee

DIANNE HELBERG :Parent Committee

YOLETTE BENGTON:Parent Committee

KERAN COETZER :Parent Committee

KELLY GEORGE :Parent Committee

SUSAN BROWN :PTA

Foundation Phase



Sarvani Kistnasami (3) participated in 50m Breaststroke finishing 3rd & 50m Freestyle finishing 6th in the girls u9 category at the KZN Junior Championships. **Sarvani** also swam in the recent Sailies Gala held at Ashton Ballito she earned 2 bronze medals (freestyle, backstroke) and 2 silver medals (breaststroke, butterfly)



Ashleigh M (2) qualified for the KZN Aquatics Junior Championships, where she dominated the U8 girls category winning seven gold medals and earning the Top U8 Girls title. She competed in the 100m breaststroke, 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke and 50m butterfly.



Morgan Massey, Harper Judge, Melamina Nzama and Charli-Rose Shea shone at the KZN Dance Festival, placing 1st in their Tap group performance. A fantastic achievement from this talented team.

Aleesi Canning, Harper Judge and Melamina Nzama participated in the KZN Dance Festival, earning 2nd place in their Jazz group performance what a wonderful achievement for this talented trio.

Melamina Nzama performed Jazz and Ballet solos at the KZN Dance Festival, placing 2nd in her Ballet solo.

Harper Judge performed Jazz, Ballet and Lyrical solos at the KZN Dance Festival, placing 1st in her Ballet solo and 2nd in her Lyrical solo.

Charli-Rose Shea performed Jazz, Contemporary and Lyrical solos at the KZN Dance Festival, placing 2nd in Jazz and 3rd in both her Contemporary and Lyrical.

Ella Dunlop (3) took part in the KZN Trail Run at Cascades in Pietermaritzburg this weekend, placing 1st in the female category and 4th overall, an outstanding achievement. Well done, Ella!



Senior Primary

PENZANCE NETBALL NIGHT LIGHTS

U11

OPPONENT

RESULT

SCORE

FATIMA 1

Fatima 2

Won

11-1

Curro 2

Won

8-5

FATIMA 2

Fatima 1

Lost

1-11

Penzance 1

Lost

0-19

OPPONENT

RESULT

SCORE

U12

FATIMA 1

Glenwood

Lost

6-12

Curro 2

Won

19-2

Penzance 2

Won

16-4

FATIMA 2

Curro 1

Lost

3-18

Penzance 2

Lost

8-9

U11 WATER POLO LEAGUE

U11

FATIMA 1

OPPONENT

RESULT

SCORE

DGC 1

Won

8-7

DGC 2

Won

6-4

FATIMA 2

DGC 2

Lost

0-12

DGC 1

Lost

0-5

U13A ST MARYS LILY WATER POLO FESTIVAL

OPPONENT

RESULT

SCORE

Thomas More 1

Drew

3-3

Umhlali 1

Lost

1-9

St Marys 1

Won

4-2

Chelsea 1

Lost

2-6



Senior Primary

Charlotte Goble (Grade 6K) and her pony King Courtenay were selected to represent the KZN A team at the SANESA National Championships, held at Kyalami Equestrian Park from 24 to 27 September 2026.

She competed in seven classes across five disciplines:

- Dressage — Preliminary/Training Test 2 and Test 3
- Show Jumping — 60cm Competition and 60cm Two-Phase
- Working Hunter — 60cm Newcomer
- Equitation — 60cm SAEQA Welcome
- Working Riding

Results:

- Working Riding — Charlotte placed 7th individually in a class of 28, scoring 92 out of 100. The winning score was 100, so just eight marks separated the first seven riders.
- Working Riding — the KZN A team placed 3rd nationally
- Show Jumping, 60cm Competition — the KZN A team placed 4th nationally



2027 Mentors

Our Primary School proudly welcomed the mentors of 2027 during a special SP assembly! The excitement was in the air as our future mentors were introduced



High School

FIXTURES

PMB INDOOR HOCKEY FESTIVALS

TEAM	RESULT	SCORE
Junior 1 vs Maris Stella U16A	Won	4-0
Junior 1 vs Epworth U16A	Drew	2-2
Junior 1 vs St Anne's U16A	Lost	0-2
Junior 1 vs DGC U16A	Drew	0-0
Junior 2 vs St Anne's U16B	Lost	1-2
Junior 2 vs Howick U16A	Lost	0-2
Junior 2 vs St Anne's U16A	Lost	0-2
Junior 3 vs St Anne's U14B	Drew	0-0
Junior 3 vs Howick U14A	Won	1-0
Junior 3 vs St Anne's U14A	Drew	0-0
Junior 4 vs St Anne's U14A	Lost	0-4
Junior 4 vs St Anne's U14B	Lost	0-2
Junior 4 vs DGC U14A	Lost	0-5
Senior 1 vs Epworth 1 st	Won	2-0
Senior 1 vs St Anne's 1 st	Won	3-1
Senior 1 vs TWC 1 st	Won	2-0
Senior 2 vs St Anne's 1 st	Drew	0-0
Senior 2 vs St Anne's 2 nd	Won	3-1
Senior 2 vs Howick 1 st	Drew	1-1

DGC STAYERS TOURNAMENT

TEAM	RESULT	SCORE
U18 Stayers vs DGC B	Won	20-11
U18 Stayers vs Danville 1 st	Lost	14-15
U18 Stayers vs St Anne's 2 nd	Won	23-2
U18 Stayers vs TMC 1 st	Won	17-10
U18 Stayers vs Luthayi	Lost	10-22
U18 Stayers vs DGHS 1 st	Won	20-10

Finished 5th Overall

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Well done to Zoey Quigley and Mika Gouws who were selected into the All Stars Team for the Tournament

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SPEECH NIGHT

Our Speech Night is always the highlight of our academic calendar ❤️.

A special thank you to our guest speaker and alumna, Shaina-Rae, for sharing her inspiring and authentic life story. Her words resonated with our girls and made the evening even more meaningful.

Congratulations to our top academic achievers for 2026:

Dux: Riddhi Dayaram

Proxime Accessit: Grace Coetzer

Third in Grade: Catie Padoa.

To all our prize winners, we are incredibly proud of your achievements. You have so much to celebrate ❤️.

To our Matrics, we wish you all the very best as you enter the final stretch of your high school journey. May you approach your exams with courage, knowing we believe in you and are behind you every step of the way



High school

MATRIC MASS AND ASSEMBLY

It was a bittersweet moment during the Matric Farewell Mass and assembly, filled with both joy and sadness as the learners celebrated this important milestone.



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As is tradition at our school, our Matric learners rang the bell to mark the end of their schooling journey. This year, Sophie's mum and friends rang the bell in her honour, recognising that this would have been her Matric year. They then made their way to Sophie's tree, where they held a moment of silence as a mark of respect, remembrance and acknowledgement. It was a heartfelt tribute to Sophie, keeping her memory alive as the school year draws to a close.



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They then proceeded to proudly show off their uniform creations, sharing laughter and enjoying the special moment together.



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Wishing our Matrics all the best for their
Final Exams!



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