



GREENFIELD News

“WHAT MAKES GREENFIELD A SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE? ALL OF US”

Dear Parents

In the next few weeks, we'll meet to consider and approve the 2026 school budget. This is one of the most important things we do together each year because it directly protects teaching, culture and sport at Greenfield. As a Quintile 5 public school, we receive a limited state allocation; school fees and community donations fund everything else that makes our school excellent.

Why paying school fees matters

It's the law. In fee-paying public schools, parents are liable for the fees approved at the annual budget meeting, unless they qualify for a partial or complete exemption.

Exemptions can range from small partial amounts to 100%. When we grant exemptions, the school absorbs the cost through school fees, donations and fundraising, because the state subsidy does not cover these shortfalls.

Every rand paid protects classrooms. Your fees cover SGB-funded educators and assistants, interns, specialist coaches, learning materials, security, IT, and essential services, as well as items not fully provided by the Western Cape Education Department (WCED). They also subsidise 50% of all excursions and camp fees, reducing the amount billed to families and helping ensure that every learner, from every grade, can attend.

In short, the annual fee adjustment is not just about “academics, culture and sport”. It's about sustaining the whole ecosystem that lets our daughters learn safely, confidently and joyfully, today and next year.

How Greenfield used your fees in 2025

Thanks to your support, we:

- Resurfaced and sealed the **school hall floor and stage** (post-COVID wear and tear).
- Installed **new security cameras** campus-wide.
- Sent teachers on **professional development** courses that enrich and extend the curriculum.
- Upgraded **telecoms** for reliable admin and teacher communication.
- Added **new air-conditioning** to certain key classrooms to support teaching and learning through our warm summers and cold, wet winters.

- **Hall kitchen refurbishments**, and the **full retarring of the parking area** used for breaks and netball when courts are full (starting this term)
- Staged an unforgettable school production of **Aladdin**, made possible by careful budgeting for performance rights, costumes, sets, lighting and sound, an investment in cultural confidence and whole-school spirit.

A shared commitment

When we applied to Greenfield, every parent undertook to pay fees (unless exempt). That partnership is what enables our daughters —and every Greenfield girl —to enjoy the teaching quality, safety, and programmes that define our school. Thank you to the many families who pay on time and to those who proactively engage when help is needed.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM, where we will present the 2026 plan, answer your questions, and, with your participation, approve a budget that keeps Greenfield moving forward.

There will be coffee and biscuits!

Sincere thanks,

Stephen Smith

Warm regards.

Stephen Smith

CHAIRMAN - GREENFIELD GOVERNING BODY (AND PROUD GREENIE PARENT)



FOCUS ON GRADE 3

Mrs Varner and her Explorers

The Grade 3 classroom has been buzzing with excitement and curiosity this term!

This term, our Grade 3 girls are exploring the wonderful theme of “What we get from the Earth and plants.” They are learning how we can use, preserve, and appreciate these natural gifts to help build happy and safe communities.

In Life Skills, we are currently conducting a science experiment to discover what plants need to grow. Through observation, discussion, and teamwork, the girls are developing important inquiry skills and learning how to work collaboratively by sharing their ideas, opinions, and knowledge with confidence and respect.

In Mathematics, our focus has been on fractions, where the girls have been learning to recognise, compare, and investigate equivalent fractions. They’ve enjoyed using practical examples and group activities to deepen their understanding.



Across all subjects, we continue to celebrate curiosity, kindness, and cooperation. The Grade 3s are growing into thoughtful, engaged learners who appreciate the world around them and the people they share it with.

It's already shaping up to be an exciting and enriching term ahead for our curious and enthusiastic Grade 3s!

Warm regards,

Mrs Jamie Varner

Grade 3 Class Teacher



IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- 28 Public Speaking - Grade 6 and 7**
- 30 Annual General Meeting**
Proposed Fees and Budget for 2026
8 am in the Margeret Dick Hall
- 30 Golden Oldies Day**
11h45 - Grade R to 3 Guests
12h45 - Refreshments are served for all
13h15 - Grade 4 to 7 Guests
- 31 Peninsula School Feeding Spellathon**
Cake 4 Sale - Bring small change

NOVEMBER

- 6 Greenfield Golf Day** - Westlake
Grade R Cake Sale - Bring small change
- 7 Grade R and 1 Orientation Day**
- 11 Choir and Band Showcase** - 18h00
- 12 Maintenance and Aftercare Civvies**
- 13 Dance Showcase** (Mrs Morgan's pupils)

ALL DATES ARE ON THE D6 CONNECT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER EXAM CYCLE

Grades 4 - 7

The November test cycle starts on 17 November for the Grade 7s. Grades 4 to 6 start on 19 November. Teachers have emailed timetables and content to be covered to parents and the girls have been given these in hard copy format. Please ensure that your daughter starts her daily revision, encourage her to check that her books are up-to-date and avoid leaving school early and absenteeism where possible.

School dismisses at 13h00 for Grades 1 to 7 from 17 November (Monday to Friday).

GREENFIELD GOLF DAY

6 NOVEMBER - WESTLAKE GOLF COURSE

We appeal to the Greenfield community to support this important fundraiser. It's not just for the golfers, but those wishing to sponsor prizes and watering holes.

Funds raise will go towards resurfacing the pool and upgrading the area around it.

Contact Luke or Phil on golf@greenfieldgirls.org.za

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Ivy Bovula who recently became a proud grandmother to a beautiful baby girl, Isemihle. Enjoy your bundle of joy, Goggo! Wishing Isemihle a happy, healthy life.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Ms Michelsen whose father passed away peacefully yesterday after a brave battle with cancer. May God comfort the family during this difficult time.



The Greenfield community mourns the passing of former parent and Governing Body Chairperson, Merle Viljoen. A devoted mother to Rebecca (Class of 2018) and wife to François, Merle embodied true servant leadership. She was an integral part of our school, and her wisdom, integrity and unwavering commitment to the school community remain a golden thread woven through the tapestry of Greenfield.

Our deepest condolences go out to François, Rebecca, and all who loved her. May she rest in peace.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BABIES

Happy birthday to **Mrs Theunissen** and **Ms Garrett** who both celebrate their birthdays on 4 November. Thank you for all you do for our school.

Fun fact: Mrs Theunissen was interviewed on her birthday last year!



FAMILY FUN DAY - 25 OCTOBER 2025

Family Fun Day this year was one for the books! With a wonderful turn out and the weather holding on, Arderne, Barkly and Molteno gave it their all to gain supremacy on the day. It was Arderne who won by an unbeatable 99 points.

Well done to all who made this day a special, Greenfield-style FUN day!



Summer sport is in full swing with weekly swimming galas and tennis matches keeping our learners busy. This term, we are proud to have two tennis teams competing in the league. Best of luck to all our teams!

WORKBOOK ORDERS 2026

Accounts for **compulsory workbook orders** for the 2026 school year have been sent to parents of students in Grades R to 6. These workbooks are an essential part of your daughter's learning, as they are the textbooks she writes in during the year.

The closing date for payment was 30 September and there still payments outstanding. Kindly settle as soon as possible.
Stationery orders have also been sent home.



AFTERCARE PARKING LOT UPGRADE

The Aftercare parking lot/netball court is being resurfaced. Parents are reminded that they have to park in the road until further notice.
Thank you for your cooperation.



LET'S DANCE!

Well done to these fabulous dancers (L to R):
Michaela Eccles; Safah Fortune; Sophie Thwaites; Shura Emeran and Isabella Olivato.
They performed in a show called **A Dance through Hollywood - Frame by Frame** showcased by their dance school, Unique Dance Academy.
Well done, Greenies!

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A vibrant illustration of a young girl with dark hair, wearing a purple jumpsuit, running joyfully. She is surrounded by a cloud of white papers and books. In the background, there is a lightbulb and a rocket, symbolizing knowledge and connectivity.

#POOLRESURFACING

The Greenfield campus is one of the most beautiful primary school settings in our province — a place our girls are proud to call their second home. Behind the scenes, it takes hard work and a dedicated Maintenance Team to keep our grounds and facilities looking pristine. Over the years, we've invested in upgrades, and we are especially proud of our sporting facilities, which play such a central role in school life.

Our swimming pool, however, is in urgent need of resurfacing, and the surrounding area requires a much-needed facelift. As you can imagine, this is a costly project.

To fund this initiative, we are delighted to announce the Greenfield Golf Day on Thursday, 6 November 2025, at the beautiful Westlake Golf Course, framed by the majestic Muizenberg Mountains.

We appeal to our parent community to support this exciting event in any way possible — whether through sponsorship, donations, or participation on the day. No contribution is too small, and every bit helps us reach our goal.

A poster for Greenfield Girls Primary Golf Day. The background is a stylized illustration of a golf course with rolling green hills, a sand trap, and a golfer in silhouette swinging a club. The text is in various shades of green and white.

GREENFIELD GIRLS PRIMARY
Golf Day

IN AID OF THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE POOL

6 NOVEMBER 2025 | WESTLAKE GOLF COURSE

REGISTRATION: 11H00
SHOTGUN START TIME: 12H30
COST: R7000 (INCLUDES: DINNER, PRIZE GIVING, BALL SPOTTER PER 4 BALL, GOODIE BAG)

RSVP: GOLF@GREENFIELDGIRLS.ORG.ZA

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