



GREENFIELD News

EMPATHY:

Growing a Kinder Community, One Greenie at a Time

Dear Parents



Today, in our Family Groups, our Grade 7 girls led their younger sisters in a conversation about the value of Empathy. It was lovely to see our seniors guiding with confidence and care, while the younger girls listened, asked questions, and shared their own thoughts.

As a school, we believe empathy is at the heart of kindness and community. It's about noticing how others are feeling, putting yourself in their shoes, and responding with compassion. Our girls are learning that empathy isn't only

about big gestures, it's often the small acts of care, such as including someone who feels left out, offering a listening ear, or speaking kindly, that make the greatest difference.

By nurturing empathy in these everyday moments, we hope to grow young women who are not only thoughtful and considerate but also strong enough to use their words and actions to build others up.

At home, you can encourage empathy by talking about feelings in everyday situations, whether it's asking, "How do you think she felt when that happened?" after a story, or helping your daughter notice when someone around her might need a bit of kindness. These small conversations help her practise seeing the world through someone else's eyes.

On a more serious note, we are becoming increasingly concerned about the unkind and unfair comments being made about staff and pupils, which some of the girls are repeating at school. Often, these are fragments of adult conversations or comments picked up on WhatsApp groups, sometimes even misquoted or taken out of context. This not only undermines relationships but also places the girls in situations they are not mature enough to navigate. I implored you at the beginning of the year to be mindful of what is said in front of your children and to avoid giving them access to adult WhatsApp messages. Protecting them from these conversations helps us all build a kinder, more respectful school community.

It's almost time for the curtains to open on our vibrant production of Disney's Aladdin Jr. and I can confidently promise you a show that will dazzle you. A detailed newsflash will be sent to parents shortly.

Regards,

Janine Cloete

PRINCIPAL



GLITTER, GIGGLES AND GROWING TOGETHER

The Magic of Grade R

Step into our Grade R classroom and the first thing you'll notice is the mess—and we wouldn't have it any other way. Here, mess isn't just encouraged—it's celebrated! Because in our world, mess means learning, creativity, laughter, and most importantly, being ourselves.

With 25 bright, bubbly girls filling the room, every day is an adventure through the senses. We squish paint between our fingers, listen to the crunch of leaves, sniff fresh playdough, taste the difference between sweet and sour, and watch glitter dance in the sunlight. We don't just learn with our minds—we learn with our whole bodies. Whether we're building castles from cardboard or mixing potions in the playground, we're discovering the world in the most exciting way possible: through play.

Grade R isn't just the first step of our school journey—it's where something really special begins. It's where we start to build friendships that will last for years. Yes, we'll grow and change, and along the way, some friends might come and go. But here, right now, we are learning how to care for each other, how to share giggles and stories, and how to be kind.

What makes this class truly magical is that we can be unapologetically ourselves. Loud, quiet, silly, shy, sparkly, muddy, wild—we are all welcome here. And that comfort, that freedom to express ourselves, is what forms the strongest bonds. Together, we are learning that our voices matter, our ideas are important, and that sometimes, the best creations come from a pile of recycled boxes, a splash of paint, and, of course, a whole lot of glitter.

We may be small now, but the dreams and friendships we're building in Grade R are big. So come take a peek

into our classroom—you'll see a mess, but more than that, you'll see magic.

Take a look at some of our amazing creations, tell us you are proud of us, and let us get messy. Please.

With love from the Grade R class





GREENFIELD GOLF DAY

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.

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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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.

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 school sources these books in bulk, securing the best prices possible. Our suppliers offer us discounts and free delivery, which we pass directly on to parents. The books are carefully chosen by teachers for their suitability and effectiveness, and the SMT monitors that the girls make good use of them.

The cost of the order also includes paper and the school diary.

Please note: the closing date for orders is **30 September**.

Stationery orders will be sent out in the fourth term.

Thank you for your cooperation.



HAPPY ADMINISTRATORS' DAY



On Wednesday we celebrated three incredible women who keep Greenfield running like clockwork, with smiles on their faces and love in their hearts. Thank you to Mrs Hill, Mrs Schenck and Mrs Parker for their commitment to Greenfield.

On behalf of this Magnificent Team, huge thanks for the special messages and lovely treats from the Greenfield families. Well deserved!

KARATE KID

Well done to Harper Syce in Grade 5 who took part in her very first karate competition this weekend and walked away with not one, but two gold medals.



MUSIC TO OUR EARS

Congratulations to

Isabella Olivato who has been awarded her Colours in Music. This is a high achievement indeed!



STAFF NEWS

Our school counsellor, Michelle du Bois, has broken the sad news that she will be bidding us farewell at the end of this year for a more full-time position. Michelle joined us eight years ago and served under three principals and seen us through a pandemic. Numerous girls, staff and parents have turned to her for her sage advice. We will bid a proper farewell to her at the end of the year.

Greenfield's Management will follow a thorough recruitment and selection process to replace Mrs du Bois.



SAPS VISITS GREENFIELD

We welcomed members of the SAPS to Greenfield. They spent time with our learners sharing important lessons on safety and awareness. Thank you to our local police force for empowering our girls with knowledge that helps keep them safe.



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PGSGU TOURNAMENTS 2025

Over the past two weeks, our grade 6 and 7 learners have been competing in the annual PGSGU Inter-School netball and hockey tournaments. Well done to our girls for showing grit, determination and teamwork against some tough competition.

