

Hurlynews

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It's that time of the year again!

The vote is out for the best season, and a very strong case could be made for Autumn, the beautiful colours, the bright blue sky and the crunch of walking on dried leaves. The crisp mornings are invigorating and bring with them the promise that nature will return from her approaching rest. Sadly, it is also associated with impending exams and by the time you read this, we will already be in the thick of it. Please remember that these are primary school children, and they still require much support during this often stressful time. Healthy meals and snacks, regular routines and early bedtimes are all ways in which you, as parents, can demonstrate your love for them. "You had better not fail!" and "You HAVE to do well or else...." may seem motivating, but are actually counterproductive. We aim to instil diligence, accountability and responsibility wrapped in love and support.

A regularly asked question is, "What if my child is sick during exams?" This is a very real possibility given the timing of tests during the allergy season. Should you find yourself in such a predicament, please ensure that you take your child to the doctor and get a note booking them off for the dates of the exams they will miss. Time permitting, they will need to catch up upon their return, which will unfortunately result in writing two exams a day.

Danger in the home.

The John Buswell talk was well received, as was the talk for our children. They provoked much discussion amongst the staff and as one wise teacher noted, "We spend a lot of money protecting our children; installing security beams, tracker apps and teaching them stranger danger. However, we often neglect the threat of that innocuous little device in their very bedrooms!" The internet is a vast and dangerous place for our children and requires proper control. Nothing is more important than their safety! So, monitor those devices and restrict unsupervised use. Your children's safety is more important than their privacy!

Major Production.

Pieter Potjie practice is in full swing, and our performers are getting extremely excited. Please support them and buy tickets on our Karri app. There will be no matinee for the children, so they will only be able to watch it if you bring them. We are NOT spoilt for choice when it comes to wholesome family entertainment in our neck of the woods, so why not come along and enjoy a night out with us? Support our local talent, and who knows, maybe one day you will say, I saw them live before they won their Oscar!

Everybody's favourite!

An often overlooked and underestimated subject is PE. Commonly associated with gruelling fitness and shouty coaches, it has been stereotyped as a competitive torture chamber. This is most definitely not the case at Hurlyvale. It is a chance for our children to explore and learn through play, while they discover overlooked talents! The lessons are thoroughly planned, our coaches are hands-on and our children- BUSY! Shrieks of excitement and enjoyment are audible throughout the school! PE is a much-anticipated lesson and even an effective motivator for towing the line! The value of PE can not be overstated!

Staffroom News

Pssst, some staffroom gossip! It has been announced that we are expecting a future Hurlykid! Mrs Vermaak has a very tiny little bun in the oven, and we could not be more thrilled. Arrangements are already underway to ensure a locum teacher to guarantee uninterrupted learning and a smooth transition for our Grade 2s. Enjoy getting your beauty sleep while you can.

On the romance front, our very own Miss Balboni has said yes to her dashing prince charming and is sporting a very shiny trinket on her left hand! Congratulations, Miss Balboni and Mr Agnelli! We are so happy that Miss B has scored herself a Mr A+.

Our children are our pride

First impressions count, and here at Hurlyvale, we strive to instil a sense of pride in our children. To this end, we appeal to you as parents to assist us in enforcing the school uniform policy. Our children learn that a neat and clean appearance goes a long way in building self-confidence and fostering positive interactions. Remember that the school tracksuit pants MUST be worn with the jacket. Although we don't expect our learners to leave at the end of the day as neatly as they arrived, we do acknowledge that they are our walking advertisements of Hurlyvale and as such, should be presentable and in the correct uniform.

Remember to clearly label all items so that in the event of it being misplaced, it may be returned to the owner. Our lost property box is overflowing.

Remember!

- ★ School will be closed on the 16/06.
- ★ We will break up on 27/06 and return on 22/07
- ★ Open Day 21/06

Out of the mouths of babes

"I once overheard a kid trying to convince his friend that he had superpowers. When his friend asked what they were, he confidently said, 'I can make all the traffic lights turn green...eventually.' It was a charming mix of innocence and creativity!"

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