

# TAMBOERSKLOOF PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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# **IMPORTANT DATES**

4 September Storieskip Performance 5 September Grade 7 Market Day

8 September Assessments start, Intersen Phase

19 September Grade 2 Cake Sale

24 September Public Holiday: Heritage Day

3 October Grade 5 Cake Sale

3 October Schools close: end of term 3
13 October Schools open: start of term 4

15 October WCED Systemic Tests for Grade 3 and Grade 6 learners

23 October Budget Meeting

# **GENERAL NEWS**

- The new aftercare and art room building is making exciting progress, with the exterior structure now nearing completion and the roof currently being fitted. While we look forward to this wonderful new addition to our school, please remember that the area remains a construction site and is therefore still cordoned off. We kindly remind parents to ensure their children do not enter or play near the building site for their own safety.
- You may have noticed the installation of our new safety and privacy screens along the Foundation
  Phase playground fence. These screens not only showcase attractive branding for our school but,
  more importantly, provide a safe and protected environment where our learners can play and learn
  without distraction or unwanted attention from passers-by. This added privacy creates a more
  comfortable and secure space for our children. We extend our sincere thanks to Adidas and
  Nando's for generously sponsoring these screens.
- We are delighted to share that all of our honours boards in the school hall have been replaced and updated. These boards stand as a proud record of the achievements of our learners over the years.
   A heartfelt thank you goes to the Forbes Family for their generous donation which made this possible.
- We bid a sudden farewell to Mrs Williams, who taught in Grade 6 and has now taken up a departmental post at another school. We thank her for her contribution and wish her every success in this new chapter. During this transition, we were briefly assisted by Mr Pather, and more recently by Mr Abrahams (our Principal). We are currently in the process of interviewing candidates to fill this role in a permanent capacity. We understand that this period has been unsettling for the learners and parents involved, and we sincerely thank you for your patience and support as we work towards finding a long-term solution.

- On 14 and 15 August, Help The Rural Child hosted a book sale at our school, which was a great success. Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support.
- Earlier this year, our Grade 5 to 7 learners participated in the **Horizon Mathematics Competition**, which is conducted in the form of a multiple-choice test. Six of our learners qualified for the second round, which took place on Saturday, 10 May 2025.

We are very proud of their achievements:

- o Yushaa Zaindeen placed an impressive 147th out of 1,578 learners.
- Wanika Maliwa placed 200th overall.
- o Toha Salie (Grade 6) achieved a 707th place finish.

Congratulations also to Jehaan Bassadien, Hayley Nuwegeld (Grade 5), and Robyn Adriaanse (Grade 6), who represented Tambi with pride in the second round. Well done to all our participants for their hard work and determination!

• Parents are kindly reminded that aftercare services are not free and have never been. Aftercare fees cover staff salaries and the resources needed to provide a safe and supportive environment for the children. To make sure the program can continue running smoothly, it's important that fees are paid in full and on time. Please also note that children attending aftercare must be formally enrolled. Unfortunately, late or non-payment of fees will result in your child being unable to attend aftercare. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

# SPORTS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### **CHESS**

The U9 chess team played their first competitive match on Wednesday, 27 August. They faced a well-prepared Herzlia team and, although the match ended in a loss, our players gained valuable experience and showed great determination. The team is now eager and motivated for their next challenge.

## SOCCER

• This week our soccer boys took on Pinelands North Primary, with the U13B team playing on Tuesday and the U13A team playing on Thursday. Both teams gave their best on the field and represented Tambi with pride. Match results will be shared in our next newsletter.

### **NETBALL**

• The U13 Netball Team proudly represented Tambi at the 2025 Southside Shootout Tournament on Saturday, 30 August. The team—Ngcali Faith Dlokweni (C), Riley Samuels, Nuha Manie, Keeyah Davidson, Kulthoom Moos, Onakho Tlou, Itha Mfundisi, Malaikah Makalakala, and D'Andra Antonio—played with heart and determination, securing two victories out of seven matches against very tough opposition.

The tournament was eventually won by Sun Valley, who faced Golden Grove in the final. A big thank you goes to Mr Crossley, Mrs Hendricks and Miss Avidon for coaching and supporting the girls on the day, and to all the parents who came out to cheer them on.

# OTHER

• We are proud to announce that Ansaam Jacobs (Grade 6) has qualified to represent Western Province Gymnastics in October 2025. She will be competing in the free hand, hoop, and clubs routines, and we wish her every success as she prepares for this exciting opportunity.