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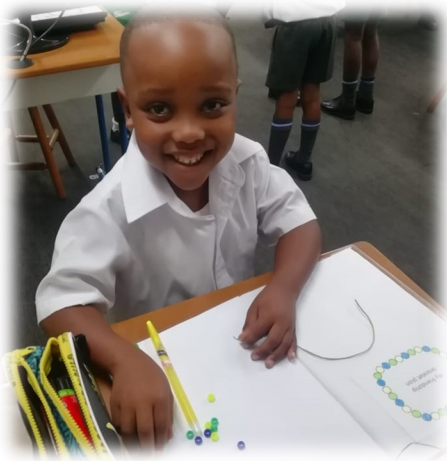


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Dear Parents,

With just four weeks left in the term, there is still much happening at Glenmore, and plenty to look forward to. The past month has tested the resilience of both our learners and educators, yet as I reflect, I feel quietly optimistic about the year ahead.



I encourage you to take time to go through your child's class books and note the quality and quantity of work completed. It has been wonderful to see our learners engaged, eager to learn, and happy at school—a reflection of the dedication and care shown by our educators.

It was also heartening to see so many parents attend **Orientation Day** in support of their children. Your involvement is what makes the difference—not just in your child's success but in the growth and development of our school. I look forward to working together with you to ensure we finish the term on a strong and positive note.

Open Evening & Admissions

Our recent **Open Evening** for 2026 admissions was a great success, highlighting once again the strong demand for placements at Glenmore. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate everyone.

If you intend to enrol a sibling or know of a family interested in joining us, please ensure that all forms are collected and submitted **on time**.



Weather Precautions

Despite the heavy rainfall over the past week, I am pleased to report that our school sustained only minor damage, and operations have continued as normal. However, I urge you to be cautious when deciding whether to send your child to school during extreme weather conditions.

Reliable weather apps and forecasts provide valuable updates on potential transport disruptions. While we place great value on consistent attendance, your child's safety remains our top priority. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have concerns.



Bonding and Leadership Sessions

At the start of the year, our Grade 6 and 7 learners enjoyed camps at Port Edward and Seula, while the Grade 5s went on a day trip to Giba Gorge and the Grade 4s participated in a leadership day. These experiences are designed not only for personal growth but also to strengthen friendships, teamwork, and the bond between learners and educators.



I am always in awe of what our learners achieve at these camps. Many attain new skills they never knew they had and I am sure you have noticed a positive change in your child after these experiences.

Senior Primary Gala

For those parents who attended, it was a fantastic morning of swimming. The weather played its part, and learners thoroughly enjoyed the fun in the sun after many days of rainy weather and being cooped up in class. Our swimmers gave it their all.

□ **Gala Results:**

1st: Duiker

2nd: Kudu

3rd: Impala

4th: Springbok

□ **Spirit Cup Winners:** Kudu House

□ **Individual Achievements:**

- Best Junior Boy: Luthando Koom
- Runner-up Junior Boy: Smandile Ndladla
- Runner-up Victrix: Esihle Zondi
- Victrix Ludorum: Mahlatsi Mpanza
- Victor Ludorum: Zimangaliso Mbolekw

Best Junior Girl: Uminathi Cele & Simingalo Kumalo

Runner-up Junior Girl: Letlitha Mbolekw

Runner-up Victor Ludorum: Eli Peterson



Next year, I would like to see more swimmers than spectators at the gala. One hour of swimming a week is simply not enough to develop competitive swimmers. I strongly encourage learners to attend morning and afternoon swimming sessions and for parents to create opportunities for additional training. Swimming is a life skill—let's give our children the best chance to develop it.

Assessments

Assessments are currently being written. Breakdowns of test content have been sent home, and I urge parents to spend time assisting their children.

This is a critical period, and learners should have limited access to distractions such as cell phones, PlayStations, and TV. While Glenmore is a Google School, you will be informed if and when learners need internet access for schoolwork.



Swimathon Fundraiser

Are you proud when you walk into Glenmore? For the past 27 years, I have been incredibly proud of our school—its progress, its facilities, and the sense of community we foster. Every time you visit, you are welcomed into a clean and well-maintained environment, with continuous improvements that enhance our learners' experiences. This is only possible through your support—by ensuring school fees are up to date and contributing to our fundraising efforts.



This term's Swimathon is more than just a fundraiser; it is a fun and competitive event designed to encourage participation and excitement among learners. We scheduled it later this year to allow learners time to build confidence in the pool and complete as many laps as possible.

Funds raised from this event will go towards the installation of surveillance cameras, a much-needed measure to enhance learner safety and protect our school from the increasing levels of crime in our country. We ask for your full support to make this initiative a success.

Pickleball and Table Tennis

It has been a joy to see our learners embrace the new sports introduced this term. Their excitement is contagious, and it is wonderful to see them developing new skills so quickly. Some learners have even gone the extra mile—watching tutorials, practising at home, and playing with parents!

A heartfelt thank you to Miss Pillay, Mr. Walstra, and Mrs. Wilke, who have taken the lead in making these sports a success. I also commend our learners for stepping out of their comfort zones—these experiences help them grow in confidence and ability.



Supporter Shirts

Due to high demand, we are considering ordering supporter shirts. However, we need to determine interest before proceeding.

If you are interested in purchasing one, please complete the form which will be sent out this Friday. The more orders we receive, the lower the cost. If we do not reach the required number, we will not proceed with the order.

DEAR Programme – Stories of Africa

Over the past month, learners have explored traditional African stories. Have you heard of:

- *Why Tortoise's Shell is Cracked?*
- *Why Rabbit's Tail is Short?*
- *Why Hare's Ears Are Long?*
- *Why Crocodile Has No Tongue?*

Ask your child to **retell these stories**—they have engaged with them in class. These tales have been passed down for generations, and it would be wonderful to keep this tradition alive by sharing them at home.

For the next month, we will **shift our focus** to stories that teach valuable life lessons. I encourage you to read the following passage **with your child** and discuss its meaning.

The Lost Puppy Trick

While walking home from school, Sipho and Nomusa saw a woman standing near a car. She looked worried.

"Excuse me, children," she said. "My little puppy is lost! He ran that way. Can you help me find him?"

Nomusa's eyes lit up. *"Oh, I love puppies!"* She took a step forward, but Sipho grabbed her hand. He remembered what his parents had said: **Strangers can pretend to need help to trick you.**

"Sorry, we can't," Sipho said firmly. *"Maybe you should ask an adult."*

The woman's smile faded. *"Come on, just for a second!"* she said.

But the children shook their heads and walked away quickly. When they turned the corner, Sipho took out his whistle and blew it—just like his teacher had taught them in case of danger. A security guard from a nearby shop came out, and when they looked back, the woman had driven off in a hurry.

Lesson: If a stranger asks for help, **never go with them.** Always **call an adult instead.**

Uniform Shop Sale

Over the past year, we have accumulated boxes of unclaimed school uniforms, including jackets, jerseys, shirts, ties, shoes, grey pants, sports shirts, and dresses. As we have been unable to find their owners, these items will be on sale at a greatly reduced price during the last week of this term. To prevent this from happening again, please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly labeled.

School Fees Discount

As per the budget resolution, a R1100 discount will be applied if school fees are fully paid by 31 March 2025. We encourage parents to take advantage of this opportunity.

Caught in Action

Below is a series of pictures showing some of the other highlights of the term. The coding and robotics classes have been busy and learners have been using chrome books on a regular basis. Beach Day for grade R, Valentine's day, learning about crossing the road have been interesting events in the term so far.



Until next time.....

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Principal

