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Dear Parents

Wathint'Abafazi Wathint'imbokodo - "Now you have touched the women, you have struck a rock." - protest song sung at Women's March, Pretoria, 9 August 1956

Lilian Ngoyi, Helen Joseph, Rahima Moosa and Sophia Williams are not names known to all South Africans and yet it was the courage of these four brave women which strengthened their resolve as on 9 August 1956 they led a march of more than 20 000 South African women of all races to the Union Buildings to protest the proposed amendments to the Urban Areas Act of 1950, also known as the 'pass laws', and delivered more than 100 000 signatures to the Prime Minister's door.

Standing against injustice, these courageous women created a platform for empowerment, a clarion call to those in power that the women of this country would not accept ongoing injustice and exploitation. Their demonstration led to the writing of the Women's Charter which was ultimately incorporated into the Freedom Charter.

Risking incarceration, physical mistreatment and, in some cases, shunning from their community, this group of South African women showed in a very practical way, that they were not simply going to stand by while injustice prevailed. Their bravery is a stark lesson for us today and there is much we, as contemporary South Africans, can learn from them.

In our increasingly complicated world, it is important to remember the stories of women such as these. We need to share their actions and stories with our children to inspire not only our girls, but all our young people. Our country needs women, and men, of inspired action, driven not for self-gain but with a desire to make the world a better place.

As we celebrate Women's Day this week, let us stop for a moment and consider those women who have played a significant role in our lives - mothers, grandmothers, teachers, youth leaders and others who have in some way shaped who we are today. Let us pause to thank those ladies around us who continue to build into our lives and teach our children to do the same.

Arthur Preston
Head of Primary

Dates To Diary

ParentLine

Monday 11 September
(14h45 - 20h00)
Tuesday 12 September
(14h45 - 17h00)

Enrichment Days

Wednesday 20 and
Thursday 21 September

Last Day of Term

Friday 22 September
(11h30)

Cross Country

The Metro North District Championships took place on Friday 4 August at CPUT. The athletes who qualified to take part did very well and we are looking forward to a successful Western Province Cross Country Championships on 12 August at the same venue

Congratulations to the following athletes who qualified for the WP Champs:

Cheyne Webster - 9th (Girls U10)
Chase Chiang - 12th (Boys U10)
Dariuz Wyngaard - 20th (Boys U11)
Kiara Boddy - 7th (Girls U11)
Morgan Russell - 20th (Girls U11)
Kira Billimore - 2nd (Girls U12)
Zachary Bowles - 13th (Boys U12)
Emilia Matushewski - 12th (Girls U13)
Sibu Raziya - 13th (Boys U13)



Match Results

Hockey

Boys

U11A vs CBC - Lost 2-3
U14A vs CBC - Won 11-1

Girls

U10A vs CBC - Lost 3-4
U11A vs CBC - Lost 0-1
U14A vs CBC - Won 2-0

Netball

U10A vs Sunningdale - Won 5-1
U10B vs Sunningdale - Lost 3-6
U11A vs Sunningdale - Lost 0-5
U11B vs Sunningdale - Lost 3-6
U12 vs Sunningdale - Draw 7-7

Chess

vs Saxonse Primary School - Won 6-0

Congratulations

Gabriel Schreiber took part in The Quadrangular Gala on Saturday 29 July, achieving gold in the 50m freestyle, silver in 50m backstroke and breaststroke and bronze in the 50m fly. Well done, Gabriel!

