

HERZLIA HIGHLIGHTS

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EDITORIAL

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Thank you for the positive feedback to our first issue of HERZLIA HIGHLIGHTS, it served our purpose of highlighting the exciting events that take place across all our campuses.

This second edition comes at the end of a highly memorable year that has been filled with exciting and enjoyable events and activities. At the one end of the spectrum we pay tribute to all the outstanding achievements of our Matric year of 2009 and acknowledge Keren Futeran, the Best All Rounder of the year. We also acknowledge the recipient of the Chairman's Award for outstanding contributions to Herzlia life, Rynette Ritz. Rynette epitomizes everything that HERZLIA stands for.

On behalf of the entire HERZLIA Family we bid farewell to an outstanding Matric year. After more than 16 years in our schools they will now enter the global society taking with them the skills, values and confidence inculcated at HERZLIA.

I wish you all a wonderful, safe holiday and Channukah Sameach. Any feedback or comments are most welcome, email geoffc@herzlia.com

HERZLIA CONSTANTIA P.E. CRICKET TOUR 2009

On Sunday 20 October, 15 smart, Herzlia blazer-clad cricketers set off from Cape Town International airport for PE to play four cricket matches. Our departure coincided with the

arrival of a cold front that would shower upon PE the most vicious of storms! However, no one allowed the gloomy weather to dampen our excitement and we were all smiles as we were met by Theodor Herzl sports' head, Mr Vaughn Botes, who transported us to the school where we had lunch before watching Liverpool beat Man United and enjoying an early evening braai. The boys then met their hosts and were taken to their respective homes for the week.

Monday dawned gloomy and wet but spirits remained upbeat as we met at Theodor Herzl at 07h30 for prayers. Unfortunately the rain continued and our game against St Dominic's was cancelled. The next day we played against Grey College – it was a tough game and we were bowled out for 110 runs. Wednesday dawned bright and windy and we soon understood the origin of one of PE's nicknames, the 'windy city'! After prayers we played against Theodor Herzl, Brent Shone scored 25 not out and everyone batted very well. Theodor were then bowled out for 48 with Mikey Cohen spinning us to victory by taking 7/9 and confirming why he has been selected for the WP U13A side.

Thursday's weather was magnificent and we set off for Jeffrey's Bay where we all hit the

Billabong Shop! Our final game was against Woodridge and we had really hoped to win this against a strong side containing a couple of EP U13's but although bowling them out for a paltry 99, our batting was a tad reckless and we only managed to score 94 runs thus losing the game by five runs.

A tour like this could never have been so successful without the incredible warmth of our Theodor Herzl hosts who provided us with accommodation, kosher meals at the school and the use of their school bus! A huge thanks must be extended to their head of



sport, Mr Vaughn Botes. A final thanks must be extended to Constantia Sports' Head, Ms Breslin, for her meticulous preparations. To the boys – well done on being fine Herzlia ambassadors. Hopefully the relationships which have budded in PE will continue to blossom in future years!



Sarah Bloch | Alon Ashel | Dafna | Gan Aviv | Kerem | Herzlia Constantia
Herzlia Highlands | Herzlia Weizmann | Herzlia Middle School | Herzlia High School

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THE HIGH SCHOOL CHAIRMAN'S AWARD 2009

Extract from the speech delivered by the Chairman of UNITED HERZLIA SCHOOLS, Mr Brian Goldberg, at the Grade 12 Valedictory Evening on 20 October, 2009

Last year I announced a decision made by the School Board, that each year at valedictory, an award will be made to an individual member of the greater HERZLIA family, who in the discretion of the Chairman had made an extraordinary contribution to the day-to-day experience of Herzlians.

This award, now known as the Chairman's Award, was awarded for the first time a year ago. The recipient of this prestigious accolade



Photo: Rynette Ritz, recipient of the second Chairman's Award.

is intended to be an individual who has over a period of time enhanced the name of the school in one or more facets of school life. The recipient should furthermore be an individual who has, through his or her particular interest, or area of expertise and commitment, made an impact on the lives of the pupils of HERZLIA, while also enhancing the good name and standing of our school in the eyes of the greater CapeTown and South African communities.

This year's recipient has for forty years quietly, and in the most unassuming way, joined the paperclips of your educational experience both literally and figuratively. She has made a very significant impact on our school, you the students, and your families. She epitomises the warmth with which you are embraced each day as you enter HERZLIA, and symbolises all it is to be one of the HERZLIA family.

She consistently and sincerely radiates warmth and kindness and is the warm heart that beats at HERZLIA. She greets all as if he or she were the most important person in the world, is willing to move heaven and earth to assist, always remaining her calm, assured self. She is modest, self-effacing and gentle, yet is courageous and determined.

She has been the perfect role model to many generations who have graduated from this great hall. Her commitment to and love of HERZLIA are uppermost, and she has with her beautiful nature endeared herself to pupils, parents and teachers.

In bidding our 2009 class farewell, I wish them the best of luck, and a hearty mazaltov, In doing so, I am delighted to honour as your role model, and as the recipient of the second Chairman's Award, a true Eyshet Chayil, Rynette Ritz.



Photo: Keren Futeran receives her award.

THE ZALMAN AVIN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE BEST ALL-ROUNDER IN GRADE 12

The recipient of this award must have been involved in both the cultural and the sporting life of the school over the last three years, as well as being a top achiever academically.

For being a house captain and madricha at the JIPSY interhouse; for consistent performances as a member of the first girls' soccer team; for representing HERZLIA in a number of community events including Face2Face, Faith2Faith, Cape Town Interfaith and as an Ambassador of Hope participant; for participating in the dance eisteddfods earlier this year and achieving diplomas and high honours; for being a member of the Student Representative Council and the Judaica executive as Rosh Chaggim and for being deputy head of the Zionist committee; for heading the United Africa Society in its humanitarian and philanthropic endeavours; for her selection as one of the five finalists in the Amy Biehl Foundation Community Award, and, finally, for consistently achieving academic excellence in school examinations. **Awarded to Keren Futeran.**

GAN AVIV KIDS AT GAN AVIV HELP BUILD THEIR OWN CLASSROOMS

Gan Aviv Herzlia Pre-Primary is growing and expanding due to a huge demand in 2010 for space in the City Bowl for children aged three to six years.

We are most grateful to our partners, Highlands House and the Jewish Community, who have ensured that the two new classrooms will be ready for January 2010. Our children laid their own bricks as an investment in their schooling. It was a special time as Martin the builder patiently assisted 55 five-year olds who cemented and placed bricks to build their own classroom. Great fun was had by all as they watched as their new classroom took shape, brick by brick.

Photo: Martin the builder assisted by Omer Amin-Zada, Ben Norval and Francis Bruwer.



Above: Little Kylie Schlosberg in her new HERZLIA Matric bib.



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YOUR SCHOOL OF CHOICE

IT EDUCATION MOVING AHEAD WITH TECHNOLOGY

At HERZLIA we realise that it is imperative our learners develop the Information Communication Technology (ICT) skills they will need in the adult world. To this end, we have invested vast amounts of physical and financial resources to ensure that our learners have access to and are able to use the latest technology with ease.

The HERZLIA IT Department staff of Lucille Dunne (Educational Head), David de Kock (Systems and Convergence Manager) and Louis Nel (Network Administrator) have spent hours developing and integrating technology into the educational curricula of the school.

This year HERZLIA, together with the PTA's, bought 80 new computers for the three primary school computer rooms, at a cost of R360 000. Technology has also been introduced for fast and efficient communication across all school campuses in the system.

HERZLIA has many interactive white boards (SmartBoards) in the classrooms, to enhance teaching and promote and improve the interactivity and collaborative nature of lessons. Morah Kruss from the Hebrew Department in the Middle School has written her own



Photo: Pupils enjoy the latest PC and Smartboard technology.

lesson activities for the teaching of Hebrew. Louise Leigh has developed numerous lessons making extensive use of SmartBoards in the teaching of Maths across the Middle School Maths department. The same thing applies to John Bransby in the High School Science Department.

Having the technology of SmartBoards in classrooms is the next step in new teaching methodology. The added value of a SmartBoard in every classroom has to be experienced to be appreciated. HERZLIA educates children

to become responsible, effective and efficient users of technology. This is comprehensively covered on our website www.herzlia.com and promoted by our "Acceptable Use Policy", signed by all our pupils and staff.

"Technology is not around for technology's sake. Whilst technology is an integral part of today's world, it is not the be-all and end-all of education", says Lucille Dunne. "At HERZLIA we aim to maintain a balance between technology and good, old-fashioned book learning".

WEIZMANN PRIMARY HELEN ZILLE VISITS WEIZMANN

Lara Seeff, a Grade Two pupil at Weizmann Primary School, sent Premier Helen Zille a picture that she had drawn of Table Mountain, together with a personal invitation to visit her school.

Mr Howard Goldberg, Principal of Weizmann Primary, was delighted to receive confirmation from the Premier's office that Ms Zille was happy to accept the invitation and would visit the school. Ms Zille and her entourage arrived on the Tuesday morning and were taken to the upstairs hall. The choir sang beautifully as the Premier took her seat. The entire school had been studying aspects of Cape Town and each Grade made a presentation.

The Grade One children sang 'Welcome to Cape Town'. Lara Seeff (Grade Two), had the honour of officially welcoming the Premier. The Grade Three children created a beautiful portrait of the Premier and handed it over to a clearly moved Mrs Zille.

The Grade Four children had put together a travelogue of Cape Town which they handed over to the Premier. The Grade Five children had held a Weizmann election day and presented the different parties and their

respective profiles to the Premier. The Grade Six children had done a project earlier on in the year on "Women of Worth" and Jared Locketz had chosen Ms Zille as his woman of worth.

It was an interactive morning between Ms Zille and the children, and it culminated in a hard hitting question and answer session. Perhaps

the enjoyment and excitement of the children was summed up by a Grade One pupil who exclaimed: 'I love the Premier – she's the best!'

It was an exceptional morning and Ms Zille was impressed by the high standard at Weizmann and the quality of the work done, commenting that she wished that all schools were of the same standard and quality.



Photo: A delighted Helen Zille accepts a portrait made by pupils at Weizmann.

Chag Sameach

Wishing you all a wonderful, safe holiday and a Channukah Sameach

HIGHLANDS PRIMARY DIVERSITY WEEK

Every year, Herzlia Highlands Primary spends a whole week focusing on a theme considered to be important for our learners.

In past years, Focus Week has included Earth Week, Science Week, Arts and Culture Week, Proudly South Africa Week, Israel Week etc. This year, for the second time, we focused on the important theme of diversity.

The week was coordinated by Mrs Karen Levitt, Mrs Hilary Waters and Mrs Kelli Lunsky. The aim of the week was to expose our learners to the idea of diversity, and for the need to respect all people, irrespective of the apparent differences between us, including different cultures, religions, ages, sexes, socio-economic differences, physical challenges or disabilities, and differences amongst themselves.

Some of the highlights of the week included an opening ceremony and celebration with Alvon Collison, talks on Living with Blindness, sign language demonstrations, diverse South

African music, Xenophobia, exploring foods from all over the world, diversity in Israel, and workshops on stereotyping.

MARKET DAY

Once a year our Grade 5s and Grade 6s sell their wares to the rest of the school and parents.

Market Day is always a highlight of the year and the children learn an enormous amount from this exercise, including entrepreneurial skills, planning, the concepts of turnover, profit and loss, an understanding of percentages, and marketing.

This year, the weather was on our side and we had a wonderful morning on the upper playground. A percentage of the turnover is paid to the school in rental and is given to charity.



WESTERN PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVES (Pictured above L/R)

Keir Scherzer - Chess (Grade 4)
Arielle Ralph - Judo (Grade 4)
Michael Whistler - Gymnastics (Grade 3)
Jared Milner - Gymnastics (Grade 2)
Gabriella Karpierz - Gymnastics (Grade 4)

MIDDLE SCHOOL OLD AND YOUNG MEET AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

A wonderful morning was spent at the Middle School celebrating Sukkot. Our Pre-Primary children paired up with Middle School students and interacted while doing activities. Our senior learners were wonderful big buddies and took their responsibilities very seriously.

It was heartwarming to observe relationships forming across the ages, from 3-14 years. Our younger children thoroughly enjoyed being nurtured and made to feel so special by their older Herzlia sisters and brothers. The Pre-Primary parents enjoyed a well deserved cup of tea and were happy to have the opportunity to meet up with parents from our various Pre-Primary schools.

GRANDPARENTS TEA

Our Grandparents Tea was a wonderful event. On Wednesday afternoon, CAG members set up the hall in yellow and purple for the 240 expected guests. In spite of the damp weather, there was a full turnout.

The morning began with tea served with sandwiches, cakes and muffins. The pupils then presented an hour of entertainment, beginning with a performance by the Vocal Ensemble and ending with excerpts from Annie. It included music, dance, magic and "Michael Jackson". Thank you to all who contributed in any way to the success of this annual event on the Middle School calendar.



Photo: Mirron Sarembok with his "little buddy".



Photo: How about a hug?



Photo: Jodi Zimmerman with her Bobba.



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