

From the Heart / Uit die Hart

Dear Parents, Supporters, and Friends of Pioneer School

Dit is moeilik om te glo dat dit reeds die derde uitgawe van ons VBS nuusbrieff is! Dit is weer 'n voorreg om hoogtepunte van die afgelope paar maande uit te lig en donateurs en borge te bedank vir hulle bydrae om dit wat ons vir ons leerders doen, moontlik te maak. Dankie aan elkeen wat 'n impak gemaak het met skenkings, besoeke en borgskappe – ons waardeer dit opreg.

The following words of Albert Einstein resonate with me when I reflect on the blessings we have received: "The value of a man resides in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive." It is in this spirit of giving that I want to acknowledge the remarkable contributions made to our school.

We are very grateful to our supporters like The Hollywood Foundation, the SN Pool Community Foundation, Drs Hofmeyr, Laubscher & Jourdan, Christopher Venter, OK Foods Drostyd, Oasis Water, Worcester Gymnasium, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Pioneer Printers and our many other supporters and visitors. Your generous contributions and involvement directly impacts the lives of our learners and strengthens our vision and mission.

Our partnership with the Cape Winelands District Municipality has also brought about meaningful change, particularly in improving pedestrian safety and accessibility. This initiative does not only benefit our learners, but also enhances safety of the broader community.

Ons harte is ook gevul met trots wanneer oud-leerders soos Marlene Smith, Madelene van den Berg, en ander, na hul alma mater terugkeer met geskenke en ondersteuning. Julle bly deel van die Pionier-familie, en ons waardeer julle betrokkenheid opreg.

We are very grateful for the generosity we've been shown by a diverse group of people who have come together to support us in our mission to enrich our learners' journeys. Maya Angelou, American memoirist, poet and civil rights activist, wrote the following on diversity: "We should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter their colour." The generosity we've received beautifully reflects this diversity—people from all walks of life coming together to enrich our learners' journeys.

Thank you for being part of the vibrant tapestry that makes Pioneer School the exceptional place it is.

Warm regards,



Michael Bredenkamp

Principal: Pioneer School for
the Visually Impaired





Many thanks to the SN Pool Community Foundation, Worcester, for the valued donation in aid of Pioneer School's specialised services empowering visually impaired learners and also for the informative interactive training session that gave us renewed hope for the challenges of the year ahead.



Colgate

Dankie Colgate vir die wonderlike skenking van tandeborsels en tandepasta vir ons grondslag- en intersensfase-leerders. Dankie ook aan drs Hofmeyr, Laubscher & Jourdan wat Pionierskool benoem het as begunstigde van hierdie wonderlike inisiatief.



A hearty thank you to a kind farmer friend in the area surrounding Worcester, for the donation of the juiciest grapes



Thank you **Anna Bergholtz and Martin Hromada** for visiting us all the way from Sweden! It was a wonderful privilege introducing you to our unique services empowering visually impaired learners and to also hear your inspirational stories and the difference that you strive towards making in the visually impaired community.



Baie dankie aan 'liewe Japie, Andre en oudleerder Marlene Smith dat julle kom kuier het met skenkings van toiletware, speelgoed en haarversierings. Dankie ook aan Madelene van den Berg, nóg 'n spesiale oudleerder, wat vir ons 'n skatkis vol klere geskenk het. Dra asb ons opregte dank oor aan julle vriendekring wat sonder huiwering bygedra het tot Pionierskool se wenslysie.



Pioneer School was blessed to have been chosen as beneficiary of the Hollywood Foundation Back to School Campaign and privileged to welcome their representatives, Moosa and Alzaan, for the handover ceremony.

We are very grateful for the generous donation of Bata school shoes, school tracksuits, braille paper and stationery. Thank you for investing in the educational growth and development of our visually impaired learners.





Baie dankie aan Pionierdrukkery vir die skenking van 'n volledige stel Afrikaanse "Ons lees Braille" en Engelse "Braille Hands on" handboeke aan ons Afdeling vir Leerders met Spesiale Onderwysbehoeftes (ALSO) vir die aanleer van braille.



Die "You Cane" inisiatief bemagtig blindes "een klerie op 'n slag" en ons was bevoorreg om **Christopher Venter** - Blinde Avonturier, Skrywer, Spreker, Inhoudskepper, Mike (sy siende gids) en Sam (sy betroubare gidshond) by Pionierskool te kon verwelkom. Nadat ons na Chris se inspirerende stories geluister het, is ons geseën met 'n skenking van opvoubare mobiliteitskleries en audiobybels en as 'n klein blyk van ons waardering het ons hoofmeisie, Isabel Smit, 'n geskenk aan Chris & Mike oorhandig ... en natuurlik het die geskenk ook 'n smullekker bederf vir Sam ingesluit.



Ons onderwysers is die room van die oes!
Juffrou Madeline Kriel – 5de plek in Solidariteit se Hoërskool onderwyser van die jaar kompetisie
Juffrou Danel Pansegrouw, Afrikaans 1ste Addisionele Taal, wie se klas 18de uit al die skole in die Wes-Kaap met 'n gemiddeld van 73.3% tydens die 2024 NSS-eksamen
Juffrou Leanne Erasmus wie se Wiskunde Geletterdheid Klas 1 van 20 skole in die Kaapse Wynland Distrik was met 'n 100% slaagsyfer
Mnr Schalk van Wyk wie se Besigheidstudieklas 1 van 10 skole in die Kaapse Wynlanddistrik was met 'n 100% slaagsyfer



Juffrou Kriel ontvang haar sertifikaat



Pioneer school is very grateful to be able to have a winning PTA under the leadership of Ms Adina Pienaar, chairlady of the committee – they never hesitate to take initiative and help where they can, as once again proved during our fun Sports Day where they coordinated the kiosk and the participants'

snack packs. Thank you also to **Oasis Water** for the donation of bottles of water and **OK Foods Drostyd Worcester** for sponsoring delicious fresh rolls for the participants' snack packs.



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Hoe bevoorreg is Pionierskool nie! Baie dankie **Worcester Gimnasium Hoërskool** en **PriceWaterhouseCoopers** vir julle opregte omgee. Ons grondslagfase leerders het die groot bederf, nie net met die oorvloed geskenke nie maar ook met jul arms vol liefde, vreeslik baie waardeer en geniet. Julle kosbare kuintjie was vir seker weer 'n hoogtepunt in hulle lewens!



Pionierskool is baie trots op ons 100% 2024 matriekslagsyfer en op Sinegugu Silara (2de van regs), wat die WKOD NSS-presteerderstoekenning vir uitnemendheid ten spyte van leerhindernisse gedeel het met Vinette Barnard van De La Bat Skool vir Dowes.



Well done to Alison Jegels who excelled in her drama through her participation in the Proscenium Drama Competition, opening doors to performances at the the KKNK and Suidooster Arts Festivals.



We were honoured to welcome the Western Cape Government for a ceremonial road safety enhancement project launch.

This project, initiated by Pioneer School and managed by the Cape Winelands District Municipality, was funded by the Western Cape Mobility Department and aimed to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility.

We are very grateful for the materialisation of this project that included three raised intersections, two upgraded pedestrian crossings, and improvements to an additional crossing.



CANSA Relay For Life is an impactful team experience, that mobilises cancer survivors and the community to stand together in the fight against cancer and Pioneer School staff, parents and learners participated in this wonderful awareness campaign. Many thanks to Ms Dorian Hattingh, parent of one of our learners, for being the driving force behind our participation.



Ons Oriëntasie- en Mobiliteitsdepartement het weer hul jaarlikse langkierie-uitstappie by die Karoo Woestyn Nasionale Botaniese Tuin gehad waar alle graad R-3 leerders die geleentheid gehad om met hul kiere op 'n onbekende roete deur die "Braille Trail" te stap as bewusmaking van die verskillende oppervlaktes, reuke, en klanke in die omgewing. Baie dankie aan mnr Andre Hanekom van die Karoo Proviant Restaurant vir die gasvryheid en heerlike eet- en drinkgoed.

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Jaco Kriel, Walter Pienaar, Kiana Reyneke and Danelize Venter were selected to represent Western Province at the SA Youth Agricultural Show in October 2025.

They demonstrated talent and perseverance, specifically in the Dairy Preparation and Rabbit category. It is wonderful to be part of their ground-breaking journey.



Pionierskool is baie trots op Danelize Venter, Kiana Reyneke en Logan Venter wat Saterdag 8 Maart aan die Kaapse Wynland Prestige Skaaktoernooi by Paarl Gimnasium deelgeneem het. Baie geluk aan Danelize wat toe deurgedring het na die Kaapse Wynland Skole Skaakkampioenskappe. 'n Woord van dank ook aan hul afrigter, mnr Zaakie Jacobs, dat ons kan deel in mnr se waardevolle skaak kundigheid.



We are proud of **Eduan Louw**, grade 9, who participated in the Western Cape freshwater bank angling league for Cape Town Angling Club. The Western Province has 4 league divisions with 4 days of Angling over a span of 5 months and the venues primarily consist of Theewaterskloof, Kwaggaskloof and Paarl dam. The league is the competition with the most competitive anglers in the Western Province with 8 clubs participating in this event.



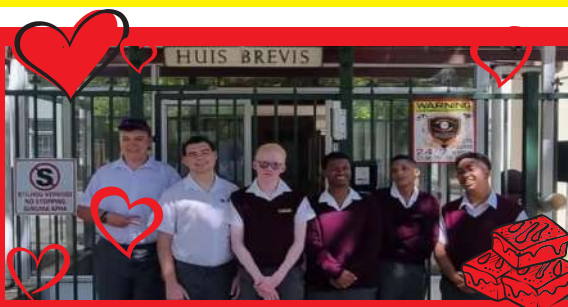
Ons Afdeling vir Leerders met Spesiale Onderwysbehoefte (ALSO) se koor, onder leiding van **Mnr Quinten Pendle**, het die wonderlike voorreg gehad om die voorsangers te wees van Mathys Roets se optrede in die NG Moedergemeente, Worcester. Wat 'n onvergeetlike aand van musiek, inspirasie, hoop en viering van die mens se onwrikbare gees.



De Tuinen Primary and Worcester-Oos Primary School came to visit us on two different occasions for memorable afternoons of sharing stories and playing Blind cricket. They were blindfolded to experience the game of cricket from a visually impaired learners' perspective. It turned out to be a very insightful experience and they are keen to visit us again.



In die gees van Valentynsdag het ons Interact Klub Huis Brevis Aftree-oord, Worcester, besoek. Ons leerders het handgemaakte Valentynskaartjies en tuisgemaakte kolwyntjies by die siekeboeg uitgedeel en heerlik saam met die inwoners gekuier. Baie dankie Huis Brevis personeel en inwoners vir die hartlike ontvangs.



Accessible learning. Dignified futures. Life-changing opportunities.
Together we make it possible.

Support our **campaigns and events** and give our visually and additionally impaired learners the gift of life-changing education, independence, dignity and hope!

Casual Day: 5 September 2025

Musical: 2, 3 and 4 September 2025

Pioneer Rally: 25 October 2025

Contact marketing@pioneerschool.org.za for more information or if you would like to come and visit us or if you would like us to come visit you!



**ALL IT TAKES IS ONE POWERFUL
SWIPE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Die bevordering van storievertelling, die viering van die transformerende krag van boeke, die vreugde van lees en die rykdom van literatuur is tydens Wêreld Hardop Leesdag gevier. Dankie aan ons vriende, skenkers en ondersteuners vir julle aandeel om te verseker dat ons siggestremde leerders leesstof in toeganklike formate kan geniet. Kontak ons gerus indien u siende boeke het om te skenk aan ons Biblioteek of 'n donasie wil maak tbv die omskakeling van siende boeke na braille, audio en grootskrif formaat.



Ons ALSO afdeling het heerlik gekuier by die Apalca Loom Coffee Shop and Weaving Studio in die Paarl – wat 'n onvergeetlike ervaring!



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