

# WOODLANDS INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE



**PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**12 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

## **A WEEK IN REVIEW**

### **Spring Day Sparkle**

A heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful parents for your generous donations towards Spring Day. Thanks to your kindness, our gardens are bursting with colour and charm—what a beautiful way to welcome the season! Now we wait with hopeful hearts for the rain to nourish all that's blooming.

### **Grade 0's Farmyard Adventure**

Tuesday brought a wave of excitement as our Grade 0s set off for their outing to Wag 'n Bietjie Eco Farm. From feeding animals to exploring nature, the children immersed themselves in hands-on learning and joyful discovery. And yes—the bus ride was an absolute highlight! A special thank you to Mr. Harms from CPG Security for accompanying our little explorers and ensuring a safe journey.

### **Celebrating Literacy**

On the 8th of September, we joined the global celebration of *International Literacy Day*, a day that reminds us of the power of reading and writing to unlock imagination, communication, and opportunity. Our Pre-Primary marked the occasion with a vibrant book sale, and we extend our sincere thanks to the parents and grandparents who supported this initiative. Your enthusiasm helps nurture a lifelong love of reading in our children.

### **Grandparents Day Magic**

Oh, what a joy it was to end the week by welcoming our beloved grandparents to school! Their presence lit up our classrooms and brought smiles that stretched from ear to ear. The children were absolutely thrilled to share their world with their grandparents, and the morning was filled with laughter, love, and unforgettable moments. Thank you to all our special guests for making the day so memorable. We hope Sunday's Grandparents Day will be filled with even more spoils and celebration—you deserve it!



**Mrs. J Copeling**  
**PRESCHOOL PRINCIPAL**



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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### **The Heart of Family: Why Grandparents Matter in a Child's Life**

In the vibrant world of preschool, where little ones are discovering who they are and how they belong, grandparents offer something truly special: a steady heartbeat of love, wisdom, and connection.



### **Emotional Anchors in a Busy World**

Grandparents provide a comforting presence that helps children feel safe and secure. Their gentle patience and unconditional love create a sense of emotional stability, especially during times of change or uncertainty. Studies show that children with strong bonds to their grandparents often experience higher self-esteem and lower stress levels.



### **Keepers of Stories and Traditions**

Whether it's a tale from "back in their day" or a cherished family recipe, grandparents are the storytellers who connect generations. These shared memories help children understand their roots and build a sense of identity. From holiday traditions to cultural practices, grandparents play a vital role in preserving the family's legacy.



### **Teachers of Life's Gentle Lessons**

Grandparents are natural educators—not just in reading or counting, but in life skills and values. They model kindness, resilience, and respect through everyday interactions. Whether it's gardening together, baking biscuits, or simply chatting over tea, these moments become powerful lessons in patience, empathy, and curiosity.



### **Partners in Parenting**

For many families, grandparents are a vital support system. They offer guidance to parents, lend a helping hand with childcare, and provide a listening ear when things get tough. Their experience and calm presence often bring balance to the busy rhythm of family life.



### **A Bond That Blooms**

At preschool, we often see the joy in a child's eyes when they speak about their granny or grandpa. Whether they live nearby or visit on special occasions, their presence enriches our community. Grandparents remind us that love spans generations—and that sometimes, the best kind of learning happens in a warm hug or a shared laugh.



## OPEN DAY – SATURDAY – 8H00 TO 13H00

A reminder of our **FINAL** Open Day for the year.

Should you know of any friend or family looking for an exceptional Educational Institution, please feel free to invite them to attend.

There are many fun interactive activities for the children to enjoy while the parents view the facility.

Looking forward to welcoming everyone.

Please remember **enrolments** are on a first come, first serve basis. If you wish to enrol a sibling, we strongly recommend you do it soonest in order to not be disappointed.



**100%**  
PASS RATE  
SINCE INCEPTION  
(23-YEAR TRACK RECORD)

**95%**  
BACHELOR'S  
DEGREE  
PASS RATE

**TOP 1%**  
OF IEB CANDIDATES  
NATIONALLY ATTAINED  
BY TWO STUDENTS  
IN 2024

**OPEN DAY**

**13 SEPT 2025**  
**08H00 TO 13H00**  
**12 MONTHS TO GRADE 12**

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**OISESA** Office of Independent Schools Evaluations Southern Africa

**UMALUSI**

**ISASA**

**ieb** assessment matters

**tssa** Thinking Schools South Africa  
Twisting in a Thinking generation

### CLOSING TIMES

Please take note that as from this term we will be reverting back to normal closing hours.

**Monday to Thursday: 13h00**

**Friday: 12h45**

Children **not** collected **within 15 minutes** will be sent to **Aftercare** and you will be billed accordingly.

Please adhere to these times in order not to cause unnecessary disruptions in the classes.

**ONLY Transport companies** are granted **15 minutes** grace in the *interest of our children's safety*.



## SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER – ALUMNI FAMILY FESTIVAL

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The countdown is on! This exciting event is just around the corner, and we warmly encourage all our parents to join us—it promises to be a fantastic day of fun, community spirit, and friendly competition. Don't be left behind, buy your tickets today. Bring the **WHOLE** family.

 **Tickets** are available in the mornings from **Magda** at reception. **R80 each**. Your support means the world to us!

#### **Netball Challenge**

 We are still looking to make up a parent team.

If you're keen to join the fun and represent our parent community, simply share your details with your class teacher.

Let's make this event one to remember—on and off the court!



The poster features a blue background with yellow and white fireworks. At the top, the text 'WOODLANDS INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE' is written in a large, stylized font. Below this is the college's crest, which includes a shield with a tree and the motto 'CORPUS ABOVE MEDIOCRITY'. The year 'EST 2002' is also present. The main title 'ALUMNI CELEBRATION' is in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline. Below this, 'Family Festival' is written in a large, cursive, yellow font. A ticket icon with the text 'TICKETS: R80 PP' is shown. At the bottom, the date and time '27 SEPT 2025 FROM 14:00' are displayed, followed by the venue 'WOODLANDS SPORTS ARENA' and the event details: 'SPORTS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES', 'AQUATIC CENTRE & LOCAL CHARITIES FUNDRAISER', 'BEER GARDEN & LIVE MUSIC', and 'CASHLESS EVENT - CARD PAYMENTS ONLY'.

 **27 September** |  **R80 per person**

**Join us for a fun-filled day for the whole family all in support of our new Aquatic Centre!**

#### **What's Happening?**

-  Live Music & Performances
-  Food Stalls & Beer Garden
-  Face Painting & Photo Booths
-  Jumping Castles & Slip 'n Slides
-  Magician & Kids' Entertainment

#### **Sports Highlights:**

-  Alumni vs First Teams
  -  Teachers & Staff Challenges
- Bring Your A Game!

**This is a fundraising event proudly hosted**

by the Parents Association to support the development of our new Aquatic Centre.

**Tickets are limited—get yours now!**

**R80 per person / Don't miss out!**

Bring your family and friends for a day of fun,

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## SECOND TERM

| SEPTEMBER              |                                                                                                    |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 13 September  | Open Day – 08h00 to 13h00                                                                          |
| Monday 15 September    | Grade 0's attendance of JC Production rehearsal                                                    |
| Thursday 18 September  | Cupcakes for Cancer – R25 each                                                                     |
| Wednesday 24 September | Heritage Day – Public Holiday                                                                      |
| Thursday 25 September  | Grade 0 visit to the Main Campus                                                                   |
| Friday 26 September    | Cultural Dress Up Day                                                                              |
| Saturday 27 September  | Alumni Family Festival Main Campus: 14h00 – 21h00                                                  |
| OCTOBER                |                                                                                                    |
| Friday 3 October       | Grade 0000 – Inning – Puppetales                                                                   |
| Sunday 5 October       | International Teacher's Day                                                                        |
| Wednesday 15 October   | Grade 000 – Outing – Monkey and Bird Park                                                          |
| Thursday 16 October    | Sports Day – All parents welcome.<br><b>Playschool: 08h30 – 9h15 &amp; Preschool: 9h30 – 10h30</b> |
|                        | College closes for start of midterm break                                                          |
| Tuesday 21 October     | College opens after midterm break                                                                  |
| Thursday 23 October    | Croc day                                                                                           |
| Tuesday 28 October     | Grade 0 – Graduation photographs                                                                   |
| Wednesday 29 October   | Grade 00 – Outing – Lori Park                                                                      |