

**Term 2 Important Dates:**

- School reopens: 8 April
- Interhouse Plays - 9 April
- Dad's Campout - 10 April
- Grade 10 Retreat - 15-17 April
- Freedom Day (public holiday) - 27 April
- Workers Day (public holiday) - 1 May
- Compulsory Winter Uniform - 4 May
- May Crowning of our Lady - 6 May
- Knock on Wood Music Festival - 11-15 May
- Ascension Thursday Mass - 14 May
- Into the Mix Music Competition - 15 -17 May
- Mini Maestros - 22 - 23 May
- Grade 8-12 Midyear Exams - 26 May
- Slipper Day - 29 May
- Grade 6 and 7 Exams - 3 -19 June
- Grade 4-7 Fun Sports Day - 6 June
- End of Term - 26 June
- Oratory Holiday Club - 6-10 July
- Term 3 begins - 21 July

From the Head of School's Desk

I wish all our pupils, staff, and parents a happy return to school, even though for some it may feel like we have been back for weeks already!

For some of our senior sports teams, part of their Easter break was spent participating in festivals and tournaments. Some excellent results were forthcoming, including our 1st Girls Soccer Team winning the Plate Division at the Victoria Park High School Soccer Challenge. The senior boys acquitted themselves well against top schools from around the region, winning one game, drawing one, and losing 2. Our first hockey teams travelled to York High School in George, where they faced tough opposition, with teams travelling from as far as Bloemfontein and Cape Town. The 1st Boys team won 1, drew 1, and lost 3, while the girls played with great determination, to their credit.

On Saturday, 11 April, Priory hosted Brandwag High School, with all our teams remaining unbeaten on the day. Worthy of particular mention is the u14 girls team, who won 9-0, and the 2nd boys team, who beat Brandwag's 1st team 7-0. Last weekend, our u13 boys' hockey team played in the Grey Hockey Festival, demonstrating good skill and determination against strong sides. They won one game, drew another, and narrowly lost a few.

Our tennis courts will soon be up and running after their recent repairs and revamp. We look forward to a busy few weeks of sport, as well as many inspiring cultural events, such as Knock on Wood and Mini Maestros, happening in May.

May God continue to watch over our community, bless our children, and allow them to flourish.

Fr Grant

**Opening Mass**

What a beautiful way to start the year. Many thanks to all who joined us for our Opening Mass in the St Vincent Ferrer Hall in the Ryan Centre.



GRADE 8-12 SWIMMING GALA - PHIWOLUHLE WABABA

The spirit was in the air, and the weather was perfect. The pupils were chanting and supporting their houses. Various creative war cries and themes; Marcellin's theme was the police, Trinity's was Hogwarts, and Rosary's theme was the army.

There was an ice-cream truck, perfect for a sunny day, and there was also a tuckshop. Pupils were covered in creative facepaints, all over their legs and arms.

And the winner was... Trinity

Trinity won the gala with 1133 points and also won the spirit cup. Marcellin came in, in 2nd place with 1048 points, it's first lost in a long time and in 3rd place is Rosary with 637 points.

Well done to Kendra Begley (Marcellin) for coming in 1st place for the girls 4x25m Individual Medley with a time of 1.08.22, breaking the original record. She also came in 1st place for the girls 100m breaststroke championship with a time of 1.17.72, as well as 1st for the girls 100m freestyle championship with a time of 1.02.97, very impressive.

Well done to Rhys Mills (Rosary) for coming in 1st place for the boys 4x25m Individual Medley with a time of 1.08.22. He also came 1st place for the boys breaststroke championship with a time of 1.13.00. He again came in 1st place for the boys' 100m freestyle championship with a time of 0.59.31. Congratulations Rhys.

Kendra Begley (girls) and Rhys Mills (boys) were the top swimmers for the Individual Medley, breaststroke and freestyle championships.

THE MATRICS POOL PLUNGE

As is the annual tradition, the Matrics jumped into the swimming pool. This was their last school swimming gala.



THE WINNERS



As part of Orientation, our Grade 8s and 12s had a few fun days: 'Anything but a bag' and 'Dress as your favourite character.'



Grade 8 Retreat

After their Orientation, our Grade 8s enjoyed their two-night retreat. A wonderful time to reflect, get to know each other, and settle in to the year ahead.



Bonango Traders

Our Grade 7-12 pupils took part in the Bonango Traders workshop where they learned about the ins and outs of running a business, marketing a product and profit and loss.

Marine Science Outing

Our Grade 10 Marine Science pupils went on a wonderful whale, dolphin, penguin and islands tour in our bay on the Raggy Charters - Marine-Eco Cruises. What an amazing experience.



Grade 11 Retreat:

Hikes, focus sessions and ending the day off with a beautiful Mass.

SWIM FAST, CHEER LOUD

BY MADDISON ROBERTS

The Grades 4-7 Interhouse Gala was a day full of energy, teamwork, and house spirit. Pupils competed in the pool while proudly supporting their houses with cheers and colourful themes.

Marcellin made a big splash and won the Overall Gala Cup. Their captains, Matai Booyesen and Sienna Borriero, led the team with great enthusiasm. Their Smurfs-themed spirit and strong swimming performances helped them secure the victory.

The Spirit Cup went to Rosary. Their captains, Raven Dry and Siphehile Mnisi, helped create an amazing atmosphere with loud cheers, great teamwork, and fantastic house pride throughout the event.

Trinity, also showed determination and excellent effort. Their captains, Carl Vieira and Kenzie Du Preez, led their team well and deserve a big well done for their participation and sportsmanship.

The gala was a wonderful event that brought pupils together for a fun and competitive day in the pool. Congratulations to all the swimmers and supporters who made the day such a success!



Testing different foods for starch in Grade 6 Natural Science.



Playtime in Grade Pre- R

Dads vs Lads Cricket Match

Our 1st team Cricket Boys took on their Dads in a Dads vs Lads Match.

Dads made 166/7

1st team 168/4 in 19th over



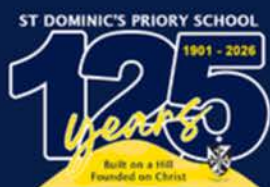
What a super way to end a week with some sunshine and stories. Our Grade 1s enjoyed time out in the playground with their Grade 3 buddies. The Grade 3s read them some exciting tales.



Our Grade 1s had a fun Art lesson with Mrs Sampson



Read Aloud Day:
Different Grades read to each other



Maths Relay

Well done to
our Junior
Team who
were placed
2nd Overall at
the 2025
Maths Relay



Based on the results of 2025, some of our Grade 9-12 pupils received Academic Badges, Colours and Honours Awards at an assembly. We are very proud of them.

Science Expo:

Our Grade 6 and 8 pupils attended a very informative Science Expo presentation



Shrove Tuesday

The scent of pancakes filled the halls as our marvellous mums and happy helpers made the delicious pancakes - our traditional Shrove Tuesday!



Grade 7 Camp

Excitement at Grade 7 Camp. Tents were constructed, flags and group names designed. They canoed, hiked and ziplined. Such fun.



Ash Wednesday Mass



Marvellous Maestros

Our Senior Wind and String players recently took part in a workshop followed by a performance in the ECHOES OF ECYO: A NEW ERA "The Participants of ECWO and ESCO showcased amazing programmes on Sunday, 7 December, at the Feather Market Centre." Our junior strings, who had completed their workshop on April, also performed. It was a phenomenal concert, and an incredible experience for our pupils. Well done to all involved.



Enviro Hike

The Enviro Club completed their first hike of the year.

19 of them took on the 9km trail. What a beautiful place we live in. Nature at its best.



Well done to our pupils who took part in the C Group Gala on Saturday at Kabega Primary School.

Grade 1-3 Gala

How wonderful to see our talented and excited Grade 1-3 pupils swimming in our annual Foundation Phase Gala.



Our Grade 6 and 7 pupils took part in the annual Kids Lit Quiz at Collegiate. We are very proud of the two teams that competed. May our pupils keep up their love of reading.



Grade 1-3 Puppet Show

BY TITILAYO ADELEKE

A PUPPET SHOW TO REMEMBER

The Grade 1-3s recently enjoyed a very entertaining puppet show that was presented through storytelling. The kids were really engaged in the puppet show and enjoyed the experience from start to finish. The story was filled with fun characters and lively storytelling, which really capture their attention.

The puppet show was full of exciting and funny moments which the pupils loved. The puppets were colourful and very lively. The children laughed at all the jokes and enjoyed watching the stories come to life.

Some pupils got to join in and answer questions which made it way more fun for them. Even after the show the pupils were talking about there favorite puppets, parts and the things they learnt.



The pupils really enjoyed sharing their thoughts about the show. Many of the kids talked about it afterwards and even tried to create their own puppet shows at home using socks. It was wonderful to see how the puppet show really inspired them to tell their own stories and use their imagination and creativity. The puppet show sparked a lot of new ideas for the pupils. It was wonderful to see them excited to explore and create their own stories

Teddy Bears Picnic

The weather wasn't the best, but that didn't stop our Reception Phase Teddy Bears Picnic on 6 March 2026.





Our Grade 10 Marine Science pupils had an exciting trip to Cape Recife today where they learned about Ancient Koisan fish traps and rehabilitation at SANCCOB.



Some of our Grade 7s received their certificates from the IEB Core Skills tests, which they wrote last year in Grade 6. Many of our pupils received Bronze and Silver Certificates. We are proud of them all.



The Grade 12s received their Matric jackets

- The first team Cricket girls won a match against Westering.
- The u7 Cricket team won 2 matches.
- The u8 Cricket team won 6 matches.
- The u11 Cricket team won 3 matches.
- The u13A Cricket team won 5 matches.
- The 1st team won 3 matches.

Good job to everyone who participated, you have made Priory proud!



Written by Tumelo Malumane



Well done to our pupils who attended the Provincial Swimming Trials in East London recently. They achieved great results.

Sarah-Rose Pohlmann

1st for the 50m breaststroke
1st for 100m breaststroke
2nd for 200m breaststroke.

Stacey Welsh

1st 200 IM
2nd 200m Backstroke
2nd in 100m Backstroke
2nd 400m Freestyle.

Josef van Wyk

2nd in 50m freestyle

Chulumanco Qusheka

4th in 50m Backstroke
4th in 50m Butterfly
6th in 50m Freestyle



Well done to Sarah-Rose Pohlmann, Stacey Welsh, and Ava Strong on being selected to be part of the 2026 Eastern Cape Schools' Aquatics Team. We are proud of you.



A great start to the season for our 1st Team Soccer Boys with a 5-0 win against Linkside. Well done, boys.



Our Grade 8-12s participated in the Interhouse Maths Quiz. It was an exciting morning seeing Trinity come out victorious! Well done to all our Mathletes.



Our Enviro Board met with Victoria Park's Eco Board to plan for the year, and it had a very successful outcome.

They discussed exciting ideas for future events and had great conversations getting to know the members from each board.

Our 1st Team Hockey Boys and Girls attended their Kit Handover in preparation for the Hockey Tour to George.

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 We appreciate your support!

Our 1st Team Hockey Boys and Girls then attended the York Hockey Festival at York High School. It was a very successful tournament. Some draws, some losses, and some epic wins against schools from around South Africa. We are so proud of our pupils.



Our U13A Hockey Boys and Girls took part in the Lorraine Primary School Sports Festival and the Framesby Hockey Festival. It was a fantastic experience. Some wins, some draws, and some losses. The u13A boys also took part in the Grey Hockey festival, where they played incredibly. Some really close losses, draws and wonderful wins.



Our Grade 11 Marine Science pupils recently conducted a squid dissection to study the sea creature's anatomy.



Keen to sponsor a team? Many options available. Contact sport@priory.co.za and boost your brand!



Our u14 and 1st Team Hockey and Soccer pupils took part in the Alex Sports Festival last term.

There were some wins, some draws, and some losses, but our pupils played brilliantly!

- u14 Hockey Boys: won 4, drew 1
 - u14 Hockey Girls: won 5
 - u14 Soccer Boys: lost 2
 - 1st Team Soccer Girls: won 1, lost 2
- Well done, teams.



Our Grade 5s made rain gauges in their Social Sciences lesson.



Stacey Welsh proudly represented Priory at the EP Biathlon Championships held on 22 February 2026, where she delivered an outstanding performance and secured 1st place in the U17 Girls category. Following this achievement, she was selected to represent Eastern Province at the SA Biathlon Championships taking place in Oudtshoorn this weekend. Stacey is currently ranked among the top 10 athletes in her age group, reflecting her dedication, discipline, and commitment to excellence in her sport.

Well done, Stacey.



Grade 7 Technology: hydraulic and pneumatic projects



We are very proud of our pupils who took part in the Eastern Cape Junior Strings and Wind Orchestra course and concert in the holidays.



Grade 12 Retreat



After 2 trials on 21 Feb and 21 March, the following pupils have been selected to represent their district and take part in the 2026 South African Judo Championships during the July Holidays.

Seth Herbst - Grade 2

Diava Cotterell - Grade 2

Asante Msizi - Grade 5

Moyisi Maxakato - Grade 5

Logan Robertson - Grade 6

Sivuyile Mnguni - Grade 6

Caleb Verwey - Grade 8

Well done and all the best to you all.



Our Grade 3s presented their Mondeling:
Ek dra Mamma of Pappa se klere

St Valentine's Day Civvies Day in Grade Pre-R

WATERPOLO RESULTS:

On 27 January, our 1st Team girls' water polo team played against Alex but unfortunately lost. They played extremely well. Our 1st Team boys' water polo team also played against Alex and won. They showed great dedication and played tremendously well.

On 31 January, our 1st Team girls' water polo team played in the Girls' Water Polo Tournament at Alex and unfortunately did not win any chukkas.

Our 1st Team boys' water polo team played against Alex on 3 February and unfortunately lost, but showed great improvement throughout the match.

On 10 February, our A-team girls' water polo team played against Collegiate and unfortunately lost 8-6. They showed great dedication.

On 17 February, our A-team boys' water polo team played against Alex and won 15-2. They showed great dedication and played well.

On 17 February, our A-team girls' water polo team played against Pearson and unfortunately lost. They played well.

On 3 March, our A-team girls' water polo team played against Collegiate and unfortunately lost 8-5. They played well.

On 3 February, our A-team girls' water polo team played against Pearson and unfortunately lost. They played really well.

We are extremely proud of our Waterpolo Teams!

Written By Alexis Visagie 8F!





**Easter "eggsitement" in Grade Pre-R.
We hope our Priory families had a blessed Easter!**



On 7 April, Priory's Grade 10s took part in a JCC initiative led by representatives Nina and Cazlyn. Thank you to everyone who generously donated toiletries — your contributions made a meaningful difference. We are also grateful to the SOS Children's Home for welcoming us and allowing us to spend such a special morning together. With the help of United Through Sport (UTS), our pupils joined in a variety of activities, including rugby, soccer, netball, and dancing. It was an invaluable experience, reminding us of the impact of showing up for others



Our Junior JCC representative, Cazlyn Bennett, visited the MTR Smit Children's home recently.

Along with the Head of Community Service (Cllr Zandri Stumcke from Hoërskool Framesby), they handed out Easter Eggs and spent some time with the children. It was a beautiful experience, and great way to end off Term 1!

Our u16 Soccer Boys played amazingly at the VP Tournament, first time for some of the boys and they played with great skills. A great 2-0 win for our 1st Team Soccer Boys and our 1st Team Girls achieved an excellent 1-0 win.

Some wins, some draws and some losses, but our teams played amazingly! Well done, Priory! Our girls won their match today against Strelitzia 5-0 and have just beaten Urban Academy 3-1 placing them 5th overall. Well done, team!



Thursday, 9 April 2026, saw Marcellin, Rosary, and Trinity take to the stage and compete in the Interhouse Plays. It was a wonderful evening of talent and entertainment. Well done to all our directors and actors for your hard work and commitment. And the awards go to...

Best Play: Rosary | Best Actor: Cohen Fishburn | Best Actress: Chloe Edwards | Best Supporting Actress: Kenako Tibane
Best Newcomer: Ross Hiscock | Best Directors: Sienna Villanueva and Emily Chellan | People's Choice Award: Rosary

News from our Priory Families...

Katey Green (Grade 3) recently took part in the South African National Life-saving Championships

* SA Nationals Lifesaving - Surf

- 8th in the Bodyboard individual race (out of 28 u9 girls)
- 11th in the Surf swim (out of 26 u9 girls)
- 13th in the Run Swim Run (out of 27 u9 girls).

Her most notable performances came from the SA Lifesaving National for Stillwater, where she was recognized as the 2nd highest scorer in her age category, missing out on Victrix Ludorum by 5 points.

SA National Lifesaving Stillwater results as follows:

- 50m Obstacle - 5th
- 100m Manikin carry with Fins - 4th
- 100m Rescue Torpedo Buoy swim - 4th (by 7 splits of a second)
- And finally.... She managed to medal in her last individual event on day 3 with a 3rd place in the 50m Manikin carry.

Well done, Katey!



We are incredibly proud of Stacey Welsh (Grade 9), who has been selected to compete in the SA National Open Water Swimming Championships at Marina Martinique from 06-08 March.

This is her second year representing at the national level, where she will be taking on the 5km, 3km, 3km knockout, and relay events. An amazing achievement that reflects her hard work and dedication.



It was the annual Aquelle Ocean Racing Series Prize Giving lastnight – this event is held once a month from October to March.

Paityn Wilson (Grade 10) took part in the 1km ocean swim and was awarded 1st place for her age group and was placed 3rd overall

Grayson Wilson (Grade 5) took part in the 1km run and was awarded 2nd overall



Calah de Vos (Grade 2) took part in the SAIBC Regionals in Gqeberha last Saturday 11 April 2026.

Happily Calah got selected to enter/perform in the SAIBC nationals in Cape Town coming up in August 2026.

Each competitor received a medal for participation.



Congratulations to Jacques Grové (Grade 9) on his invitation to participate in the SAJCCC (South African Junior Closed Chess Championship) from 28th March to 2nd April in North West Province. This is a great honour to be invited and we are very proud of him. Jacques also earned his Eastern Province Chess Colours in December 2025.



Mia Schreinders (Grade 6) placed Top 20 at the South African Junior Closed Chess Championship held in Rustenburg from the 28th March to the 2nd of April and placed 3rd in her division and 3rd overall at the Eastern Province Open Chess Tournament held at St Joseph's School in East London this weekend.

He also took part in the South African Junior Closed Chess Championship in North West. Competing in u16 Boys Top 50 SA players

News from our Priory Families...



Well done to Kendra Begley (Grade 12) who took part at the South African National Youth Championships from 18-20 March. She swam 5 individual events and bettered all her personal times, in these events. This secured her a position in all 5 finals, in her age category. She won Silver in the 200m Free Style, 100m Butterfly, and 50m Butterfly. We are very proud of you.



Well done to Kaylee du Preez, who has been busy competing in a range of events over the last few weeks.

Karate South Africa National Championships (Durban, 24-26 March 2026)

She represented the Eastern Cape and achieved a 3rd place finish. Although not the result she had hoped for, a small mistake in the final seconds of the semi-final cost her a place in the final. She was understandably devastated but showed great resilience by returning to win the bronze medal match 8-0 within the first 30 seconds. She also maintained her No. 1 ranking position in South Africa.

WKF K1 World Youth League (Harare)

She represented South Africa at this event, competing against some of the top-ranked athletes in the world. She finished in 9th place and is now ranked within the top 200 world rankings, with a current ranking of 142 in Kata and 167 in Kumite. This is a significant achievement for her, and she is motivated to build on this performance throughout the year.

She has also been selected to represent South Africa again in May 2026 at the UFAK Region South Championship in Angola.

Sienna Borriero (Grade 7) was awarded her South African colours last year. This year, she has been selected to represent the Eastern Cape again at the SAJKA National Championships on 14 and 15 May. We wish her all the best!

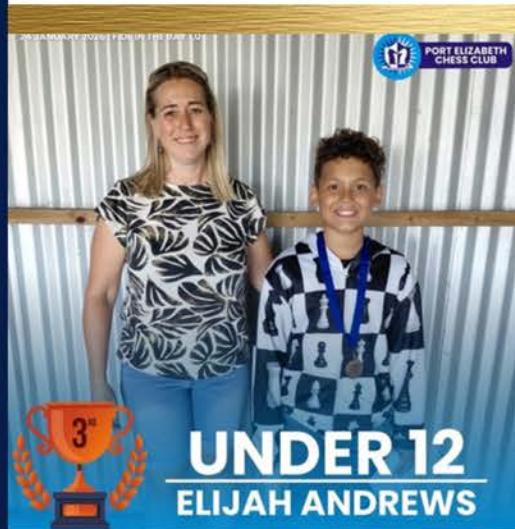


Katey Green (Grade 3) took part in the Eastern Cape Lifesaving championship over the weekend of the 14-15 February in Jeffreys bay.

The weather was not great and the Nippers had to compete in strong winds and surf.

Katey fought hard through big surf to claim the a U9 Girls Boogie Board's top place by coming in 1st place and again for the Surf swim where she placed 3rd.

Her tenacity and determination to push through adverse conditions was incredible to witness.



Elijah Andrews played in his first chess at the Fida In the Bay tournament and he placed third in the u12 section

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