

SHELANTI PRIVATE SCHOOL

20 January 2025

WEEK 2 TERM 1



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **22 January 2025 - Miss Van Wyk - Grade 1 teacher's birthday**
- **Shelanti School Photos** - In about 4 weeks we will be sending out a password and instructions to view and purchase your children's wonderful photos.
- **14 February - Valentines Day picnic**
- **17 February - Parent workshop.**
- **17-19 March - Shelanti School camp** - the letter with all the information will be sent home via email on Wednesday this week. Apologies for the delay.
- **Extra Murals** - revised times and info on D6 Resources

HOMEWORK SUPPORT REMINDER INTERMEDIATE PHASE

Dear Parents,

Re: Start of Homework & Communication Guidelines

We are excited to inform you that homework began last week.

This term, we have made a small change: learners will now have daily Mental Maths and Reading activities, which will be assigned by the respective subject teacher.

Learners are expected to record their homework in their homework diaries. Due to space limitations, the diary entry may look like this:

Example: Maths: See Google Classroom.

Detailed instructions for these activities will then be available on Google Classroom. Please ensure you review and sign your child's homework diary to confirm the completion of assignments.

Additionally, your child's homework schedule has been pasted at the back of their homework book. This schedule outlines the maximum number of subjects assigned per day. If your child struggles with organisation, we encourage you to pre-list the subjects for each day as a guide. For example, on Mondays, the schedule may include NS, SS, Reading, and Mental Maths. Please help your child by writing these topics under "Monday".

Should your child be unable to complete their homework, kindly inform us so we can address the situation appropriately.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Viljoen

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER



Dear Parents,

Our academic year is now in full swing, and I hope you've been keeping track of all the events and important dates outlined in our weekly newsletters.

A special shoutout goes to our incredible PTA members who provided delicious treats for the Parent Meet-and-Greet evening. It was heartwarming to see so many of you there, taking the opportunity to connect with fellow parents and your child's class teacher. Events like these foster the supportive and collaborative environment that is at the heart of Shelanti.

Weeks 2 and 3: Focus on Making Good Choices

Over the next two weeks, we will focus on teaching our learners how to make good choices using the "Wheel of Choice" created by Lynn Lott and Jane Nelson. This tool introduces conflict resolution strategies and helps learners affirm themselves in challenging situations. At Shelanti, we believe in equipping our learners with the skills to make informed decisions before holding them accountable for their actions.

Each morning, our teachers will role-play a specific choice from the wheel, and we encourage you to ask your child which one they explored that day. The wheel is also attached to this newsletter, and we invite you to use it at home to reinforce these valuable skills. This aligns with our focus on fostering independence and autonomy, empowering our learners to solve problems on their own.

Typing Lessons for Grades 4-7

To further support our learners, we are introducing typing lessons as part of our Learning Support program. Many of our students require concessions for formal tests or exams, or face challenges with handwriting. By equipping them with strong typing skills, we aim to enhance their independence in the classroom and reduce their reliance on teachers for support.

This initiative also helps us address logistical challenges during exam periods, such as providing separate venues and scribes for those who need them. To facilitate this, we kindly ask that every learner in Grades 4-7 have access to a wireless keyboard. These keyboards are affordable and readily available from most online stores. Typing lessons will begin in the first week of February, so please ensure your child has one by then.

As always, I end this message with a grateful heart for your ongoing support.

Shelanti Greetings

IMPORTANT

PLEASE NOTE ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY DATES

(As highlighted, 2 more dates have been added to the calendar as per the Department of Education)

2025 Shelanti Calendar

Term 1

Start Educators: Monday 6 January

Learners: Wednesday 8 January

Close: Thursday 20 March

Term 2

Start Educators: Monday 7 April

Learners: Tuesday 8 April

Close Friday 27 June

Public and School Holidays Friday 18 April (Good Friday)

Monday 21 April (Family Day)

Monday 28 April (Freedom Day (observed))

Tuesday 29 April (School Holiday)

Wednesday 30 April (School Holiday)

Thursday 1 May (Worker's Day)

Friday 2 May (School holiday)

Monday 16 June (Youth Day)



Term 3

Start Educators: Monday 21 July

Learners: Tuesday 22 July

Wednesday 24 September, Heritage day

Close Friday 26 September

Term 4

Start Educators: Monday 13 October

Learners: Tuesday 14 October

Close Educators: Wednesday 10 December

Learners: Friday 5 December

Please note: This calendar is subject to change.



AUTISM WORKSHOP

**THEME:
NEURODIVERSE
SUCCESS: CHOOSING
THE RIGHT SCHOOL,
CONSTRUCTIVE
DISCIPLINE AND
MOTIVATION FOR
GROWTH.**

SATURDAY 1 MARCH 2025

10:00-12:00

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