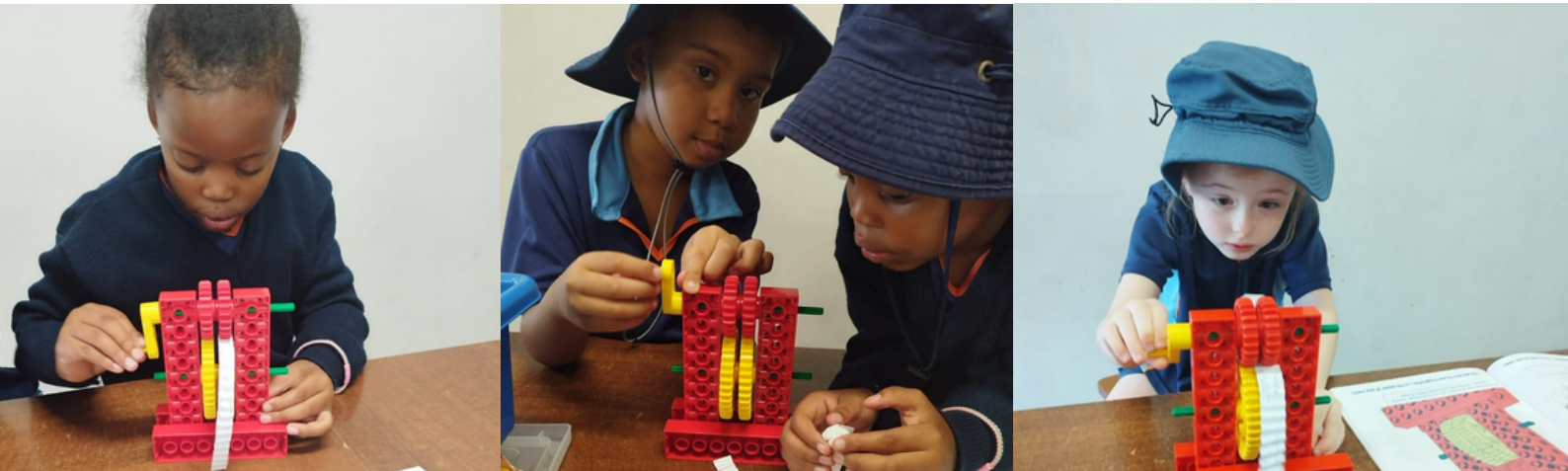




ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Winter uniforms to be worn from 4 May. Please order your uniform from the pop up shop, or check in with reception for second hand availability.
- Parents with any second hand school uniform clothing can either sell it on the Buy and Sell group (details via receptions) or donate it to the school second hand shop.
- 20 April - School extra murals commence
- 22 April - PTA meeting 18:00
- 23 April - Parent workshop 18:00 -Speakers - ASD specialist and Nutritionist (please diarise this date)
- 23 April - Ruga Roots and Shift Netball begins
- 24 April - World Book day, please dress up as your favourite book character and bring the book to school.
- 25 April - ASD meeting - all parents welcome 9:00
- 27 April - 1 May - Mid Term Break
- 29 April - Aunty Vanessa Birthday
- As per our last outing, every child now has an outing bag, which forms part of the school uniform. Please ensure it is well looked after and available for outings. Replacement bags will be invoiced if available.



(Save the Date)

STOP THE BATTLEFIELD: A New Map for Neurodiversity

Empowering Parents of "Differently-Wired" Learners



The Reality:

- Does your child struggle with ADHD, Dyslexia, or Sensory Processing, despite being brilliant in other areas?
- You aren't alone, and it isn't "bad behavior."
- It's a **Spiky Profile**.

What You'll Learn in 60 Minutes:

- ✓ **The Spiky Profile:** Why your child excels at X but struggles with Y.
- ✓ **Meltdown vs. Tantrum:** How to tell the difference and what to do.
- ✓ **The Monday-Morning Toolset:** Practical strategies for home and school.

Event Details:

Date: 23 April
Time: 18:00 – 19:00 (Optional Q&A to follow)
Location: Shelanti
Speaker: Andrea Grant (BEd), Veteran Educator & Award-Winning Writer for Autism Parenting Magazine

Foundation Phase HOD Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- 13 April: Winter Uniform orders open
- 14 April: Learners start school
- 16 April: Ysterplaat Airforce base and Museum school outing (indemnity form to be signed)
- 16 April: Europa and Soccer stars resume
- 20 April: Shelanti extra murals start
- 22 April: Earth day
- 23 April: compulsory parent workshop
- 27 April –1 May: Mid-term break
- 4 May: winter uniform to be worn
- 25 May: last week of Shelanti extra murals and extra reading
- 5 June: Foundation Phase books go home to be signed by parents
- 15 and 16 June: Holiday
- 19 June: Foundation Phase reports go home
- 23 June: Foundation Phase parent meetings (13:30-19:00)
- 25 June: last day of aftercare for the term
- 26 June: last day of term

Reminders

- Please send along healthy lunch and snacks that are protein-based as well as a full bottle of water daily. NO juice is permitted.
- Ensure that your child arrives on time in the mornings (7:50) and is collected promptly after school. Please note that if parents are more than 10 minutes late for collection, children will be sent to aftercare and parents will be billed accordingly.
- Collection times:
 - Grade R: 13:00 and Friday's 12:30
 - Grade 1: 13:30 and Friday's 13:00
 - Grade 2: 13:30 and Friday's 13:00
 - Grade 3: 14:00 and Friday's 13:30
- We value open communication with our parents. If any concerns arise, please follow our communication pathway by first contacting the class teacher, then the Head of Department, and thereafter the Principal. Working together helps us support your child in the best possible way.
- Ensure that your child's home book is signed daily. Learners are also responsible for taking care of their school readers; should a reader be lost or misplaced, parents will be liable for its replacement or the cost thereof.
- Please read your newsletter weekly as it is our primary form of communication.
- Uniform: Learners are to wear formal school uniform on Mondays. Tuesday-Friday is P.E kit with their I-am t-shirt on a Friday.

INTERMEDIATE PHASE NEWS



Reminders

- **RESPONSIBILITY OF STATIONARY:** We have noticed a growing concern regarding learners not taking sufficient care of, or responsibility for, their belongings. While teachers will continue to guide and remind learners of what they need for class, some children are finding it challenging to develop this important habit. We kindly ask parents to support this at home by helping your child establish a daily routine. This can include setting up their timetable, checking their school bag, ensuring the correct books and stationery are packed, and keeping their belongings neat and organised.
- **IPAD CHARGE:** Please also ensure that iPads are fully charged each day, as learners will not be permitted to charge devices at school. You are welcome to send a power bank if needed.
- **ATTENDANCE:** Regular school attendance is essential for a child's ability to adapt, thrive, and flourish within a learning environment. By law, children are required to attend school, and consistent attendance also helps build grit and resilience. It is therefore the responsibility of each parent to ensure their child attends school regularly. Irregular attendance is monitored, and when concerns arise, interventions may be necessary to support the child's physical and mental health, as well as address any other factors preventing consistent attendance. At Shelanti, we are committed to supporting every parent in this journey.
- **CUTLERY:** Please pack cutlery for their child's lunch, as we will no longer be providing utensils..
- **EARLY PICK-UP:** As a reminder, if you need to pick up your child early, please inform the Class Teacher a day before for any appointments so that appropriate arrangements can be made.
- **HATS & WATER BOTTLES:** Ensure that learners bring their hats and water bottles to school to stay hydrated and protected. Learners with no hats will sit in the shade during break time.
- **ITEMS LEFT AT HOME:** Items left at home may not be brought to school, providing an opportunity for the child to learn from their mistake. Please use the Homework Schedule & Time Table given last term and put them up in your child's room. Guide them on how to use the schedule and ensure they have all the necessary resources for the following day. Our goal is not only to teach academics but also to impart valuable life lessons to our learners.
- **PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:** Being punctual is crucial for maintaining low anxiety levels in our children. Timely arrivals contribute to a smoother start to the day and positively impact their overall well-being.
- **PARENTS RESPONSE TO EMAIL:** A simple acknowledgment, even just an emoji when responding to emails helps foster a sense of connection and collaboration.
- **HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES:** Encourage the well-being of your child by packing healthy snacks (3 for nibbling during class) and 1 or 2 meals for break time. Options for foods low in sugar, with little or no preservatives and MSG, to support their energy levels and concentration throughout the day.
- **STAY INFORMED** Essential information is regularly shared through our weekly Newsletter on D6 CONNECT. Please take the time to read it, as it contains updates, announcements, and key details that contribute to a smooth school experience.
- **MEDICATION PROTOCOL:** If your child requires medication update, kindly inform your class teacher who will send you the medication link. Ensure that any medication sent to school is clearly marked and securely stored in a closed container.

Contacting Teachers

Please contact your class teacher via whatsapp or email if there are any concerns. For more serious matters contact me.

CONTACT TIME:

Mon-Fri 8:00-15:30

(Teachers will respond ONLY during these time periods)



BEHAVIOUR SYSTEM

Bucket filler & Dipper Approach



At Shelanti, we are a values-driven school. We intentionally focus on the positive in every child, building strong relationships and celebrating each learner's growth, strengths, and individuality.

Mrs. Dippenaar, our Head of Discipline, has developed a system that is both just and supportive, helping learners reflect on their behaviour while involving parents in guiding their children's growth.

Here's how the system works: each learner starts the week with 10 points. Exceptional positive behaviour earns additional points, acting as a "bucket filler." Learners can also gain extra points for achievements like receiving a certificate during Monday assemblies.

For negative behaviour, we follow our school's Code of Conduct. Minor infractions (Misdemeanour 1) result in "bucket dippers" (point deductions), while more serious behaviours (Misdemeanour 2) lead to demerits. The most severe actions (Misdemeanour 3) may result in suspension or expulsion.

Previously, Misdemeanour 1 incidents were not formally communicated. However, we will soon begin notifying parents through the Parent Portal. The development of this system is taking longer than anticipated, but we hope to have it in place shortly.

Please note that three Misdemeanour 1 incidents ("bucket dippers") will result in a demerit. More serious infractions will continue to be communicated via email, WhatsApp, phone call, and, in future, also through the Parent Portal.

It is important to emphasise that when we provide feedback, it is not intended to work against you as a parent. Rather, it is an opportunity for us to partner with you in guiding your child toward making better choices. Our aim is to encourage meaningful discussions at home about appropriate behaviour and the choices your child can make.

Please refer to the Code of Conduct for more details. Keep an eye out for positive feedback through a "sunshine" email or congratulations on your child's accomplishments. At the same time, you may also receive feedback on areas where improvement is needed, as we work together to support your child's growth.

LET's Get Involved

If you're a parent who would like to get more involved, we'd love your support with the following activities. However, please don't feel obligated. For more information, contact Mrs. Viljoen at : hanneke@shelantipriveschool.co.za.

- Assisting with textbook repairs
- Being part of the PTA
- Open yourself to come and speak about your profession.
- Willing to scribe for learners
- Willing to be invigilators during exams (give out papers, keep time etc)

Approach to Academics

As we enter Term 2, we anticipate a decrease in teaching time due to the numerous holiday dates in April and May. Therefore, we must prioritise enriching our academic content while maintaining pace with the requirements of the term. Consequently, it is crucial to establish an expectation for increased homework throughout the term, including the mid-term break which will mainly focus on revision. This will necessitate an investment from both parents and learners to optimise the term and meet academic needs effectively

Mrs. van Rooyen will persist in her efforts to enhance planning amongst the teachers and foster greater creativity, engagement, and integration among subjects.

The Learning Support team will maintain their focus on high-content subjects by delving into vocabulary & reading and cultivating essential study & typing skills to prepare for the Formal Assessments – Exams.

Assessments

NB: During the Grade 6 & 7 Formal assessments school hours will change, check the term planner, and keep an eye open on the newsletter.

GRADE 4-5:

Just like last term, learners will undergo continuous assessments, where every task completed in class contributes to their end-of-term results.

All tasks will be conducted on-site, and there may be occasions when teachers request recycled materials. To ensure an adequate supply of these materials, we encourage you to start gathering them at home in advance.

GRADE 6-7:

Learners in Grades 6 and 7 will complete formal assessments, as well as class tasks and projects. Concessions will be provided where required.

Assessments will take two forms:

- Afternoon exams for subjects taught over two terms (with scribe-based concessions)
- In-class assessments for other subjects (with technology-based concessions)
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All accommodations align with each learner's specific concessions. Learners may choose to use a scribe or type, and may access a reader in person or via voice notes.

An Assessment schedule & Confirmation of Concessions will be shared by 17th April and demarcations will be shared via email and Google Classroom by 24 April 2026.

Learners with Concessions : If you do not have a scribe, contact Mrs. Viljoen for recommendations. Please send your child's scribe contact details to Mrs Viljoen by Monday, 18th of May 2026 for the Scribe Training Session on Thursday, 21st of May 2026.

UNIFORMS

IMPORTANT NOTICE: SHELANTI NEW UNIFORMS NOW SUPPLIED EXTERNALLY FOR 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to inform you that Shelanti Private School has partnered with a dedicated uniform supplier/manufacturer to streamline and improve the ordering and availability of new school uniforms for 2026.

What This Means:

Certain NEW formal and PE uniforms (for both Summer and Winter) will now be available through a designated uniform supplier.

Please note that we will be placing seasonal orders per term to try to allow for bulk ordering with manufacturer. Please note there will be limited stock at the shop due to our small numbers, so please place your seasonal orders early in the new term.

This change allows for better consistency, quality, and convenience for our families as you can pop in 6 days a week to collect or order you uniforms.

And the supplier can also for a fee tailor the uniform as needed.

Ideally, we would recommend that you bring your child in to fit.

Supplier Location: Dance Euphoria - 4 Sunningdale Drive, Sunningdale

Cynthia Bevan - 0215576887

Cynthia@danceeuphoria.co.za

Payment method - 50 % on order, balance on collection.

There will be a lead time on orders - 6 weeks

Opening Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Closed Sundays & Public Holidays

Items to Order from the Supplier:

NEW Summer & Winter PE uniforms

NEW Navy pinafores (girls)

NEW Tracksuits

NEW PE skorts, shorts, and T-shirts

Items to Purchase from Leading Retailers (e.g. Woolworths, Ackermans, Pick n Pay Clothing):

Sky-blue shirts (Foundation: no button-up; Intermediate: button-up short or long sleeve)

Navy shorts/trousers

Cardigans, pullovers, grey/white socks, black shoes, stockings

Raincoats/Jackets (navy)

Hats

Still Available from the School:

Opening Hours:

Tuesday: 8:30 AM - 10.30M

Also note that there is also a second hand Shelanti WhatsApp group where parents buy and sell directly. You can liaise with me for this link. The School will still have a few second hand items on sale and the items below on a Tuesday morning,

All Second hand school uniform items -

School bags / suitcases

Kindness T-shirts

Outing bags

Ties (Intermediate Phase)

Iron-on badges for shirts and jackets

