
GLENDALE NEWSLETTER



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Dear School Community,

As we come to the end of Term 3, we are pleased to reflect on a term filled with learning, growth, commitment and many moments that have brought our school community together.

This term has been marked by continued effort and perseverance from both our learners and staff. Our educators have remained committed to creating meaningful learning experiences, while our learners have continued to challenge themselves, develop their skills and work towards achieving their academic goals. We are proud of the progress we have seen across our school and encourage every learner to recognise the value of their effort and determination.

Beyond the classroom, Term 3 has also been a time of participation, creativity and school spirit. The involvement of our learners and staff in various activities and initiatives continues to contribute to the vibrant school community we are building together. Every contribution, whether big or small, helps make our school a place where learners feel encouraged to participate, grow and belong.

As we approach the final term of the academic year, we encourage our learners to use the break as an opportunity to rest, recharge and reflect on their progress. For our matric learners especially, the final term brings important academic responsibilities, and we encourage everyone to return focused, prepared and ready to give their best.

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to our parents and guardians for your continued support and partnership. Your encouragement at home, communication with the school and involvement in your child's education play an important role in their success.

As we come to the end of Term 3, we wish our entire school community a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday. May this break provide an opportunity to reconnect with family, take a well-deserved rest and return refreshed for the final term.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 4, ready to finish the year with purpose, perseverance and pride.

Stay safe and enjoy the break!

From the Glendale Secondary School Team

LEARNER ACCOLADES

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S MONTH 🌸



During the month of August, Glendale Secondary School proudly celebrated Women's month, honouring the strength, resilience and achievements of women in our school and wider community. The month provided an opportunity to recognise and appreciate the incredible women who inspire, support and empower others every day.

We celebrated our female learners, educators, mothers and guardians, whose contributions continue to make a meaningful difference in our school community.

Women's month was a wonderful reminder to celebrate, uplift and empower the women around us. 🌸



TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION AWARENESS

Our school was pleased to welcome nurses from the local health services who visited our school to present an informative and important session on teenage pregnancy prevention to our learners. The learners were given valuable information on making responsible choices, understanding the challenges associated with teenage pregnancy, and taking care of their health and future.

The session encouraged learners to make informed decisions and reminded them that they can seek guidance and support from trusted adults and healthcare professionals when needed.

As part of the initiative, learners also received sanitary towels, supporting menstrual health and ensuring our learners have access to essential hygiene products.

We thank the healthcare professionals for taking the time to educate, support and empower our learners.



RCL GIRLS' CONFERENCE AT MONDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Our RCL girls had attended a special Girls' Conference at Mondale High School, where learners from different schools came together for a day of inspiration, empowerment and meaningful engagement.

The conference provided a platform for young women to discuss important issues affecting teenage girls, while encouraging them to believe in themselves, make responsible choices and embrace their potential. Our learners had the opportunity to learn from the speakers, engage with other young women and share experiences in a positive and supportive environment.

We are proud of our RCL girls for representing Glendale Secondary School and participating enthusiastically in this empowering initiative. We hope that the lessons and experiences gained will continue to inspire them to lead with confidence, purpose and compassion. 🌸



PEER EDUCATORS MAKING A DIFFERENCE 🌱



Two dedicated members of our Peer Educators went above and beyond by giving up part of their Saturday to volunteer and assist with beautifying our school. Their willingness to volunteer their time demonstrated a strong sense of responsibility, pride and care for our school environment.

Their initiative is a wonderful example of how small acts of service can make a meaningful difference. We commend these learners for taking ownership and showing that leadership is not only about having a position, but also about being willing to serve and make a positive contribution to our school community.

Well done to our Peer Educators for leading by example! 🙌🌱

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS

During Suicide Prevention Month, our dedicated Peer Educators took the initiative to raise awareness among learners about the importance of mental and emotional well-being. Through meaningful discussions and awareness activities, they encouraged learners to speak openly about their feelings, support one another and seek help when facing difficult times.

The initiative highlighted the importance of listening, showing kindness and knowing that no one has to face challenges alone. Learners were reminded of the importance of reaching out to trusted adults, educators or appropriate support services when they need assistance.

We commend our Peer Educators for using their voices to promote awareness, compassion and support within our school community. Their efforts helped create an environment where learners are encouraged to look out for one another and to understand the importance of seeking help. 



CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS



Our Peer Educators brought awareness to learners about childhood cancer, highlighting the importance of understanding the disease, showing compassion and supporting children and families affected by cancer. The initiative encouraged learners to spread kindness, challenge misconceptions and recognise the importance of early support and care. We commend our Peer Educators for using their voices to educate and create greater awareness within our school community.  



GLENDALE SHINES AT THE WESTERN CAPE CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Glendale Secondary School is proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of three of our dedicated athletes who represented the school at the Western Cape Cross-Country Championships.

Keila Goche (Grade 8L), Lyle Lekeur (Grade 10H), and Junior (Grade 8A) proudly represented Glendale at this prestigious event, competing against talented athletes from across the province.

Congratulations to Keila Goche, who delivered an exceptional performance by finishing 2nd in her age group. Her remarkable achievement earned her a place at the Cape Metro Championships, where she will have the opportunity to compete at the next level.

We are incredibly proud of all three learners for their commitment, perseverance and dedication to cross-country. Their participation is a wonderful reflection of the talent and sporting spirit within the Glendale community.

Well done Keila, Lyle and Junior! We wish Keila all the very best at the Cape Metro Championships and look forward to seeing our athletes continue to make Glendale proud! 🏆👏



GLENDALE STANDS TOGETHER AGAINST GBV



Glendale Secondary School proudly joined the “Wear Black to Work” initiative in support of raising awareness about Gender-Based Violence (GBV).

Our educators wore black as a symbol of solidarity, awareness and our commitment to creating a safer community free from violence and abuse. Together, we stand united in saying NO to GBV and in supporting a culture of respect, dignity and equality.

One school. One voice. One stand against GBV. ❤️



🏆 **GLENDALE LEARNER EARNS WESTERN PROVINCE COLOURS IN KARATE**

Glendale Secondary School is proud to congratulate Ameer Smith (Grade 9E) on his outstanding achievement in the Western Province Tournament.

Competing in the Under-15 category, Ameer secured an impressive 1st place. This achievement has earned him the opportunity to receive his Western Province colours.

We are incredibly proud of Ameer's dedication, hard work and sporting excellence. His achievement is a wonderful reflection of the talent and determination within our Glendale community.

Congratulations, Ameer! You have made Glendale proud! 🏆👏



🎓 **GRADE 11 LEARNERS EXPLORE THEIR FUTURE AT THE CTICC CAREER EXPO**



Our Grade 11 learners recently had the exciting opportunity to attend a Career Expo at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC).

The expo provided learners with valuable exposure to a wide range of careers, tertiary institutions, training opportunities and future study pathways. For Grade 11 learners, this experience was especially important as they will be able to make more informed decisions about their subject choices, further studies and career goals.

The visit encouraged learners to explore their interests, ask questions and think seriously about their future beyond Grade 12. It was an inspiring and informative experience that reminded our learners that planning for their future starts now.

A future full of possibilities awaits our Grade 11s! ✨🎓

DRILL SQUAD SHOWCASE – 5 SEPTEMBER 2026

On 5 September 2026, our Drill Squad proudly took part in their first showcase, marking an exciting milestone for our young drilling cadets. For many of our learners, this was their first opportunity to demonstrate the skills, discipline and teamwork they have been developing through their training.

Our cadets conducted themselves with confidence and pride, standing tall and representing Glendale Secondary School with distinction. Their performance was a reflection of the commitment, perseverance and countless hours of practice that have gone into preparing for this special occasion.

Congratulations to every cadet for their dedication and determination. Their journey is only beginning, and there will undoubtedly be many more opportunities to grow, improve and showcase their abilities.

Champions are not made when things are easy, but when they continue to persevere despite challenges. We encourage our cadets to keep their heads high, continue practising and remain committed to excellence. With every drill, they will become sharper, stronger and more confident. Well done to our Drill Squad! We are extremely proud of you and look forward to observing what you will accomplish next! 🙌🌟



GLENDALE GOES GLOBAL! 🌍

OUR LEARNERS SHINE AT THE SAIIA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS QUIZ 2026

Glendale Secondary School proudly participated in the SAIIA Interschools International Affairs Quiz 2026. Four talented Grade 10 learners were afforded the opportunity to test their knowledge of global affairs, current events, diplomacy, human rights, climate change and international organisations.

Lyle Lekeur (10H), Michelle Chikana (10E), Yoko Small (10H) and Kelly Pirikisi (10H) represented Glendale with aplomb. In preparation for the competition, the team dedicated two weeks to intensive preparation, using their free time to research international news, discuss global issues and challenge one another on current affairs.

The experience strengthened their critical thinking, teamwork, research and communication skills, while broadening their understanding of how global events impact South Africa and the African continent.

Our learners represented Glendale with enthusiasm, commitment and confidence, making the school proud. Well done to our SAIIA team for embracing the challenge and showing that Glendale learners are ready to engage with the world! 🌍👏



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER – MATRIC BALL 2026 ✨

Our Matric Ball 2026 was a truly memorable occasion, giving our Grade 12 learners an opportunity to celebrate this important milestone with their friends, educators and loved ones. The evening was filled with elegance, excitement and plenty of unforgettable moments.

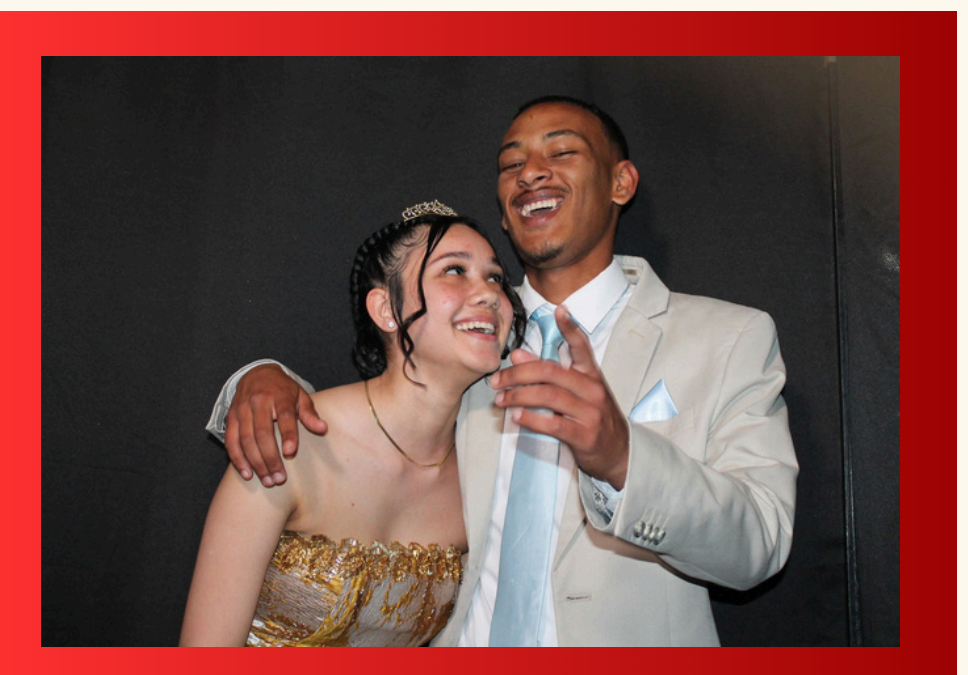
Dressed in their finest attire, our matriculants enjoyed an evening of laughter, music, dancing and celebration. It was wonderful to see our learners step away from the pressures of their final school year and simply enjoy an evening dedicated to celebrating their journey together.

The Matric Ball was also a reminder of how quickly their school years have passed. From their early days at Glendale to becoming our senior learners, the evening celebrated not only their achievements but also the friendships, memories and experiences they have shared along the way.

We would like to congratulate our Class of 2026 on a beautiful evening and wish them continued success as they approach the final stretch of their matric year.

Here's to the memories made, the friendships cherished and the exciting journeys that lie ahead! 🎓 ✨







GLENDALE STAFF

CELEBRATING HERITAGE AND BOKKE SPIRIT AT GLENDALE 🇿🇦

As we come to the end of another busy term, our educators took the opportunity to celebrate Heritage Day in true Glendale spirit. The celebration embraced the rich diversity that makes our school community unique.

The day provided an opportunity for educators to showcase their cultural heritage through traditional attire, South African food, music and activities, while also coming together to show their support for the Springboks. The atmosphere was filled with school spirit, pride and a sense of unity.

Our Heritage Day celebration reminded us that although we may come from different cultures and backgrounds, we share a common identity and a sense of belonging as South Africans and as members of the Glendale family.

Heritage Day was a fitting way to close off the term – celebrating who we are, where we come from and the unity that brings us together.

Different cultures. One country. One family. Glendale proud! 🤍💛🇿🇦



ACADEMICS

TOP LEARNERS IN ALL GRADES

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GRADE 8

1. Buhle Phoswa
2. Hanan Dsouza
3. Amber Coster
4. Tiffany Latola and Olwethu Zitho
5. Yaqeen Botha
6. Shiyaam Macdonald
7. Nikita Davids
8. Ielaam Gallow and Junior Kobelo
9. Kyra Nefdt
10. Swazi Zibi

GRADE 9

1. Ahlume Mahlaba
2. Kwakhanya Sontshatsha
3. Athandile Tyiwashe
4. Abbey Leigh Thomas
5. Zenazeh Basson
6. Jeraldine Taruvinga
7. Bllqees Samuels
8. Kamva Matikinca
9. Sesihle Dana
10. Tyler Petersen

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GRADE 10

1. Lyle Lekeur
2. Yoko Small
3. Mog. Yusuf Steyn
4. Cheryl Maphanga
5. Naledi Mpunzi
6. Qubilah Petersen
7. Esona Mapuza
8. Zubair Leonard
9. Malachi Johnson
10. Joshua Van Boom

GRADE 11

1. Lungelo Makhubu
2. Louise Tiana Loubser
3. Unakho Gwija
4. Simnikiwe Mphetshulwe
5. Mia King
6. Milani Rayi
7. Xavier Harland
8. Reece Ketch
9. Lilitha Nkohla
10. Tasneem Petersen

GRADE 12

1. Talent Majuta
2. Kezia Jaftha
3. Tugseen Fisher
4. Rachel Mcleod
5. Kauthar Havenga

GENERAL MATTERS

GLENDALE UNIFORM

We would like to remind all parents and guardians that the school tie is a compulsory part of our uniform and must be worn every day. We have noticed that a number of learners are attending school without their ties, and we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child arrives properly dressed each morning.

For those who still need to purchase a tie, it is available at the school for R80.

Thank you for helping us maintain our school's standards and pride.

EXAMINATIONS & CONTROLLED TESTS: IMPORTANT NOTICE

We kindly request that parents and guardians avoid scheduling holidays, appointments, or any other arrangements during examination and controlled test periods. This includes bookings for Driver's Licences, Learner's Licences, and Home Affairs visits. Removing learners from school during these periods is highly disruptive and not in the best interest of your child's academic progress.

ABSENCES DURING EXAMS OR CONTROLLED TESTS

As outlined in the school's Code of Conduct, any learner who is absent during an examination or controlled test will be required to submit supporting documentation upon their return. Please note that only the following will be accepted:

- An original medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner, or
- A copy of a death certificate in the case of a family bereavement

No other documentation will be considered. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in upholding the integrity of our assessment processes.

LATE-COMING PROCEDURES: A REMINDER

Please note that school starts promptly at 08h00, with the gates closing at 08h05. We kindly ask parents and guardians to support us in ensuring learners arrive on time each day.

Learners who arrive late must sign in with the access controller and report first to their Grade Head, along with a written excuse from a parent or guardian. Class teachers will follow up as needed, and learners who are habitually late may be required to complete community service.

We appreciate your support in helping your child build good time-keeping habits.

CELLPHONE POLICY REMINDER

We would like to remind both parents and learners of the school's Cellphone Policy. Any cellphone that is visible on the school premises will be confiscated in accordance with the following schedule:

- 1st Offence – Confiscated for 14 school days
- 2nd Offence – Confiscated for 30 school days
- 3rd Offence – Confiscated for the full term
- Resistance to confiscation – An additional 3 days will be added to the confiscation period

Please note that cellphones must not be visible on school grounds from Monday to Saturday, between 07:00 and 16:00.

Collection of Confiscated Cellphones

Once the confiscation period has been served, the cellphone may only be collected by the learner's legal guardian. No other person will be permitted to collect the device. When collecting the phone, the legal guardian is required to bring the following:

- A valid ID document, and
- A payment of R100

We ask that parents support the school in enforcing this policy, as it plays an important role in maintaining a focused and disciplined learning environment. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

DISCIPLINE

Maintaining discipline is one of the school's core responsibilities, and we are grateful to the parents and guardians who partner with us in this regard. We believe that understanding each learner as an individual is key to fostering accountability and ensuring that meaningful learning takes place.

We would like to highlight two areas of ongoing concern across the grades:

- Vaping – A dangerous habit whose serious health risks are often underestimated by learners.
- Irresponsible cellphone use – Certain online behaviours carry legal implications that learners may not be aware of.

We encourage parents and guardians to have open conversations with their children at home about both of these issues. While our disciplinary approach may not always mirror every parent's preference, we are united in our goal of guiding learners to make responsible choices. Thank you for your continued support.

DISCIPLINARY AND ACADEMIC MEETINGS

Dear Parents and Guardians

Academic and Disciplinary Meetings

In line with the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) regulations and the South African Schools Act (Act 84 of 1996), please note the following procedure regarding all disciplinary and academic intervention meetings:

- For disciplinary meetings and academic support meetings the school is only permitted to meet with the biological parent, adoptive parent, or court-appointed legal guardian of the learner.
- We will not be able to meet with aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings over 18, boyfriends/girlfriends, neighbours or family friends, unless they can provide legal proof of guardianship.
- All parents attending such meetings must bring their ID/ Passport AND one of the following:
 - Learner's birth certificate reflecting their name,
 - Court Order confirming legal guardianship / foster care, or
 - Letter of appointment from Social Worker (for foster parents).

If you cannot provide proof, the meeting will be rescheduled until the legal guardian is available.

Please note that this rule is in place to protect the learner, the school, and the parent/guardian. Disciplinary decisions are legally binding and can only be discussed with a person who has legal parental rights.

We ask for your understanding and co-operation in this regard. This ensures fairness and protects all our learners.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

School Management

SCHOOL FEES

Important Notice: Our school will be going Cashless from 1 October 2026

Please take note that Glendale Secondary School will transition to cashless payments starting 1 October 2026. This change comes as result of changing rules for Business Accounts at ABSA Bank.

From 1 October, the school will accept the following payment methods:

- EFT payments
- Card payments at school only
- Cash deposits made at an ABSA ATM

Please note that no cash payments will be accepted at the school from this date.

School Banking Details:

- Account Name: Glendale Secondary School
- Bank: ABSA
- Cheque Account No.: 4052379322
- Branch Code: 632005

When making an EFT payment, please use the **learner's name, surname, and grade** as the payment reference so that payments can be correctly identified and allocated.

We kindly ask all parents and guardians to make the necessary arrangements ahead of this change, and we thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Reminder: Budget 2027 Meeting

The school's Budget 2027 meeting will take place on Saturday, 10 October 2026, starting at 09h00 in the school hall. We trust that we can depend on your attendance.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences to all members of our school community — educators and learners alike — who have experienced the loss of a loved one during this past term.

We especially mourn the passing of our learner, Limise Sonyabashe, whose presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

We also extend our deepest condolences to the principal, Ms Smith and her family on the passing of their father and grandfather.

We hold them, along with all who grieve, in our thoughts during this profoundly difficult time. May the Almighty grant comfort, strength and peace to all those who are grieving.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LIMISE SONYABASHE

A Cherished Learner and Dear Friend

Learner: Grade 8L
Sunrise: March 8, 2011
Sunset: September 18, 2026

Limise, your bright smile and kind heart will forever be a part of our school. We remember the joy brought to class 8L. Rest in peace, our dear friend. You will be deeply missed.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

As we come to the end of Term 3, I want to take a moment to thank the entire Glendale Secondary School community for a busy and rewarding term.

Term 3 always feels like the longest term of the year. We have had cold mornings, late afternoons, extra classes, SBA tasks, tests, prelims and sport. Through it all, our learners and teachers showed true resilience and we are very proud of them.

I am pleased to say that our curriculum for Term 3 has been covered and most of our SBA tasks are completed. To our Grade 12 learners who wrote their Preliminary exams - well done. You have shown focus and improvement. Keep your focus for the final NSC examinations. To our Grade 8 to 11 parents/guardians, please check your child's report. Please offer the necessary support to your child and attend the required intervention meeting to ensure academic success.

To our dedicated educators, thank you for the extra classes, Saturday classes and for caring for our children. Your unwavering dedication and commitment has not gone unnoticed.

To our SGB, admin and support staff, thank you for your tireless support and effort behind the scenes

We have had some challenges with late-coming, cell phones and disrespect. Let us work together to teach our children respect, punctuality and responsibility. These are values that will carry them far beyond the school gates.

Looking ahead to Term 4, further details on upcoming events and important dates will be shared in due course. We encourage all parents and guardians to stay in touch and to attend meetings where relevant.

As we head into the school holidays, I want to extend my sincere thanks to our staff for their continued hard work and to our parents and guardians for your support throughout this term.

Wishing everyone a restful and safe holiday. Please take care on the roads, look out for one another and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for Term 4.

Warm regards,



Principal