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FROM THE MARTIN'S NEST

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Dear Parents

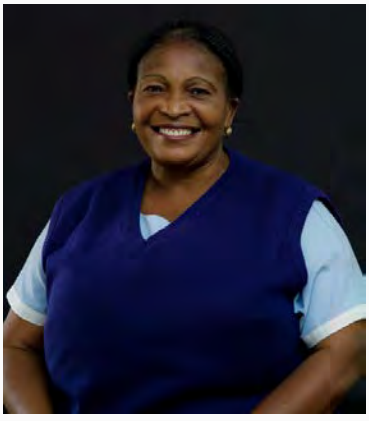
As I write this, my heart is filled with many conflicting emotions. Pride, because our children are performing very well in the classroom, on the sports field and on stage. Sadness, because we lost a dear colleague and friend. Excitement for months ahead in which our students and our school will soar to new heights on many platforms.

It is my pleasure to announce that Martin House Prep is now a registered Cambridge School. Our staff will be undergoing the necessary training and we look forward to reap the benefits of this affiliation.

We welcome Mrs Promise Nkhata to the staff. She will be taking care of all the cuts and bruises and issue many hugs.

We look forward to a rewarding second half of this term.

Aunty Maggie



It is never easy to say good bye and it is much harder to say farewell. Aunty Maggie has been an integral part of the Martin House Family. She healed our aches, plastered our wounds and wiped our tears.

On the 25th of May, God called Aunty Maggie to join Him in heaven. Your place is empty here on earth, Aunty Maggie, but we know that your generous heart and bright smile will also brighten your new home. Rest in Peace, Aunty Maggie.

Martin House Trust School

2024 Term Dates

Term 1

Staff Meetings: 5 January

School Opens: Monday, 8 January

Mid-Term: 29 February to 3 March (Inclusive)

Long Weekend: 8 to 10 March (Inclusive)

12 March is a normal school day

Close: Thursday,28 March

Term 2

Open: Monday, 6 May

Mid-Term: 29 June to 7 July (Inclusive)

Close: Friday, 2 August

Term 3

Open: Monday, 2 September

Mid-Term: 19 to 27 October (Inclusive)

Close: Friday, 29 November



Congratulations



Callum Rae won most valuable player in Polo X and his handicap was moved from a 1 to a 3!!! He played in an adult division.



Hennie Smit was awarded the Most Promising Forward Award at the Springvale House Rugby Tournament in Zimbabwe.

A Warm Martin House Welcome to...



Promise Nkhata

School Nurse

Waste to Toys Workshop

Some of our teachers, parents and members of the community attended the Singakwenza Waste to Toys Workshop. The workshop showed us how items we so easily throw away, can be turned into games and toys. These skills will be put to good use in our STEAM lessons.









JEFA



















Once again the JEFA team did not disappoint! The students were challenged on many engineering levels and the fascinating world of gears, levers, pulleys and so much more was revealed. A spark that will hopefully light a fire!

PARENT APPRECIATION DAY



















On Friday the 16th June, the Junior School children showed their love and appreciation for their Moms and Dads at our Parent Appreciation Day, morning tea. The children treated their parents to songs and poems,lovingly made cards and a special treat. Our wonderful parents and their children then enjoyed a picnic tea together. We would like to thank all the Moms and Dads who gave up their time to join us on this special morning. You are all loved and appreciated.

LITERACY WEEK

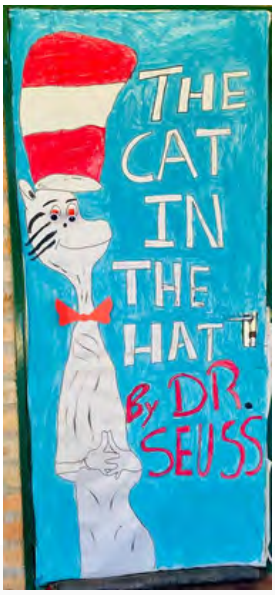
Literacy Week was a colourful hive of activity. The week was filled with exciting reading activities, arts and crafts and of course, dressing up as your favourite book character. Thank you to Mrs Selemani and Mrs Gordon for making this week possible.







































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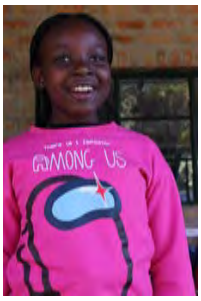








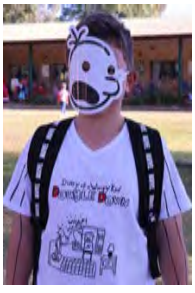




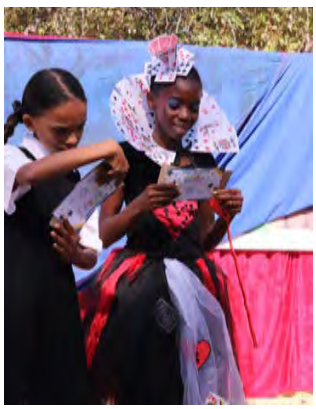






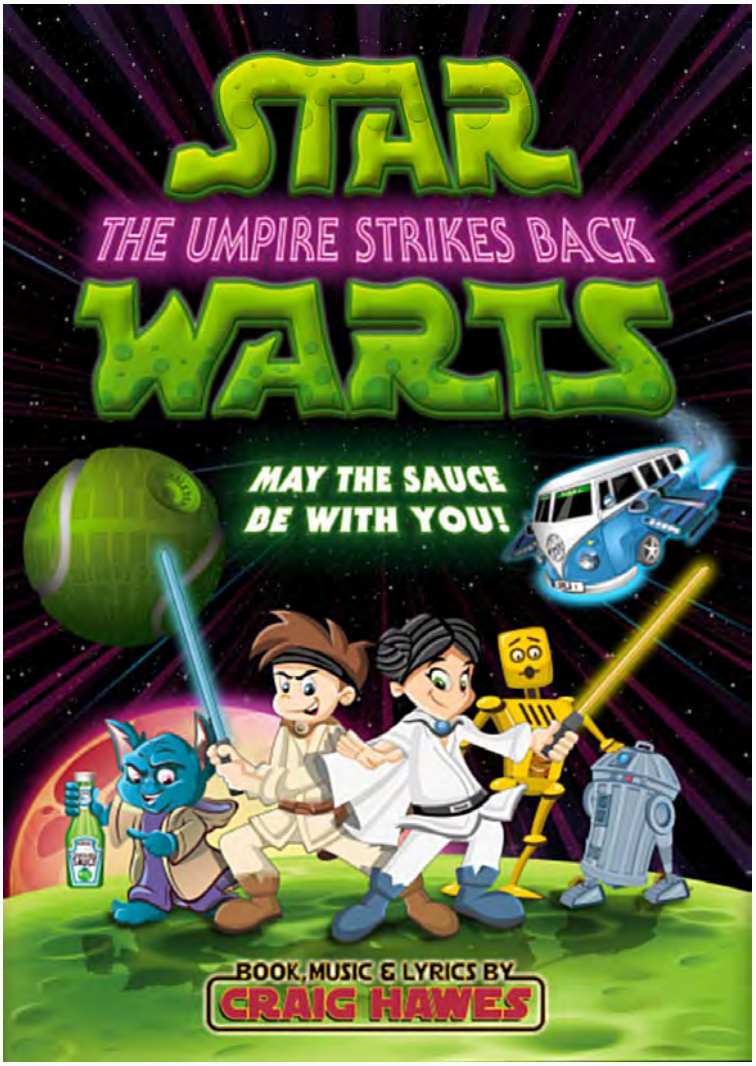









STAR WARTS



BE THERE

The Grade 4 to 7 students are hard work to prepare for the staging of **Star Warts** on the 28th of July**.**

The show will include a two course dinner and tickets are **K250** per person. Children under 12 K150. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets will go on sale on the 5th of July.
Do not delay, limited seats available!



STAR WARTS: THE SAUCY BYTES

In a galaxy far, far away, Luke Warmwater and his aunt, Daft Ada, live a lonely life on their secluded space station, Junction 51. But when Princess Nebula's ship crash lands into Luke's bedroom, they soon learn of the evil Umpire and his dark desire to conquer the universe.

Along with Toby Wonky Nosebleed, Zak Solo and Nigel the Nookie, they follow Princess Nebula in her rebellion. Aboard the Millennium Penguin, they whizz warp-speed through the galaxy to the Umpire's High Tower on Planet Wimbledonia. But little do they know, the Umpire is about to strike back!

Join our galactic goofballs on their space adventure light-years from home as they have close encounters with dippy droids, mad martians, spaced-out Space Rangers and a ferocious pot-plant called Gordon. Can our crazy crew master the power of the sauce to save the galaxy, or will it be game, set and match to the Umpire? Watch this space...

Star Warts boldly goes where no musical has gone before, so fasten your seatbelts, set phasers to fun and may the sauce be with you!

DOUGHNUTS WITH DADS







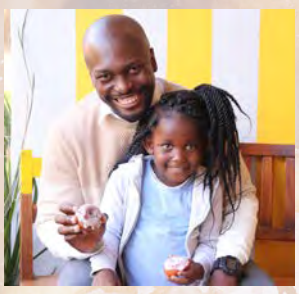


















MUFFINS WITH MUMS



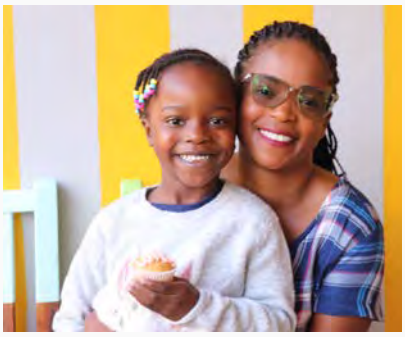










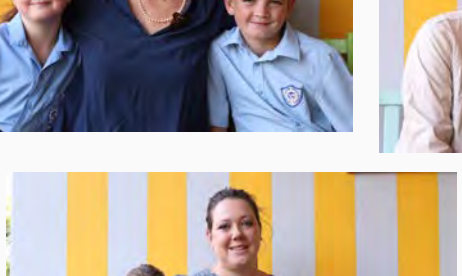















SPORT

This term has been a busy but encouraging term for our young Prep athletes. They have shown great sportsmanship on and off the field that has made us incredibly proud. Our athletes were involved in various sports this term that included, rugby, hockey, athletics, and golf.

Rugby

Our u13 boys started off the term at the annual Musikili 7's rugby festival on the 2nd – 4th of May. The team was up against some tough Zimbabwean teams which really tested their courage and character. However, the determination and team spirit did not faulter and they remained in high spirit. This led to our Rugby 10s tournament which saw us playing against tough teams, drawing to Rhinos, who played in the final. Our u9 – u13s played at our annual Krige festival. For many of our players, this was their first match for the year. The u11s played 7 a-side on a big field and showed great strength. The u9s played against Musikili and although it was a tough fixture, the boys showed how much they learnt in a short amount of time and even had Mr Maher in tears at their enthusiasm and growth. Recently, our u13 boys, toured to Zimbabwe and adapted to yet another format of the game, 15 a-side. We are truly proud of the team performance that boys put in. The amount of growth shown has been immense. The boys showed a lot of courage and grit and are starting to put Martin House's name out there as a team to reckon with.

Hockey

Our hockey teams had a quick start to their season. After only 1 week of training our teams took the field in various ISAZ and Gilardi Cup matches. Our u13 A teams were invited to the inaugural Gilardi Cup, hosted by the Italian School. Considering we had only just selected teams that week and had 1 training session, our teams battled it out and gave us a glimpse of what the future might hold for these players. Our u13 boys also managed to make it to the semifinals, which was a great achievement, considering the short training time.
The u13 B boys and girls and the u9 boys and girls attended the ISAZ event. This was the first opportunity for our B teams to play and they showed a lot of skill and determination. Our u9 teams show a lot of promise for the future with amazing results at their respective, tournaments. Both teams ended 2nd in the ISAZ event and winning all their games, except for 1.

This event proceeded with our school hockey tour to Musikili where all our A and B, u9 – 13 teams took part. This was a very exciting weekend with many games being played over the weekend. For some of the players it was their 1st time playing on Astro turf. All our teams did us proud with a special mention to our u9 A boys for playing in the final, u11 A boys and girls team for ending 3rd and our u13A boys for coming 4th.
Our hockey players were also involved in the Krige festival which saw a new and exciting 5s format. The players adapted really well to this format and again showcased the talent we have in our school.
Recently, our u13 A girls toured to Zimbabwe where they were up against tough Zimbabwe teams. Our girls played 11 a-side, a format most of them have never played. They played unbelievably well and showed growth and dedication that brought a tear to many of our eyes. The girls held there own against tough competition that play this format and on the big field every day. We are really excited to see what the future holds for this group of players.

Golf

Four of our boys, Isaac Gordon-Strong, Adam Glendinning, Alessandro Fabbri and Callum Rae, took place in the ISAZ golf challenge that took place at Banaza. The boys played out of their socks and secured a 2nd place overall, doing us proud!

Athletics

We hosted the annual ISAZ Athletics meeting. This was an incredibly successful event that saw our athletes participate at their best. We had athletes entered into every event and their great determination and effort paid off as we won the boys and girls section and coming 2nd overall. The spirit and level of professionalism from our athletes must also be commended, they really did make Martin House proud. *Mrs C. van Zyl*

ISAZ ATHLETICS














KRIGE FESTIVAL



























ZIMBABWE TOUR








The U13 Girls Hockey Boys Rugby teams travelled to Zimbabwe to participate in the Springvale House Festival on the 9th of June. This was an exciting and extremely valuable experience for our players. Not only did they play a full 15 man field and 11 aside hockey, they competed against some of Zimbabwe's finest teams. They held their own and steady progress could be seem in every match.








JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5 Anish Patel

7 Chad Kapula

11 Keegan Pereira

22 Brock LeesMay

23 Joachim & Jemima Sayer

24 Evan Wolhuter

25 Declan van Zyl

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Flynn Andrews
Emil Eriksson

8 Arabella Gordon-Strong
Harley Burton

19 Chipeti Kalulu-Banda

20 Imogen Cardoso

23 Patricia Tembo
Charlie Kilpatrick

26 Ethan Lough

