

# The Leopard's Letter



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Dear Wembley Families,

As I sit in the gentle warmth of the winter sun, I'm reminded of how life, much like the seasons, is always changing. In my last newsletter, I reflected on the falling leaves—how they symbolise the letting go of old limits and the courage to embrace new challenges. Today, it's the sun's quiet warmth that captures my attention.

Even in the midst of winter, the sun's warmth reminds us that there is always light and warmth to be found—moments of connection, growth, and joy—if we are

willing to pause and feel them. Just as the sun breaks through the chill, so too do our children's small victories and steady progress shine through, even during challenging times. Whether it's a new friendship formed, a skill mastered, or a fear overcome, these glimmers of warmth carry us forward and give us hope.

As we head into the second half of the year, may we hold on to these moments and let them energise us, just as the winter sun quietly and steadily warms the earth.

We are delighted to welcome Jake van der Lente to our Grade RRR class. We know you'll settle in quickly at the Cubbies' Lair.

A warm welcome also to Miss Abigail Peters, who joins us as the new Grade R teacher. We're so pleased to have her on board.

Miss Kayla Fourie, who joined our Preschool team last term, now officially takes over the Grade RRR class. Her kind and caring presence is already making a difference.

We are thrilled to have these new faces join our Wembley family and look forward to having new energy on the team!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Term is a busy one. We have our Preschool, JP and Senior Inter-house Athletics events to look forward to, as well as the much-anticipated JP Play and of course, our annual Duck Derby.

We look forward to seeing you on campus.

Kind Regards,

Head of Junior School

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FINDING YOUR  
STRENGTH

# JS TERM 3 OVERVIEW



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 21 - 26 JULY	Full School Assembly (Gr 1 up) Mandela Day Litter Run			14:00 Gr 1 "Perk up and Pour Out" Meeting	08:30 Grade 1 Market Day	Wembley Golf Day
2 28 JULY - 2 AUG				09:30 JP Inter-house Athletics (no JP Sport)	10:00 PS Inter-house Athletics	17:30 Friends' of Wembley Dinner Dance
3 4 - 9 AUG	18:00 Matric Dance Fashion Show				NO SCHOOL FOR JP (Gr R - 3) Proudly Primary	
4 11 - 16 AUG				14:00 Speech Therapist Talk	18:00 Majozi Duck Derby Concert	
5 18 - 23 AUG		10:00 JP Play Dress Rehearsal	17:00 JP Play	11:00 MIDTERM (No Aftercare)	MIDTERM	
6 25 - 30 AUG	MIDTERM	13:00 Inter-house Athletics events (Gr 3 and up)			08:00 Inter-house Athletics NO SCHOOL FOR PS - GR 2	
7 1 - 6 SEP					09:00 Founders' Day Assembly Books home for parent perusal 18:00 MS Play	08:00 Duck Derby
8 8 - 13 SEP	08:00 Hooked on Books JS Parent Teacher Interview Week		2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Book and Magazine Collection	JP Pyjama Day	JP Book Character Day	
9 15 - 19 SEP					10:00 School Closes (No aftercare)	

# JP GEMS

## Grade R 'Wheelie' Fun Thursday



Every Thursday last term, our Grade Rs enjoyed a “wheely” fun time as a safe stretch of road on campus was transformed into a biking zone. Whether on bicycles, scooters, or ‘isithuthuthus’, the children relished the fresh air and freedom on wheels. More than just fun, cycling builds key developmental skills—strengthening balance, coordination, and core muscles essential for classroom posture and stamina. It also supports focus, spatial awareness, emotional regulation, and social skills like turn-taking. Altogether, bike time helps our children grow in confidence and thrive both in and out of the classroom.



# JP GEMS

## Interhouse and Parents vs Scholars Matches



🏏🏉 Falcons vs Eagles: Interhouse Highlights! 🏠🟡🔴

Our sports fields came alive with energy as Falcons and Eagles faced off in exciting hockey and tag rugby matches! The scholars showed great teamwork and spirit, with some brave parents joining in for the always-fun parents vs scholars games.

A big thank you to our incredible parent coaches for your time and encouragement this season—you've helped build confident, skilled, and spirited young athletes!



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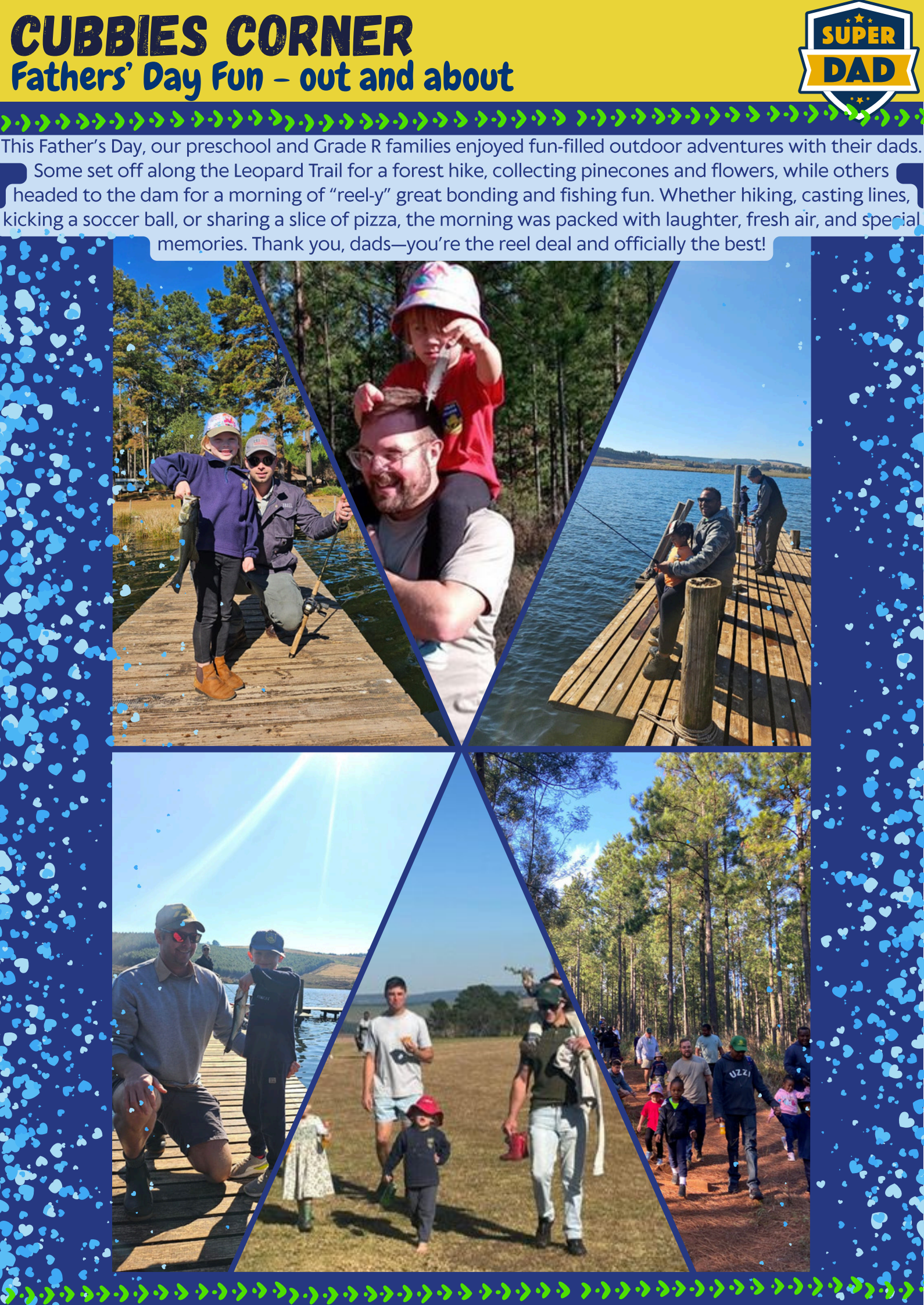
# JP GEMS

## Grade 2 Market Day



A big shoutout to our Grade 2s for a rip-roaring Market Day last term! From catchy sales pitches to colourful stalls, it was a blast from start to finish. Thanks to all the wonderful support, the Grade 2s bounced their way to a brand-new classroom trampoline, plus some awesome puzzles and magnetic toys to keep the fun going. What a way to turn hard work into play!





# CUBBIES CORNER

## Fathers' Day Fun – out and about



This Father's Day, our preschool and Grade R families enjoyed fun-filled outdoor adventures with their dads. Some set off along the Leopard Trail for a forest hike, collecting pinecones and flowers, while others headed to the dam for a morning of "reel-y" great bonding and fishing fun. Whether hiking, casting lines, kicking a soccer ball, or sharing a slice of pizza, the morning was packed with laughter, fresh air, and special memories. Thank you, dads—you're the reel deal and officially the best!



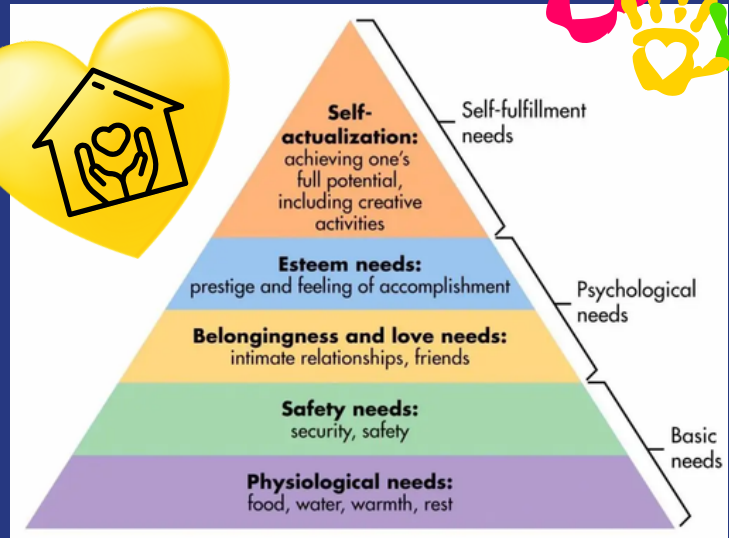
# GREETINGS FROM THE LAIR

BY MRS SILK

## HELPING CHILDREN FEEL SAFE AND SECURE

*IF CHILDREN FEEL SAFE,  
THEY CAN TAKE RISKS,  
ASK QUESTIONS,  
MAKE MISTAKES,  
LEARN TO TRUST,  
SHARE THEIR  
FEELINGS, AND  
GROW.*

*Alfie Kohn*



One of the most important roles we have as parents and educators is to create a safe, stable environment where children can thrive. When children feel secure, they are more confident, open to learning, and willing to explore the world around them.

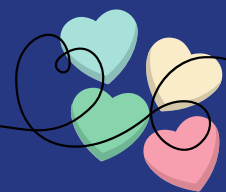
Here are a few key ways to support your child's sense of safety and emotional well-being:

- **Spend quality time with your child**—talking, laughing, learning, and simply being together builds strong emotional bonds.
- **Show affection** through hugs, gentle touch, and warm words.
- **Praise and encourage** them genuinely to build self-esteem.
- **Maintain clear and consistent boundaries**—it helps children feel safe.
- **Listen** actively to what they say, even the small things—they matter.
- **Share joy and laughter**—a playful, happy home is a secure one.
- **Support their unique strengths** and nurture their natural talents.
- **Balance discipline with grace**—let them learn from mistakes without fear.
- **Offer unconditional love**, especially when they fail or fall.
- **Nurture their spirit**—help them find purpose and meaning beyond themselves.

A secure child is a confident, resilient learner.

Together, as a school community and families, we can build this strong foundation.

**\* Learn \* Assist \* Ignite \* Restore**



Wembley Duck Derby Concert Featuring

MAJOZI



 Fri, 15 Aug |  18:00 |  Aloe Hall |  R200



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# WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHERS



*Kayla Fourie*

Hello! My name is Miss Fourie and I am so excited to spend the remainder of the year getting to know your little ones.

GRADE RRR  
JP GIRLS' SOCCER

## *My Hobbies*

I love reading a good book, being outdoors and spending time with my loved ones. I also enjoy painting in my spare time or watching a movie.

## *Fun Facts*

- I am from a large blended family. I am the only girl surrounded by lots of brothers.
- My family love animals, altogether we have 4 dogs, 2 cats, 5 birds and over 50 koi fish. My cat's name is Gypsy and 2 of the birds are my cockatiels named Stretchy and Chinook (Chiny for short).
- I absolutely LOVE chocolate
- I lived in Alaska for 2 and a half years. It was freezing but it is breathtakingly beautiful. I don't think anything can beat getting to see the Northern Lights in person.



# Meet THE TEACHER

Miss Abigail Peters

## ABOUT ME!

Welcome to Grade R! I am Miss Abigail Peters, and I am thrilled to be your child's teacher for the remainder of the school year. With 5 years of teaching experience, I obtained my Bachelor's Degree in Foundation Phase. I am passionate about creating a nurturing and engaging learning environment that fosters growth, curiosity and creativity.

## My Favourites

- I love all my 11 children which include my 4 dogs, 5 cats and 2 horses.
- I enjoy going on adventures with my family.
- I am passionate about swimming and a qualified Learn to Swim Instructor.
- I enjoy baking and gardening
- I enjoy hiking and running in my spare time.



"Education is one thing that no one can take away from you."

GRADE R  
JP BOYS' HOCKEY

