

On Eagles Wings

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Eagle's Nest



Christian School
TRUST IN THE LORD

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Message from Dr JN Van den Berg

Dear Eagles Nest Parents,

I trust that you and your family enjoyed a blessed and meaningful time together over the Easter period. We hope that it was a special time in which you experienced God's great and unconditional love, bringing freedom from sin. May you feel refreshed by the truth of His resurrection, knowing that those who receive Him by faith as their Saviour are made new.

As His ambassadors, may we continue to bear fruit that glorifies God, making use of the armour God has given us daily. Belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, feet fitted with gospel of peace, helmet of salvation, shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit. Ephesians 6:10—18

As we begin this new term, we trust in the Lord that, together as parents and teachers, we are renewed and ready to make a positive difference in our community and in the lives of our children. May we, as the Eagles Nest family, grow even closer to the Lord and seek His will in all that we do during this second quarter.

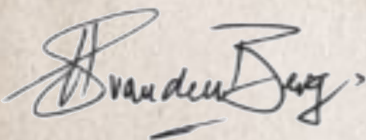
We have a monthly prayer calendar guide. "The Prayer in the Nest" has scripture and prayer requests for everyday. Thank you to all our teachers, students and parents who take hands in prayer. The teachers share word and pray with their register classes daily. Praise the Lord for that. Parents who are able are welcome to attend our Monday Morning Prayers from 6:45—7:15 in Sir Mac's office. We are praying for our Country, teachers, learners etc

Following the AgriXpo at The Ranch, many exciting opportunities have opened up for Foundation for Farming training. Tr Elsa is currently leading the Anamed (natural medicine) programme. Parents who are interested in participating in the training are kindly requested to contact us at fff@encs.co.za.

An article about the outreach activities will follow on page 15 in the newsletter. We also encourage parents to motivate their high school children to take part in outreach programmes. These experiences help to shape their mindset, broaden their perspective, and equip them with valuable skills for the future.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term together. May the Lord bless each and every family and may you continue to experience His great love.

In His Service



JN van den Berg (Hon. D.Ed.)
Executive Principal and Vision Leader



Message from the Principal

Eagles Nest Christian School – Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians

We greet you with warm hearts and grateful spirits as we reflect on the many blessings we continue to experience at Eagles Nest Christian School. It is truly encouraging to see how our school community continues to grow, learn, and thrive together.

As Scripture reminds us in **Philippians 4:13**, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* This verse beautifully reflects the spirit we see daily in our learners, staff, and families.

Over the past weeks, our **staff members have participated in valuable training sessions** aimed at strengthening teaching practices and enhancing the learning experience for our learners. Continuous professional development allows our teachers to remain inspired and equipped to guide every child with excellence, care, and dedication.

We are also pleased to report that **academics in the Primary School are progressing very well**. Our learners are showing determination and growth in their studies. To further support every child's success, we have implemented a **remedial support program** for learners experiencing learning barriers. This program provides additional guidance and individualized support, helping learners build confidence and reach their full potential.

Our **sports program continues to flourish**, particularly in athletics where our learners have demonstrated outstanding effort, teamwork, and perseverance. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the sportsmanship they display both on and off the field.

In addition, our **school clubs are thriving**. Our **Debate Club** learners are sharpening their critical thinking and communication skills, while our **Chess Club** continues to achieve wonderful results, encouraging strategic thinking and patience among participants.

Above all, we give **thanks to the Lord for His protection and guidance** over our Primary School. As it is written in **Proverbs 22:6**, *"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."* We remain committed to nurturing our learners academically, spiritually, and socially so they may grow into confident and compassionate individuals.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt **gratitude to you, our parents**, for your continued involvement and support in your children's lives and in the life of our school. Your encouragement at home, your participation in school activities, and your partnership with us make a tremendous difference in the development and success of our learners.

Let us continue working together, trusting in God's plan for each child entrusted to our care.

Motivational Thought: *"Every child is a seed of greatness. With faith, guidance, and perseverance, they will grow into strong trees that bless the world."*

May the Lord continue to bless each of our families and guide us in the important work of educating and shaping the next generation.

Warm regards

Mr. B de Lange
Principal Primary School Department
Eagles Nest Christian School



Fun Filled Sports Day

Fun-Filled Sports Day for Our Eaglets and Grade R's

Our Eaglets and Grade R learners recently enjoyed a joyful and fun-filled sports day, made even more special by the wonderful participation of our parents. Laughter, excitement, and encouragement filled the day as families and children took part in the various activities together.

We would like to sincerely thank our parents for joining us and bringing such positive energy and joy. Your presence helped create a beautiful atmosphere where everyone could enjoy the day to the fullest.

A special word of congratulations and appreciation goes to our dedicated teachers and to Sir Bertie, who enthusiastically participated in all the activities alongside the children and parents.

Moments like these give us the privilege to build and strengthen meaningful relationships within our school community. As the Word reminds us in Nehemiah 8:10, "The joy of the Lord is our strength." This was truly visible throughout the day as smiles, laughter, and fellowship were shared by all.

It was a day filled with joy, unity, and wonderful memories for our children and families.



Thank you to the team for making this day a day to remember. Thank you for your dedication and hard work. You are dearly appreciated. May our Lord bless and keep us safely tucked under His wings.

Water play

We had another fun water play day. Bubbles, water flow, hole in the buckets or rather Holy buckets as part of the water flow experience. Thank you Lord that we can play and learn.



Athletics

Eagles Nest Athletics Season: Rising Above the Rain

The 2026 athletics season for Eagles Nest began under challenging conditions, with persistent rainy weather disrupting training schedules. Despite limited practice opportunities, our athletes showed resilience and determination from the very start.

Our first major competition at Ironwood was a strong indication of the team's potential. Even without proper preparation due to the rain, Eagles Nest athletes delivered outstanding performances, proudly securing **3rd place overall** as a school. This achievement set a positive tone for the rest of the season.

A highlight of the Ironwood meet was the exceptional performances by our record-breaking athletes.

Mpho Ratshipaladza set a new Under-13 High Jump record with an impressive height of 1.40 m. In the U/11 category, **Jigatt Sibanda** also broke the High Jump record, clearing 1.37 m, while **Atlegang Mathole** sprinted to victory in the 80 m race with a remarkable time of 11.11 seconds. These achievements are a testament to the talent and dedication within our school.

Eagles Nest proudly took a team of 37 athletes to the Circuit competition held at Tom Naude, where they continued to compete with passion and determination. The season progressed through Circuit, Cluster, District, and Provincial levels, with our athletes consistently giving their best and representing the school with pride.

We are especially proud to announce that **Jigatt Sibanda** has qualified to compete at the National level. Jigatt will represent Eagles Nest at Nationals in the Western Cape during the upcoming school holidays. This is a significant achievement and a moment of great pride for the entire school community.

As the athletics season comes to an end, we celebrate not only the medals and records, but also the perseverance, sportsmanship, and unity shown by all our athletes. From competing in the rain to reaching national level, this season has proven that determination and hard work truly pay off. We wish Jigatt the very best at Nationals and look forward to even greater achievements in the future as Eagles Nest continues to soar to new heights.



ACSI Global day of Prayer

The ACSI Day of Prayer is an annual event that advances Christ-centered education by advocating through prayer. These past few school years have presented many unique challenges, but God has given our school communities the strength to overcome adversities and pursue new opportunities.

On the 24th of February, our school joined institutions around the world in observing the ACSI Global Day of Prayer. This special occasion provided learners with an opportunity to reflect, connect spiritually, and deepen their understanding of prayer.

The event was led by Sir Willie, who guided learners through the Lord's Prayer. He not only recited the prayer but also took time to explain its meaning in a clear and relatable way. Learners were encouraged to think about each line of the prayer and how it applies to their daily lives.

Sir Willie also shared practical guidelines on how to speak and pray to God. He emphasized that prayer is a personal and meaningful conversation, where individuals can express gratitude, ask for guidance, and seek strength in times of need.

The session was both educational and inspiring, leaving learners with a better understanding of the importance of prayer and how to incorporate it into their everyday lives.



Debating

Debate Term 1

The first term debate tournament was smaller than anticipated, but our Eagles still soared. It was good practice and we had a winning team of the day. We look forward to a great rest of the year!

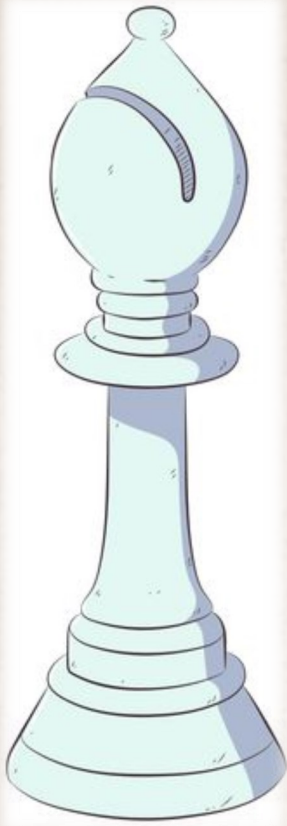


We hosted the Myngenoegen Primary Schools Debate. Sadly, a number of schools could not attend. In the end 6 teams competed from ENCS and PEPPS.

This was a first time for many learners and we want to congratulate them on their performances.



Chess



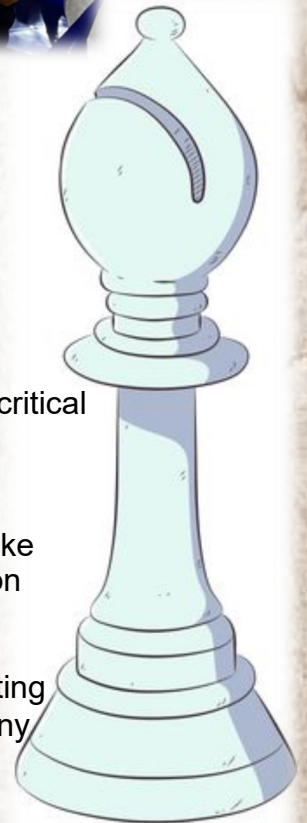
Chess League Showdown Against PEMPS

Our school proudly hosted an exciting and highly competitive chess league match against PEMPS, bringing together talented young minds for a day of strategic thinking and sportsmanship.

The event created an atmosphere of focus and determination as players carefully planned their moves, demonstrating patience, concentration, and critical thinking skills.

Chess continues to play an important role in developing learners' cognitive abilities, including problem-solving, memory, and decision-making. Events like these not only strengthen these skills but also encourage healthy competition and mutual respect among schools.

We extend our gratitude to PEMPS for their sportsmanship and for contributing to a successful and memorable chess league event. We look forward to many more encounters that will continue to inspire and challenge our learners.



Diaper Drive

Intermediate Phase Diaper Drive – A Heartwarming Success

The Intermediate Phase recently took part in a meaningful Diaper Drive, demonstrating the true spirit of compassion and community. We are proud to announce that **Grade 7C** emerged as the winners, having collected the highest number of diapers.

This initiative was more than just a competition—it was an opportunity for our learners to show kindness, generosity, and care for those in need. The enthusiasm and commitment shown by all the classes were truly inspiring.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents who supported their children in this worthy cause. Your willingness to give and your encouragement have made a real difference. Most importantly, thank you for instilling such beautiful values in your children—values of love, empathy, and giving with open hands.

Together, we are shaping a generation that not only excels academically but also leads with compassion and humanity.



DIAPER DRIVE

Anything but a schoolbag

Anything But a School Bag Day – A Creative Celebration

Our “Anything But a School Bag” day was truly a fun-filled and memorable experience for both learners and teachers. The excitement was evident as learners arrived with the most imaginative and creative alternatives to traditional school bags.

From buckets and baskets to suitcases and storage containers, the level of creativity on display was outstanding. Many learners went the extra mile, not only bringing unique “bags” but also dressing up to match their chosen items. Their enthusiasm and willingness to fully embrace the theme added an extra layer of fun to the day.

It was wonderful to see learners expressing themselves so confidently while enjoying a break from the ordinary routine. Days like these encourage creativity, individuality, and a sense of joy within the school environment.

Well done to all our learners for their incredible imagination and for making the day such a lively and entertaining success!



IBT Results

Our school is extremely proud of our Grade 3 and Grade 6 learners and their outstanding performance in the recent IBT (Independent Benchmark Tests). These results reflect not only the hard work and dedication of our learners, but also the commitment of our teachers and the continued support from parents.

Throughout the year, our learners have shown determination, resilience, and a strong willingness to learn. They approached their assessments with confidence and gave their very best effort. The positive IBT results are a clear indication that they are building a solid academic foundation, particularly in key areas such as literacy and numeracy.

We would like to commend our teachers for their passion and dedication in guiding and supporting each learner. Their consistent effort in creating a positive and engaging learning environment has played a vital role in these achievements.

A special word of thanks also goes to our parents and guardians. Your encouragement, involvement, and support at home have made a meaningful difference in your children's educational journey.

Well done to everyone involved—this is a success worth celebrating!



Grade 3

Ronewa Mashau, Mulisa Maiwashe, Amukelani Semanya, Jayden Mhandu, Sethoga Mamabolo, Tshireletso Mashabela, Harmony Badejo, Wandeme Nemakonde, Lethabo Tjale, Thakgalo Lerutla, Reneilwe Mashego Moagi Phaladi, Cleo Vodeb

Grade 6

Uhone Ratshipaladze, Fawziah Finni
Back Tr Bridget, Tr Phetolo, Tr Flora, Sir Tichaona and sir Willie

Leadership Camp at Blyderiver

From the 26th to the 28th of February, the grade 6 and 7 prefects attended an exciting leadership camp at the Blyde Adventure camp. The camp was organised to help us develop important leadership skills such as teamwork, responsibility and communication. It was also a great opportunity for us to get to know each other better and learn how to work together.

During the camp, we took part in many fun and challenging activities. Some activities tested our ability to work together, like when we lost our sight and had to use each other's instructions to make it out safely. While others helped us learn how to solve problems and support one another, like in the cooking activity, we were separated into three groups. We had to help each other cook our dinner, work with the wood for the fire, and cut both hard and soft vegetables. These activities showed us that leadership is not only about giving instructions, but also about listening, encouraging others and working together to achieve a goal.

The best activity for me was game night because we could laugh and play together. Overall, we loved this camp because it was new, had good vibes, and we would love to come back.



*Innocent and Masana
(Headboy and Headgirl, Intermediate Phase)*

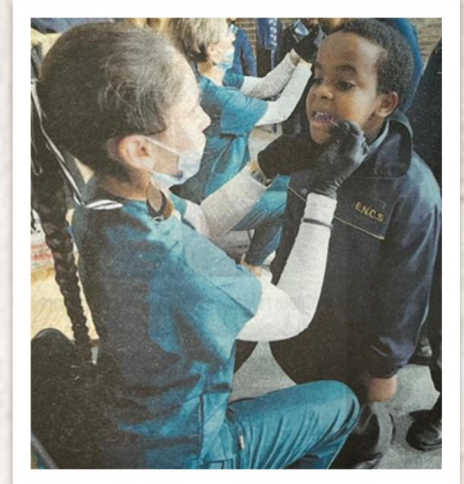


News in General

The oral hygiene team from Floss came to visit the Foundation Phase. They shared valuable tips and tricks on maintaining a bright healthy smile. Each learner received a goodie bag filled with dental care products and resources to take charge of their own oral health.



Oral hygienists Chane and Dalize applied fluoride varnish on Kingdom Gwekwerere and Matoma Ramaahlama our "teeth models"



Jigatt Sibanda earned a spot in the Limpopo team to participate in Nationals during the April Holiday.

He placed in 16th position for high jump and we are very proud of him.



Outreach

Over the March school holiday, a group of our high school learners had the incredible opportunity to be part of a meaningful outreach trip to Zimbabwe, an experience that left a lasting imprint on both their hearts and perspectives.

Our team departed with 15 learners, 8 staff members, and 7 members from the Cornerstone Christian Academy in USA, coming together with a shared heart to serve, connect, and grow. Our journey took us to Kanyaga, where we were warmly welcomed by Uncle Makesure and his family, whose generosity and dedication to his community set the tone for our entire visit.

Working alongside our host Uncle Makesure, we reached out to the local community, spending time at the local school where our learners connected with local children through walking 7km to the school, activities, encouragement, and shared moments of joy. These interactions reminded us that meaningful impact often comes through simple acts of presence, kindness, and openness.

We were also privileged to be part of the beginnings of a new initiative, the Eagles Foundation School. This developing school represents hope and opportunity for many children in the community, and it was both humbling and inspiring to contribute to something that will continue to impact lives for years to come.

Each day was anchored in intentional reflection as we studied the life of Daniel during our devotions. His example of courage, discipline, and unwavering faith in unfamiliar environments deeply resonated with both learners and staff. It challenged us to consider how we, too, can stand firm in our values and live with purpose, even when we are far from what is comfortable or familiar.

This outreach was more than just a trip, it was a journey of growth, connection, and purpose. Our learners returned with not only meaningful memories, but also a deeper sense of compassion, gratitude, and responsibility toward others.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve and to be part of such impactful work. Experiences like these continue to shape hearts and inspire a generation that is willing to lead, serve, and make a difference.

Kwena Matlou



Tr Elsa and sir Mac
Celebrating his birthday
whilst on outreach



Important Dates

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8 April	School re-open
11 April	PEMPS mini Festival
18 April	ENCS mini Festival
8 May	Gr 2 & 3 Educational Tour
9 May	ACSI Conference
10 May	Mother's Day
14 May	Ascension Day
16 May	IP u/12 Festival
22 May	Gr 1 Educational Tour
23 May	PEPPS mini Festival

