

**DATE:** 10 February 2025 / Amberfield College Newsletter

## Weekly activities

<b>MONDAY:</b>	
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	

### UNIFORM

Our uniform shop is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 07:00 – 12:00  
 Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 -15:00  
 Every last Saturday of the month from 09:00 – 12:00(excluding school Holiday)

## Word from the executive principal

### Dear Parents/ Guardians

Happy New Year and welcome back to an exciting new chapter!

We are incredibly proud to announce that our matric class has achieved an outstanding result of 98.2%. This is a true reflection of the dedication, resilience, and hard work each student has put in over the past year. Best of luck with everything the future holds, and may it be full of opportunities, growth, and fulfilment. Please see below PRC memorandum.

Kind Regards:  
 Mr M Ponnen - Executive Principal

## Important dates and events

\*Please see the D6 Connect App for the detailed calendar

### BANKING DETAILS

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**Bank:** ABSA  
**Account number:** 4113850140  
**Type of account:** Current  
**Branch code:** 632005

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## Pre – Primary news

*Warm greetings from Amberfield Pre - Primary School.*

*Welcome back to all our parents. We hope that 2025 will be a prosperous year filled with only good things.*

### Swimming

Gr RRR (Butterfly class) – Tuesdays

Gr RR (Candy class) and Gr R/E (Dinosaur class) – Wednesdays

Gr R/A (Cat in the hat class), R/M (Cars class) and R/B (Sailor class) – Thursdays

(Please remember to mark all the clothes as well as the Towels.)

### Drop off

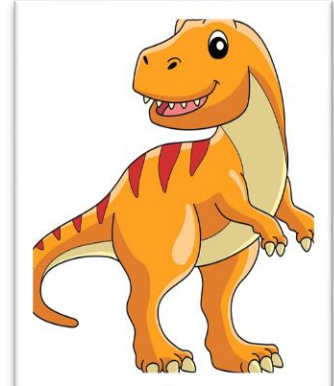
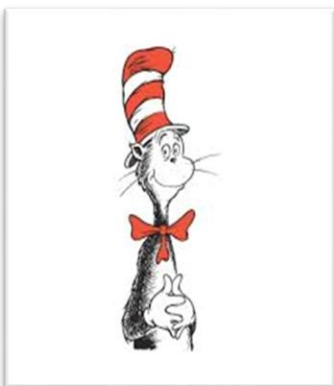
We would like to humbly request that parents drop their children off at the gate and leave. It makes it harder for your child if you stand there watching them go to class. We promise that they will be fine after a few minutes of you leaving as we give them a lot of love and reassurance.

### Special days for Term 1

Friday 14 Feb – Dress up in Valentines colours (Red, White or pink)

Friday 21 Feb – Backwards day (dress in school clothes but inside out and shoes on the wrong feet etc)

Friday 7 March – Water fun day (Children come in swimming costumes and have a fun day with us)



Kind Regards  
Ms L Pretorius  
Pre-Primary Principal

# More Amberfield news!

## Primary School News

### ***Warm greetings from Amberfield Primary School.***

The new academic year has roared to life, and we're thrilled to see our students diving into teaching, learning, sports, and cultural activities with enthusiasm. Our information evenings for grades 1 to 7 were a great success, and we're excited to continue this vibrant journey together.

The Grade 1's kick-started the year with a family picnic on Saturday, 25 January 2025. Parents and staff members had a chance to meet and mingle in a less formal setting, which will definitely go a long way towards fostering a positive and productive working relationship between parents, teachers and learners. Either way it was clearly a huge success and we look forward to this becoming an annual event.



### **Staff news**

We are pleased to announce the following appointments in Amberfield College:

Mr Nico Liebenberg was appointed as the Head of Sport for the entire College ([nliebenberg@amberfieldcollege.co.za](mailto:nliebenberg@amberfieldcollege.co.za))

Mr Geordie Daverson was appointed as the Primary School Sports Coordinator ([gdaverson@amberfieldcollege.co.za](mailto:gdaverson@amberfieldcollege.co.za))

Congratulations and we wish them all the best with their new adventures.

### **Communication:**

Please note that most of our communication takes place via WhatsApp groups, D6, D6 connect and email. If you have not been added to a class WhatsApp group as yet, please contact your child's register teacher so that you can be added as soon as possible.

### **General Matters:**

- Intervention classes have begun on Monday, 27 January 2025. If you received communication indicating that your child needs to attend intervention, please make arrangements for them to attend as it can only be to their benefit.
- Reflective Learning for Gr 5 – 7 will begin on 12 February 2025.
- Oncue Theatre will be visiting the school on 25 February 2025. Please return the reply slips to the register teachers as soon as possible.

Kind Regards  
Mrs B Derbyshire  
Primary School Principal

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## High School News

*Warm greetings from Amberfield High School.*

*As we welcome the New Year, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for the many adventures that lie ahead. We are committed to providing our students with a world-class education that prepares them for success in all aspects of life.*

### **\*\*New Staff Members\*\***

We are pleased to welcome several new members to our teaching staff.

- \* Ms. Peens joins us as our new English Home Language teacher. We are confident that her expertise and enthusiasm will be a valuable addition to our department and we extend a warm welcome to her.
- \* Ms. Du Buisson also joins us as a teacher in the Natural Sciences and Life Sciences department. We look forward to her contributions and wish her a successful tenure.

### **\*\*Farewell and Good Luck\*\***

Unfortunately, we bid farewell and wish good luck to Ms. Hurn, who was not only our Head of Sport but also a dedicated history teacher. She has moved to the Royal Schools team. We appreciate the hard work and dedication she brought to our school community and wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

Mr Sujan from the primary school, will replace Ms Hurn as the Sports Coordinator. We wish him well and know that he will do his best with the learners.

### **\*\*Staff Achievements\*\***

We take great pride in the recognition received by one of our teaching staff members.

- \* Mr. Mohlala, our Geography teacher, has been recognised as the third top teacher in the district for his outstanding results. This achievement is a testament to his dedication and commitment to providing the best possible education for our students. We congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition.

### **\*\*Matric Achievements\*\***

We also take great pride in our Matric learners of 2024, who achieved an impressive pass rate of 98.2%. Their hard work and determination have paid off, and we are proud to see them excel in their studies. We wish them continued success in their tertiary studies.

### **\*\*Grade 8 Camp\*\***

Our recent Grade 8 camp was a huge success, providing a wonderful opportunity for learners to bond and get to know one another in a fun and relaxed environment. As a result, we noticed a significant boost in their confidence and communication skills, and we believe that the experience will have a lasting impact on their personal and academic development.

### **\*\*In closing\*\***

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our students, parents, and community. We look forward to a year of growth, learning, and achievement.

**Kind Regards**  
**Yashmita Jasmat**  
**High School Principal**

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## Discipline News

### *Warm greetings from Amberfield Discipline*

Welcome back to another exciting term at Amberfield College!

#### \* **Uniform and Appearance:**

We want to remind everyone of the importance of adhering to our school uniform and grooming policies. Cleanliness and proper attire instil a greater sense of professional discipline in learners and promotes a positive learning environment.

**All learners from Grade 4 to Grade 12 have received a copy of the Grooming and Appearance Policies.** We trust that each learner's uniform will reflect these guidelines and contribute to a neat and respectful school atmosphere. We kindly request your support in ensuring your child adheres to these policies daily. Please review the policies with your child and work with us to maintain these standards.

#### **School Gates and Dismissal:**

To ensure the safety and security of our learners, particularly during dismissal, the following gate policy will be enforced:

- **All Grade 4-12 learners must exit the school using the bottom gate.**
- **Learners will only be permitted to exit using the top gate if they have a younger sibling in RRR – Grade 3.**
- In this case, learners **must have a sibling tag** clearly displayed. Please contact **Mrs. Hoeksma** to obtain a sibling tag if you are eligible.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain order and safety during dismissal.

#### **Punctuality:**

The school day officially begins at **07:30 with registration.** Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. Lateness/Tardiness can lead to missed information and disrupt the learning environment for others.

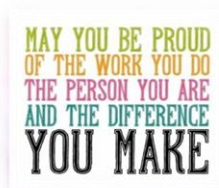
#### **Uniform Reminder - No More Monday Spirit Lesson:**

Please note that there is **no longer a spirit lesson on Mondays for High School learners.** High school learners are **expected to wear FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM every Monday.**

#### **Proud Amberfield Learners:**

As we embrace "Being Proud of Our School" this term, we encourage all learners to:

- **Uphold our school values** in their interactions with others.
- **Actively participate** in school activities and events.
- **Show respect** for teachers, staff, and fellow learners.
- **Take pride** in their academic achievements.
- **Contribute positively** to the school community.



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## Culture News

*Warm greetings from Amberfield Culture.*

### **Primary School Culture**

*Welcome back for an exciting new year at our beautiful school! We are eager to embark on another year of vibrant cultural activities, bringing together students, staff, and the wider community. The New Year offers a fresh opportunity to celebrate diversity, creativity, and the rich traditions that make our school a truly special place.*

I am especially excited to announce that our cultural activities will officially begin on Monday, January 27, 2025. We have a wide range of engaging events and programs planned, and we can't wait for students to participate, learn, and showcase their talents. These activities are designed to enrich the school experience, offering opportunities for personal growth, collaboration, and cultural exchange.

As we prepare for the upcoming cultural activities, we would like to inform parents that, in order to provide the best possible experience for all participants, there are certain limitations on the number of students that can be accepted into each activity. These restrictions ensure that each child receives the attention and guidance they need from our teachers and coaches to hone their skills and talents effectively. Additionally, some activities will require trials or auditions to form teams of dedicated learners who will represent our school at external competitions later in the year. We ask that parents help prepare their children for this process, understanding that not everyone may be selected for a team. If a child does not make a certain group, we hope this experience will be seen not as a setback but as motivation to improve and try again in the future. Our goal is to encourage all students to continue developing their abilities and to inspire them to keep striving for excellence.

Whether it's through art, music or singing, drama, public speaking, dance, or other religious expressions, there is something for everyone to enjoy and explore. Let's make this year one to remember, filled with inspiration, learning, and celebration of our diverse backgrounds. Stay tuned for more details about upcoming events, and let's make 2025 a year of cultural discovery and excitement!

### **High School Culture**

*Welcome Back! Let's Make Culture This Term the Best One Yet*

**Culture Takes Center Stage.** Culture is off to a fantastic start, with a vibrant lineup of activities already underway. From music and dance performances to art and drama productions, there's something for everyone to explore and enjoy. Our students are showcasing their talents and passion, bringing energy and creativity to every event. Whether you're a performer, an organizer, or an enthusiastic audience member, there are plenty of opportunities to participate and celebrate our school's rich cultural diversity.

**Debate Team Joins National League.** The debate team has joined the prestigious national league and by so doing have reached a milestone. This is an incredible achievement that opens doors for our young debaters to compete at a higher level, engage with peers from other schools, and refine their argumentation and public speaking skills. All the best to Mr Matlala and his team.

**Exciting Competitions on the Horizon.** As we move further into the term, we eagerly anticipate the thrilling competitions that lie ahead. Our debaters will soon put their skills to the test against formidable opponents, and we have no doubt that they will rise to the occasion with confidence and determination. These events will not only foster intellectual growth but also instill a sense of camaraderie and teamwork among our students.

Kind Regards  
Ms Monique Haughton  
Primary School Culture Coordinator

Kind Regards  
Ms Ofentje Mahlase  
High School Culture Coordinator

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## Sport News

***Warm greetings from Amberfield Sport.***

### **Amberfield College Sport: Pursuing Dreams beyond the Season**

As always Amberfield kicked off the year at full speed! Our High school Athletes have already competed in meets at Hoërskool Tuine and CR Swart High and have done exceptionally well! They are preparing and getting ready for the Inter High Athletics meet on Monday, 17 February at Pilditch Athletics Stadium.

The Primary school started with Senior Tennis, Girls Soccer, Cricket and Swimming. Our Tennis players are doing really well thus far this season, and have obtained WINS against the likes of Sandton Academy and Curro Rivonia.

The U/13 Girls Soccer teams have been outclassing their opponenst and beating Kyalami Prep, Sandton Academy and Broadacres Academy.

The U/09 – 13 Cricket boys have played some amazing games including a 58 run WIN for our U/13 boys against Glenstantia Primary.

Our Swimmers have been blowing their competition out of the water so far this year Finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in two separate galas beating schools like Cooper College, Dainfern College, Pretoria Chinese School and Irene Primary.

We are very excited about 2025, with the year starting off with results like these we can't wait for the rest of the year!

Kind Regards

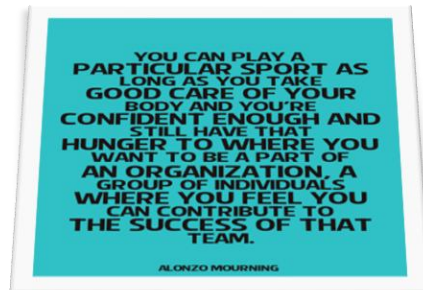
Mr G Daverson

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Kind Regards

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Kind Regards

Mr N Liebenberg

Head of Sport

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## Therapy News

*Warm greetings from Amberfield School Social Worker.*



This year has started with a new initiative to teach our learners values and develop character. The ARK (Acts of Random Kindness) Program focuses on engaging learners, family, the school and staff to portray and exercise values such as kindness, love, respect, integrity, etc. on a daily basis. The PRC, some interested parents, educators and learners are working together to spread acts of random kindness.

The leaders of the ELC Wellness have chosen the value of “Love” which will be emphasized during the month of February. Simple ways in which love may be spread among family members, friends, peers and staff are:

- Write a simple note of appreciation to someone.
- Help out with chores or run errands.
- Mend broken relationships.
- Spend time together through family dinners around a table, game nights or outings.
- Show that you listen to those that are genuinely trying to help you.
- Help someone who is struggling.
- Be creative and make kindness a normal part of your daily life.

Join hands with us and make kindness a norm at home and at school!



**Kind Regards**  
**Mrs G Sentoo**  
**School Social Worker**



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## Communication from Amberfield College Parent Representative Committee

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6 February 2025

Dear Parents,

### Re: Traffic in and around Amberfield College

As you are all aware, the traffic in and around our school remains a challenge. The PRC has previously met with Town Planning and this is not an issue that can or will be resolved quickly, as it requires funding not readily available to the Municipality. Any structural changes that we request will have to go through certain processes and there is no timeframe or budget at this stage.

In the meantime, we strongly urge parents to exercise caution when picking up and dropping off children. Please help your children to cross safely, and to use the sidewalk instead of the road outside the school.

The circle outside the school, by law, must be kept clear at all times. Please do not allow your children to cross the road at the circle. Visibility is not great, so it is the most dangerous place to cross. The scholar patrol is assisting where possible, and paying attention to them is vital for the safety of the learners.

There have been positive reports of drivers assisting others to turn right into, or out of, the bottom road, by stopping when they are not required to do so. Thank you for your patience, it definitely alleviates a lot of pressure on the T-junction.

Amberfield College has the learner's safety at heart. Speeding and aggressive behaviour is becoming more commonplace and this is a major concern. Our children learn by example.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation in this regard.

Z Mahlakaro  
PRC Chairperson

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