



# ORION COLLEGE

## PRIMARY NEWS

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### OCTOBER

- 23rd School Photos  
26th Summer Festival

#### NOVEMBER

- 01st School closes at 12h00  
07th Grade 7 Farewekk  
13th Grade 7 Parent and Learner meeting re High School transition  
27th Interhouse Athletics (parents are welcome to attend)  
28th Carols by Candlelight 17h00  
29th Prize-giving  
08:00 Foundation Phase  
09:30 Intermediate Phase  
29th End of Term 4 (for learners)

School office will be open until 11 December.

**GRACE IS A  
DIVINE STRENGTH**

LAILAH GIFTY AKITA

Dear Parents and learners,

This exciting year marks our **25-year anniversary**: a time of celebration, a time of remembering, and a time of hope. We want to pause to reflect on how Orion has grown and developed over the last quarter century, the learners whose lives we have touched and the value we have added to our community. We have big dreams and visions for the future. Thank you to all of our Orion College families, past and present, for being a part of our story to date.

We fittingly also bid farewell to our **Class of 2024**, Grade 12 learners, with an emotional final assembly this morning. Several of these learners started their journey in the Orion Primary School and it is a blessing to see how much they have grown and developed in their time at our school. We wish them all the best as they prepare for their final exams and embark on the next chapter of their lives.

#### REMINDERS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note, the **Grade 7 Farewell** will now be on **7 November 2024**.

We will be **closing early at 12pm on Friday, 01 November**. Please arrange to have your child collected on time. Thank you

#### SCHOOL PHOTO DAY WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER

Our school photo day is coming up, on **Wednesday, 23 October**. Once the photos have been taken, your child will bring a Status Studio order form home with them for you to view the image and place an order if you wish to do so. Please be reminded that **learners must be in the correct summer uniform**.

**Congratulations to our Grade R class who have been selected to perform at the RACA Gala Concert on Thursday, 24 October**. A letter has been sent out, providing details.

#### SUMMER FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, 26 OCTOBER

As part of our Summer Festival, we will be hosting a "Soapbox Derby" on **Saturday, 26 October 2024 from 09h00 (this is compulsory for all learners)**. It is going to be a great day out for the whole family, with lots to see and do, including different stalls, a crafts tent, food stations, game stalls, live entertainment and more! **Bring your friends and family to help make this day a huge success.**

We are still looking for **parent volunteers**, who are able to **donate one hour (or more) of your time**. Please contact Tarryn in the front office.

#### GRADE 7 PARENT AND LEARNER MEETING FOR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

Grade 7 Parents and learners are urged to attend the high school meeting on **Wednesday, 13 November at 17h00**.

**IP Exams are around the corner**. Please start encouraging your child to focus on revision and support them where you can.

# 25-YEAR CELEBRATION



Orion College staff and learners marking this moment in time on the “winter” field today



The Class of 2024 after their final assembly of their school career



Donuts for every learner to celebrate Orion College turning 25

## INTERMEDIATE PHASE EXAM TIMETABLE

### TERM 4

### GRADES 4 - 6

Monday, 11 Nov  <b>HISTORY</b>	Tuesday, 12 Nov  <b>CREATIVE ENGLISH WRITING</b>	Wednesday 13 Nov  <b>ENGLISH</b>	Thursday, 14 Nov  <b>NATURAL SCIENCES &amp; TECH</b>	Friday, 15 Nov  <b>MATHS</b>
Monday, 18 Nov  <b>CREATIVE AFRIKAANS WRITING</b>	Tuesday, 19 Nov  <b>GEOGRAPHY</b>	Wednesday, 20 Nov  <b>AFRIKAANS</b>	Thursday, 21 Nov  <b>LIFE SKILLS</b>	Friday, 22 Nov  <b>CREATIVE ART</b>

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# SUMMER FESTIVAL

Saturday 26 Oct 2024

Free entrance

09h00 - 15h00



## Celebrating 25 years!

Product stalls

Arts & Crafts

Games

Food Stalls

DIY Graffiti Wall

Cooler Box Corkage

Live Entertainment (including music by Ocean, an Orion alumni)

... and loads more



Orion College, 1 Sysie Road, Randpark Ridge, JHB



# NOURISHING NEURODIVERGENCE

Join us for an insightful event on neurodiversity and children's health

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Empowering neurodivergent children: Key strategies
- Preventing caregiver burnout and overwhelm
- Creating calm in homes and classrooms
- Managing anxiety and behavior through nervous system regulation
- Effective natural solutions for children's wellness

## PERFECT FOR:

- Parents, Teachers, Au pairs
- Health Practitioners
- Wellness Entrepreneurs



**COLLEEN WILSON**

*Transformation Coach,  
ND Child Advocate*



**KALENE SMALBERGER**

*Zinzino Director &  
Founder of Aspire*



**RENATE SWANEPOEL**

*Entrepreneur &  
Public Speaker*



### Date

19 October '24



### Time

10AM - 12:30PM



### Location

Dainfern Golf Estate (Clubhouse)

**MORE INFO &  
TO REGISTER**



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Use Orion as booking referall

***Have a good weekend.  
Barbra Robinson and the Primary School staff***