



# Graeme College

*To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential*



"In online learning the focus totally shifts from the content to the student."

–Holly Mortimer, Online Teacher



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 29 May 2020

### Message from the Headmaster

Quote:

"To decide whether life is worth living is to answer the fundamental question of philosophy" - Albert Camus

#### Opening of School:

The Minister of Basic Education has given dates on the resumption of school and as expected it will be a phased in process, starting with Grade 7 and Grade 12, on Monday 1 June. Senior management, staff and the Governing Body have been planning for the resumption of school for weeks now.

#### Learners will arrive under the following guidelines on Monday:

The Grant House Gate will be open for staff and visitors only. The road around Somerset Field will be closed. The Selborne Road gate and the Pool gate will be open for traffic and pedestrians. Please do not enter the Grant House gate for drop-offs or pick-ups. The main school gate will also remain closed.

Learners are expected to wear masks to school and each learner will be given masks upon their return to school. It is also recommended that each learner brings his own hand sanitizer, or just an empty spray bottle, which the school is happy to fill up.

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Monday is our first day, and learners will develop their new routine. Grade 7 and Grade 12 learners will meet in the Junior School quad every morning and will line up in specifically allocated areas, as marked on the quad. Staff will then measure and record the temperatures of each learner, before they will be allowed to progress to the next step. Grade 7s will move directly to one of four allocated classes, after proceeding past sanitization desks. They will enter through the Grade 3 door. The Grade 12s will follow a similar process, but through the hall door. This Monday there will be a discussion in those venues about the routines going forward. Each desk will have a weekly questionnaire with regards to Covid-19 checklist data.

Any learner, with a temperature too above 38 degrees, or indicating a concern on their questionnaire, will be moved to a designated quarantine areas, and parents will be contacted.

Learners are expected to arrive at school by 07h30, for this process to work effectively. Full school uniform will be worn, and we will be cognisant of the weather. Obviously there has been an issue with regards to hair salons being open, so we will address each issue individually. There are a few ideas already circulating, about how schools could address this issue.

There will be one break each day, and different grades will be allocated specific areas. We will expect each learner to be aware of social distancing. The tuckshop will remain closed for the first week, and plans going forward will be confirmed. There will be 6 staff on duty each break time to assist in managing this process.

Certain areas like the fields, gym, library, tennis courts, squash courts, tuckshop area etc will all be off limits. Also note that the gates will be closed at 14h30, and that learners may not (according to state regulations) stay on campus.

Class venues will be sanitized each afternoon, once learners have left for the day. Please note school times: Junior school classes will end at 12h30 and Senior School classes will end at 13h05 for the first phase.

The only school doors that will be open during the first phase will be the Grade 3 door, which the Grade 7s will use. The Grade 12s will use the side hall entrance, and then have access to the Senior Quad area for break. Visitors to the school will need to sign in at the main admin door, after going through the required screening and sanitation. Please note that this should be for emergencies only. The school is in effect, still under lockdown to the public.

Please note that the timetables and venues have been updated since the last newsletter. Remember the Grade 12s will follow their normal timetable, but the Grade 7s will follow a temporary timetable.

#### Protection - social distancing in classes (compulsory/mandatory)

- Graeme College will provide each staff member and learner with two cloth face masks.
- Teaching staff will be provided with face shields, which will make teaching easier.
- Only large venues, i.e. the School Hall, Graemian Centre and Music facility will be used for teaching initially. This will allow for social distancing.
- The primary school grades will be split into four classes, which will also allow for social distancing.
- Transport pickup points will be strictly monitored, with rules explained carefully to learners.
- Social gathering is strictly prohibited and learners will not be permitted to use the gym, or gather on the fields, or have social meetings.
- Entry by visitors, parents, and vendors is prohibited unless it is essential.
- All visitors, except government officials, are to make an appointment and state the nature of their visit

#### Timetabling and Venues

- A tentative timetable and venue allocations has been drawn up. Entrances to venues will be strictly controlled.
- The different grades will enter through different entrances. The school day and times will differ for the different grades.

# Timetables- Grade 7

## Grade 7 (6 lessons per day)

07h30	Learners arrive and follow sanitation rules
08h00 - 08h40	Lesson 1
08h40 - 09h20	Lesson 2
09h20 - 10h10	Lesson 3
Break	10h10-10h30
10h30 - 11h10	Lesson 4
11h10 - 11h50	Lesson 5
11h50 - 12h30	Lesson 6
12h30	End of Day

MONDAY					
		7 OX (A)	7 OX (B)	7 AS (A)	7 AS (B)
1	8.00 – 8.40	Tech JVM	Tech CN	English AS	English AR
2	8.40 – 9.20	isiXhosa OX	isiXhosa BD	Afrikaans NvM	Afrikaans JB
3	9.20 – 10.10	English AS	English AR	Maths PdL	Maths DS
4	10.30 – 11.10	Maths PdL	Maths DS	EMS CN	EMS CvM
5	11.10 – 11.50	NS AS	NS SL	History OX	History JP
6	11.50 – 12.30	LO SR	LO KF	Tech JvM	Tech CN

TUESDAY					
		7 OX (A)	7 OX (B)	7 AS (A)	7 AS (B)
1	8.00 – 8.40	English AR	English AS	Tech CN	Tech JvM
2	8.40 – 9.20	isiXhosa OX	isiXhosa BD	Afrikaans NvM	Afrikaans JB
3	9.20 – 10.10	Maths PdL	Maths DS	English AR	English AS
4	10.30 – 11.10	NS SL	NS AS	Maths PdL	Maths DS
5	11.10 – 11.50	Art CJ	Music CC	Phys Ed NvM	Phys Ed KF
6	11.50 – 12.30	Home Work CvM	Home Work MG	Home Work KF	Home Work CN

# Timetables- Grade 7

WEDNESDAY					
		7 OX (A)	7 OX (B)	7 AS (A)	7 AS (B)
1	8.00 – 8.40	Tech CN	Tech JvM	English AS	English AR
2	8.40 – 9.20	isiXhosa OX	isiXhosa BD	Afrikaans NvM	Afrikaans JB
3	9.20 – 10.10	EMS CN	EMS CvM	Maths PdL	Maths DS
4	10.30 – 11.10	Maths PdL	Maths DS	Music CC	Art CJ
5	11.10 – 11.50	History OX	History JP	LO SR	LO KF
6	11.50 – 12.30	Geography OX	Geography MG	NS AS	NS SL

THURSDAY					
		7 OX (A)	7 OX (B)	7 AS (A)	7 AS (B)
1	8.00 – 8.40	English AS	English AR	Geography OX	Geography MG
2	8.40 – 9.20	Reading CvM	Reading KF	Reading BD	Reading JB
3	9.20 – 10.10	EMS CvM	EMS CN	Maths PdL	Maths DS
4	10.30 – 11.10	Maths PdL	Maths DS	EMS CvM	EMS CN
5	11.10 – 11.50	History JP	History OX	NS SL	NS AS
6	11.50 – 12.30	Phys Ed NvM	Phys Ed KF	Art CJ	Music CC

FRIDAY					
		7 OX (A)	7 OX (B)	7 AS (A)	7 AS (B)
1	8.00 – 8.40	Study Session CvM	Study Session MG	Study Session SL	Study Session JB
2	8.40 – 9.20	Test Period OX	Test Period BD	Test Period AS	Test Period CN
3	9.20 – 10.10	Geography MG	Geography OX	English AR	English AS
4	10.30 – 11.10	Maths PdL	Maths DS	Geography MG	Geography OX
5	11.10 – 11.50	English AR	English AS	History JP	History OX
6	11.50 – 12.30	Music CC	Art CJ	Maths PdL	Maths DS

# Timetables- Grade 12

## Grade 12 Times

07h30	Learners arrive, and follow sanitation rules
07h45 - 08h35	Lesson 1
08h35 - 09h25	Lesson 2
09h25 - 10h15	Lesson 3
Break	10h15 - 10h35
10h35 - 11h25	Lesson 4
11h25 - 12h15	Lesson 5
12h15 - 13h05	Lesson 6
13h05	End of Day

## Grade 12 Timetable

Graeme College is fortunate to have 3 large venues. These venues will enable the school to adhere to the 1.5m social distancing parameters. Learner numbers in each subject will determine in which venue the learners will be taught.

Period	Subject	Venue	Teachers
<b>Monday</b>			
1	English	Hall	TK / LN
2	Maths/Maths Lit	Maths (Hall) /Maths Lit (Centre)	MW / LF
3	Afrikaans/isiXhosa	Afrikaans (Centre) / isiXhosa (Hall)	IS / HVDM / VT / BD
4	Phys Sci/LS/Business	Phys Science (Hall) / Business (Auditorium)	KW / CK
5	LO	Hall	SR /NVDM
6	Hist/LS/Art/Des/Mus	History (Centre) / LS (Hall) / Music (Music Centre)/Art (Carinus)	AS/BM/DP/SA
Afternoon	ART	Art (Carinus)	CARINUS
<b>Tuesday</b>			
1	Afrikaans/isiXhosa	Afrikaans (Centre) / isiXhosa (Hall)	IS / HVDM / VT / BD
2	Phys Sci/LS/Business	Phys Science (Hall) / Business (Auditorium)	KW / CN / CK
3	Acc/Geo/Art/Des/Mus	Acc (Room 33) /Geo (Hall) /ART&Des (Art Room)/Mus (Music Centre)	MP / BM / GVM / SA
4	English	Hall	TK / LN
5	Maths/Maths Lit	Maths (Hall) /Maths Lit (Centre)	MW / LF
6	Hist/LS/Art/Des/Mus	History (Centre) / LS (Hall) / Music (Music Centre)/Art (Carinus)	AS/BM/DP/SA
<b>Wednesday</b>			
1	Phys Sci/LS/Business	Phys Science (Hall) / Business (Auditorium)	KW / CN / CK
2	English	Hall	TK / LN
3	LO	Hall	SR /NVDM
4	Maths/Maths Lit	Maths (Hall) /Maths Lit (Centre)	MW / LF
5	Hist/LS/Art/Des/Mus	History (Centre) / LS (Hall) / Music (Music Centre)/Art (Carinus)	AS/BM/DP/SA
6	Acc/Geo/Art/Des/Mus	Acc (Room 33) /Geo (Hall) /ART&Des (Carinus) /Mus (Music Centre)	MP / BM / GVM / SA
<b>Thursday</b>			
1	Maths/Maths Lit	Maths (Hall) /Maths Lit (Centre)	MW / LF
2	English	Hall	TK / LN
3	Hist/LS/Art/Des/Mus	History (Centre) / LS (Hall) / Music (Music Centre)/Art (Carinus)	AS/BM/DP/SA
4	Phys Sci/LS/Business	Phys Science (Hall) / Business (Auditorium)	KW / CK
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<b>Friday</b>			
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During the scheduled timetable lessons, the Grade 12s will be given space in the art room, under Ms Janse van Rensburg's supervision, to work on their source books and written work. All Grade 12s will do their other art as follows:

Monday 13h15 - 14h20 Art/Design Prac

Monday 14h45 - 15h45 History of Art/Design

PLEASE PROVIDE A PACKED LUNCH

Wednesday 13h15 -14h20 Art/Design Prac

Thursday 14h00 - 16h00 Art/Design Prac

Please note that they will be bussed to the art school- social distancing and bus sanitation plans are in place.

## Academic

### DISTANCE LEARNING PACKS - Drive Through Pickup:

This week there will only be two pick up dates:

Monday - Grade 00 between 11h45 and 12h15. Enter Selborne Gate as usual, and pick up at the parking area at the Graemian Centre.

Tuesday - Grade 5. Between 13h00 and 14h00.

- All vehicles will enter at the Selborne Road gate, drive up to their pick-up point, idle, collect and drive on to exit at the pool gate (Withypool Road).
- No vehicles will be allowed to enter the premises unless all occupants wear masks.
- Pick-up Point ONE : The Junior School packs will be distributed from the small paved off-road right hand side parking lot next to the Graemian Centre garages.
- Pick-up Point TWO : High School packs will be handed out at the back traffic circle, behind the Music Block. Can you please clearly display an A4 size paper with your son's name, class list number and grade.
- PLEASE DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE.
- Please note that whilst the time allocation might not be at the most convenient time to you personally, we have tried to accommodate most parents by setting this over the lunch hour. Please try your utmost to abide by this.
- Gates will be locked at 14h00. Please note that unfortunately no alternative plan to collect these packs can be made.
- We trust that this will make life much easier in terms of managing daily school work.
- THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

### Update on Academic Work and Lockdown:

As indicated in communication with the Headmaster in letters to each grade, the high school staff continue to try and disseminate information to boys. WhatsApp groups have been formed for most classes in the high school and work is being updated on these groups. In order for this method of communication to be fully utilised, it does require your son's cell phone numbers being added to our database of numbers so that these can be accessed by staff in order that they might be added to the different WhatsApp groups. If anyone would still like their son to be added to the database, please can you send a message to Miss Kenyon (0732561483) with your son's name and surname, his grade and his cellphone number. This will then be communicated with staff.

# Website update & academic progress

We are attaching a breakdown from teachers in specific areas to this newsletter email. Kindly refer to that document re: academic work that needs to be covered.

As mentioned last week, we have launched our new website and are currently getting it up to date.

The school has applied for our website to be zero rated allowing our boys to access information.

Follow the link below for e-learning and online resources:

<https://www.graemecollege.co.za/online-resources/>

Mr Wille has also created a Youtube channel solely devoted to Graeme College training Videos. This will allow him and others to upload videos for our students. This is not a channel to put links on to other Video channels but is designated for Graeme College created videos only.

## Finance

### FEES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR 2020:

Full settlement of annual school fees on or before the first day of the school year, or entrance into school.

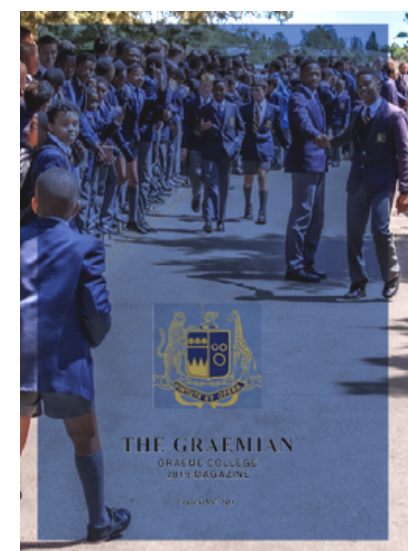
- Monthly payments per written request in January (of each year) to the School Bursar [R2 000 on first day of first term and balance in 10 [ten] equal monthly instalments at the start of each month [01 February – 01 November].
- Defaulters: Both biological parents / legal guardians are responsible for fees, irrespective of marital status. Non-payment of accounts will be dealt with as per School policy.

### BANK DEPOSITS:

Please use your sons name and surname as the reference. Unfortunately, we are unable to credit your account if there is no reference to your son. We receive far too many references as “Graeme College, GJG, School Fees, etc”.

Kindly remember, there are 650 learners in the school and without the correct reference, it's impossible to allocate the fees to the correct account.

A big thank you to those who understand the financial implications of the current lockdown restrictions and who continue to pay their school fees monthly.



### 2019 School Magazine:

The school magazine is available to buy. School magazines fill an important niche in any school's culture. They are a window on the School's activities throughout the year and provide the most accessible historical record for the refreshing of memories.

This issue of The Graemian will find its way into the Grahamstown community, the surrounding areas and wherever Old Graemians have taken root, both in South Africa and overseas.

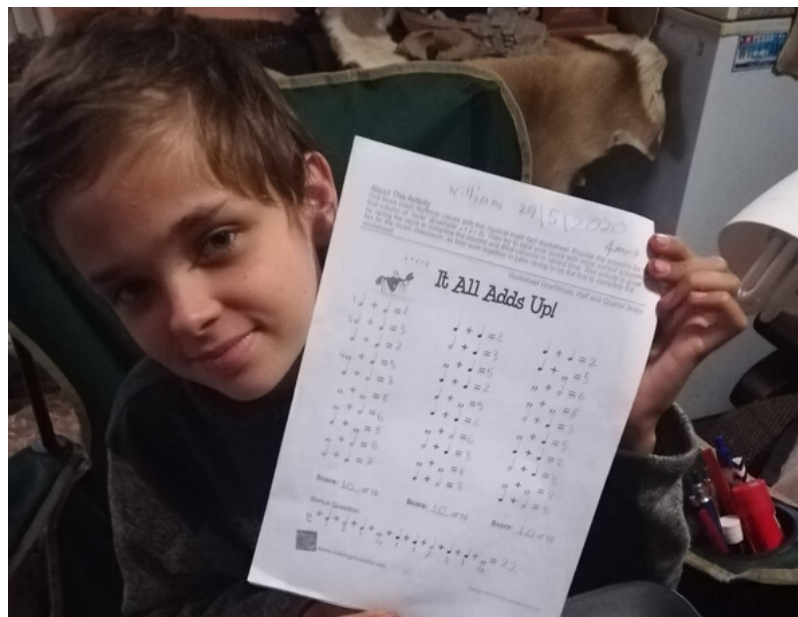
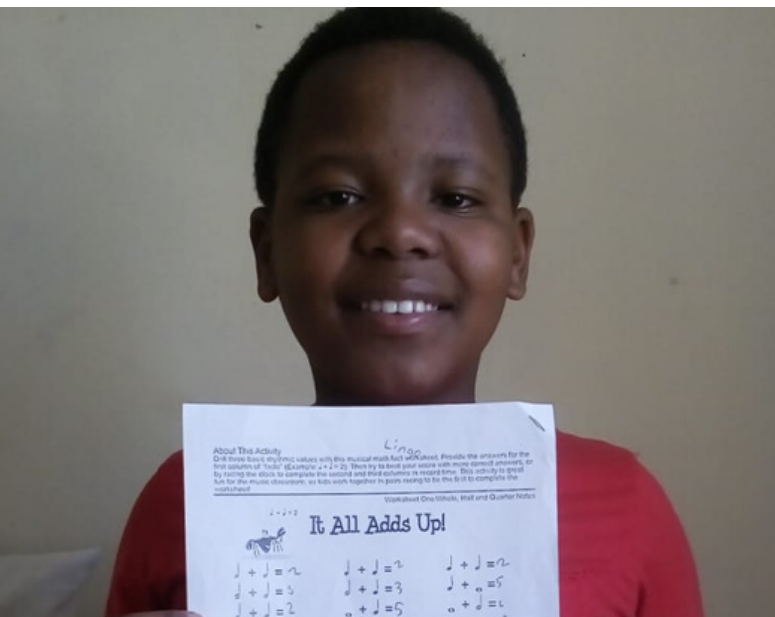
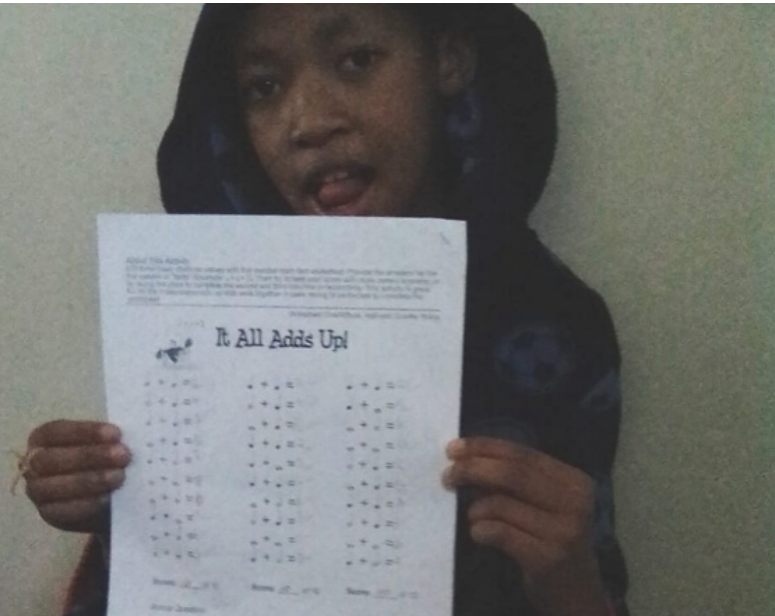
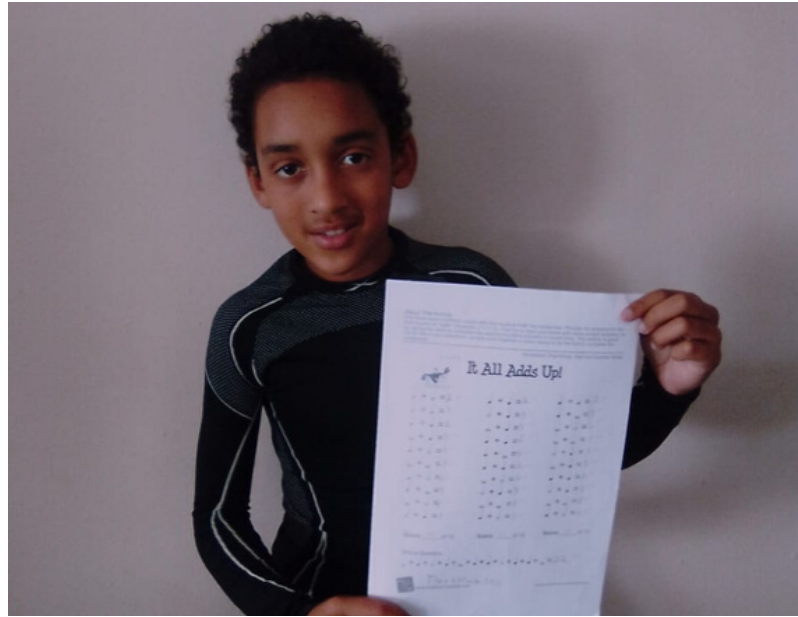
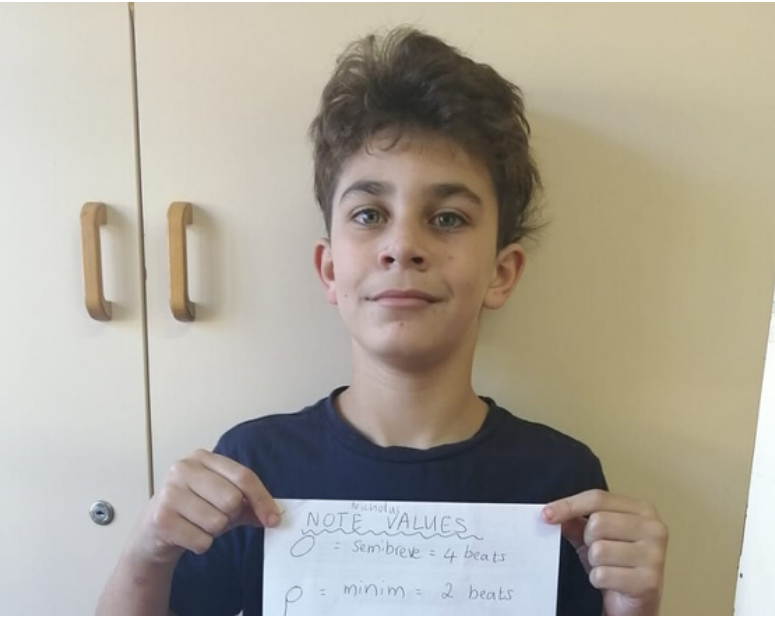
The purchase price of the 2019 Magazine is R150. For now, parents can pay via EFT using the learners name as the reference: Learners initial, surname and magazine. It will be ready for collection when school re-opens.

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# Music

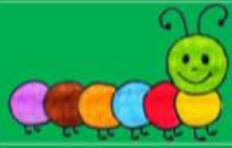
These young men are proudly showing their music homework. Well done to C-Jay Jeegets who managed to complete the worksheet in 3 minutes, 7 seconds and 50 split seconds AND get 100%!





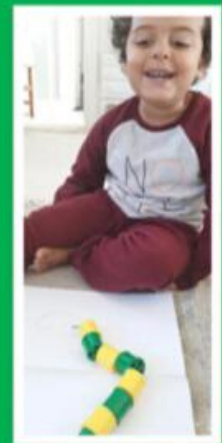
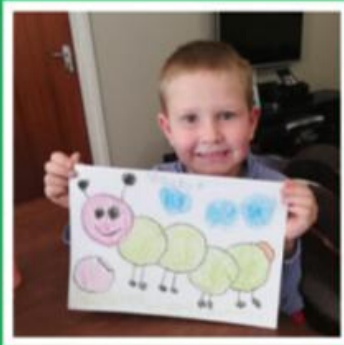
# Grade 00s

The Grade 00 boys were read a story from their teacher of 'The very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and afterwards drew and created their very own caterpillars. Below are their creations.



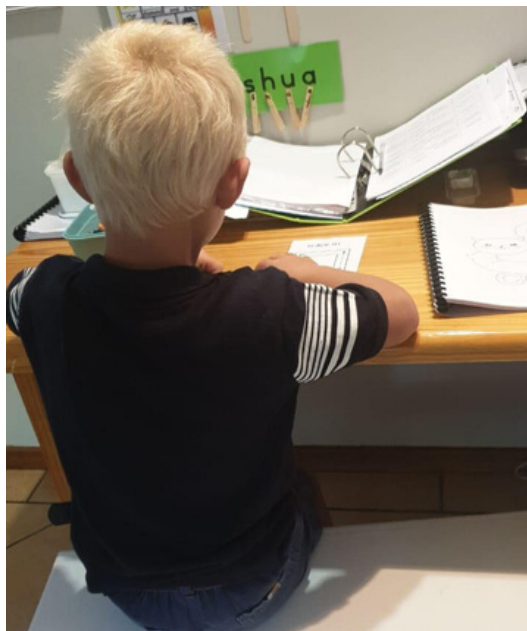
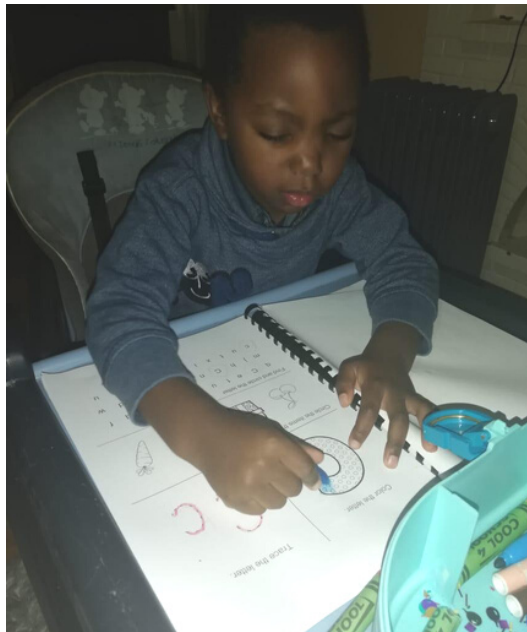
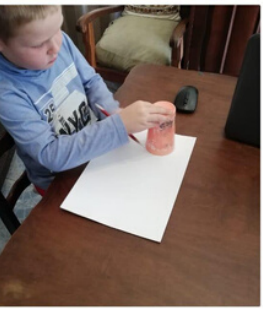
## The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Grade 00 Project



# Grade 00s

The Grade 00 boys have been working from their activity packs and loving it!

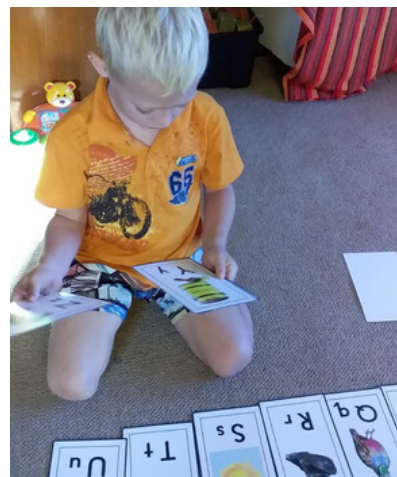
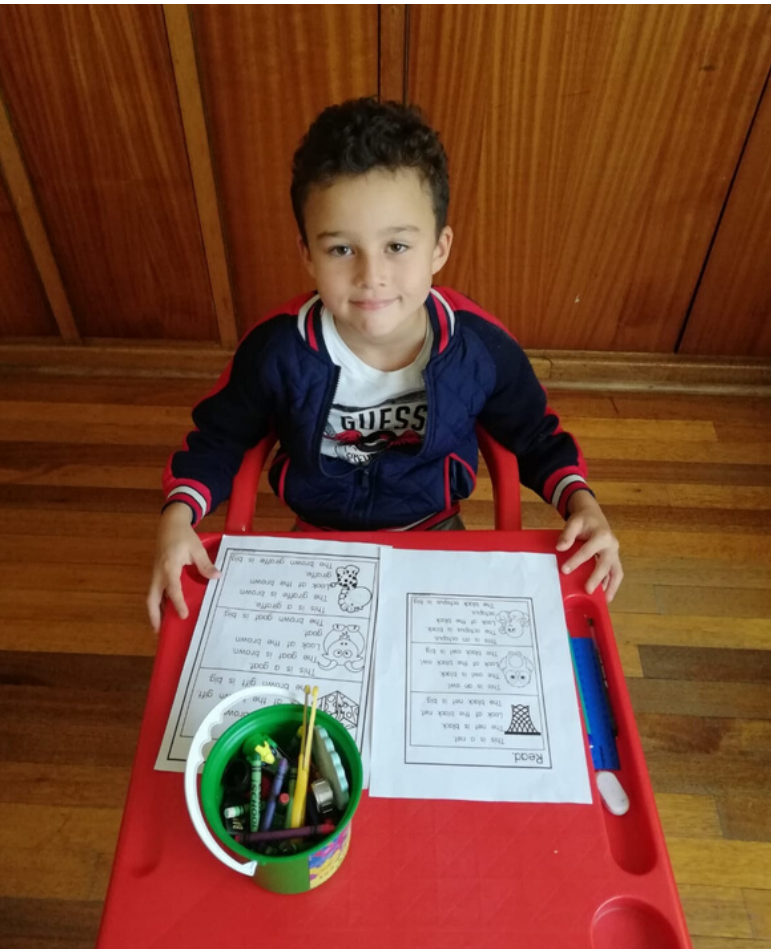


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# Grade 1s

The Grade 1 boys have been so busy learning from home and here are a few pictures of what they have been up to.



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# Grade 3s

The boys in Grade 3 compared and ordered using the metric mass this week- first in the pantry and then on paper.

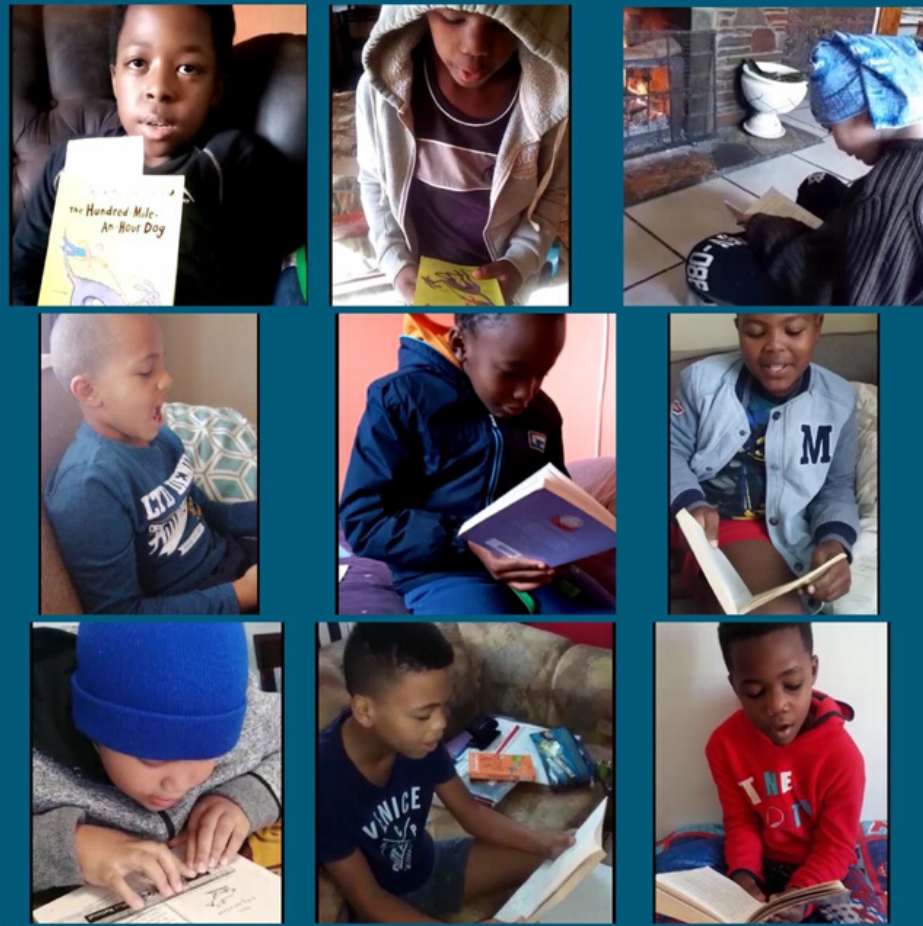


The boys in grade 3 really enjoyed their creative writing challenge this week. Well done boys!



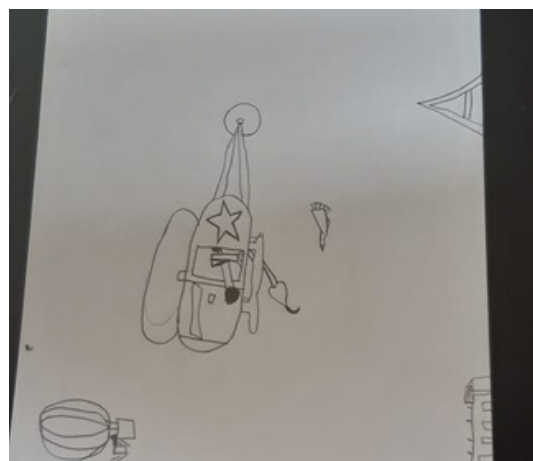
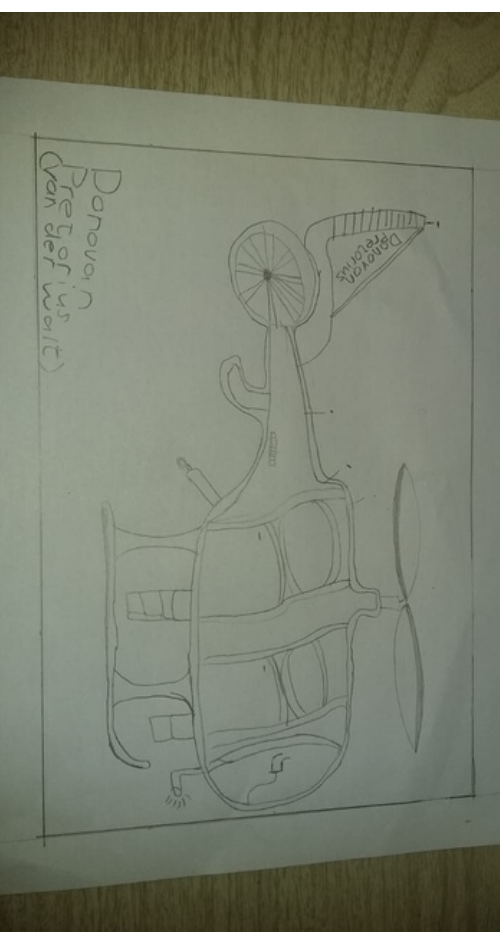
# Grade 4s

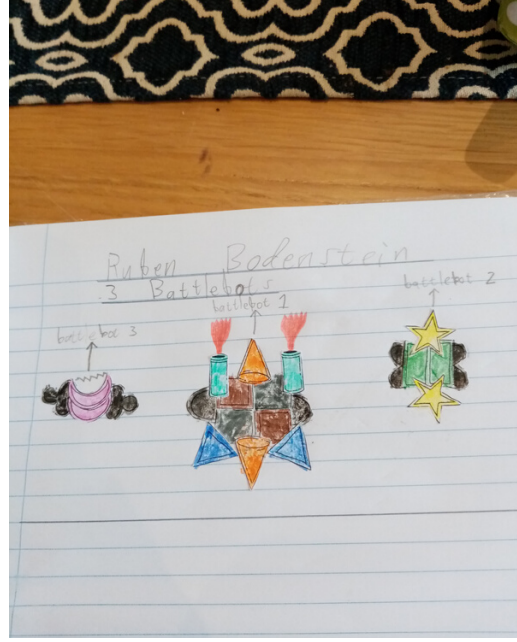
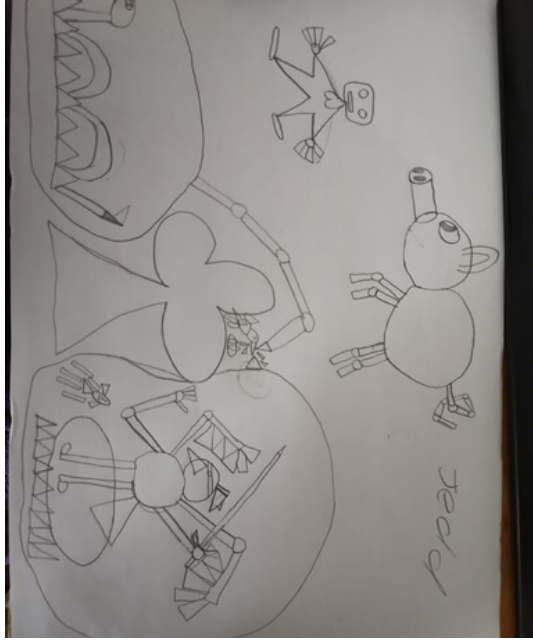
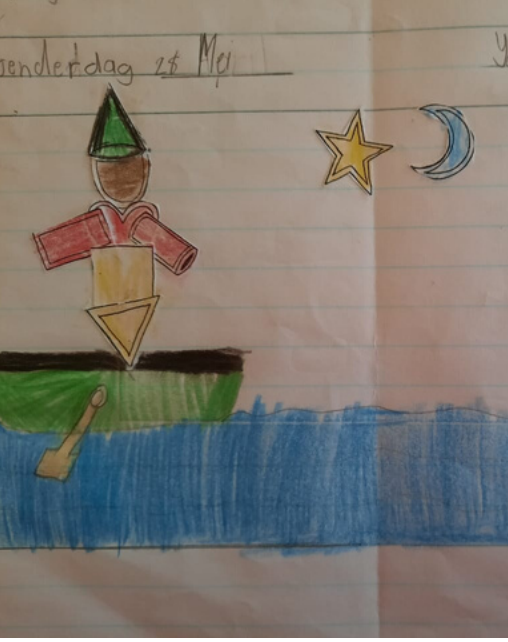
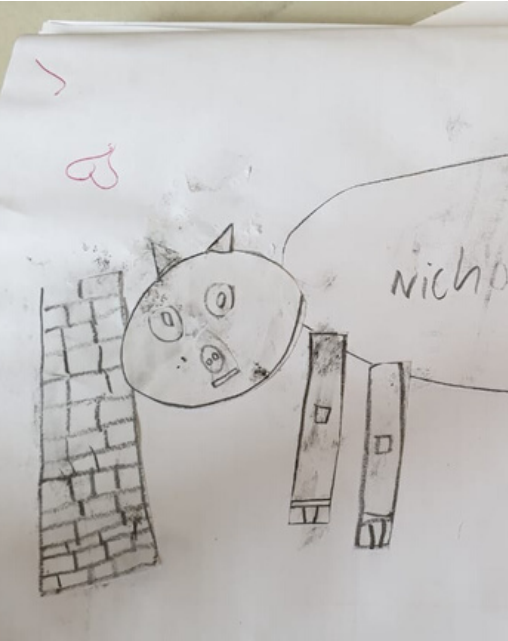
The Grade 4s have been reading from home during this cold week. Parents sent a 45 second video of their son reading the class reader. Well done boys on the fantastic reading. Below are screenshot photos of the Grade 4 learners who sent a video of themselves reading the class reader. The learners read beautifully and it was very special for us as teachers to see our boys in action.



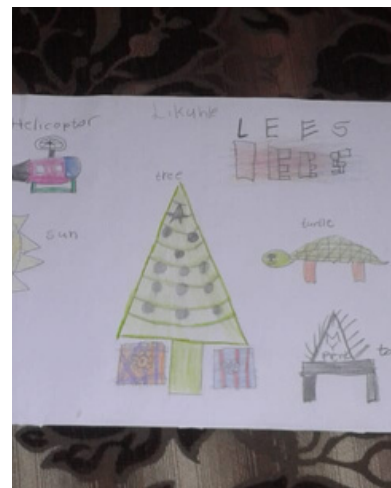
# Grade 5s

For Afrikaans the Grade 5 boys had to use as many of the shapes provided to create a picture. Here are some of the lovely pictures from the boys.





# Grade 5s





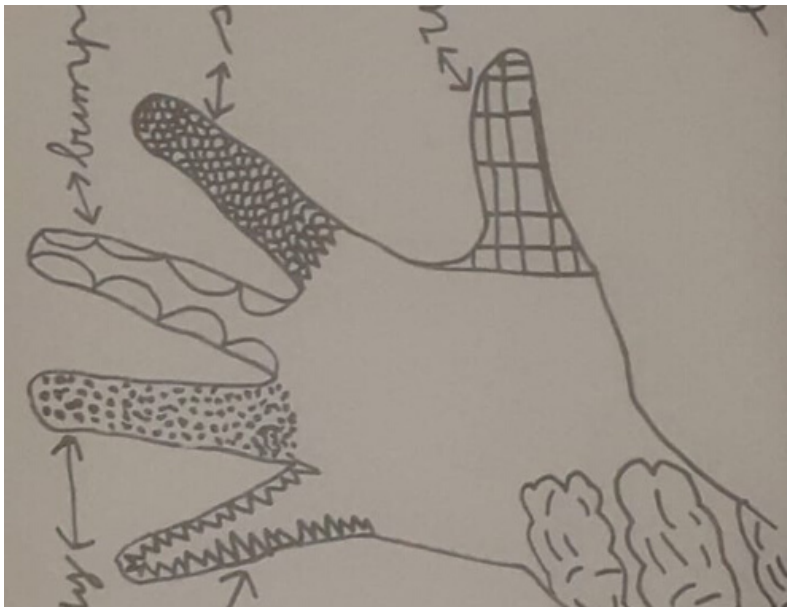
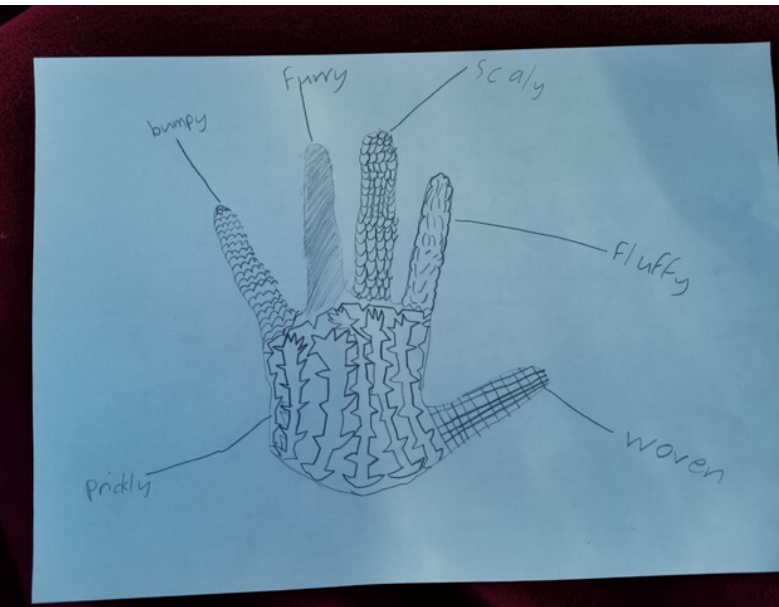
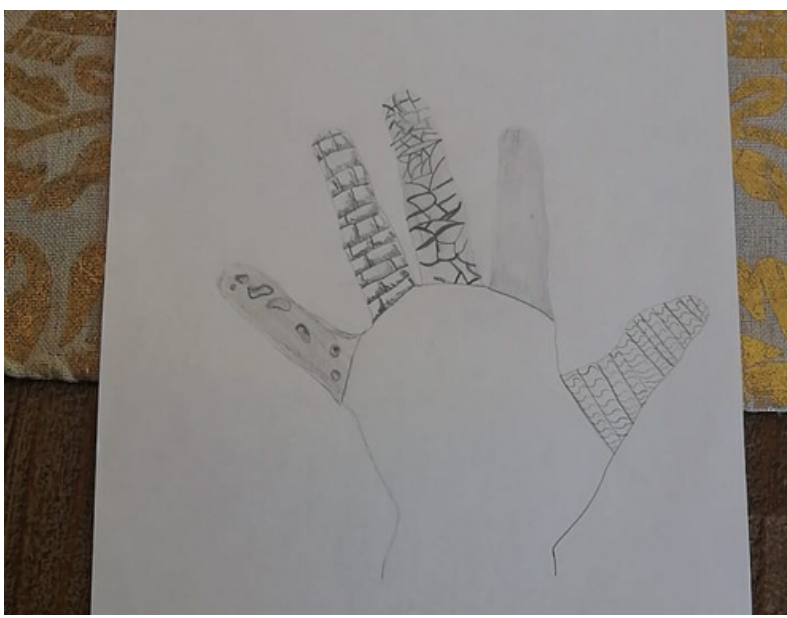
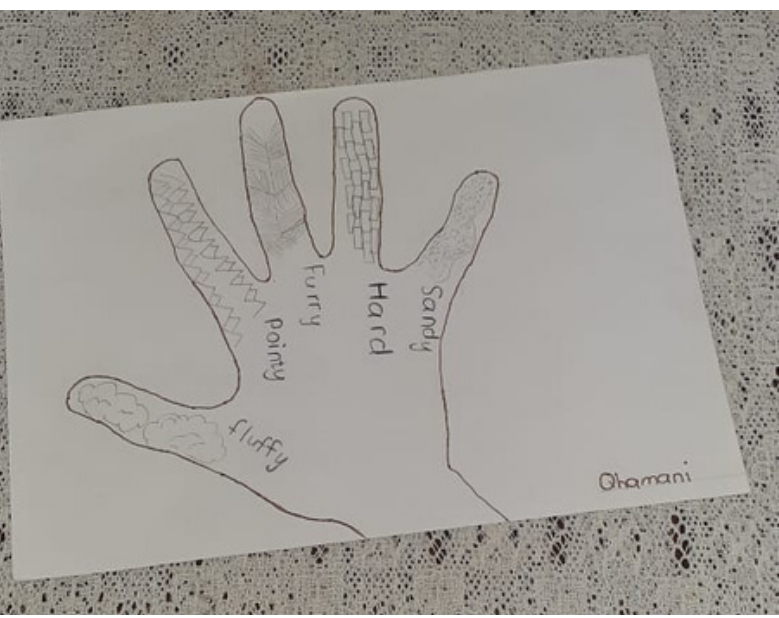
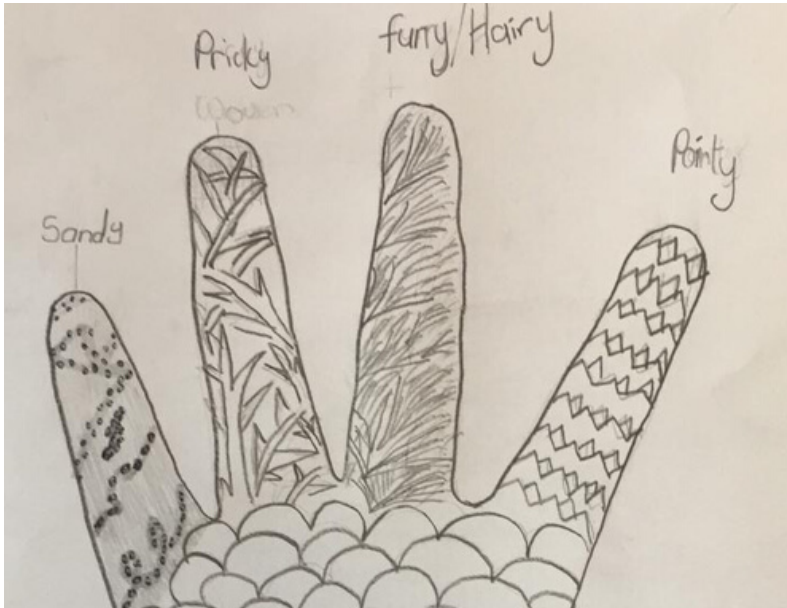
# Grade 5s

For art class the Grade 5's (5SL) had to trace their hand on a piece of paper and then study different textures and thereafter draw a different texture on each finger and label the texture. These are pictures of what the boys created.

Find a white piece of paper and a pencil and traces your hand on the paper. Example below:

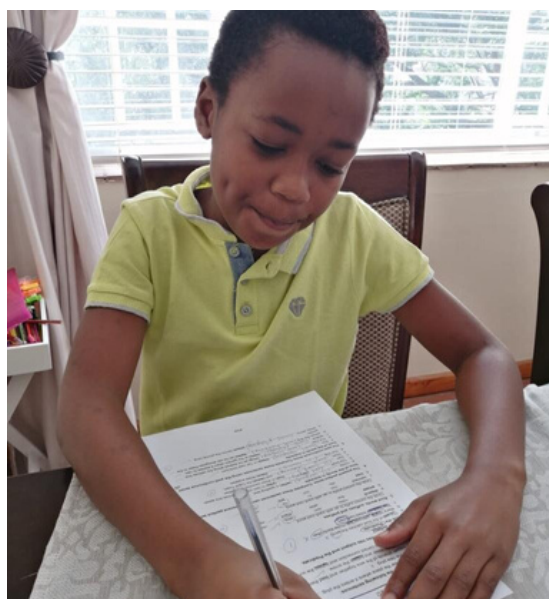
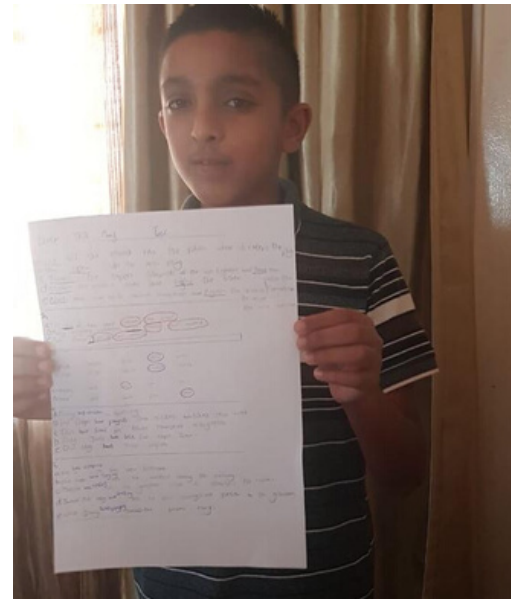


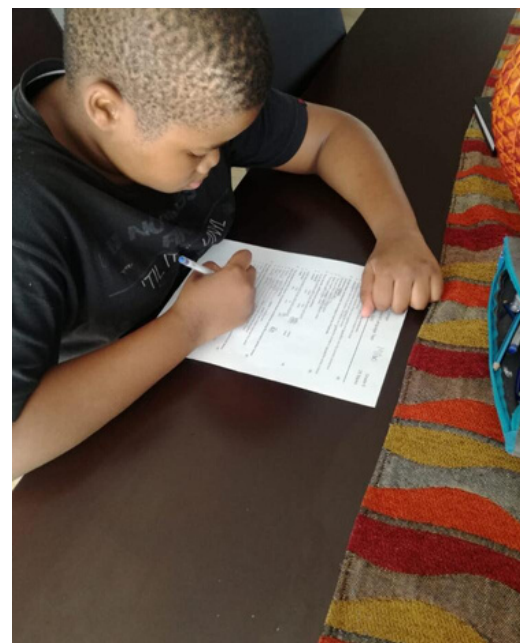
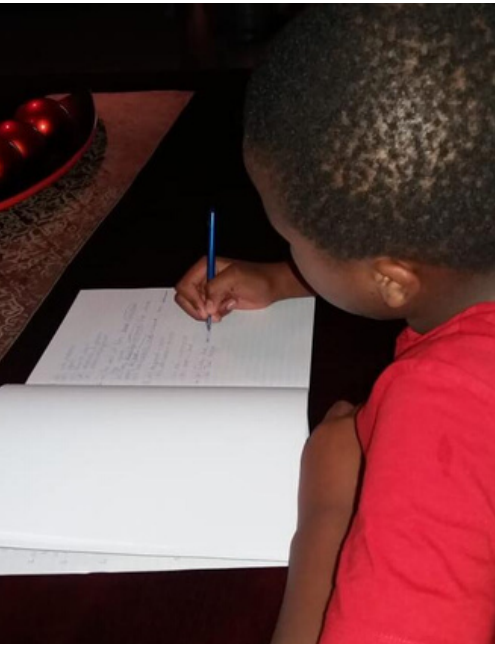
Look at the examples of different textures and draw a different texture on each finger. Label the type of texture you



# Grade 6s

The Grade 6 boys are continuing to impress during lockdown with their positive attitudes and good work ethic. The boys are currently busy with their second round of lockdown tests (Natural Sciences). A special thank you to the parents for encouraging and motivating the boys to constantly improve.



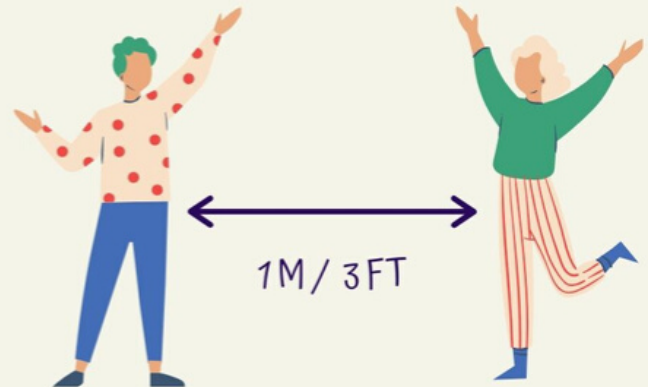


# STOP THE SPREAD



## WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.



## MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.



## AVOID TOUCHING EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH

Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth.



## IF YOU HAVE A FEVER, COUGH AND DIFFICULTY BREATHING, SEEK MEDICAL CARE EARLY

Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance.

Source: World Health Organization