



**AGGENEYS
INTERNATIONAL
ACADEMY**

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The Goshawk

!!!! Important dates!!!!

**TERM FOUR DATES
ACADEMY**

8 October – 6 December

EAGLE HOUSE

**MID TERM BREAK
23– 29 October**

**CLOSURE
6 December 2024**

**NO PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
IN TERM 4**

**FINAL EXAMINATIONS DATES
ACADEMY**

13-21 NOVEMBER 2024

VERY IMPORTANT

It is vital that all parents ensure they are on one of these communication groups for regular feeds and updates:

- AIA fund-raising and Notices groups
- BB WhatsApp group

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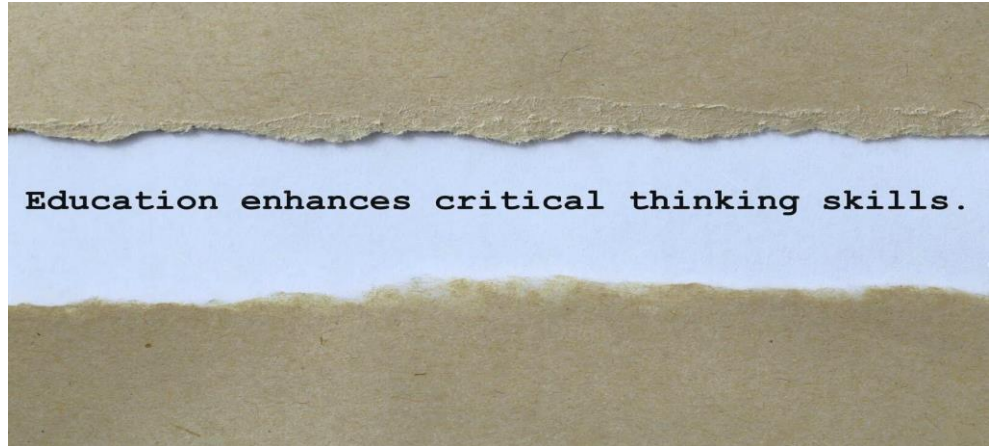


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for information about our school, policies, registrations and more

Dear Parents and Guardians



As we end yet another term, I'd like to share with you an insightful quote by philosopher Baruch Spinoza: "The highest activity a human being can attain is learning for understanding, because to understand is to be free." This statement reminds us that true education goes far beyond memorization or passing exams. Its greatest purpose is to help our children develop a deep understanding of the world around them.

When we focus on learning for understanding, we empower our children to think critically, make informed decisions, and approach life's challenges with confidence. Understanding leads to true freedom—freedom to explore new ideas, solve problems, and make meaningful contributions to society. Our goal as educators and parents should be to nurture this deeper learning, encouraging our children to ask questions and seek out the "why" behind what they learn.

At home, you can foster this mindset by engaging your children in thoughtful conversations about what they are learning at school. Encourage them to explore topics they are passionate about and help them make connections between their studies and real-world situations. Let's show them that learning is not just about achieving good grades but about gaining the skills to understand and navigate the world effectively.

When we all work together to emphasize understanding in education, we help our children develop into independent thinkers and lifelong learners. This is a gift that will benefit them in every area of their lives. As we move forward to term four, let's keep in mind that the most important part of learning is not what is memorised but what is understood.

Mr Bugan

STAFF RELATED NEWS

Farewell and best wishes

We unfortunately must bid farewell to a staff member who crept deep into the hearts of the children and teachers' alike, Mr Clement Sibanda. Mr Sibanda is a true professional in the sense of every word and he made a huge impact on all of us. He is a true team player and worked well with the stage 5 learners. For now, we would like to wish him well on his educational journey.

CONSULTATIONS

As we reach the end of the term, we had time to review and reflect on your child's progress during our consultation sessions. I believe we had good, productive and meaningful discussions between teachers and parents. Let us continue this trend until the end of the year. Remember, communication is key when it comes to the success of your child/ren.

CAMBRIDGE CHECKPOINT ASSESSMENT – STAGE 6 ONLY

Our Cambridge Checkpoint tests are scheduled for the second week in October but only for stage 6. Please take note of the dates and days as stated below:

English	Mathematics	Science
Monday	Wednesday	Friday
14 October	16 October	18 October

FINAL EXAMINATIONS NOTICE

Our end of year examinations is scheduled to start on **13 November (Key stage 3) and 14 November (Key stage 1 & 2)** and will end on **21 November 2024** for all students.

FOURTH TERM CLUBS

All clubs will resume in the second week of school except for Cricket and Art. Clubs will conclude by 31 October 2024.

SUMMER UNIFORM REMINDER

A reminder that we are changing to our summer uniform from the beginning of term four. Please ensure that your child is dressed accordingly. Please visit our website for more information about what my child needs to wear at www.aia.school.co.za.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support and contributions to all our recent fundraiser efforts. Your generosity and involvement make a huge difference in the success of our school especially given the current financial climate.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our school community!

BREAKING NEWS! OUR SPELLING STARS SOAR TO THE FINALS OF THE SANLAM SPELLING Bee!!

We are beyond thrilled to share some exciting news with our school community! Two of our bright learners, Joshua van der Heever (Stage 5) and Snēsiphō Mketo (Stage 8), have made it to the finals of the prestigious SANLAM WOW Spelling Bee competition that will take place in Stellenbosch on 28th September 2024. This remarkable achievement is even more special as it marks our school's very first participation in this national event!

Our journey to the finals has been nothing short of inspiring. It all began with 23 eager participants who confidently took on the Circuit competition in Pofadder. They were chosen after a fun internal spelling competition held on the 17th of May 2024, after weekly spelling tests in class. Thank you for the dedication of all teaching staff and learners who contributed to the success of this day.

From there, 19 talented spellers made their way to the district level in Springbok, showcasing their skills and determination. The competition heated up as 5 exceptional learners advanced to the provincials in Upington, spelling their way to victory and proving that hard work truly pays off. We would like to thank all the parents who took the journey to Upington to support their children. We also acknowledge the fact that not all parents could attend in person, but we know they were rooting for their children.



And then, there were only 2 😊. Joshua Van den Heever (Stage 5), and Snēsiphō Mketo (Stage 8), are set to take the stage at the University of Stellenbosch in the Western Cape on the 28th of September 2024, where they will compete against the country's best young spellers in the final showdown. Their journey to the top has been marked by dedication, countless hours of practice, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.



As a school, we couldn't be prouder of our finalists. Their accomplishment not only highlights their individual talents but also reflects the supportive and enriching environment fostered by our dedicated teachers and staff. Joshua and Snēsiphō have shown that with passion and perseverance, anything is possible.

Let's cheer them on as they represent our school with pride and distinction. May this be the start of many more achievements to come!



Our Educare had two weeks of fun during their theme Community Helpers. They visited the Medical Centre on the 08th of August. On the 13th of August they had a Career Day. The 14th of August they had a visit from Black Mountain Fire Department. They visit the Police station on the 15th of August. They have experienced and learned a lot.



On the 6th of September we at Bright Beginnings enjoyed a COLOUR PICNIC and everybody had lots of fun.

LEADERSHIP CAMP STAGE 7-9 – DUIN-IN-DIE-WEG

It is one thing to see a leadership camp on a piece of paper, but a completely different ball game to experience all the activities in person. Mr. Johan Steyn and the very capable team of people at Duin in die Weg did exactly this. This was the perfect mix of fun, physical activities, and life skills sessions in the hall.



These two days were fully packed with the perfect amount of excitement, and for most learners, new experiences. These activities and sleeping arrangements challenged our learners in many ways, in body and mind.



These were some of the sessions we had:

- Who am I? Looking at how we see ourselves.
- Creating awareness
- Habits
- Leadership

Yes, these sessions were fun and exciting, but they were carefully curated with a life lesson in mind. The challenge for our learners is implementing what they have learned. We finished off our last evening with the learners braaiing their own meat and taking responsibility for their supper.



We were well received, well looked after and very nicely sent on our way. We would like to thank Oom Johan and the wonderful staff of Duin in die Weg. We will definitely see you in the not-too-distant future!

