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Paarl Campus | Term 4



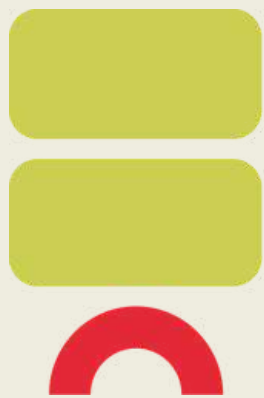
Carnegie House Birthday

Carnegie House proudly celebrated its 20th birthday on 17 October—a wonderful milestone and a true privilege to reach. For two decades, Carnegie House has been a place of learning, growth, and community, and we are incredibly grateful for the journey so far. As part of our yearly tradition, we marked the day with Books for Donuts, where learners donated books to our library in exchange for a delicious donut. It was a joyful celebration filled with excitement, generosity, and pride. Here's to the next 20 years and all the memories still to come!



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PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

Preschool

A message from Preschool Principle, Larne

Dear Parents

The last day of a school year is always a bittersweet moment ... it marks the closing of one door and the opening of another, whether it be transitioning to the next class or next phase or even a new school. Whatever the change, we know that our pre-schoolers will move up or on, having experienced a solid foundation of learning, where individuals are shaped to become the best they can be, to be empathetic and kind towards others, to be responsible citizens and to always believe in oneself.

As our spring season ends and our summer season begins, I would like to express how grateful I am to be leading such an amazing community of students, parents & staff. It has been an amazingly beautiful year! I am so proud of all of the achievements and accomplishments of our little learners, from our babies in the Nest class, our toddlers in our Toddler Den, our 3 – 6 Hive learners and our Aviary class students, here at Carnegie House preschool. These would not be possible without your support and dedication.

Reflecting on the past school term, we have had so many great memories and exciting events to look back on. We continued many successful traditions such as our whole school annual concert, our Gr R class of 2025 farewell graduation, our future Gr 1's visiting their new environment and teacher for 2026 and welcoming our new Gr R 2026 learners to our school for a meet and greet morning.

During the upcoming break, there are fun activities you can do to help your child prepare for their next 'step'. Here are some suggestions to help keep learning fresh before entering the new school year:

- Read to your child daily/alternatively encourage your child to 'read' to you
- Spark critical thinking by asking questions and offering choices.
- Practice counting together as well as recognising numbers and letter sounds.
- Help your child practice writing their name.
- Arrange playdates to practice sharing and taking turns.
- Encourage your child to express their feelings with words.
- Encourage age-appropriate independence.
- Talk to your child, engage in meaningful conversations.
- Involve your child in household chores, no matter how small the task.

And now ... after 20 years of loyal service to Carnegie House, we need to unfortunately say goodbye to Teacher Elsa, our aftercare and holiday care supervisor. We wish her all the very best on the new adventures which await her and thank her sincerely for her dedication, compassion, energy and all the significant contributions during her journey with us at Carnegie House. So too do we unfortunately bid farewell to the lady who has been responsible for keeping our schools safe, clean and a welcoming place for everyone over the past 5 years, Miss Lindiwe. We thank her sincerely for her service, commitment and even her assistance in our classrooms when her assistance was required. We wish her all the very best on her new adventures and journeys which await her.

I wish to extend my gratification to the invaluable support of our parents and guardians. Your involvement, encouragement, and partnership have played an instrumental role in the success of our children. Your trust in our school and dedication to their education is appreciated. Together, we have created a strong foundation for our children's future.

I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to my remarkable fellow colleagues. Your unwavering commitment to providing a nurturing and engaging learning environment is truly commendable. Your passion for education, creativity in the classroom, and tireless efforts have helped shape our students into confident and capable individuals. Thank you for going above and beyond every single day.

As we close our 2025 school year chapter, I wish each and every family and individual connected with our Carnegie House schools, a most wonderful, joyful and safe festive season. To those moving on bon voyage and keep in touch!

Yours sincerely
Larne Leicester



The Nest & Toddler Den

Babies - 3 years old.

We have enjoyed a wonderful and purposeful term 4 together, studying and learning all about the ocean and the amazing creatures which call her home. Our little ones enjoyed partaking in numerous fun and messy art activities as well as spending some time playing water games on our very hot days.

Our children loved celebrating our school's 20th birthday together as we enjoyed freshly baked donuts as a special treat. Thank you to our parents for the awesome book donations, our children have already been 'reading' and chatting about these story books in the classroom.

As this was our concert term, our little ones were enthusiastically rehearsing for this 'big' event and highlight of the term. We are so very proud of each and every learner as it takes much courage and self-confidence to stand on a big stage and perform in front of a large audience. Well done children, you were fantastic!

At the end of this term we say goodbye to some of our learners as they move up into the 3 – 6 Hive class. We will miss them, but we know that they are ready for new challenges and experiences and we wish them all the very best on this new journey awaiting them.

A big thank you to all our parents for your support this year, for sending flowers when it is your child's turn, for remembering to send their spending money on tuckshop days, sending show and tell on Monday's and for reading important messages in their communication books.

Now all the year's hard work has come to an end.... It is time for us all to take a well-deserved break, to enjoy time with our families as we celebrate our festive season together.

Happy summer holidays everyone!

**With Love,
Teacher Charlene & Sindie**



The Nest & Toddler Den

Babies - 3 years old.



The Hive

3-6 years old

During our 4th quarter we followed a theme about 'jungles'. Together as a class we discussed and studied the differences between jungles and rainforests, types of plants and trees growing in this biome, temperature, climate and the animals and creatures, big and small, living in Jungle environments. We also studied the impact of humans on these fragile environments and how we can support the conservation of these biomes before it is too late. Did you know that Jungles and Rainforests are the lungs of our planet earth, for it is where most oxygen is produced, crucial to our survival.

At the start of this term, we celebrated our school's 20th birthday with the exchange of books for donuts. Thank you to all our families for your book and monetary donations, we really appreciate your generosity. Our library has really grown over the years, with the support of yourselves and through various fundraising initiatives. Books are an important teaching aid for any school classroom as they expand knowledge, improve vital cognitive skills, develop vocabulary, support emotional and mental well-being and so much more.

Our Gr R learners were tasked to create Jungle diorama's this term, which they presented to the class in the form of an oral. We appreciated their efforts, descriptions and confidence with which they exhibited their beautiful projects. Well done Gr R's, we are so proud of you. With this approach the older learners, being the Gr R's, become the 'teachers', from which the younger learners learn a great deal and will in turn mimic the same when they reach Gr R.

During this term we were also hard at work rehearsing for our annual concert. It takes a great deal of time practicing with little people to get them to where we need them to be for the big night, but the children are always so enthusiastic and excited to perform for their families and friends. We congratulate all our Hive actors and actresses on their fine performances in 'Kaleidoscope of Colour'.

The Hive

3-6 years old

So too did we celebrate the achievements and accolades of our Hive Gr R learners of 2025 in the form of a momentous graduation ceremony attended by parents and families. We thank each and every individual for the leadership roles they have held during this past year, for their role as seniors in our Hive classroom, helping and showing younger classmates how to work with a scissors, how to carry a chair, how to put a puzzle together, how to walk and work in the classroom, how to tie laces, how to follow classroom grace and courtesy for this we thank you. It is time for you to move on and we know that as you transition into the next phase, you take with you the solid foundation laid before you by your preschool teachers. We wish you every success and the greatest of joy and happiness as you enter Gr 1 in 2026. And to the parents of our Gr R learners, we thank you for your significant involvement and contributions to the success of your child's developments and achievements during this year and during their preschool journey at Carnegie House.

It is always fitting to end a school year with a party and gift exchange. It is a time to appreciate our friends, to give with empathy and to celebrate a beautiful year gone by.

Thank you to all our Hive parents for 'holding hands' with us during the year, this partnership with you fosters a consistent and supportive experience for your child, improving their academic and personal growth. From Bulelwa and myself, we wish you a most amazing summer break. Cherish the time you spend with your families, it is far more valuable than the gifts which lie beneath your Christmas trees.

Take care

Teacher's Larne and Bulelwa



The Hive

3-6 years old



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3-6 years old



The Aviary

Grade R

We started Term 4 with a bang as we celebrated our school's 20th birthday! Learners joined in the fun by bringing a book in exchange for a delicious donut — what a sweet way to celebrate and promote reading!

Concert practices are well underway, and the children are working hard to prepare for their big performance. We also hosted an information evening to welcome and meet our new Grade R parents for next year.

Inside the classroom, our learners have been working hard and showing great progress. As the weather gets warmer, we've enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially on a fun day under the sprinklers, filled with laughter and sunshine.

We also proudly supported the Denim for Diabetes initiative, helping raise awareness and showing care for our community.

The new Grade R learners visited the school. They were happy and excited to begin their new adventure!

It's almost time to enjoy the holidays and all the wonderful festivities! This year has been so special. All the learners have drawn so close to my heart, and I will truly miss each one dearly. Some will be moving on to new schools and others to new grades, but I'm so proud of how much they've all grown.

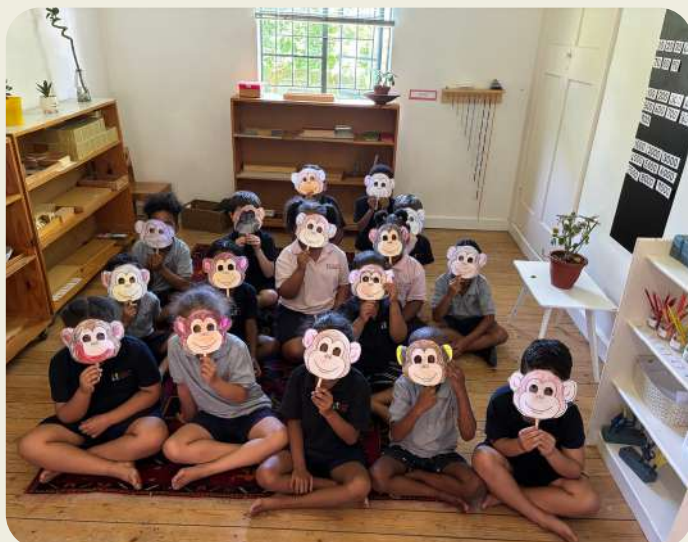
Wishing everyone a joyful holiday season and the very best for 2026!

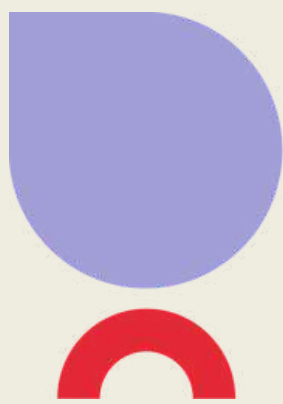
With Love, Teacher Melani



The Aviary

Grade R





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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Primary

A message from Primary School Principal Carika

Dear Parents and Guardians

What a wonderful year this has been at Carnegie House. We have shared so many joyful moments together, and it was truly special to end the year with a beautiful concert and meaningful assemblies where we celebrated the achievements of our students. We are incredibly proud of every learner for their hard work, growth, and accomplishments throughout the year.

As we look ahead, 2026 promises to be an exciting year filled with new opportunities, events, and experiences. We look forward to having our entire Carnegie House community join us on this journey.

This year, we also say a heartfelt goodbye to Teacher Elsa and Teacher Bee. We extend our deepest appreciation for their many years of dedication, love, and commitment to our students and our school. Their contribution to Carnegie House has been invaluable, and they will be greatly missed.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Daniel, who will be joining us as our new Senior Primary teacher working alongside Teacher Eustacia. We also warmly welcome Teacher Melani, who will step into the role of Enrichment Teacher, offering Art, Chess, and STEAM to our students.

Thank you to all our students, teachers, and parents/guardians for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year. It is because of this strong sense of community that Carnegie House continues to thrive.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday and a safe, joyful festive season. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a new year in 2026.

Warm regards,
Carika Strydom



The Condo

Grade 1

The year has come to an end, and it has been such a memorable and special journey with my Grade 1 class. Thank you for all the wonderful memories and the joyful moments we shared together. I will always remember this group and hope that each of you continues to grow into confident, independent young students.

This last term was especially busy — we worked hard, enjoyed a fantastic concert, and presented a lovely assembly. I am so proud of everything you achieved and how beautifully you ended the year.

I wish you a happy, restful holiday and the very best of luck for Grade 2. Keep shining and keep learning!

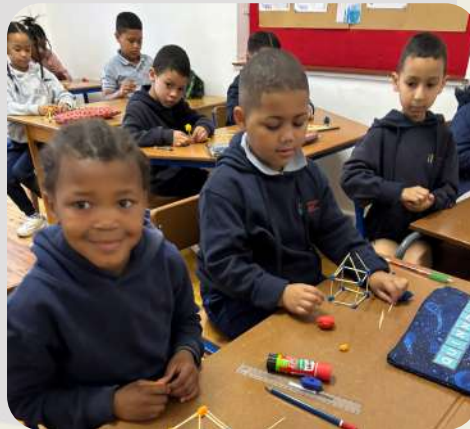
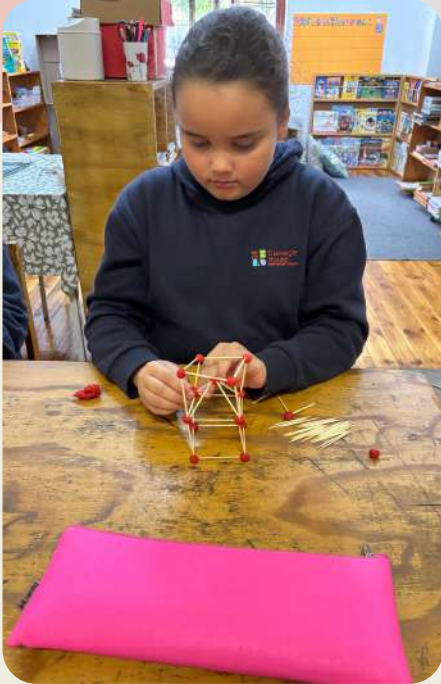
**With Love,
Teacher Carika**



The Condo

Grade 1

STEAM



The Ranch

Grade 2

Term 4 started with a bang! It was a short, jam-packed, but wonderfully fun term. We kicked things off by celebrating Carnegie House's birthday with our traditional Books for Donuts treat, which the children absolutely loved. Throughout the term, we completed the final Grade 2 curriculum as we prepared for the exciting transition to the next grade. In between all the busy moments, learners also worked diligently on their assessments. One of the biggest highlights was our annual concert—an event we all eagerly anticipated. The learners practiced with such dedication to ensure they delivered the very best performance for everyone attending.

Thank you for a truly wonderful term and year! I loved spending this time with all of you and look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Love, Teacher Lynéle



The Ranch

Grade 2



The Ranch

Grade 2



What a whirlwind of a year it has been. I would like to emphasize how extremely proud I am of each one of you. You have surprised me in so many beautiful and positive ways. Your overall growth has been a privilege and an honour to witness and be a part of!

As you enter a new phase of your school career, I would like to remind you to do so with the same resilience, can do attitude and positivity that each of you possess. Keep smiling, shining, dreaming big and working hard towards your academic goals.

Thank you for allowing me to teach and guide you and for teaching me many lessons in return. Each new day in the classroom brought us loads of laughter and learning. Thank you for challenging me in all the best ways and allowing me to do the same. May all of you continue to accomplish even bigger and better than before. Remember that it is always important to try, that is the only way to succeed.

May the last few weeks of our term be filled with fun, laughter and beautiful memories as we show off our amazing dance moves with our annual school concert.

I hope that you will all be safe as you enjoy a well-deserved holiday and festive season. All the best for your new and exciting journey that awaits!

**With love,
Teacher Kyla**

The Cottage

Grade 3



Junior Primary Art

This term in Art has been an exciting journey of creativity, colour, and imagination. Learners explored a wide range of materials and techniques, from painting and drawing to cutting, gluing, and constructing. Each lesson brought something new, and it was wonderful to see how confidently the Grade 1 to 3 learners experimented with their ideas and expressed themselves through their artwork.

I am incredibly proud of the progress every learner has made throughout the year. Their dedication, effort, and enthusiasm were clear in each piece they produced. The growth in their skills and creativity has been truly inspiring to witness. We are already looking forward to an exciting and vibrant Art year in 2026, filled with even more opportunities to create, discover, and shine!

Love

Teacher Lynélie



The Loft

Grade 4-5

I was given the opportunity to be the class teacher for the 'Lofties' – gr 4 and 5 class, for term 4, when their much loved and wonderful teacher Louise, had to stand in for another teacher in Wellington at The Hub. It enabled me to get to know each child a little better than when I taught them Math and Geo, and while I still have lots to learn from the children, I saw all kinds of interesting sides to each child.

Heaven's courageousness, **Selena's** love for movement and dancing, **Kent's** ingeniousness, **Blanche's** caring nature and lovely smile, **Brandon's** great sense of humour. In the grade 5's I saw **Gabriel's** mischievous side, **Connor's** unique approach to life, **Ethan's** leadership abilities, **Caleb's** sense of right and wrong, **Zaid's** kind nature and commitment, **Eleazar's** gentle way and sense of fairness and **Cayden's** creativeness.

We had to put our heads down, buckle up and 'motor' through all the work that still had to be done. With the good grounding of teacher Louise and the heavy workload teacher Eustacia carried, I am optimistic to say 'we made it'!

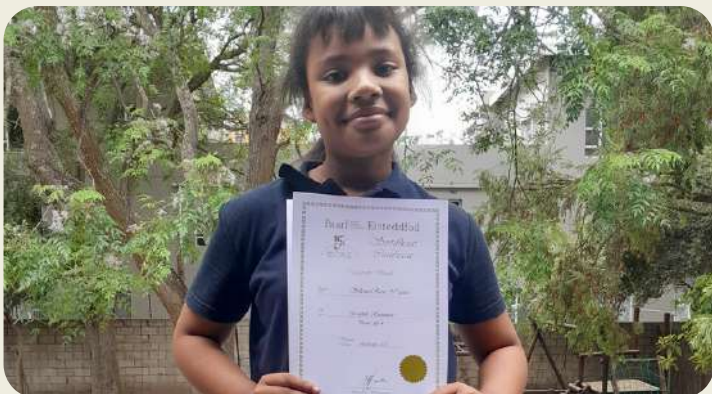
It is my desire for all the children to continue to grow into full-rounded individuals ready to go out and make a difference to others in this world. I wish each a blessed festive season and only the best for grade 5 and 6 in 2026.

Love,
Teacher Bee



The Loft

Grade 4-5



The Studio

Grade 6-7

As we come to the end of another busy and memorable school year, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we have shared. Stepping into the Senior Primary phase has truly been a joy. Watching our learners grow—not only academically, but emotionally, socially, and in confidence—has been one of the greatest privileges of the year.

Throughout the terms, we have faced challenges and celebrated achievements together. One of the most significant moments was preparing for the end-of-year exams. Naturally, many learners felt stressed and anxious, but it was heartwarming to see how they supported one another and pushed through with determination. Their results and overall performance are a true reflection of their hard work and resilience. I am incredibly proud of each one of them.

This term also brings a bittersweet milestone as we prepare to say goodbye to our Grade 7s. They have been leaders, role models, and an integral part of the Senior Primary. Watching them mature and step into their own identities has been inspiring. As they get ready to start their high school journeys, we know they will carry forward all the skills, values, and confidence they've gained over the years. We are excited to see what the future holds for them, and we have no doubt that they will continue to shine wherever they go.

To all our learners: thank you for your effort, your laughter, and your willingness to grow.

To the parents: thank you for your continued support throughout the year. And to the entire Senior Primary team: what a wonderful and rewarding year it has been.

Here's to a well-deserved break and to the exciting new chapters ahead!

**Love,
Teacher Eustacia**



The Studio

Grade 6 - 7



The Studio

Grade 6-7



Senior Primary Art

As we come to the end of the year, I want to take a moment to share just how proud I am of all our Art learners from Grade 4 to 7. Their hard work, creativity, and steady progress have been truly inspiring. Each learner has shown remarkable growth in their own unique way, and it has been a privilege to watch them explore and develop their understanding of the different art elements. The art room has been filled with laughter, colour, focus, and incredible talent — a space where imaginations ran free and where each learner's individuality could shine.

For our Grade 4 and 5 learners, this year was all about discovering their creative voice and gaining confidence in expressing themselves. They embraced each task with enthusiasm and brought such joy into every lesson. Their artwork reflected curiosity, boldness, and a willingness to try something new — all of which made teaching them a true pleasure.

Our Grade 6 and 7 learners built on their foundational skills through a variety of more advanced projects. Throughout the year, we focused on the seven elements of art, such as line, shape, form, value, texture, and space. Many of their tasks required patience and multiple lessons to complete. This term, learners explored the art of sketching and space by drawing a bird of prey using only lines and coloured pencils. This approach — drawing without colouring in — was a challenge for many, but it was also a valuable learning experience. They then moved on to a detailed fine-liner artwork of a woman's head with flowing Zentangle-inspired hair, filling the entire page with repeated patterns. Each piece was wonderfully unique and showcased their creativity and growing artistic maturity.

Thank you to all our Grade 4 to 7 learners for an amazing year in the Art room. It has been wonderful to see your passion, imagination, and dedication bloom. May you all have a safe and joyous festive season with your friends and family, filled with rest, warmth, and moments that make your hearts happy.

Love,
Teacher Kylah and Larné



Grade 7 Hike





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We look forward to welcoming our
students for the new term!