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Celebrating Heritage Day with Colour!



To celebrate Heritage Day, Gonubie pupils had the wonderful opportunity to come to school dressed in their traditional outfits. The vibrant display of colours and designs showcased the rich cultural tapestry of our nation. Learners proudly represented their diverse backgrounds, embodying the spirit of unity and respect. South Africa's diversity is what makes our country so unique and beautiful. The event served as a powerful reminder of the importance of embracing and celebrating our differences. It was heartwarming to witness the children sharing stories and traditions, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for one another's heritage.

We are truly proud to be part of our beloved Rainbow Nation! Heritage Day at Gonubie was not just a celebration; it was an affirmation of our commitment to building a more inclusive and harmonious society, where every culture is valued and cherished. The echoes of laughter, music, and shared experiences will undoubtedly resonate within the hearts of the pupils, reminding them of the beauty of our collective identity.

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A music extravaganza concert was conducted at Gonubie Primary School



Gonubie Primary School presented its Music Extravaganza Concert on Wednesday, 17 September 2025, celebrating the artistic achievements of 187 learners. The programme highlighted a diverse range of talent, showcasing the dedication and passion of students across various disciplines, including solo singers who captivated the audience with their vocal prowess, marimba ensembles whose rhythmic beats filled the hall, and instrumentalists demonstrating skillful mastery over their chosen instruments.

Vocalists harmonized beautifully, while dynamic dance groups brought energy and movement to the stage. The school's junior and senior choirs delivered polished performances, reflecting hours of practice and a deep love for choral music. Each act was a testament to the hard work and commitment of the students and their teachers. The event drew an audience of nearly 400 guests, comprising parents, family members, and community members, all of whom responded with great enthusiasm. The vibrant

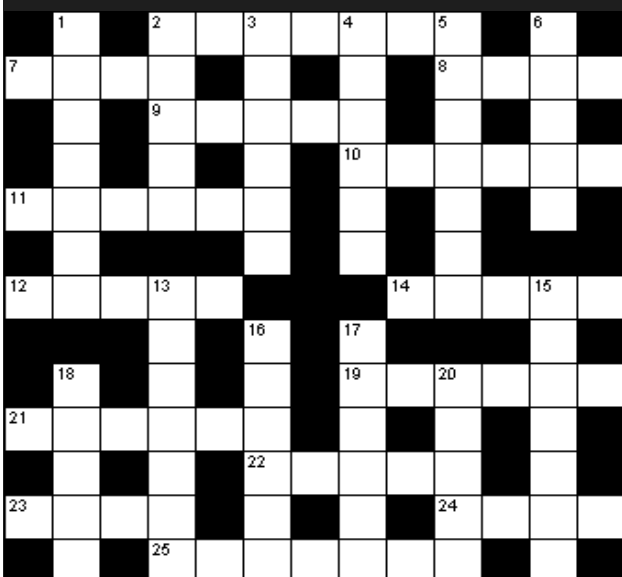
atmosphere was filled with applause and cheers, underscoring the community's support for the arts and the school's commitment to fostering creativity. The Performing Arts Department extends its sincere appreciation to the school administration, supportive parents, and dedicated staff for their invaluable support, without which the concert would not have been possible. A unique aspect of the concert was the collaboration between teachers and students, with educators performing alongside their students, mentoring and

inspiring them in real-time. This reflected both dedication and collaboration, fostering a sense of camaraderie and shared achievement. The Performing Arts Department is exceptionally proud of every child who contributed to this memorable evening, showcasing not only their artistic talents but also their teamwork, discipline, and confidence. The success of the Music Extravaganza Concert serves as a reminder of the importance of arts education in nurturing well-rounded individuals and building a vibrant school community.

GONUBIE SUPERSPAR



CROSSWORD



Across

2. Ships (7)
7. Uncover (4)
8. Edible mollusc (4)
9. Norwegian name of Norway (5)
10. Force (6)
11. Active (6)
12. Dress with care (5)
14. An instant (5)
19. Lassoing (6)
21. Against (6)
22. Spanish river (5)
23. Trash (4)
24. Confer (4)
25. Spirit (7)

Down

1. Hedge (7)
2. Locale (5)

3. Squirts (6)
4. Builds (6)
5. Run hastily (7)
6. Umbilicus (5)
13. Error (7)
15. Confer (7)
16. Declares (6)
17. Source (6)
18. Russian spacecraft (5)
20. Dough (5)

Last Weeks Answers:

Across: 8-Assault, 9-Annul, 10-Nouns, 11-Drawing, 12-Atom, 13-Redalert, 16- Demolish, 19-Bade, 22-Disable, 23-Adlib, 24-Prime, 25-Deflate
Down: 1-Barnyard, 2-Pseudo, 3-Guess, 4-Stodge, 5-Faraway, 6-Unlike, 7-Clog, 14-Trembled, 15-Blubber, 17-Misfit, 18-Speedy, 20-Allday, 21-Jaffa, 22-Dips

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Winner & Answers:
Berna Beck

BCM's municipal strike was called off



The South African Municipal Workers' Union (SAMWU) in Buffalo City Metro has called off its week-long strike, instructing members to return to work after successful negotiations with municipal management. The strike, which disrupted services across the metro, was triggered by unresolved grievances concerning outsourcing, the casualisation of labour, unpaid Covid-19 incentives, and salary disparities compared to other cities. Zolani Ndlela, SAMWU's Eastern Cape chairperson, addressed workers at the Orient Theatre in East London, declaring the strike a victory. "The employer has agreed to resolve all the issues that led to the strike, and we have agreed on timeframes for resolving these issues," Ndlela stated, signaling a positive outcome for the union members. Thando Poni, SAMWU Regional Secretary, highlighted a significant achievement: the metro's management conceded to pay workers their full salaries, despite their participation in the strike. This was a notable reversal from the initial stance that workers would not be compensated for the days they were on strike.

A key point of contention was outsourcing, which the municipality has now committed to reducing, especially in areas that do not require specialized skills. Poni emphasized the importance of this commitment, stating, "Outsourcing has been untouchable because it is an area where money changes hands between contractors and those who have signed those outsourcing deals." This suggests a move towards greater transparency and accountability in the municipality's operations. While some issues regarding Covid incentives remain to be fully resolved, there is a possibility that a "danger pay" allowance will be provided to certain workers, acknowledging the risks they faced during the pandemic. Ndlela extended an apology to the residents of Buffalo City for the disruptions caused by the strike. "We will restore services swiftly to residents, as they were not our target; the employer was the problem," he affirmed, underscoring the union's commitment to the community. BCMM spokesperson Bongani Fuzile confirmed that an agreement had been reached, marking a turning

point in labour relations within the Metro. "BCMM wishes to express sincere appreciation to both employer and employee representatives for their commitment to meaningful dialogue and for prioritising the interests of the city and its residents above all else," Fuzile said in a statement. "This agreement marks a

significant and constructive turning point in labour relations within the Metro," he added. The resolution of the strike is expected to lead to improved service delivery and a more stable working environment for municipal employees.

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In an EC operation, a kidnapped Filipino woman was saved

Hawks in the Eastern Cape have successfully arrested three suspects and rescued a 35-year-old woman from the Philippines who had been kidnapped for ransom at the end of August.

According to Provincial spokesperson, Lieutenant-Colonel Avele Fumba, the woman was abducted by three men from a factory shop in Dimbaza, East London on 28 August. Following the abduction, a ransom demand was made, prompting an immediate and urgent investigation.

In a statement released on Friday, Fumba detailed the collaborative effort between the Kidnapping Task Team, the East London Tactical Response Team, and private security partner Guardian Defence, highlighting their meticulous approach to tracing every lead.

"Their persistence paid off when intelligence pinpointed

a shack where the victim was being held," he said.

Fumba further explained that the team executed a carefully planned operation to rescue the woman from a shack in Mdantsane, where she was being held captive. The suspects, whose ages range between 30 and 40, are expected to appear in court soon, facing charges of kidnapping and related offences.

Major-General Mboiki Obed Ngwenya, the Provincial Head of the Hawks, lauded the breakthrough, commending the collaborative effort and dedication of the teams involved in ensuring the safe return of the victim and the apprehension of the suspects. The case remains under investigation, and authorities are working to uncover any further details related to the kidnapping.

Investigating claims of corruption amongst judges and attorneys through the Scopa RAF inquiry

Parliament's Standing Committee on Public Accounts (Scopa) is set to investigate allegations of potential corruption within the judiciary regarding Road Accident Fund (RAF) claims and collusion with lawyers.

Scopa chairperson Songezo Zibi confirmed the investigation on Friday during a committee meeting focused on the inquiry into maladministration, financial mismanagement, and related misconduct at the RAF.

Zibi stated that Scopa has requested the RAF to provide any correspondence sent to the Chief Justice or the Judicial Services Commission (JSC) concerning instances of suspected corruption, specifying requests for details on particular cases.

The investigation aims to examine allegations from all sides, with Scopa seeking information from both the RAF and relevant authorities to gain a comprehensive understanding. They have also requested information from the RAF on complaints lodged against specific judges and are awaiting a response.

In addition to judicial corruption, Scopa will investigate alleged collusion between judges and lawyers, tasking the RAF with quantifying the financial losses resulting from such activities. Zibi assured members that these serious allegations made in Parliament would be thoroughly investigated. The probe will extend to lawyers, with the Legal Practice Council (LPC) potentially being called to account for any misconduct.

The inquiry's scope includes examining double payments made by the RAF, which have resulted in financial losses for the fund and taxpayers. These double payments reportedly affect not only lawyers but also medical

experts, with an unknown amount of money involved. Zibi noted that numerous medical experts have either not been paid or have had their payments incorrectly directed to other individuals or attorneys.

Zibi also revealed that he has increased his personal security following a threat assessment commissioned by the National Commissioner of the SA Police Services (SAPS). The assessment indicated that he was being followed and photographed, along with the people he met.

He recounted an incident where he received a file concerning overpayments to medical experts employed by the RAF, after which he was informed about the threat assessment. Zibi stated that he knew the car that had been following him and had passed the information on to the police.

Zibi emphasized the importance of protecting whistleblowers, especially former RAF employees who fear reprisal. He cited the assassinations of individuals like Babita Deokaran and others as reasons for these fears.

Parliamentary legal advisor Fatima Ebrahim acknowledged the serious concern for whistleblower protection but admitted that Parliament lacks the resources and legal framework to provide adequate protection. She urged potential whistleblowers to come forward while recognizing the limitations in ensuring their safety.

Zibi stressed the need for Scopa to handle whistleblower submissions with care to avoid further endangering them, noting that one whistleblower had expressed reluctance to leave their house due to safety concerns.

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Outing to Blueberry Hill Hydroponics Farm



Gonubie Primary Grade 4 learners recently had the exciting opportunity to visit Blueberry Hill Farm just outside of East London. The trip provided a valuable hands-on learning experience, connecting classroom knowledge to real-world agricultural practices.

Upon arrival, the learners were immediately captivated by the sight of the sprawling hydroponic tunnels. They got to see firsthand how peppers are grown in this controlled environment, a stark contrast to traditional farming methods. The vibrant colours of the peppers – red, yellow, orange, and green – created a visually stimulating experience. The friendly staff guided the learners through the tunnels, explaining the intricacies of hydroponics. They learned about the importance of nutrient solutions, water recycling, and climate control in ensuring optimal pepper growth. The children were particularly interested in the different varieties of peppers, from the mild bell peppers to the slightly spicier options.

The tour extended to the sorting and packing area, where the learners witnessed the post-harvest process. They observed how the peppers were carefully inspected for quality, sorted by size and colour, and then packed into boxes ready for distribution to supermarkets and restaurants. This part of the visit highlighted the importance of efficiency and quality control in the agricultural industry.

Throughout the visit, the learners were encouraged to ask questions, and they certainly did! Their curiosity was evident as they peppered the staff with thoughtful inquiries about everything from pest control to the lifespan of a pepper plant. The staff patiently answered each question, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for the science behind hydroponic farming.

A big thank you to the friendly and knowledgeable staff at Blueberry Hill

Farm, who welcomed us warmly and shared their expertise with such patience and enthusiasm. It was a truly educational and enjoyable day for our Grade 4 learners, leaving them with a newfound appreciation for where their

food comes from and the innovative methods used to produce it. The trip to Blueberry Hill Farm was an unforgettable experience that enriched their understanding of agriculture and its importance in our community.



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Venue:

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Injuries force two Springbok changes for Argentina Test



South Africa coach Rassie Erasmus has announced two personnel changes and one positional switch to the team that convincingly defeated New Zealand, ahead of their Rugby Championship clash against Argentina in Durban on Saturday.

Injuries to full-back Aphelele Fassi and lock Lood de Jager, sustained during their impressive 43-10 victory over the All Blacks in Wellington earlier this month, have sidelined them for the fifth-round encounter.

Damian Willemse, who shone in the triumph against New Zealand, will move from inside centre to full-back, replacing Fassi in the No 15 jersey.

Veteran Damian de Allende will step in to fill the void left by Willemse, forming a centre partnership with Canan Moodie. De Allende brings a wealth of experience to the team, boasting 91 caps compared to Moodie's 18.

In a straight swap at lock, Eben Etzebeth, the most capped Springbok with 136 Test appearances, will replace the injury-prone De Jager.

Fly-half Sacha Feinberg-Mngomezulu, who was forced to retire early in Wellington due to a concussion, has been declared fit to face the Pumas at Kings Park.

With two rounds remaining, Australia currently leads the Championship standings with 11 points, followed closely by South Africa and New Zealand with 10 points each,

and Argentina with nine. Erasmus emphasized the importance of the match, stating, "This is a vital match for us and the Pumas, who beat New Zealand and Australia in the first four rounds of the competition. They also beat the British and Irish Lions earlier in the season, so there is no doubt we will treat them with the respect they deserve."

He added, "They have made big strides in the last few seasons and have an astute coach in Felipe Contepomi, so we know they are going to throw everything at us. Adding to that, they boast a strong forward pack and extremely talented backs, so they pose threats all around."

"Similarly to us, Argentina are a tremendously proud and passionate team, and they give everything for their country. They know that two good results could place them in a decent position to win the competition, so it is going to be a hard grind of a match."

Erasmus has also made two changes to his bench, opting for a five forwards-three backs split. Loosehead prop Boan Venter and scrum-half Moren van den Berg have been promoted, while hooker Marnus van der Merwe and scrum-half Grant Williams drop out. Jan-Hendrik Wessels, capable of playing as a loosehead and a hooker, will provide cover for starting hooker Malcolm Marx.

****South Africa Team:****

(15-1) Damian Willemse; Cheslin Kolbe, Canan Moodie, Damian de Allende,

Ethan Hooker; Sacha Marx, Ox Nche
Feinberg-Mngomezulu, Replacements: Jan-Hendrik
Cobus Reinach; Jasper Wessels, Boan Venter, Wilco
Wiese, Pieter-Steph du Toit, Louw, RG Snyman, Kwagga
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