



# Woodcrest Academy

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Woodkids fun

It's a lovely sight when the Woodkids line up eagerly at their preschool gate, ready to launch themselves into the big playground.

They love the jungle gym and have great seafaring adventures on their catamaran: thanks for this fun playboat, Uncle Tony!



They are also enjoying adventure rides on Uncle Chris's tractor, a memory of the school's wonderful neighbours Di and Conrad Klusener who have moved to Umdoni Retirement Village but remain good friends of Woodcrest Academy.





## Distinctions and congratulations!



Our congratulations go to those who achieved distinctions for one or more subjects in the primary phase June examinations: there was a total of 31 subject distinctions from Grades 4 to 7. Your parents and teachers are very proud of your achievements. Keep aiming high in all you do!



And a very special accolade for Nombuso Khawula, who achieved distinctions in all her subjects. Well done, Nombuso!

## Shotokan karate grading



Congratulations to those who recently graded in Shotokan Karate under Sensei Stephen: yellow/orange belts for Levi and Thapelo, green belts for Nombuso, Ayanda and Khethelo, and a purple belt for Ryan. Well done, all!

## Mandela Day at Woodcrest Academy

This year, Woodcrest Academy celebrated Mandela Day through the theme of Earth Care: what can we do on a small scale to improve the world around us? Everyone has a role to play in appreciating and nurturing our environment, and learners engaged in a variety of activities related to the benefits of plants and trees.

- They learned how trees purify the air, reduce heat, filter water, and produce oxygen.
- They planted seeds and seedlings of food plants such as carrots, beans, leeks, and tomatoes.
- They examined medicinal plants and learnt about traditional ways in which they are used to enhance human health.
- They planted food-bearing trees such as avocados.







And then it was Mandela Day picnic time!





## Farewell to a founding member of Woodcrest Academy

When Woodcrest Academy was established in 2017, Gordon Bester was one of its first learners. His mother Michelle has always been a stalwart supporter of the school, and we have greatly appreciated her involvement in various activities through the years. The Bester family is now moving to Ireland, and Gordon's teachers and classmates wish them all the best in their new environment. It's been wonderful to share your life journey with you this far.





## Grade 9 bridges and books

The Grade 9s excelled themselves in two creative challenges.



An excellent bridge structure for a technology project.



Beautiful book designs for English, with creative titles and covers, back summaries, barcodes and ISBN numbers.

Well done on your great work!

**Reminder:** Chris de Villiers invites parents to contact him for Commissioner of Oaths services or collection of free indigenous plants with information about propagation. (083 326 2551)