



Newsletter

MAY 2026

"Where potential arises!"



HER CHILDREN CALL HER BLESSED

Dear Parents and families,

As we enter the month of May, we would like to take a moment to honour and celebrate the incredible role mothers play in the lives of their children and families.

Mothers are often the quiet strength behind every child. Encouraging, nurturing, praying, supporting, and helping shape the next generation through love, sacrifice, and faithfulness. Their influence reaches far beyond what words can express.

At Arise Academic Centre, we are deeply aware that education is never only about academics. Behind every child is often a mother who has prayed, supported, sacrificed, driven, packed lunches, helped with homework, wiped tears, celebrated victories, and continued showing up day after day, even when no one else sees the effort. We are grateful for the mothers, grandmothers, guardians, and spiritual mothers who partner with us in developing and guiding the lives of our learners.

Proverbs 31:28 says:

"Her children rise up and call her blessed."

To every mother in our community, thank you for all that you do. May you feel valued, appreciated, and encouraged this Mother's Day season.

With gratitude,



Juliana & Wendy

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CELEBRATING EARTH DAY

On 22 April, Arise Academic Centre celebrated Earth Day with great excitement as learners and staff dressed in greens and florals to honour and appreciate God's beautiful creation.

The day served as a reminder of the importance of caring for the world God has entrusted to us and being thankful for the beauty of nature around us. It was wonderful to see our school filled with enthusiasm, joy, and meaningful conversations about stewardship and gratitude.



IMPORTANT DATES

10 May: Mothers' Day

12 May: Website content shoot

14 May: Ascension Day

29 May: P-day

1 - 22 June: Exam Grade 4 - 7

26 June: School closes @ 10:00

21 July: School opens for Term 3



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Ascension Day

Join us as we celebrate Ascension Day!
All children are invited to dress up as their favourite Biblical character for this special celebration.

14 May 2026



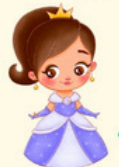
DRESS-UP DAY

LETTER "P"



THEME:

Come dressed as **ANYTHING** that starts with the letter **"P"**!



Ideas to inspire you



29 May 2026

CONTENT SHOOT FOR OUR NEW WEBSITE



We are updating our website and need new photos.

We have a professional photographer coming to take photos of the buildings, classrooms, teachers and learners.

Please wear your **GREEN ARISE SHIRT** with any pants. If you do not have a green shirt, please contact Juliana so we can make the needed arrangements.



12 MAY

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CELEBRATING OUR TEACHERS

We are incredibly proud to share that Teacher Danielle was nominated for the Helpmekaar Studiefonds Prestige Awards in Stellenbosch, where she received the award for Outstanding Academic Achievement 2026.

This incredible accomplishment is a true reflection of her hard work, dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence. Balancing studies, responsibilities, and teaching requires tremendous discipline and sacrifice, and we are so proud of the way she has continued to pursue growth and excellence in every area of her life.

Teacher Danielle is not only a valued member of our team, but also an inspiring example to our learners and school community. Her achievement reminds us that success does not happen overnight, but is the fruit of consistent effort, commitment, and applying yourself faithfully to the opportunities God places before you.

At Arise, we believe in developing lives and encouraging every learner to strive toward their full potential. Teacher Danielle's achievement beautifully reflects this value and serves as encouragement to our learners that dedication and perseverance truly do bear fruit.

Congratulations, Teacher Danielle! We celebrate this special achievement with you and are incredibly proud to have you as part of our school family.



A TIME TO COME... AND A TIME TO GO.

At Arise, we always believe that part of true leadership is not only to grow people while they are with us, but also to encourage and release them into the calling God has placed on their lives.

This term, we would like to honour and celebrate Teacher Megan and Teacher Lida as they step into an exciting new season. Together, they have started their own business, Ruach Art, and have felt the Lord leading them to pursue this calling full time.

Teacher Megan, who faithfully assisted with many general administrative responsibilities at the school has already finished up and is preparing the ground for when Teacher Lida joins. Teacher Lida who is teaching Afrikaans for our Grade 5 and Grade 6 classes will continue with the rest of the term and will join her in the third term. Both of these incredible women have been such a valuable part of our Arise family. Their creativity, heart for people, and willingness to serve have left a meaningful impact on our learners, staff, and community.

While this marks the end of a full-time season at Arise, it is certainly not goodbye. We are grateful that they will still continue offering Art classes at the school, and we look forward to still seeing them from time to time. We send them out with love, gratitude, and blessing as they take this step of faith. We are proud of them for courageously pursuing what God has placed on their hearts, and we pray that Ruach Art will continue to flourish and impact many lives through creativity and purpose.

Thank you, Teacher Megan and Teacher Lida, for the role you have played at Arise. We celebrate this new journey with you and trust that God has beautiful things ahead.



RUACH ART



FUN WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP

R250
PER PERSON

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

ART MATERIALS INCLUDED

COFFEE, TEA AND JUICE PROVIDED

COFFEE SHOP AVAILABLE FOR OWN ACCOUNT



WE'LL BE PAINTING A CHARMING PASTEL COTTAGE



RUACH ART
BRAND OF LIFE, BREATH OF ART

SATURDAY 16 MAY 2026
102 FREDERICK COOPER DRIVE
MONUMENT

09:00 - 12:00



Ruach Art

One-on-One ART - or - WATERCOLOUR CLASSES

for Adults & Homeschool Students



Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday
mornings
between 09:00 - 12:00



R200
per hour
session

Times will be arranged
according to availability

102 Frederick Cooper Drive
Monument, Krugersdorp

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CLASS NEWS



Our Grade 3 learners had great fun exploring colour theory and discovering how colours work together. During the lesson, they learnt that the three primary colours, red, blue, and yellow, can be mixed to create the secondary colours. Through creative activities and hands-on learning, the learners experimented with different colour combinations and observed the exciting results. It was wonderful to see their creativity and curiosity come alive through art and discovery.



To help beat the cold winter days, our Grade 4 learners were treated to a warm cup of hot chocolate as a special reward for all their hard work and perseverance. Despite the chilly weather, they have continued to work diligently and give their best in class each day. It was a small way Teacher Danielle encouraged and celebrated their effort, dedication, and positive attitude during the cold season.



Our Grade 3 learners recently learnt about the “Friends of 10” through a fun and practical Mathematics lesson. Using hands-on activities, they explored the different number combinations that add up to 10 and strengthened this important foundation for future maths skills. The lesson helped reinforce number sense in an engaging and interactive way, while also building confidence and enthusiasm for Mathematics.



Our recent Movie Night at Arise was a wonderful evening filled with fun, laughter, and special memories. Families gathered together to enjoy a relaxed night out, giving everyone the opportunity to slow down from the busyness of everyday life and simply spend quality time together. It was such a blessing to see our school community connecting and enjoying the evening together, and we are grateful to everyone who joined and made the night so special. Even our teachers had a little silly moment. We are looking forward to our next Movie Night.

EXTRA MURAL ACHIEVEMENTS



We are incredibly proud of three of our learners, Cara Gerber, Nicola Gerber, and Hofmeyr Gerber, who recently competed in the South African JKA Gauteng Championships as part of Horizon Karate Centre.

All three siblings performed exceptionally well and successfully qualified for the SA JKA Gauteng Team. They will now go on to compete at the upcoming SA JKA National Championships later this month in Johannesburg.

Their achievement is a wonderful reflection of hard work, discipline, perseverance, and dedication. We are incredibly proud of the way they have represented both their dojo and our school community. We wish Cara, Nicola, and Hofmeyr all the best as they prepare for the National Championships — we know they will continue to make us proud!

Scouts hosts successful fundraiser

Honeydew — Despite rainy weather on Human Rights Day, the 1st Honeydew Scouts Group enjoyed a successful Carnival Day and Movie Night. Families and community members also came out to support the fundraiser.

The event, which was the group's second fundraising initiative, raised close to R6 000. According to one of the organisers, Odette Redelinghuys, the funds will help the Scouts purchase equipment and cover participation costs for the upcoming Kon-Tiki event in May.

Both organisers, Odette and Brian Bridle, said they were encouraged by the support shown by parents and the surrounding community, especially given the weather.

"Seeing the number of people that came out to support us was really heartwarming. It was a testament to the support our community continues to give us," said Odette.

The fundraiser followed on from the group's first event in 2025, when they hosted a quiz day. This year, the organisers decided to grow the idea by adding a movie night and a show to the programme. The day offered a mix of fun for people of all ages, with games, treats and activities for children, before families settled in for the evening movie experience.

Brian said one of the standout moments

for him was seeing how involved both the children and parents were throughout the day.

"Seeing the kids playing around and having fun, even through the rain, was really special. Parents also took part in the games and competed against each other, and you could tell they were enjoying themselves too," he said.

Although the organisers had hoped for sunny skies, they said the event still met their expectations.

"We had no idea what to expect until we saw people starting to come in, and we were grateful to see the community still come out in the rain to support the fundraiser," Brian said. Brian and Odette thanked everyone who played a part in making the day possible, including Gladiator Inflatables, which sponsored a jumping castle for the children.

With the fundraiser now behind them, the team will now focus on completing the necessary processes and equipment needed for the Scouts' rafting event.



Noah Redelinghuys enjoys some candyfloss before the movie night.

Charlene and her daughter, Willow Wagstaff, enjoy spending time together at the event.

Maya Solarz is excited for the day.

ARISE STUDENT, NOAH, IN THE NEWS PAPER

