



GREENSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Term 3: 2026 Newsletter

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra.

– Jimmy Johnson

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Welcome back to school! We are thrilled to welcome our learners and parents back for the start of Term 3. We hope you enjoyed a restful break and are ready for a great and productive term ahead filled with growth, learning, and exciting new milestones. Looking back, Term 2 was an incredible success, highlighted by our learners' outstanding academic achievements, vibrant sports days, and inspiring cultural performances. We are immensely proud of the dedication shown by our learners and the unwavering support from our parents. Let us carry this positive momentum into the new term as we work together to make it our best one yet.



Standing Ovation for Greenside at FEDA 2026!

The curtains have fallen on the 2026 Festival of Excellence in Dramatic Arts (FEDA), but the applause for Greenside High School continues to echo through the halls of the Joburg Theatre.

In what can only be described as an extraordinary achievement, Greenside's Dramatic Arts learners captivated audiences and adjudicators alike, earning an impressive array of nominations, Certificates of Excellence and Merit for their original productions, *Seconds*, *Minutes*, *Ours* and *Ashes of a Promised Life*.



Be not afraid of greatness. Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them. – William Shakespeare



Standing Ovation for Greenside at FEDA 2026!

Competing against some of Gauteng's most talented young theatre-makers, Greenside received an outstanding nine trophy nominations. *Seconds, Minutes, Ours* was nominated for Best Soundscape, Best Lighting, Best Production Design and Technical Achievement, Best Choreography, Best Chorus and Best Ensemble, while both productions received nominations for Best Choreography, Best Chorus and Best Ensemble.

The accolades did not stop there.

Seconds, Minutes, Ours earned an exceptional eight Certificates of Excellence and Merit, including Excellence awards for Outstanding Ensemble Performance, Production Design, Lighting, Writing, Choreography and Chorus Work. The ensemble portraying "The Dunes" – Nontuthuko Mathonsi, Angela Onyekanihu, Hannah Sanjanjobo, Reatlegile Phatlane, Nyasha Muchena, Kaliah Madatt, Angelo Ezech and Bohlokwa Ramadi – received special recognition for their powerful and evocative performance.

Ashes of a Promised Life also enjoyed tremendous success, receiving eleven Certificates of Excellence and Merit. Learners were recognised for excellence in Lighting Design, Ensemble Performance and Chorus Work, while numerous individuals were honoured for their contributions in Writing, Directing, Sound Design, Performance and Poster Design.

These remarkable achievements are a celebration of the passion, perseverance and creativity of our learners. From scriptwriting and directing to choreography, technical theatre and performance, our young artists demonstrated that theatre at Greenside is not merely an extracurricular activity – it is a space where innovation thrives and stories come alive.

A special word of congratulations must go to every cast member, director, designer, choreographer, technician and educator involved. The countless hours spent rehearsing, refining and reimagining have culminated in a spectacular showcase of artistic excellence.





Greenside's First-Ever Movie Night a Huge Success!

Earlier this year, Greenside High School hosted its first-ever Movie Night, and it was a fantastic success!

Learners gathered in the school hall to enjoy a movie chosen by their peers. The Greenside Parents Association (GPA) organised a fantastic selection of food vendors, creating a vibrant atmosphere while raising valuable funds for the school.

The event was a wonderful fundraiser, with proceeds going towards the refurbishment of the school's front façade. We can't wait to see the transformation and the positive impact these improvements will have on our school.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, supported and helped organise the evening. We look forward to making Movie Night a much-loved Greenside tradition!

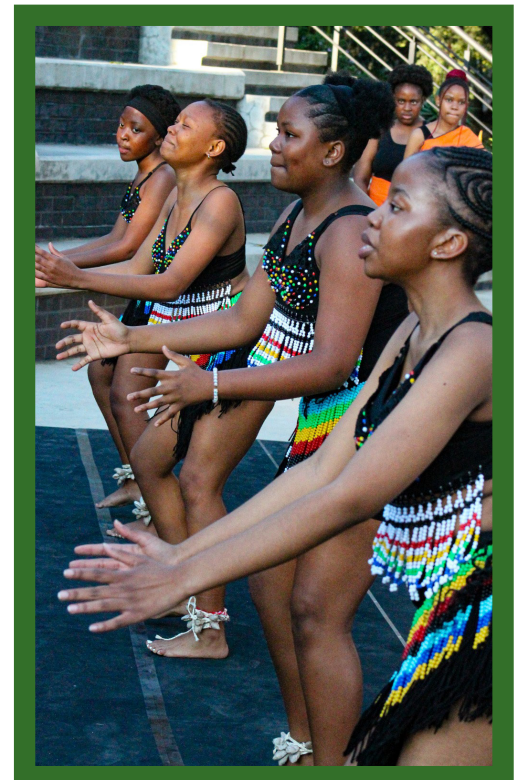
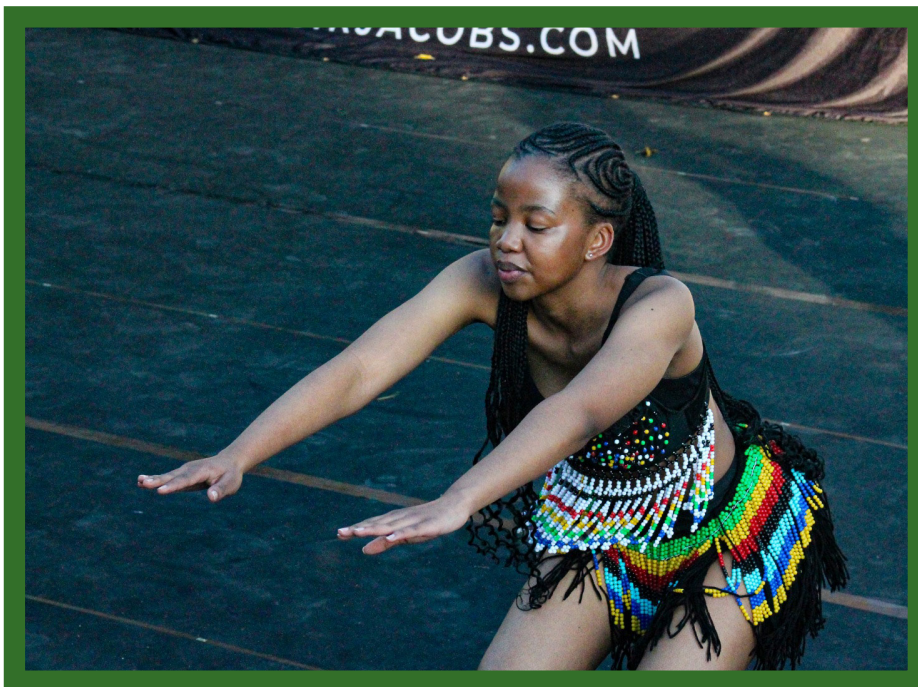


Traditional Dance at Greenside

Traditional Dance continues to be a vibrant part of school life, providing learners with a platform to celebrate and preserve South Africa's rich cultural heritage, while developing confidence, discipline, teamwork, and mutual respect.

The dance group brings together learners from diverse cultural backgrounds, creating an environment where different traditions are appreciated and celebrated.

Every performance reflects the school's commitment to inclusivity, unity, and the embodiment of culture, reminding us that our diversity is one of our greatest strengths.





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NOVA – "Nova Till It's Over!"

This year's Greenside High School Social was an unforgettable evening of music, energy, and school spirit. With the theme **NOVA**, it wasn't long before the catchy phrase "Nova Till It's Over!" became the slogan of the night, echoing through the crowd from beginning to end.

From the moment the doors opened, the excitement was undeniable. The venue was packed with enthusiastic learners who came ready to enjoy an incredible lineup of talented artists, creating an electric atmosphere that kept everyone entertained throughout the evening.

More than just a fantastic night out, **NOVA** was a hugely successful fundraiser. The funds raised will contribute towards improving our school, ensuring that the success of this event will have a lasting impact on the **Greenside** community.

A heartfelt congratulations and thank you go to the dedicated members of the **Social Committee**, the staff, performers, and everyone who worked behind the scenes to make the event such a resounding success. Your hard work, creativity, and commitment made **NOVA** a night to remember.

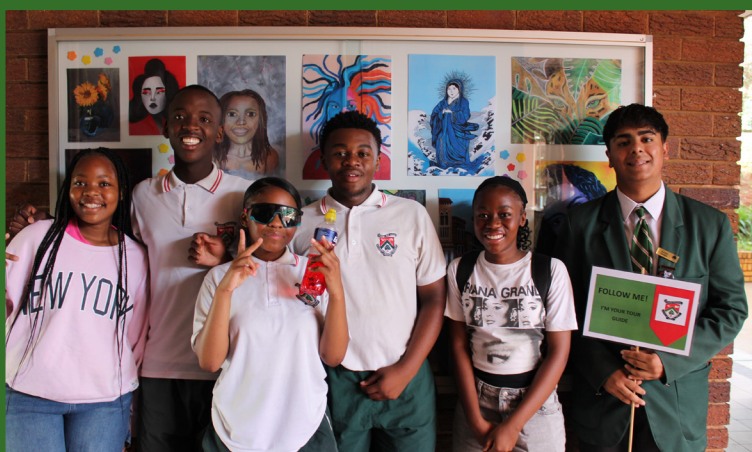


Have a fierce resolve in everything you do. Demonstrate determination, resiliency, and tenacity. Do not let temporary setbacks become permanent excuses. Use mistakes and problems as opportunities to get better—not reasons to quit. — Jamie Dimon



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RCL Boys vs Girls – For the Win!

This term, the RCL got serious about fundraising and decided to divide and conquer! The competition was simple: Boys vs Girls. The team that raised the most money through a Spur Night, Hot Chocolate Day, and a raffle would win a gourmet meal prepared by the Consumer Studies Department, a free civvies day, and, of course, the ultimate bragging rights.

San Antonio Spur in Sandton City kindly hosted both teams, Ms Visser provided a guiding hand with the Hot Chocolate Day, and Mr Gillot got the raffle rolling. We also had a very special encounter with Eugene Beck, a 1982 alumnus and representative of Road Cover, who generously donated R5 000 at the Boys' Spur Night.

Together, the RCL learners raised more than R15 000 towards upgrading the school's façade and making our campus safer for both learners and staff.

The winning team will be announced at the first RCL meeting next term. Keep your eyes peeled to see who takes home the spoils!



Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful. – Herman Cain



Choir Excellence

Term 2 was an exciting and eventful one for the choir, filled with memorable performances and opportunities to share our passion for music with the wider community.

The term began with our participation in the CCNF, where we had the privilege of performing alongside a number of outstanding high school and university choirs. The festival provided a wonderful platform for musical growth, inspiration, and celebrating choral excellence.

Our next performance took us to the Jeppe High School for Girls Choir Festival, where we joined choirs from across the region in an evening of exceptional music-making. The festival was a vibrant celebration of choral singing, with performances continuing well into the night and creating lasting memories for all who attended.

The term concluded on a high note with a successful fundraising performance at The Zone @ Rosebank. Our choir proudly showcased its talent to shoppers, local residents, and international visitors, sharing the joy of music while raising valuable funds to support the choir's activities. The event was well received and highlighted the skill, and enthusiasm of every choir member. We are incredibly proud of everything the choir has accomplished this term and look forward to an even more exciting second half of the year as we continue to represent our school with pride and musical excellence.





The Kwaito and Afrobeats team at Greenside High School

The Kwaito and Afrobeats group has demonstrated exceptional talent, dedication, and enthusiasm this term. Their outstanding performance was evident in achieving an A+ at the Arts and Culture Festival and then securing 1st place at the Jeppe Dance Festival.

They consistently display excellent rhythm, creativity, stage presence, and teamwork, serving as a positive role model for fellow dancers. Their commitment to rehearsals and ability to perform confidently has contributed significantly to these remarkable achievements.

Congratulations on an outstanding term and for representing the school with pride and excellence.



*"You may not control all the events that happen to you,
but you can decide not to be reduced by them"*

— Maya Angelo



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Sport at Greenside High

Overview

Term 2 has provided Greenside High School learners with extensive sporting platforms, fostering competitive excellence, camaraderie, and personal growth across all our sporting codes. Our commitment to holistic development remains evident through the breadth of opportunities afforded to our learners.

Basketball

Regular Fixtures and Derby Day Representation

The basketball programme featured prominently during the Hyde Park Derby Day, where our Open Boys represented the school with distinction. Throughout the term, both our U19 Boys' and Girls' teams participated in regular fixtures, competing against Alberton, Red Hill, Future Nation, Kings School Linbro Park, and Glenvista High. These engagements provided consistent competitive platforms for our learners to develop their skills and tactical understanding.



Chess at Greenside

Strong Tournament Performances and Flourishing League Participation

The chess programme continues to flourish, with our A team, B team, and Girls' team competing across numerous tournaments and fixtures. The Alexander Forbes Tournament saw our school secure 10th position in Gauteng overall — a commendable achievement against the province's strongest opposition.

Our Senior Boys' team delivered strong performances at the Roosevelt High School tournament, while our Junior Boys' team achieved a bronze medal position at the Northcliff High School tournament.

Regular fixtures against Hyde Park, Parktown Boys, Phoenix College, and Alpha College ensured our learners remained challenged and engaged throughout both terms. Our learners also enjoyed valuable experience playing in the Helpmekaar league, the Jeppe Boys mixed league and the individual University of Johannesburg tournament.

"It's not your job to be likeable. It's your job to be yourself. Someone will like you anyway."

—Chimamanda Ngozi Adich



Cross Country

Two Athletes Qualify for Interdistrict Championships Amidst League Campaign

The 2026 Cross Country season saw Greenside High School participate in six Johannesburg Central League fixtures. The school fielded athletes across the Junior Boys, Senior Boys, Junior Girls and Senior Girls divisions. While participation levels fluctuated throughout the season, several athletes displayed dedication and resilience in representing the school.

TEAM PERFORMANCE

Senior Boys - The Senior Boys division was the strongest performing section of the Greenside team throughout the season. The team consistently fielded complete scoring teams and produced the school's highest individual performances.



INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The highlight of the season was the qualification of two Greenside athletes for the Interdistrict Championships.

Ntsako was one of the most consistent performers throughout the season. His strongest performance came in League 4 where he achieved an excellent 7th place finish. He consistently finished amongst the leading runners and established himself as one of the top athletes in the district.

Bukhosi demonstrated remarkable consistency throughout the season and was a key contributor to the Senior Boys team. His performances across the league fixtures earned him qualification to the Interdistrict Championships and reflected his dedication and competitive ability.

The qualification of two athletes to the Interdistrict Championships is a significant achievement for the school and highlights the talent that exists within the programme.



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Netball

A Vibrant Term of Fixtures and Inter-School Engagement

Our netball programme enjoyed a vibrant Term 2, beginning with the prestigious Hyde Park Derby Day on 9 May — an annual event designed to strengthen inter-school relationships while upholding sporting culture and sportsmanship.

Our teams subsequently competed in a league fixture against Northriding Secondary School, followed by matches against Curro Victory Park and Spark. Fixtures against Reddford House Northcliff provided further competitive exposure, culminating in our final Sports Day against Croydon House School on 23 May. Across these engagements, our U14, U15, U16, and Open teams gained invaluable match experience against diverse opposition.

Rugby - Boys

Rugby Continues Its Upward Trajectory in 2026

The 2026 rugby season was one of significant growth and consolidation for Greenside High School Rugby. Across all age groups, the programme showed marked improvement in participation, attendance, coaching quality, discipline, sportsmanship and on-field performance.

A total of 19 fixtures were played during the season, despite several disruptions caused by weather-related cancellations and changes to our fixture list. New opportunities, including participation in the Parktown Boys Easter Festival and fixtures against the B and C teams of higher-league schools, provided valuable competitive experience for our players.

Perhaps the most encouraging improvement came in our results. Across all age groups, Greenside scored 469 points while conceding 563, resulting in a points deficit of just 94 – the first time in recent years that the deficit has fallen below 100 points. The Under 14/15 team enjoyed a particularly successful season, finishing with a positive points difference and winning four of their eight matches. The Under 16 side recorded a memorable victory over St Peter's College, while the Opens continued to show steady improvement against strong opposition.

Player development was another major success. Twenty-four learners scored points during the season, compared to only fourteen in 2025, demonstrating that talent is emerging throughout the programme rather than relying on a handful of individuals.

Attendance at training sessions also increased dramatically, with many practices attracting between 40 and 50 players.

The season also saw individual recognition, with Tanay Govender earning selection to the Golden Lions Under 16 Invitational Squad and representing the region at the prestigious Jeppe and St John's Easter Rugby Festivals.

The continued progress of Greenside rugby is a testament to the commitment of our players, coaches and supporters. While challenges remain, the future of the sport at Greenside High School is looking brighter than ever.

"We need to accept that we won't always make the right decisions, that we'll screw up royally sometimes—understanding that failure is not the opposite of success, it's part of success." — Arianna Huffington



Sport

Rugby – Girls

Greenside Girls Rugby Enjoy Outstanding Start to the Season

Greenside High School's girls' rugby teams have made a remarkable start to the season, highlighted by an impressive runner-up finish at the Africa Rugby Cup.

The tournament featured strong opposition from across the continent and beyond, including teams from Ghana, Sudan, Kenya, and the American International School. Greenside's outstanding performance showcased the continued growth and development of girls' rugby at the school.

Building on their success, the senior girls' team has also enjoyed a perfect start to the Golden Lions League campaign, winning all six of their matches to date. The U14 side has been equally impressive and remains unbeaten this season.

Individual achievements have further underlined the strength of the Greenside rugby programme. Seven players were selected to represent their provincial teams at the prestigious Craven Week tournament, South Africa's premier school rugby event. In addition, two players earned selection for the U15 South African Schools Championship Tournament, which will be held in the Eastern Province.

These accomplishments reflect the hard work, dedication, and talent within the Greenside girls' rugby programme, as the teams continue to raise the standard and make their mark on the national stage.

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