

# nico news.

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF NICO MALAN HIGH SCHOOL



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

The first term of the year was an exceptionally busy time, with many activities at our school. In addition to a full and demanding academic programme, staff and learners also had to adapt to various departmental meetings arranged by the Department during school hours. Despite these challenges, our staff remained committed to delivering quality education, and our learners approached their academic responsibilities with perseverance.

Our extra curricular programme was equally busy. With the overlap of the summer and winter sports programmes, many of our learners took the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports. This versatility is characteristic of our school community, and we are proud of the enthusiasm with which learners develop their talents across different areas. We would especially like to congratulate our athletes on the outstanding performances achieved during the athletics season.

The reality of a busy academic and extracurricular programme also highlights the importance of good planning and prioritisation. We find that many learners sometimes struggle to maintain the necessary balance, and that absences and appointments during school hours can have a negative impact on academic progress. We therefore make a friendly, yet serious appeal to parents to support us by helping their children take responsibility for their time management and academic priorities. We kindly request that parents do not collect learners early from school unnecessarily. Please arrange, where possible, all appointments after school hours.

With regard to discipline, we would also like to emphasise the importance of mutual respect. We have observed instances of bullying among some of our younger learners. As a school community, we stand together against any form of unacceptable behaviour. The Biblical principle “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” serves as a guideline for us: When learners live out this simple truth, it fosters a culture of respect, care, and safety for all. We would also like to thank parents for their understanding and co-operation regarding the implementation of the no-cellphone policy. There are still isolated cases, but overall it is progressing well.



# principal's office.

## Staff and management matters:

At staff level, the Governing Body is currently awaiting the Department to make the list of candidates available for the appointment of a new principal. According to the Departmental timeline, the process should be finalised by the end of April. We kindly ask the school community for their prayers that the right person will be appointed to this important position, so that the school's values, vision, and traditions can be continued and further developed.

We also share, with great joy, a few personal congratulations: Congratulations to Mr Mark Vernout and Mr Andrew Nicholson, who have been blessed with a baby girl (Lisa) and a baby boy (Arno) respectively. Our congratulations also go to Mrs Anra Lloyd, who has recently welcomed a daughter (Klara). Congratulations to Ms Elanke Lordan, Marizaan Pelzer, and Marli Vorster, who have recently become engaged, and we wish Mr and Mrs Elof and Arné Scheepers every happiness and success following their wedding in February.

We welcome Mr Joshua Swart as an assistant teacher.

We also take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mr Rynier van der Watt for his 21 years of dedicated service as Grounds Manager at Nico Malan. His hard work, loyalty, and commitment have made a valuable contribution to our school community over many years. We express our deepest appreciation and wish him every blessing and success in his retirement.

Best wishes accompany Ms Timany Mostert, who has been employed as an assistant teacher at Nico Malan High School for two months.

Finally, we would like to thank every parent, learner, and staff member for their continued support and involvement in the school. May the coming term be a time of growth, new opportunities, and continued success for everyone.

**NICO GREETINGS**  
R.P. OLIVIER





# class room news.

## PROMOTION CRITERIA:

Continuous assessment requires learners to work consistently throughout the year. **The June and December examinations carry significant weight in a learner's overall academic performance.**

### Grade 8 - 9:

Continuous assessment up to and including September counts 60 % of the annual mark, with the June examination carrying the greatest weight. The November examination counts 40 % of the final promotion mark.

### Grade 10 - 11:

Continuous assessment up to and including the September examination accounts for 40 % of the annual mark, with the June examination carrying the greatest weight. The November examination accounts for 60 % of the final promotion mark. In subjects with a PAT (Practical Assessment Task) component, the PAT contributes 20 % and the November examination 40 %.

### Grade 12:

Continuous assessment up to and including the September examination accounts for 25 % of the annual mark, with the June examination carrying the greatest weight. The November examination counts for 75 % of the final mark. In subjects with a PAT (Practical Assessment Task) component, the PAT contributes 25 % and the November examination 50 %.

Please note that your child should not assume he/she will pass based on the marks from Term 1 and Term 3 alone. Continuous effort throughout the year is required.

We also find that many learners have limited reading and listening skills. You can genuinely help by getting involved with your child in the following ways:

- **Have your child read a paragraph or passage and then ask a few questions about the content.**
- **Read a passage aloud and have your child listen attentively. Afterwards, ask a few questions about what your child remembers.**

By using these two simple methods, you can help contribute to your child's improved reading and listening skills, which are essential for successful learning.

Learners should spend time each afternoon on homework as well as on new work covered in class.

**Unfortunately, the school does not have printing facilities for learners' assignments. If assignments are completed electronically, please ensure a hard copy is printed for submission at the school. Learners are also allowed to submit handwritten assignments.**



## PASS REQUIREMENTS:

### Grades 8 - 9:

Home language: 50 %

First Additional Language: 40 %

Mathematics: 40 %

Any other 3 subjects: 40 %

Any other 2 subjects: 30 %

### Grades 10 - 12:

Home language: 40 %

Any other 2 subjects: 40 %

Any other 3 subjects: 30 %

**Exams: 18 May - 22 June**

## SUBJECT CHANGES:

Subject changes for grade 10 can be made until 15 May 2026. Please make sure you make an informed decision in the best interest of your child. **No further subject changes are allowed for grade 11 and 12.**

## PARENT EVENING:

Parent Evening will take place on Tuesday, 21 April 2026. Please review your child's report and make an appointment with the teacher if necessary. You will have the opportunity to speak with subject teachers as well as any other staff members regarding your child's progress and academic success. Your child will receive an appointment form next term. Please indicate on the form whom you would like to see. Subject teachers will confirm the time on your form and send it home again.

## CLASS OF 2025:

Nico Malan is proud of the Class of 2025, which achieved a pass rate of 95.7 %, including a 100 % pass rate in eleven subjects. 74.1 % of the learners qualified for university admission. Six learners achieved A averages, and eighteen learners achieved B averages.



**The school reopens on Wednesday 8 April 2026 at 07:30 with day 1 of the timetable.**



# sport news.

**NICO MALAN HIGH SCHOOL'S LEARNERS ACHIEVE OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN MANY AREAS. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR HIGH ACHIEVERS, AND THANKS TO THE PARENTS AND COACHES FOR THEIR SUPPORT. WE WISH ALL OUR LEARNERS THE BEST AS THEY PARTICIPATE IN TOURNAMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.**

## ATHLETICS

**The following athletes have been selected to represent the Eastern Cape at the National Schools Athletics Championships in Rustenburg. The championships will take place from 8 to 11 April:**

Alet Bezuidenhout (u.19 High Jump)  
MJ Marks (u.19 100 m and 200 m)  
Doné Mostert (u.15 Discus Throw and Shot Put)  
Kieran van Lill (u.19 400 m)  
Liam Vosloo (u.19 110 m Hurdles and 400 m Hurdles)  
Lienke Vosloo (u.15 90 m Hurdles and 300 m Hurdles)

**The following athletes have been selected to participate in the ASA Youth Championships in Germiston from 26 to 28 March:**

u.16:  
Karlien Smit (400 m)  
Lienke Vosloo (90 m Hurdles and 300 m Hurdles)

u.18:  
De-Ané Erasmus (400 m)  
Patrick Kettledas (200 m and 400 m)  
Prince Latile (200 m and 400 m)  
Nina Strydom (400 m)

u.20:  
Anzelle Botes (400 m)  
MJ Marks (100 m and 200 m)  
Kieran van Lill (200 m and 400 m)  
Liam Vosloo (110 m Hurdles and 400 m Hurdles)



## CHESS

Bronwyn Marx and Lavanya Maziena have been selected to represent the Eastern Cape at the prestigious SAJCC (South African Junior Chess Championship), which will take place at the end of the term.



## TENNIS

We are proud of the learners who have been selected for the following Eastern Cape teams:

EP IPT team:  
Mia Botha (u.19)  
Lianca Rose (u.19)  
Daniël Veldsman (u.15)

EP Synergy team:  
u.15:  
JD Griebenouw  
Chloé Timmer

u.19:  
Naruschka Conradie  
Reghardt Conradie  
Nadia Dreyer  
Simon Hoek  
Ryan Nel  
JM Pieterse

**Please remember to share your sport news & results with us.**

*Remember to follow us on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube*





# other matters.

## GENERAL:

### CELL PHONES:

**Remember!** Learners are not allowed to have a cell phone or any other electronic device in their possession during school hours (07:00 – 14:00).

### UNIFORM:

School blazers (with formal school uniform) are compulsory on Fridays. This applies from term 1 to 4. Learners can wear formal or informal school uniform from Monday to Thursday.

### REMINDER:

Learners may not attend extracurricular activities in the afternoons if they were absent in the morning. If they are absent on Fridays, they may not participate on Saturdays.

## INIKOLLIG ARTS FESTIVAL:

The Inikollig Arts Festival took place on 24 March. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



## YOUR DONATION CAN BE THEIR LIFELINE

Blood stocks are under pressure, and your role is vital in helping secure sufficient supply for the Easter period and the days beyond.



**SANBS**

South African National Blood Service



sanbs.org.za Toll-free: 0800 11 90 31



# other matters.

The provisional term programme is attached. Please monitor sms/d6+ for any changes. Check Facebook, Instagram, and d6+ weekly for full updates on results.

## @NICO:

Thank you for your support!  
Price list available on d6+.

**@Nico's clothing store hours:**

**Mondays:** closed

**Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays:** 11:30 – 14:30

**Fridays:** 11:30 – 13:30

## ANNUAL GOLF DAY:



Our annual golf day took place on 28 February at St Francis Links. A total of 116 players participated on the cool and cloudy day, and the balls certainly made their presence felt.

A heartfelt thank you to all the players and sponsors who were involved in the day. Special thanks to the Nico Malan Supporters Club for taking the lead with the arrangements and ensuring that the golf day was a huge success.

A special word of thanks to Messrs Dawson Rautenbach, Conrad Dreyer and Rupert Gerber.

## INFORMATION LINKS:

Scan me, I'll tell you everything you need to know.



## MYSCHOOL:

**With MySchool you help the school to generate funds on a monthly basis.**

We ask our parents and supporters to please make Nico Malan High School a beneficiary on your **Woolworths MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet** card.

Register here if you still don't have a card.

## ADVERTISEMENTS:

There are several advertising opportunities available. Please contact Mr Jaco Nepgen: [jaconepgen@nicomalan.co.za](mailto:jaconepgen@nicomalan.co.za)



## SUPPORTERS:

Click on the following link to join our WhatsApp information group.

*Remember to follow us on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube*



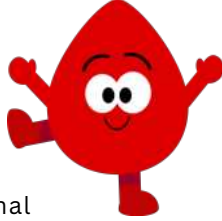
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# other matters.

## BLOOD DONATION:



Nico Malan High School proudly hosted a successful blood donation day during the term, where learners made themselves available to make a meaningful difference. On Friday, 6 February 2026, the school held its first blood donation event of the year in partnership with the South African National Blood Service (SANBS). This was an especially significant occasion, as SANBS collaborated with Algoa FM to encourage blood donation and raise awareness about the importance of saving lives.

The day was filled with energy and enthusiasm, highlighted by SANBS adding a fun element with their “Pop a Balloon” game, which created great excitement among learners. However, the true significance of the day lay in the school’s achievement: Nico Malan High School was honoured as the most improved school in the Eastern Cape and proudly recognised as the winner of the Life Givers campaign – a testament to the dedication of learners, staff, and the broader school community.

Excitement reached new heights when Algoa FM broadcasted live from the school. During the broadcast, the acting principal, Mr Riaan Olivier, shared valuable insights into the school’s involvement in the campaign. Mr Olivier also highlighted that participation in the initiative is about more than just giving blood – it’s about developing responsible young people who actively contribute to their communities. The award recognises the collective effort of learners, staff, and SANBS, and serves as motivation for learners to continue participating and inspiring others to get involved.

He explained that through awareness and encouragement, learners begin to realise that blood donation is meaningful and worthwhile, especially when they understand that a single donation can save up to three lives. In his message to other schools and learners, Mr Olivier encouraged everyone to take the first step and get involved. He emphasised that blood donation is safe and quick, with the ability to save lives – making it one of the most impactful ways young people can contribute to society.

Nico Malan High School continues to take the lead, demonstrating that together we can change lives, one donation at a time.

We call on the Nico Malan family to support blood donation in South Africa. After the festive season, blood collections across the country declined, while the need for blood remains constant and critical. In response, the South African National Blood Service launched a national campaign, Answer the Call, encouraging all South Africans to roll up their sleeves and help rebuild the country’s blood supply.

How you can support SANBS:

- Help spread the word about the Answer the Call campaign
- Donate regularly to help rebuild and maintain a stable blood supply
- Share campaign information and awareness messages on your social media platforms
- Encourage friends, family, and your community to donate blood at their nearest donation centre or mobile blood drive

We now call on the entire Nico Malan family – our learners, parents, staff, supporters club, and broader community – to stand together and continue making a difference. Be a hero. Answer the call. Donate blood. Save lives. Together, we are not just a school – we are a community that cares, a community that acts, and a community that saves lives.

