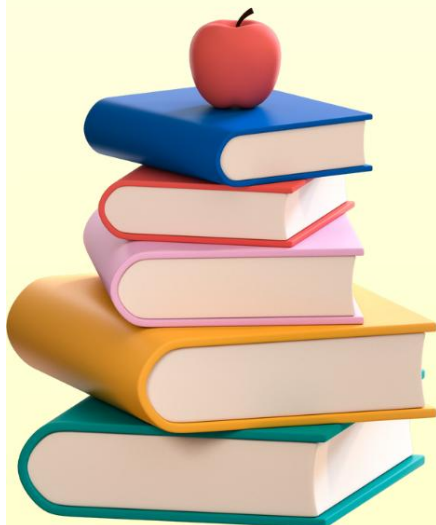


THE

**HISTORY OF**

*Flamingo Primary School*





# TIMELINE

## Timeline of Highveld Primary Principals



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## Timeline of Flamingo Primary

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**1981 – H. K PARSHOTAM**

Mr PARSHOTAM was principal until 1991 just before the school merged with Highveld Primary

➔ **1992 – E Seedat**

Mr E. Seedat was the first principal of The new Flamingo Primary School until 1997. During 1995 there were two acting principals. These were Mr Ganchi and Mr S Moodley.

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**1997 – Mr C. G Sukha**

Mr Sukha was an acting principal from 1997 to 1998

**1999 – A. Kalichuran**

Mr Kalichuran was principal for 14 years. He started in 1999 and retired in 2013.

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**2014 – N. Naidoo** ←

Mrs. Naidoo holds the distinguished honor of being the inaugural female principal of Flamingo Primary, a trailblazing achievement that paved the way for future generations. Notably, Mrs. Naidoo continues to lead the institution with grace and dedication, remaining at the helm as the current principal. Mrs Naidoo is still the current principal.

## Insight into Flamingo Primary School



Flamingo Primary School is a reputable educational institution registered with the Gauteng Department of Education. Our school is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment for young learners, uplifting the community, and fostering academic excellence.

Under the visionary leadership of Principal Mrs. Naidoo, our school's first female principal, we have established ourselves as a hub for holistic development. Our commitment to values, discipline, and social responsibility is evident in everything we do.

With a team of dedicated educators and staff, we strive to empower our students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world. Our goal is to produce well-rounded individuals who excel academically, socially, and emotionally.

Flamingo Primary School is also renowned for its exceptional talent in various sporting codes and excellent sportsmanship. Moreover, we are committed to staying at the forefront of technology, as evident from our engaging Instagram and viral TikTok presence.

We have also received 1<sup>st</sup> place for a primary school in the JHB Central district at the annual Education Excellence Awards that took place at Birchwood hotel and OR Tambo conference center in Boksburg in the month of November 2024.

Under the leadership of our principal, **Mrs N. Naidoo** who has led us for 14 years and counting, our school has undergone remarkable growth and development. Key highlights include:

- New jungle gym
- Covered parking
- Covered assembly area
- Foundation phase assembly area
- Cricket court

- Upgraded admin offices
- State-of-the-art library with smart board
- New tuckshop
- Guard house
- Outdoor chess board
- Upgraded support staff room
- WiFi around the school
- CCTV Cameras
- Paving entrance of the school
- Kids after-school waiting area
- Tiling of all classrooms
- Solar
- Foundation phase covered parking
- New store rooms
- Palisade Fencing
- Office and library cordoned off
- New skip waste area
- Walkway cover and tarring of walkway
- Netball court and fencing
- Upgraded toilets

These exciting developments showcase our school's commitment to providing a nurturing and modern learning environment.

## Our History

Originally, known as Highveld Primary School which was established in 1969. Flamingo Primary school opened in 1981 right next to Highveld. In 1992, Flamingo Primary School and Highveld Primary School amalgamated, forming the Flamingo Primary School we know today with over 1500 learners.

## Memories of Highveld and Flamingo Primary School

Madam Vadi, Madam Lorraine, Mr Daya, and others shared their heartfelt memories of Highveld and Flamingo Primary School, which amalgamated in 1992. They spoke with great fondness as they recalled their teaching days. One sentence in particular that stood out was said by Mr Daya. He said that he was drawn to Highveld primary because of the way the principal Mr Ranchod assisted learners with socioeconomic factors and helped them. Madam Vadi also informed us that teachers had to adjust to the number of learners in a classroom once the amalgamation happened, they went from 18 learners to about 30 in each class. Yet they took all of the changes in stride and still focused on the reason they were there (the learners).

## Challenges and Triumphs

The teachers recalled the school's resilience in the face of adversity. During the fasting month, Highveld faced vandalism, resulting in burned-down classes (one of which was madam Vadi's) and destroyed student belongings. Despite these challenges, the school persevered.

In the 1980s, Highveld was a pioneer in accepting non-Indian children, thanks to Mr. Ranchod's efforts. The school also navigated economic difficulties, prompting teachers to find innovative ways to raise funds for students.

## Dedicated Teachers

Highveld and Flamingo's teachers were renowned for their dedication and commitment to students. They were all-rounders, addressing socio-economic issues and supporting students in need. Teachers were drawn to the school because of its exceptional support for underprivileged learners. Teachers employed innovative methods, such as special classes and prep work, to engage students.

## Memories from Educators

A few interviews we did with our current educators:

Madam Mia's remarkable 30-year tenure at Flamingo school began in 1995 under the leadership of Principals Mr. Seedat and later Mr. Kalichuran. The school had a unique recruitment process and a predominantly Indian student population. During her early years, Fridays featured art periods with a lighter curriculum focus.

Significant milestones include the 2003 merger with Lenz Public Primary School and her promotion to HOD in 2015. Madam Mia navigated various educational frameworks, including OBE, NCS, RNCS, and CAPS. The school achieved Olympic success with Mr. Sukha in 2004.

After Mr. Saleh's passing, the sports department faced challenges. However, educators like Mr. McLaren and Madam Beg revitalized sports programs, leading to growth and success.

Despite increased workload and paperwork, Madam Mia's passion for teaching and her students kept her dedicated to Flamingo. She finds joy in their growth, participates in the mini cricket team, and takes pride in developing teachers as an HOD. After 30 years, she reflects that time has flown by, and she wouldn't change a thing about her fulfilling career. Flamingo has truly become her second home and is her heart!

Madam S.M. Frank's journey at Flamingo began in 1995 under Principal Mr. Seedat. She shares a personal connection to the school, having attended Highveld Primary herself, and her brother was also a pupil there. Feeling comfortable and being part of the community kept her rooted.

Madam Frank has primarily taught English, but venturing into science was a highlight. Notably, she taught alongside her former educators, which she considers an accomplishment. With teaching in her bloodline, she's passionate about her work.

She finds joy in teaching younger kids due to their warmth and innocence. Many current staff members were her students, and she takes pride in their growth. Madam Frank acknowledges Flamingo's significant role in serving and educating the community,

producing professionals, and inspiring many girls to pursue teaching careers. Despite adjustments in class sizes, her dedication and love for teaching remain unwavering.

Madam K.B. Choonara and Madam F. Docrat beautifully capture the essence of their experience at Flamingo, describing it as "home" and a "family." This sentiment reflects the strong bonds and sense of community they've developed over the years, making Flamingo more than just a workplace, but a nurturing environment where they feel valued and connected.

## Notable Achievements

Both Highveld Primary School and Flamingo Primary has a proud legacy of producing accomplished alumni.

## Competitions and Awards

Highveld students excelled in various competitions, including speech contests, newspaper quizzes, and book quizzes, reaching national levels.

The memories of Highveld and Flamingo Primary School serve as a testament to the unwavering dedication and perseverance of the teachers, students, and community.

Our students consistently excel in various subjects, with a strong focus on literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking. We offer a range of academic programs and activities to challenge and engage our students

## More about Flamingo

At Flamingo Primary School, we're committed to creating a vibrant learning community that fosters academic excellence, creativity, and personal growth. Our passionate educators and supportive environment empower students to reach their full potential, becoming confident, curious, and compassionate individuals.

Our mission is to provide a nurturing and inclusive space where students can explore their interests, develop their talents, and build strong foundations for future success. We strive for excellence in all aspects of school life, guided by our core values that shape our approach to education and student development.

## Mission

- \* To strive for excellence in the curricular and co-curricular by developing each child to his or her true potential.
- \* Provide opportunities for learners, educators and parents alike to overcome the constraints of socio-economic circumstances.
- \* To generate confidence and self-esteem among pupils, educators, parents and the broader community.
- \* To promote respect for other people and a willingness to co-exist in harmony.
- \* To instill in our “community” a sense of pride and professionalism.
- \* To instill a sense of discipline.
- \* To make school life pleasant and enjoyable.
- \* To enhance the professional status of educators to such an extent that there will be total dedication and commitment.
- \* To encourage educators to attend workshops which would give them a deeper insight in their learning area and enrich their knowledge and skills.
- \* To develop a large selection of learning material and other effective resources which can be used by educators and learners to enhance learning.
- \* To strive towards upliftment of current facilities and to provide additional facilities, needed to encourage learner participation in various co-curricular activities.

## Vision

- To provide quality education for all learners, which will lead to the upliftment, growth and development of all sectors of the community.
- To develop each learner in a holistic manner so that they realise their full potential. I.e., socially, emotionally and intellectually. This will be achieved through active participation and teamwork with all stakeholders.

## Ethos

**The principal & staff of flamingo primary school, acknowledging *education as a birthright* of all people and mindful of the professionalism implicit in teaching, will seek relentlessly, severally and collegially to:**

- Pursue excellence in curricular and co-curricular spheres by endeavoring to explore every possible means of assisting each child to develop his/ her potential.
- Provide opportunities for pupils to transcend the constrictions of socio-economic circumstances in search for quality education.
- Generate self-esteem among pupils and parents, whilst at the same time promoting a healthy respect for other people and a willingness to co-exist in harmony.

## Our Values

- Respect: Embracing diversity and promoting empathy
- Integrity: Upholding honesty and responsibility
- Creativity: Encouraging innovation and self-expression
- Excellence: Pursuing academic and personal growth

## Extracurricular Activities

Our school offers a diverse range of extracurricular activities to foster students' growth and development. By participating in the Lenasia School sports program and affiliating with the English Teachers' Society, our learners can engage in speech contests, book quizzes, and newspaper quizzes. Additionally, we provide opportunities for students to explore their creativity through music, art, and various clubs.

These activities aim to promote essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and social interaction. By encouraging students to participate in these programs, we strive to shape well-rounded individuals equipped to navigate the complexities of society with confidence and poise.

## Community Involvement

At Flamingo Primary School, we're dedicated to community service and outreach programs, instilling a sense of social responsibility and compassion in our students. We encourage participation in volunteer work, fundraising events, and environmental initiatives, helping students develop empathy and make a positive impact.

By partnering with organizations like Bankservafrica on initiatives such as Mandela Day, we broaden our community engagement efforts. Our goal is to provide a well-rounded education that equips students with the skills, knowledge, and values necessary to thrive in an ever-changing world.



# Photos

## The Flamingo Times

LENASIA 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2024



# CAREER DAY




### ORDER OF EVENTS

- 08:30 Welcome - N. Naidoo (Principal)
- 08:45 Opening Prayer
- 08:50 Saaberie
- 09:00 Advocate
- 09:15 SAPS
- 09:30 Actor
- 09:45 Dancer
- 10:00 Business Owner
- 10:15 Chef
- 10:30 Soldier
- 10:45 DJ
- 11:00 Occupational Therapist
- 11:15 SPECIAL GUEST!! (Singer)
- 11:30 Vote Of Thanks

### I AM CREATING THE LIFE OF MY DREAMS

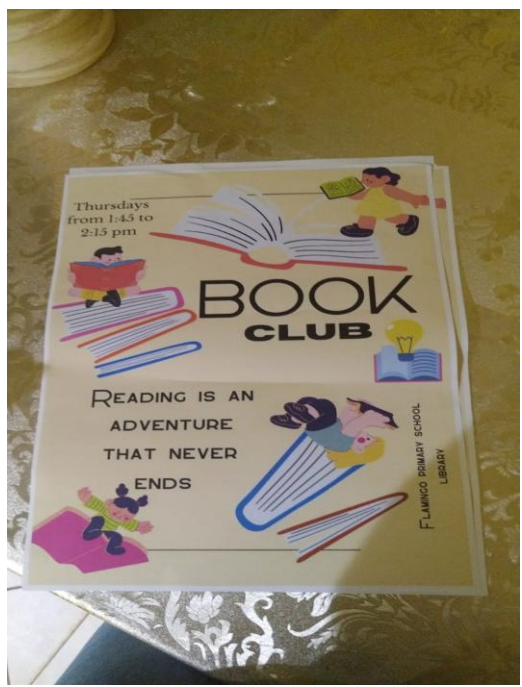
**GRADE 7 CAREER DAY**  
A special thanks to all our guests for making time in your schedules to help motivate and lead our learners. We look forward to seeing who's footprints they follow in. Thank you to our Educators and staff for planning this event.

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO :**

- SAABERIE
- OUR GUESTS
- OUR EDUCATORS & STAFF
- OUR SMT & SGB
- & EVERYONE WHO HELPED
- MAKE THIS DAY A SUCCESS




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Community Service with Bankservafrika for Mandela Day







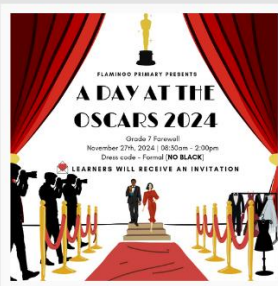














LENASA 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

# CAREER DAY

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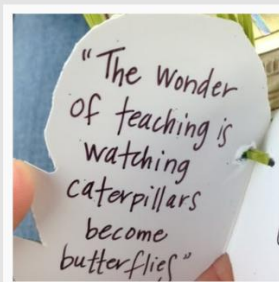
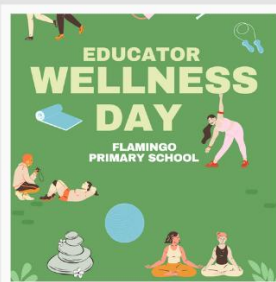
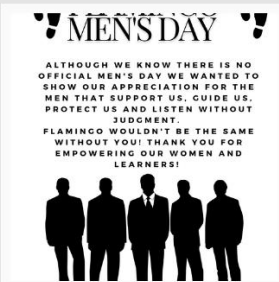
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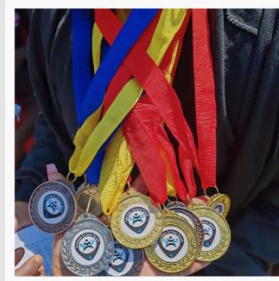
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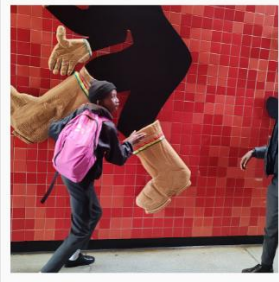




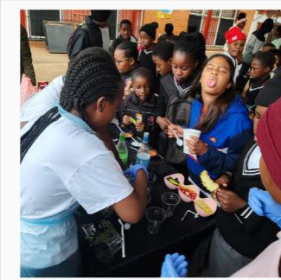


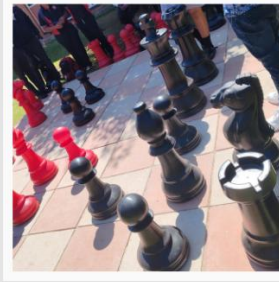








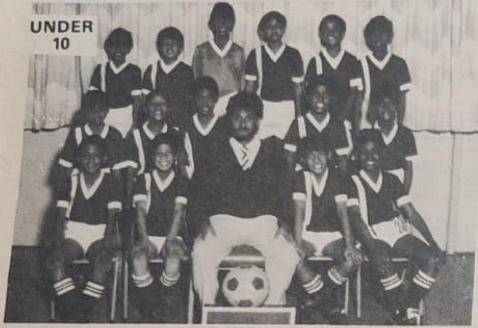




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game Flamingo won convincingly against Apex by a score margin of 22-10.

In the soccer section, Flamingo emerged as victors after a nail-biting shoot out.

Besides achieving this remarkable feat of featuring a team in each final, the school can still boast outstanding performances in previous track records in both academic and sporting fields.

**Triumphant Flamingo**

It was a great moment of triumph for Flamingo Primary School in this year's sporting calendar when the school featured a team in all the finals.

The tournament, organized by the Lenasia Primary Schools sports coordinating council, saw 15 schools competing for the winners Rostrom.

In the netball finals Flamingo Primary featured a team in all three age groups i.e. under 11, under 12 and over 12. The outcome was an exhilarating moment for Flamingo as they tasted the sweetness of victory in all three games. The under 11 game against Pentarosa was a closely contested game with thrills and spills aplenty in favour of Flamingo.



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**F** LAMINGO Primary School celebrated its annual Grade 7 Career Day at the Saaberie Chishty Hall, showcasing a vibrant partnership that enriches the community. This dynamic event is intricately linked with the Economic Management Sciences (EMS) curriculum, designed to expose learners to several career paths, ignite their curiosity, and inspire them to start making career choices.

The day's success was made possible through the tireless efforts of the school's educators and staff. Highlights included learners creatively dressing up as their chosen professions, engaging in interactive sessions with distinguished guest speakers from various fields, and showcasing a palpable enthusiasm for their future careers. Esteemed speakers included Saaberie Chishty Firefighters, Occupational Therapist Saajidah Ismail, DJ Looks, Advocate Jan Langa, Actor and TV Personality Andriane Mazive, motivational speaker Shaun Oliver, SAPS and SANDF representatives, business owner Raez Morgan, Dancer and studio owner Nicole Koeberg, chef Dwayne Kundan from Fusions Foods, and singer-Songwriter Busiswa Gqulu.

In addition to Career Day, the school was thrilled to share several other achievements such, as Grade



**Economic Management Sciences teacher with school learners at career day in their different career attires.**

6 learner Samir Ajodapersad who won the Science Fair at the District level for Johannesburg Central and will represent the school at the Provincial level.

Learners excelled at the Derby Day School of the Year competition in soccer, chess, and cross-country, and also performed admirably in the book quiz. The school is immensely grateful to its staff and school governing body (SGB) for their dedication and commitment, as these successes would not have been possible without their support.

Flamingo Primary was also honoured to host Ontshiametse Thlopane, a Top 5 finalist in Miss South Africa, who inspired students with her presence.

Flamingo Primary School extends profound gratitude to Saaberie Chishty for its unwavering support, the dedicated educators and staff, and Melusi Mellow Simelane for capturing the day's moments with his photography.

"This event would not have been possible without the collective efforts of everyone involved. We look forward to continuing this tradition and empowering our students to explore their future aspirations. Our heartfelt thanks go to our guest speakers for their invaluable wisdom and inspiration, which have undoubtedly left a lasting impact on our students," said a representative from Flamingo Primary School.

## Stars align at Flamingo Primary's Career Day

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## A Few Words From Our Principal

Warm greetings to the entire Lenasia community! As we celebrate 70 incredible years of our beloved city, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all residents, businesses, and institutions that have contributed to its growth and vibrancy.

At Flamingo Primary, we are proud to be part of this remarkable community, shaping young minds and fostering a love for learning. We honor the legacy of our school and the city, acknowledging the tireless efforts of educators, parents, and community leaders who have worked together to make Lenasia a wonderful place to live, learn, and thrive.

Here's to many more years of excellence, innovation, and community spirit! May we continue to build a brighter future for our children and our city.

To our valued staff, learners, parents and community,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your tireless efforts and unwavering support. Your collective contributions have been instrumental in shaping our school into a vibrant and nurturing environment.

To our staff, thank you for your dedication, expertise, and passion for teaching. Your commitment to our learners' growth and well-being is truly commendable. It truly feels like a family.

To our learners, your enthusiasm, curiosity, and kindness inspire us all. I'm proud of the young individuals you're becoming.

To our parents and community, your involvement, encouragement, and trust mean the world to us. Your partnership is invaluable.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such a wonderful team and community.

Thank you again for your hard work, support, and trust.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Natalie Naidoo

Principal

