

WATERKLOOF HOUSE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES 2011

JP = JUNIOR PRIMARY (GRADES 0 – 3)
 SP = SENIOR PRIMARY – GRADES 4 – 7)

TERM 1		
Staff return to school	10 January	
Boarders return to school	11 January	17:00 – 18:00
New Parents' Orientation	11 January	18:30 – 19:30
Boys return to school	12 January	
Jnr Swimming Trials/ Open Cricket Trials	12 January	
Open Swimming Trials / Junior Cricket Trials	13 January	
EXCO Meeting	13 January	16:00
Grade 7 Leadership Weekend	14 – 15 Jan	
Mini cricket (Gr 0 – 2) Parents' Orientation (not for boys)	15 January	08:00 – 09:00
JP Parents - Information Evening (All parents Gr 1 – 3)	17 January	18:00 – 19:00
SP Parents - Information Evening (All parents Gr 4 - 7)	19 January	17:30 – 19:00
WHPS PA Cocktail Party	19 January	19:00 – 21:30
Grade 7 Induction Ceremony (Parents welcome)	21 January	07:40 – 08:30
Class and Individual Photographs by Prestige	21 January	All morning
Old Boys Fun Gala	21 January	17:30 – 20:00
Woodhill Day/Night Gala	23 February	17:00
1 st Family forum/ Class Reps Meeting	25 January	17:30 – 18:30
PA Committee Meeting	26 January	18:30 – 19:30
Council Meeting	27 January	16:30 for 17:00
Founders' Day	02 February	
Staff Family Day	06 February	All day
Klitsgras Workshop (Grades 4 to 7)	07 February	Morning
Grade 7 Study Skills	08 February	
Cake 'n Candy (Grade 7)	08 February	10:30
WHPS Chapel Service (WHT)	09 February	07:45 – 08:30
Grade 6 Study Skills	09 February	
EXCO Meeting	09 February	16:00
Grade 5 Study Skills	10 February	
Grade 4 Study Skills	11 February	
Midmar Mile	11 – 13 Feb	
Grade 6 & 7 Social with St Mary's DSG and other schools	11 February	18:00 – 22:00
Valentine's Day	14 February	Monday
PA Committee Meeting	16 February	18:30 – 19:30
'On Cue Theatre' Pantomime & Supporting Show (Gr 1-7)	17 February	11:30 – 13:00
PA Event – 'Butterflies and Bows' for Moms	18 February	Time TBC
100 Club	18 February	18:00
Grade 2 'Dads and Lads'	21 February	18:00 – 20:00
Family Forum / Class Reps Meeting	22 February	17:30 – 18:30

Grade 4 Drama Production	22 February	18:30 – 20:30
WHPS 1 st Team Cricket Festival (arrival of teams)	24 February	
School closes for Mid Term	24 February	11:30 (JP) 12:00 (SP)
Return to school	01 March	07:40
Midlands cricket tour	02 - 06 March	
A League Team Swimming Gala at Hillcrest	07 March	13:00
Travelling Bookshop at WHPS	08 March	
Chapel Service	09 March	07:45 – 08:30
EXCO Meeting	09 March	16:00
St Alban's Entrance Exam + 'St Alban's Experience' (Optional for Grade 7's)	10- 11 March	18:00
B Team Inter- School Gala at St Mary's DSG	10 March	14:00 – 17:00
Open Day	12 March	09:00 – 12:00
WHPS PA Camp out	12 March	
Athletics Season begins	14 March	
Family Forum speaker (TBC)	16 March	18:30 – 20:30
Grade 4 'Ready Steady Cook'	17 March	18:00 – 20:30
Academic School Day as usual	18 March	
Public Holiday Human Rights Day	21 March	
Water Day	22 March	Tuesday
Bathokwa Week (Seed and Book Collection)	22 – 29 Mar	
Grade 1 Cake 'n Candy	22 March	10:30
St Mary's DSG Maths Evening	23 March	
Council Meeting	24 March	16:30 for 17:00
St Alban's Scholarship Exams	24 – 25 Mar	
Whoop Up	25 March	18:00 – 21:00
Whoop Up	26 March	18:00 – 21:00
PA Committee Meeting	28 March	18:30
Bathokwa Workshop at WHPS	29 March	All morning
Prestige athletics St Stithian's	30 March	
Junior Athletics Day (Compulsory Grades 0 – 3)	02 April	08:30- 11:30
Senior Athletics Day (Compulsory Grades 4 -7)	02 April	12:30 – 16:30
Soccer Season begins	04 April	
JP Parents' Academic Afternoon (By invitation only)	04 – 05 April	14:00 – 17:30
SP Parents' Academic Afternoons	04 – 06 April	14:00 – 18:00
Grade 2 Play	05 April	18:00 – 19:00
Chapel Service (WHT)	06 April	07:45
Easter Service (WHT) (Compulsory for Grades 4 – 7)	06 April	18:30
JP and SP Excursion Day	07 April	All morning
School closes – normal day	07 April	Usual time
Staff In Service Training	08 April	08:00 – 12:00
Staff Lunch	08 April	12:30
Earth Day	22 April	Friday

TERM 2		
Staff return	02 May	08:00
Boys return. Extra Murals begin.	03 May	
Northerns U12 Hockey Trials	03 – 04 May	
Chapel	04 May	07:45 – 08:30
EXCO Meeting	04 May	16:00
Staff Development	06 May	14:00 – 17:00
Soccer Tour to Nelspruit for all Open teams	06 – 08 May	
Mini Soccer Parents Information Session Grades 0 – 2 (ie not for boys)	07 May	07:30
Northerns U13 Hockey Trials	07 May	08:00
Mothers' Day	08 May	Sunday
Eco Ed Day	11 May	
Grade 6 Dads and lads	12 May	18:00 – 19:00
Grandparents Day (Grades 0 to 7)	13 May	10:00
Grade 6 Cake 'n Candy	17 May	10:30
Grade 6 & 7 Social with St Mary's DSG and other schools	20 May	18:00 – 22:00
PA Committee Meeting	25 May	18:30 – 19:30
Pretoria Eisteddfod	16 - 27 May	
Pre-Prep Grandparents' Day	27 May	09:00 – 12:00
Bathokwa Week 30/05 – 03/06 (Old sports equipment & jersey collection)	30 May	
Family Forum/ Class Reps Meeting	31 May	17:30
Chapel Service (WHT)	01 June	07:45
WHPS and Bathokwa Sports Day at Bathokwa	02 June	Morning
Pretoria Eisteddfod Prize Giving Ceremony	03 June	18:30
Old Boys' Soccer Day	05 June	
World Environment Day	05 June	Sunday
Grade 3 Play	07 June	18:00 – 19:00
EXCO Meeting	08 June	16:00
RSM Theory Exams	08 June	14:00 – 16:00
Family Forum Guest Speaker	08 June	18:30 – 20:30
SP Poetry Festival	09 June	Morning
Grade 4 -7 Academic Assessments (14 – 22 June)	14 June	
Grade 2 Cake 'n Candy	14 June	10:30
'Art Alive' Submissions	14 June	
Normal School Day	15 June	
Grade 0 Mini Comrades	15 June	09:00 – 10:30
Public Holiday	16 June	Youth Day
School holiday	17 June	
Fathers' Day	19 June	Sunday
Art Alive Opening	21 June	19:00
Art Alive Exhibition	22 - 25 June	
SP and JP Entrepreneurs' day (Go-carts)	24 June	08:30

Travelling Bookshop at WHPS	27 June	
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JP Literacy week	27 Jun – 01Jul	
Start of Rugby Season	27 June	
JP Poetry Festival	28 June	Morning
Pre-Prep Academic Afternoon	28 June	14:00 – 17:00
Chapel Service (WHT)	28 June	07:45
100 Club	29 June	18:00 – 20:00
Grahamstown Tour	30 June – 04 July	
School close for Half Term	01 July	13:30
Boys return to school	11 July	07:40
EXCO	13 July	16:00
'Parent and Protégé' Evening	15 July	
Grade 5 Cake 'n Candy	19 July	10:30 – 11:00
Christmas in July (PA function)	22 July	18:30
Chapel Service (WHT)	27 July	07:45
PA Committee Meeting	27 July	18:30
Council Meeting	28 July	16:30 for 17:00
Pre-Prep 'Dads and Lads' - Braai and PlayBall	29 July	10:00 – 13:00
Matinée/Soirette	29 July	14:00 – 18:00
JP Parent's Academic Afternoon (By appointment only)	01 August	14:00- 18:00
SP Play	02 August	18:30
SP Play	03 August	18:30
JP Excursion to the Planetarium in Jhb	04 August	Morning
Old Boys Big Walk	05 August	08:30
School closes	05 August	10:00 JP 10:30 SP
Staff Lunch	05 August	12:00
TERM 3		
Secretaries' Day	01 Sept	Thursday
National Arbor Week	01 – 07 Sept	
Staff return	05 Sept	08:00
Boys return	06 Sept	07:40
Extra Mural Programme begins	06 Sept	
Hockey begins	06 Sept	
Pretoria Schools Secretaries' Day Dinner at WHPS	07 Sept	18:00 for 18:30
Grade 1 Entrance Testing	08 Sept	14:00 – 17:00
Grade 5 Dads and lads	08 Sept	18:00 – 19:00
Staff Development	09 Sept	14:00 – 17:00
Old Boys 'Gilbert and Sullivan Evening'	09 Sept	
SAHISA Conference	11 - 14 Sept	
Grade 3 Cake 'n Candy	13 Sept	10:30 – 11:00
Family Forum/ Class Reps meeting	13 Sept	17:30 – 18:30
Chapel Service (WHT)	14 Sept	07:45

EXCO Meeting	14 Sept	16:00
Golf Day	16 Sept	
Deputy Heads' Conference	16 – 17 Sept	
Camp week	20 – 23 Sept	
Grade 0 'Dads and Lads'	27 Sept	18:30
Eco Ed Heritage Day	28 Sept	
PA Committee meeting	28 Sept	18:30 – 19:30
Cricket Season Starts	03 Oct	
Grade 1 Play	04 Oct	18:30
EXCO Meeting	05 Oct	16:00
Old Boys Prawn Braai	08 Oct	18:00
WHPS / Woodhill Combined Concert (at Woodhill)	12 Oct	
SACS Water Polo Tour	13 - 17 Oct	
Bosses' Day	15 Oct	Saturday
RSM Theory exam	15 Oct	TBC
Grade 3 Dads and Lads	17 Oct	18:30 – 20:00
Grade 4 Cake 'n Candy	18 Oct	10:30
Chapel Service	19 Oct	07:45
100 Club	19 Oct	18:00
School closes for Mid Term	20 Oct	11:30 JP 12:00 SP
Boys return to school	25 Oct	07:40
PA Committee meeting	25 Oct	18:30
Family forum speaker	26 Oct	18:00 – 19:00
Pre-Prep Concert	27 Oct	18:00 – 19:00
Grade 6 & 7 Social with St Mary's DSG and other schools	28 Oct	18:00 – 22:00
Numeracy Week 31 October to 04 November	31 Oct	Mornings
WHPS Music Festival	31 Oct	11:00 – 17:30
Bathokwa Week 31 October to 04 November (Stationery Drive)	31 Oct	
Grade 4 – 7 Academic Assessments	02 - 08 Nov	
Junior Maths Trail	04 Nov	Morning
RSM Theory Exams	05 Nov	
Grade 0 Cake 'n Candy (sponsored by Family Forum)	08 Nov	10:30 – 11:30
EXCO Meeting	09 Nov	16:00
PA AGM	09 Nov	18:30 – 19:30
Grade 0 Nativity Play	10 Nov	17:30 – 18:30
Travelling Bookshop at WHPS	10 – 11 Nov	
Memorial Day	11 Nov	11:00
Grades 0 & 1(2012) Orientation	15 Nov	14:00 – 15:00
Class rep breakfast	15 Nov	08:00 – 09:00
Pre-prep orientation	16 Nov	15:00 – 16:00
Council Photo / Meeting and Annual Dinner	17 Nov	16:00 onwards
Grade 7 Dads and lads cricket and leavers lunch	19 Nov	
Senior Gala	22 Nov	10:00 – 13:30
Carol Service (Compulsory for Grades 4 to 7)	22 Nov	18:30
JP Fun Gala	23 Nov	09:00 – 11:00

PA Committee Meeting and Cocktail Function	23 Nov	18:30 – 19:30
Grades 0 to 4 to the Pantomime in Johannesburg	24 Nov	Morning
JP and SP Fun Day (Family Forum)	25 Nov	
Leavers Dinner	25 Nov	18:00 – 22:30
1 st XI vs Old Boys (40 overs)	26 Nov	09:00
SP Prize Giving	29 Nov	18:30 – 21:30
World Aids Day	01 Dec	Thursday
JP Prize Giving. School closes for Juniors after Prize Giving.	01 Dec	09:00 – 10:00
SP Final Assembly and School closes for Seniors	02 Dec	10:30

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS:

CHRISTIAN:

Ash Wednesday	09 March	Easter Sunday	24 April
Palm Sunday	17 April	Easter Monday	25 April
Good Friday	22 April	Ascension Day	02 June
		Christmas Day	25 December

MUSLIM:

Birth of Prophet	16 February	Eid-ul-Fitr (Fasting ends)	31 August
Laylatul Mérâj Eve (Ascension to Heaven)	29 June	Day of Jajj (Pilgrimage to Mecca)	05 November
Laylatul Barâ (Night of Emancipation)	17 July	Eid-ul-Adha (Day of Sacrifice)	06 November
Start of Ramadhân (Fasting)	01 August	Muharram (New Year)	27 November
		Day of Âshurah (10th Day)	06 December

JEWISH:

Purim	20 March	1st Day Rosh Hashanah (New Year)	29 September
1st Day of Pesach (Passover)	19 April	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	08 October
1st Day of Shavuot (Pentecost)	07 June	Chanukah (Festival of Lights)	21 – 28 December

HINDU:

Makar Sakranti	14 January	Krishna Janmashtami	22 August
Vasant Panchami	08 February	Ganesh Chaturthi	01 September
Maha Shivaratri	03 March	Start of Pitr-paksha	13 September
Start of Holi (Spring Festival)	19 March	Start of Navaratri (Autumn)	28 September
Start of Ramayana (New Year)	04 April	Vijay Dashami (Dasera)	06 October
Rama Navami	12 April	Deepavali (Diwali)	26 October
Hanuman Jayanti	18 April	Vikram new Year 2068	27 October
Raksha Bandhan	13 August		