



EPWORTHIAN NEWSLETTER

From the Epworthian President, Nadia Bhayat

My Epworthian Tribe

There's something powerful about walking into a space that holds memories...

Not just the kind of memories that live in photographs or trophies — but the kind that live in people. In the stories and the invisible threads that connect one generation of girls to the next.

Friendships forged at Epworth often last forever — your tribe, who see you. Epworth is where we learnt not just how to succeed, but how to fall gloriously, and more importantly, how to get back up — to lead, to care, to be kind, and to be brave, especially when bravery feels impossible.

It is these moments, not so much the big ones, but the small, quiet ones that I like to call “magical moments.” Not because they are perfect, but because they are real and that is what shapes us as Epworthians.

And here's the thing about magical moments: they don't disappear. They become part of our story — woven into our DNA. And when we come back—when we reconnect—we realise those moments were never just ours. They were always part of something bigger.

Epworth holds the laughter in corridors, the nerves before exams, the triumphs on fields and stages, the conversations that changed someone's life. It also holds the legacy of women who walked these corridors before, each leaving behind something—sometimes visible, often not.

Thank you to those who joined us from across the globe to celebrate these connections on Epworthian weekend, at Burgers and Bubbles in Mount Edgecombe and those we hope to see in Cape Town in November.

Remember to keep your contact details updated and share your stories with us.

Thank you for being you!

Our 2026 goals are clear:

❤️ Fundraising for the Epworthian Bursary Fund

Donate a Coffee. Change a Future.

Talent is universal. Opportunity is not.

Every day, young women with extraordinary potential dream of making a difference in the world. What often determines whether those dreams are realised is not ability, but opportunity.

As Epworthians, we understand the life-changing impact of an Epworth education. Today, we invite you to help create that same opportunity for the daughters, grand-daughters and great grand-daughters of our Epworthian friends and family who follow in our footsteps.

By donating the value of just one coffee a month (R50) to the Epworthian Bursary Fund, you become part of the Donate a Coffee movement — a community of alumni investing in the future leaders of South Africa.

One coffee may seem small, but together our contributions can open doors, transform lives, and create opportunities where they are needed most.

One coffee. One contribution. One community. Thousands of futures.

Click here: - [Donate a Coffee. Change a Future.](#) to help us make a difference.



ONE COFFEE.

ONE OPPORTUNITY.

Skip one coffee a month and help a young woman
access an Epworth education

INVEST TODAY.

TRANSFORM TOMORROW.



 = R50
Swop a coffee a month for an
opportunity.

♥♥ Expanding our E-Connect platform

Writer and researcher Jen Smout (Thorpe, class of 2002) was the host of our second term E-Connect, a creative writing workshop with the Grade 12 class of 2026.

The following feedback from the pupils speaks to the connect:

"The workshop was very enjoyable, insightful, and interesting; I appreciated the selection of different aspects, that allowed more creativity and helped us think out the box; I especially admired the way she was so passionate about what she was talking about, which helped give us motivation to be more creative."

If you are open to hosting an E-Connect, please reach out to the office at epworthians@epworth.co.za.

♥♥ Growing networking events nationally and internationally

Epworthian Day 2026

On 8 and 9 May, Epworthians returned to campus for a weekend of reconnection and recollections.

Highlights included the opening of the new museum, the unveiling of the Epworth Rose Project plaque by Sally Earl (Bairstow, class of 1971), and a commemorative tree planting by Renée Alcock (Storm, class of 1973) in recognition of her years of service to the Epworthians.

At the chapel service, the inaugural Umthelela Award was presented, and the Grade 12 girls received their shell necklaces before running through the arch formed by the Epworthians. Sport, campus tours, and a shared lunch completed the weekend.

A special thank you to everyone who returned to celebrate their milestone reunions in 2026, travelling from near and far. We look forward to welcoming our 2027 milestone years back to campus as they celebrate their decade and half-decade reunions. And remember, whether it is a milestone year or not, all Epworthians are always welcome

Save the date for the 2027 Epworthian Weekend – Friday, 7 and Saturday, 8 May 2027.



Umthelela Award Winner 2026

Our Inaugural Umthelela Award winner, Janine Wood (Roberts, class of 1987), accepted her award via a pre-recorded video. The award is in recognition of her role in the formation of the No Limits charity in Perth, an organisation that touches the lives of so many homeless Australians by finding them shelter, as well as furnishing hundreds of homes for people to live in. Click on the link: - [Umthelela Award 2026.JanineWoods](#) to view Janine's acceptance presentation and learn more about this incredible charity.

On Epworthian Day, Janine reconnected with friends in Scarborough beach.

(L-R) Jill Hutchinson (Kean, class of 1987), Donna Gibson (Newey, class of 1986) and Janine.



Mount Edgecombe Burgers and Bubbles

On 18 June, we took Burgers and Bubbles on the road to Mount Edgecombe. It was an opportunity to catch up with familiar faces, share good food, great company, friendship, and fun. A special thank you to Jacqui Terblanche (Hampson, class of 1993) for championing this evening, and to everyone who joined us and helped make the evening so special.



Regional Champions

Are you passionate about staying connected to Epworth and helping others do the same? We're looking for a group of enthusiastic Epworthians to help keep the Epworth spirit alive in their region, wherever in the world life has taken them.

As a Regional Champion, you'll help bring past pupils together, meet fellow Epworthians, expand your personal and professional network, and support the next generation of pupils as they begin their own post-Epworth journey.

Whether you have a little time or a lot, your involvement can make a real difference. We look forward to hearing from you.

Contact Jan at epworthians@epworth.co.za

A time to celebrate - Congratulations!



Yasmin De Meyer (class of 2020) - BA Marketing

Congratulations to Yasmin, a student tennis player at Shippensburg University in the United States, who earned her BA in Marketing and received her first Academic All-District honour, recognising excellence both on the tennis court and in the classroom. She is currently pursuing her MBA while continuing to excel as a student-athlete. (*Yasmin is on the right in the photograph.*)

A new surname, a new adventure...

As you begin this chapter together, we wish you countless special moments.



Phumla Mokgele (Thango, class of 2007)



Sarah Robinson (Beath, class of 2013)

School News

Becoming an Epworthian is a journey that begins in Grade 8, grows through shared milestones and traditions, and remains long beyond matric.

Class of 2025 Matric Results tea

During the first week of the first term, we paid tribute to the class of 2025 on their outstanding Senior Certificate results. We celebrated their success in true Epworth style – tea with an array of sumptuous eats!



Grade 8s inducted into Epworth

The second term started with the Grade 8 Induction Service, which marked the official signing-in of our Grade 8 girls after their first term at Epworth. This rite of passage was initiated last year and will culminate when the girls celebrate their final communion in Grade 12. Each girl received a candle, symbolising our school hymn, *O Joyful Light*, and the light of God carried in every Epworth heart.



New School Communications App

To improve and streamline communication, Epworth has changed the primary communication platform from Ed-admin MP to a customised MyAppZone communication app. A shared account has been implemented for all Epworthians — [click here for the installation guide.](#)

Once you have downloaded the app, you will have access to the latest school news at the touch of a button. Please feel free to contact us at support@epworth.co.za if you experience any issues or have any concerns or queries.

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