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**PLAY ALONG - CAN YOU FIND ALL OF THESE WORDS?**

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TERM 3

# SHOULD RELIGION AND POLITICS BE MIXED?

By Azola Mhlana

According to [www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com), secularism can be defined as a system of political or social philosophy that rejects all forms of religious faith and worship. It can be argued that secularism can be implemented to ensure that all perspectives on belief and non-belief can be expressed freely, in public and to ensure that the state remains a neutral factor and promotes no beliefs at all.

However, according to the Bill of Rights, everyone has the right to freedom of conscience, religion, thought, belief and opinion. One may argue that mixing religion and politics is like mixing oil with water, especially in a country

that allows freedom of a variety of religions. It can be argued that if religion and politics were to mix, it would be chaotic as there are religions with different beliefs and practices. Where would it start? How would it work? What are the chances of mixing politics and religion leading to a civil war? It can be concluded that not everyone would be happy, not everyone would be at peace.

But, without God, or a larger entity, we are nothing. Without the guidance of a larger being, we are lost. As Rick Warren once said, "I believe in the separation of church and state, but I do not believe in the separation of politics from religion". The church and the state should not be mixed because of how some people do

bad things in the name of the church.

"Power corrupts. If the Church is given too much power, it will become corrupted. So, to keep the teachings of Christ, we must make sure that it can never have temporal power. Religion has its place and politics has its own. These two should not be mixed together or the result would be catastrophic" - Ali Sina.



## HOW TO STUDY FOR EXAMS

by Olerato Xipu

It's always a great idea to study for your exams beforehand so that you have time to revise and revisit whatever your teachers have taught you. **STUDYING THE DAY BEFORE YOUR EXAM IS NOT ADVISABLE AT ALL.** Revision and

studying using past papers are also great factors that can help you with remembering when you are studying.

Give yourself the best chance with these top ten study tips, and try not to let the stress get to you!

Remember: **YOU'VE GOT THIS.**

1. Give yourself enough time to study
2. Organise your study space
3. Use flow charts and diagrams
4. Practise on old exams and test papers

5. Explain your answers to others
6. Organise a study group with friends
7. Take regular breaks (approximately 15-20 minutes)
8. Snack on brain food
9. Plan your exam day
10. Drink plenty of water

Last but definitely not least...  
**GOOD LUCK!**

SOURCE: <https://www.topuniversities.com>

# SOCCER AND HOW IT STARTED

“Soccer this, soccer that. But where did it all begin?”

by Pholoso Rasetlola

Soccer is a form of football played by two teams of eleven players, with a round ball which may be handled during play, except by goalkeepers. (source: google – definition from oxford languages). The word soccer originated from the use of the phrase “association football” in Britain about 200 years ago. (source - <https://en.m.wikipedia.org>)

Soccer is a sport that is played on an open field and the main aim is to get the ball into the opposing teams goal-post, by kicking or hitting the ball with any part of your body, except the hands. This sport was first invented in England in 1863, who also refer to it as ‘football’.

The first soccer team to exist was the ‘Sheffield Football Club’, which started in 1857. It is clear that soccer has developed greatly from when it first started, because to date, there are 207 soccer teams world wide.

Soccer can be played by both genders as well. Although, women also started playing soccer the same time as men, men were the main players of the game



and men’s soccer became more famous and well known. Womens soccer only started getting more recognition during the 1990’s. (source - <https://grasshoppersoccer.com.au>).

In today’s world, soccer has the ability to break down racial, social and cultural barriers, as it unites, educates and con-

nects people of all groups. Soccer also provides a good self esteem and can build good and healthy relationships and friendships amongst individuals. It can also allow creativity and freedom for our youth, as individuals tend to feel happier and more relaxed while playing soccer.

## ADVICE CORNER

by Olerato Xipu

### HOW TO DEAL WITH BULLYING

Bullying is not a nice thing to experience and nobody should have to go through that whether young or old. It may cause depression or may even lead to suicidal thoughts because of how they are treated and the feeling of not being wanted.

Unfortunately, bullying also makes you stop wanting to go out because you are scared you might see the person bullying you.

**BULLYING IS UNACCEPTABLE** and these are the ways you can be bullied:

1. People calling you names
2. Making things up to get you into trouble
3. Hitting, pinching, biting, pushing and shoving
4. Taking things away from you
5. Damaging your belongings
6. Stealing your money

7. Taking your friends away from you
8. Spreading rumours
9. Threats and intimidation

If a person is doing one of the above listed then you have to tell a person and not keep it to yourself because bullying cannot be dealt with alone

If you are or happen to be a bully then ask yourself these questions:

1. What made me start bullying?
2. Why do I pick on people?
3. How does it make me feel when I am bullying somebody?
4. If I want to, how do you stop?

If you are uncertain about what happens after you stop bullying, then speak to someone, a parent, a friend, a teacher, someone you trust that can help you.

**REMEMBER:** This behaviour is **UNACCEPTABLE** but everyone is entitled to a **SECOND CHANCE**

SOURCE: <https://www.childinesa.org.za>

## ASK XPS?

WHERE WE, GET YOU, INVOLVED!

by Phetogo Mokwene

A survey was conducted on the 6th of July 2021 (using google forms) to get the views and the opinions of fellow Xanadu Private School learners. 40 learners responded in total and here is some feedback.

Time for you to bring out last term’s newspaper! Remember all the views and opinions you gave out last term? Well do I have some feed back for you. Your questions and suggestions were seen by the heads and are still being reviewed. All I can say is that wanting longer breaks? Sports period for grade 10-12? 3-minute bell turned to 5-minute bell? All these means having to stay at school for longer. Your voice, your choice and we’d like to hear more from you! More information and new survey for next term! Stay Safe God Bless

# CULTURE

## THE SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

by Omolemo Hlahane

On the weekend of 10 September, both our Drama Club and the Rising Star club were performing at the Shakespeare Schools Festival which was based in Joburg Theatre with Kidz Haven, a local orphanage. Both schools performed plays written by William Shakespeare. The XPS drama club performed Comedy of Errors and their cast was as follows: Antipholus of Syracuse - Omolemo Hlahane, Antipholus of Ephesus - Phetogo Mokwene, Dromio of Syracuse - Rego Masala, Dromio of Ephesus - Tebogo Rammole, Adriana - Phetogo Mokwene,

Narrators - Nthabiseng Tambani and Boitumelo Leballo, Merchant - Tebogo Rammole, Angelo the jeweler - Nthabiseng Tambani, Girl - Boitumelo Leballo. The Production team included Pholoso Rasetlotla, Oratile Juma, Tlotlang Malekana all being managed by the stage manager Olerato Xipu.

Their play was about two set of twins who are separated from a birth and when they were in the same place, they were mistaken for each other. They end up being reunited after much confusion.

The Rising Star Club performed Taming of the Shrew which was about a bitter and mean woman who was nick-



named "The Shrew" getting married to a man, whose intentions are ill, yet he manages to turn a mean woman into a very respectful lady. This shows stars our very own Thando Akinbodunse as Katerina.

Production for both plays was led by the same people: Molemo Magagula as well as Orefile Mokoma. We commend them very much on the hard work they did managing lights and sound for two different plays altogether.

All in all, the performances were a huge success as the seats were packed and crowds were laughing and groaning when needed to. After interviewing a cast member who said "Honestly, the feeling was surreal, it felt like I was on Broadway... minus the signing" and a crowd member said "For such young children these children have talent, hope to see them on the next big thing on TV"

With that being said, congratulations to all our drama cast members. You worked hard and your hard work paid off. Keep it up!



# WHERE IT IS AT!

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

by Boitumelo Leballo

The fourth term has kicked in and the events of our school start!! This term brings an amount of educational, fun and awesome events for our fellow pupils.

It is time to switch your 'research button' on and get ready for our internal science expo. The Internal Science Expo is an educational and fun event that is done by the Grade 9 - 11 science stu-

dents, where the students get to present and show off science projects that were done by themselves. It is run by Ms Lisa Seymour and Mr Wilson Mangena, and it is held in the first week of the fourth term.

Put on your thinking caps because the final examinations for the Grade 4 - 12 learners are around the corner. This is the time when we should study hard and work hard to obtain good results. It will take place from the 15th of Novem-

ber to the 3rd of December (Grade 4 - 11) and from the 20th of October to the 24th of November (Grade 12's).

Another event coming up is the crowning evening. This is an event where learners (Grade RRR - 11) receive prizes and certificates for their hard work and achievements throughout the year. As the year concludes, the more exciting it gets. Class parties are held by students of each class and their educators, and this is the time where we say our final goodbyes and have a jolly good time. Let's make this term a memorable one!

# XPS HIGHLIGHTS

by Thando Akinbodunse

## 24 AUGUST - PRINCIPAL'S TEA

The matriculants of our school spent a little quality time with our principal to receive their invitations to the Matric Farewell.



## 26 AUGUST - OATS AND MILK DONATION

XPS fulfilled its duty as a Christian school by collecting oats and milk for a community outreach to support Ennis Thabong School, which also encouraged children to give more than they receive.



## 1 SEPTEMBER - SPRING DAY

Celebrating the start of spring - students of XPS were allowed to wear any outfit that complimented the season, Spring. They got to wear the brightest colour outfits in their closets to school! In order to raise enough funds for the matric farewell at the end of the year.

## 1 SEPTEMBER - LITTLE SEEDLINGS WORKOUT SESSION WITH TEACHER ELANDRI

The pre-school teachers decided to

do something fun for the pre-school parents by having a workout session for them, hosted by teacher Elandri on the school field, which turned out to be extremely fun for the parents.

## 3 SEPTEMBER - DOXA DEO BLESSING OUR TEACHERS

Doxa Deo blessed our teachers with little goodie bags for their hard work and dedication towards school which was a very generous thing to do. Our teachers felt appreciated and loved on that day.

## 1 SEPTEMBER - SECRETARY DAY

XPS Admins together with Doxa Deo celebrated Secretary Day at The Clay Cafe. Creativity flowed while the ladies sipped on cappuccinos and shared "office secrets".



## 10 SEPTEMBER - RISING STAR AND SHAKESPEARE SCHOOL FESTIVAL

Rising Star (extra mural drama group) joined by the school, XPS, had a chance to perform Shakespearean drama to showcase their talents at Joburg theatre. The students got a chance to express themselves and learn more about drama.



"Believe you can and your already half way there "- anonymous. The events held this term taught students that giving is worth it because it's the thought that counts. It always give students the opportunity to practice their values by doing something good

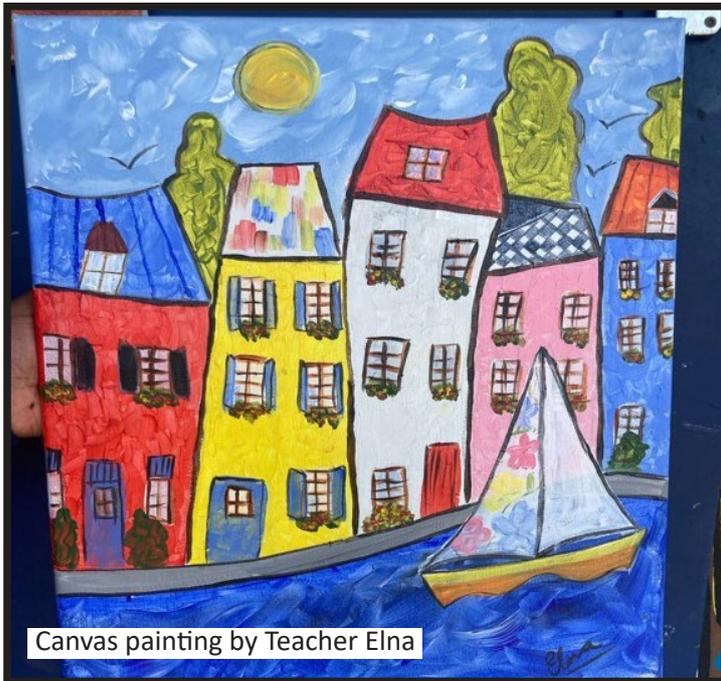
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# ART XPS

## EXPLORING THE CREATIVES AND THE CREATIVITY OF OUR SCHOOL

by Phetogo Mokwene

Art is the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination. Let's explore the art that has been taking place in teacher Elna's wonderful art class.



Canvas painting by Teacher Elna



Grade 2 - Bird Paintings

## BIBLE STUDY - THE BOOK OF JOB

by Omolemo Hlahane

The book of Job tells us about a man who had everything and was very devoted to God and stayed loyal to him. After the devil accuses God of bribing Job to worship him and the devil challenges God to strip away everything he has to see if Job will still remain devoted to Him.

God does this because HE TRUSTS JOB. Job loses everything starting from his riches to his livestock and eventually even his children. His friends and his wife constantly tell Job to "curse God" but because of Job's devotion and dedication to God, Job remained faithful. Even when he was left to deal with the painfulness of the devil's hand, he remained true to God.

For this, God rewarded Job with more riches and livestock than he had before. He even has more children again who were fruitful and multiplied.

What the book of Job teaches is that in everything remember God and His goodness to you in order to live fruitfully in the end. Job also teaches patience which is one of the fruits of the spirit.

Job was patient with God and waiting on His time. And last but not least, the book of Job shows that GOD TRUSTS YOU. He puts you in situations he knows you'll get out of. He puts you in circumstances he knows you'll overcome.

God trusts you.

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# REVIEW: THE CRUST

by Nthabiseng Tambani

The crust is a newly opened local fast-food restaurant which mainly focuses on the kasi signature meal “spatula” also known as “kota.” A “kota” is an approximation of the word “quarter”, for the quarter of the loaf of bread that is the base of the sandwich. The bread is hollowed out, filled first with a layer of seasoned French fries, then topped with optional layers of sauces, cheese, meat etc....” according to forbes.com.

It is a great meal for families whom are looking for a chilled, fast, yet filling meal.

The Crust is located on 133 Scott Street, Schoemansville, Hartbeespoort. In my experience I would call it “a private school spathlo” as it exceeds a normal spatula’s expectation. It includes ingredients that you would not really find in a regular, kasi spathlo.

Definitely a must try.

## LEARNING SPANISH

by Nthabiseng Tambani

So far, we have learnt greeting in Spanish. Now let’s try something new!!!

### DAYS OF THE WEEK

- lunes (loo-nays) - Monday
- martes (mar-tays) - Tuesday
- miércols (mee-air-coh-lays) - Wednesday
- jueves (hway-bays) - Thursday
- viernes (bee-air-nays) - Friday
- sábado (sah-bah-doh) - Saturday
- domingo (doh-ming-oh) - Sunday

Fun fact: the days of the week are not capitalised in Spanish

## INFO ABOUT SCHOOL CLUBS AND EXTRAMURALS

by Olerato Xipu

There are many clubs at XPS for anyone to enter and be a part of. Its very

easy joining the clubs that are available.

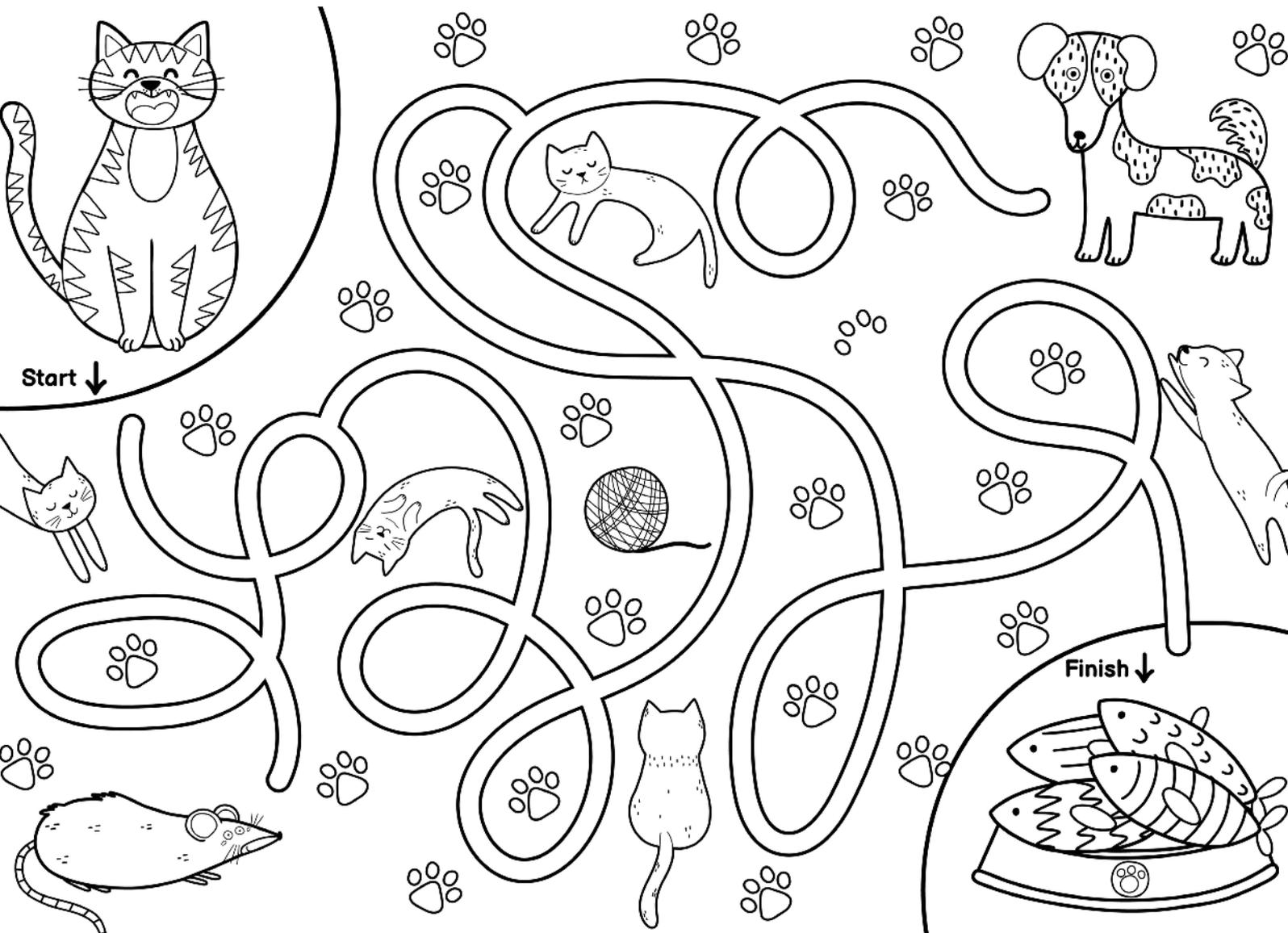
Talking to teachers about your interests in joining these clubs is important and you also gain more information about them when having this talk.

### CLUBS AVAILABLE AT XPS AND WHOM TO TALK TO ABOUT THEM:

- NEWSPAPER CLUB  
Teacher Riana Kruger
- FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE  
Teacher Andrea Nel
- ECO SCHOOL  
Ask your register teacher about joining
- SCIENCE CLUB  
Mr. Mangena and Teacher Lisa Seymour

### EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES/CLUBS (MORE INFORMATION AT THE XPS OFFICE):

- CASS SEHLOHO KARATE
- BALLET
- LITTLE LAB COATS
- ROBOTICS
- MUSIC LESSONS
- RISING STAR ACADEMY
- R SKILLS AND DEVELOPMENT
- MONKEYNASTIX



# XPS AWARDS

TERM 3 by Azola Mhlana

## HIP HOP AT D.A.N.C.E INTERNATIONAL

Zoey Venter a Grade 5 pupil from XPS won Gold for Hip Hop dancing at D.A.N.C.E International. Congratulations on your achievement. We are very proud of you.

### OUR GR 11 LEADERS



Omolemo Hlhahane



Karabo Mtileni



Molemo Magagula



Olerato Xipu



Azola Mhlana

### XPS GR 1 LEARNER

Rewards for completing Oxford Reader Level 1 - Lolipop and sticker bookmark.

Rewards for completing Oxford Reader Level 2 - Colour my "Book Selvie" chart & Popcorn.



### GR 7 HEADBOY AND HEADGIRL



Motsweledi Mokwene



Tsholofelo Setshedi

Please submit photos and awards to Teacher Riana Kruger for the next XPress News Edition.



# BIBLE TOPIC: LUKEWARM CHRISTIAN

by Omolemo Hlahane

During praise and worship this term, a high school learner (who requested to remain anonymous at this point) was sharing on being a lukewarm Christian.

She defined a lukewarm Christian as “someone who claims to be a follower of Jesus but lives as though they are sufficient in themselves and don’t need Him”. She continued by quoting Francis Chen who said “Lukewarm Christians don’t really want to be saved from their sins but from the consequences of their sins.”

**She identified signs that you’re a lukewarm Christian as follows:**

- Ignorance of teachings and convictions
- Constantly trying to find a middle ground between righteousness and worldliness
- Wanting God to conform to the will of people and not wanting people to conform to the will of people.

**Ways to not be a lukewarm Christian:**

- Acknowledging a need for Jesus
- Choosing Jesus over and over
- Prioritizing choices that protect and honour your relationship with

Him.

**Throughout the sharing she opened the following scriptures:**

- Revelation 3:15-16
- Matthew 6:33
- James 4:4
- Romans 10:9
- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23

The message behind it was to see that lukewarm Christianity is detestable to God. You are either with Him or against Him. There is no in between.

## DEAR XPS

### ANONYMOUS SECTION

by Pholoso Rasetlola

Earlier on this week, I visited the Grade 1A classroom and asked the learners to write something for the anonymous section and this is what they had to say:

**Anonymous Learner 1:**

“I love my frens. They are swit and kind and I love them. Their names is Rem and Boka and Roewa. I was bon in the 9 of january.”

**Anonymous Learner 2:**

“Xanadu private news. Our news is

our views. Dear pepele. I have a teacher who is very kind to me and the class. And I have a lot of teachers who love evreone in this school! I have a prinsibal who likes me so much and also he likes the other childrin!”

**Anonymous Learner 3:**

“ek is lev ver de skol en ek is lev ver Ronewa”

**Anonymous Learner 4:**

“I love my teacher  
I love my books  
I love Aquila and Boka  
I love Xanadu  
Jesus loves me  
My birthday is on 21 January

Boka is Birthday is on February  
We love to read!  
and we read and for Xanadu.”

**Anonymous Learner 5:**

“I love my friend she is Rorisang and I have a nather friend He name: George and I have a mammy is love for.”

We did not correct the spelling as these are the words of our XPS Gr 1 class.

## WRITERS CLUBS

### YOUR THOUGHTS ON PAPER!

by Phetogo Mokwene

For this term some of our teachers were asked what quotes, sayings or daily motivations they live by and here’s what we got!

**Mr Dawie**

“Stand straight with your shoulders back”

**Teacher Andrea**

“Be who God created you to be”

**Ms Sidubi**

“Glory be to God”

**Mr Nicky**

“Voluit” meaning live life to the fullest or towards God in training and development.

## FIND THE WORDS!

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