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Dear Parents

## SCHOOL CALENDAR – KEEPING UP TO DATE

An overview of the important dates for 2025 is attached ('Key Dates'). Please note that the **official school calendar is online** and changes to dates will be indicated there and not through emails. To **stay up to date** with the school calendar please **add the following calendar** to your current digital calendar.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Link your calendar - stay up-to-date.** Clicking on the link below will access a .ics file and you will

- either be asked whether you want to add the calendar (if you already have Outlook open on your device), or
- you will be asked to save the .ics file to your device (in which case you need to open your calendar app and choose to add the calendar by loading the saved .ics file).
- The process is a little different for every device, so we can't give you a 'one-stop' guide. Please follow any on-screen instructions that come up on your device.
- If you choose to copy and paste the link to your favourite browser instead of simply clicking on the link (or if your device settings do not allow clicking on the link), please copy and paste the **entire** link into your browser. Note that we have found Apple devices automatically replacing the '/' symbols with '%20%' which 'breaks' the link. Edit the pasted link in your browser to restore the '/' symbols and it should work.

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/673ca3cfbd464fbb976fd08dd263669a@hmbschool.co.za/acf66525a6e84ee7ab600d826ad88e9311318188990936178969/calendar.ics>

We look forward to an amazing and productive 2025 with you and your child(ren).

Yours sincerely

Lothar Witthöft  
Head of School

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# Hermannsburg School Dates for 2025 – Hermannsburger Schultermine für 2025

Please note that even dates not marked 'TBC' may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

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SCHOOL TERMS / SCHULQUARTALE			
Term / Quartal	Anreisetag : Boarders return to Boarding Establishment (BE) on	Schulanfang : School starts on (1 <sup>st</sup> school day)	Schulschluss : School ends on (last school day)
First term / Erstes Quartal	Sunday, 12 January (by 09:45)	Monday, 13 January	Thursday, 20 March
Second term / Zweites Quartal	Sunday, 30 March	Monday, 31 March	Friday, 20 June
Third term / Drittes Quartal	Sunday, 13 July	Monday, 14 July	Tuesday, 23 September
Fourth term / Viertes Quartal	Sunday, 5 October	Monday, 6 October	Friday, 28 November

  

MID-TERM BREAKS / LANGE WOCHENENDEN			
Term / Quartal	Schulschluss : School ends at 17:00 on	Anreisetag : Boarders return to Boarding Establishment (BE) on	Schulanfang : School starts again on
First term / Erstes Quartal	Tuesday, 18 February	Sunday, 23 February	Monday, 24 February
Second term / Zweites Quartal	Wednesday, 16 April	Tuesday, 22 April	Wednesday, 23 April
	Tuesday, 20 May	Sunday, 25 May	Monday, 26 May
Third term / Drittes Quartal	Tuesday, 12 August	Sunday, 17 August	Monday, 18 August
Fourth term / Viertes Quartal	Tuesday, 28 October	Sunday, 2 November	Monday, 3 November

While great care and long deliberation went into the planning of the dates for 2025, they are subject to updates and changes without prior notice.

CLOSED WEEKENDS / GESCHLOSSENE WOCHENENDEN	
On closed weekends, affected boarders may not go home and day scholars are required to participate in school activities.	
Date / Datum	Scholars Affected / Betroffene SchülerInnen
Saturday, 18 January – Sunday, 19 January Friday, 14 February 1 – Sunday, 16 February *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ All scholars planning to participate in the Germany Exchange Programme – orientation camp</li> <li>▶ Prefects – leadership camp</li> <li>▶ Grade 8 scholars – 'bonding camp' (close of Grade 8 orientation programme)</li> <li>▶ * Grade 9 scholars – class camp</li> </ul>

ADDITIONAL COMPULSORY SCHOOL DAYS / ZUSÄTZLICHE SCHULTAGE	
On additional compulsory school days, boarders and day scholars may go home after the school activities conclude. Bus transport may be provided, for day scholars only. <b>ALL public holidays falling during the week are normal, full school days in HMB.</b>	
Date / Datum	Event / Activity
Saturday, 25 January	Whole School – R&B Inter-house Swimming Gala
Saturday, 1 March	Primary School & High School – Mini-Olympiade and High School Open Day (TBC)
Saturday, 3 May	Whole School – Schulfest – celebrating 169 years of HMB
Saturday, 26 July	Whole School – R&B Inter-house Athletics Meeting
Saturday, 30 August	Primary School – Umvoti Athletics at Hermannsburg

## Some Other Dates to Remember / Weitere wichtige Termine

12.01.2025	Opening church service (09:00) High School 2023 Awards Ceremony (10:15) Parents' Annual General Meeting (11:15) Meetings for Grade 8, 10 & 11 parents (11:45 onwards)	12.08.2025	Photo Day – High School & Primary School
18–19.01.2025	Prefect, Grade 8, Grade 9 and GEP camps	19.08.2025	Quadrangular athletics meeting – TBC
25.01.2025	<b>R&amp;B Inter-house swimming gala [ Compulsory ]</b>	20–21.08.2025	DSD Schriftliche Examen (written examinations)
29.01.2025	Umvoti Gala	28.08–17.09.2025	Grade 12 Trial Examinations ('prelims')
14–15.02.2025	Deutsches Sprachdiplom (DSD) camp	30.08.2025	Co-ed athletics meeting – TBC
18.02.2025	Quadrangular Gala	08.09.2025	Umvoti athletics at Hermannsburg [ <b>Compulsory</b> ] – TBC
25.02.2025	Fasching / Karneval		<b>OPEN DAY</b> for prospective Grades 6 & 7 (booking required) – TBC
27.02.2025	Co-Ed Gala (High School)	05–06.09.2025	<b>Opa &amp; Oma Tag</b> in the Kindergarten – TBC
28.02–01.03.2025	<b>Mini-Olympiade – Primary School [ Compulsory ]</b>	10.09.2025	<b>HMB Penrose Golf Academy Championships (A &amp; B Div.)</b>
01.03.2025	<b>OPEN DAY</b> for prospective Grades 6 & 7 (booking required)	13.09.2025	<b>HMB Penrose Golf Academy Championships (C Div.)</b>
10–12.03.2025	Kindergarten parents' days – TBC	14.09.2025	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> annual HMB Golf Day</b>
11.03.2025	Speech & Drama Festival at HMB – TBC	14.09.2025	<b>Breakfast 9</b> golf at St Cathryn's Golf Estate
20.03.2025	Grade 8 parents' day – meet with the teachers	14.09–21.09.2025	Grade 7 class tour – TBC
06.04–28.04.2025	German GEP partners in Hermannsburg	16.09–18.09.2025	Grade 1–6 class tour – TBC
28.04–02.05.2025	<b>NORMAL SCHOOL DAYS</b>	08.10.2025	<b>HMB Inter-House Music Competition</b>
02.05.2025	<b>Music in May</b>	09.10.2025	<b>Deutscher Tag / German Day</b> – TBC
03.05.2025	<b>Schulfest [ Compulsory ]</b> – celebrating 169 years of HMB!	10.10.2025	Grade 12 Awards Ceremony
10.05–11.05	<b>Sängerfest</b> (choir festival) hosted at HMB	12.10.2025	Presentation of Confirmands (Peter-Paul church, Hmb)
25.05–18.06.2025	Hermannsburg GEP participants in Germany	15.10–28.11.2025	Grade 12 IEB NSC examinations
29.05.2025	Grade 12 Speech Night (English HL – by invitation) – TBC	19.10.2025	Confirmation Service (Peter-Paul church, Hermannsburg)
07.06.2025	Grade 12 Farewell (by invitation only)	20–31.10.2025	International Bench-marking Tests for Grades 6 & 9
12–20.06.2025	June examinations (HS)	12–28.11.2025	November examinations
16.06.2025	<b>OPEN DAY / Primary School Fun Day</b>	15.11.2025	<b>Kindergarten Graduation</b>
13.07.2025	High School parents' day – meet with the teachers	21.11.2025	Grade 7 Farewell function
14–16.07.2025	Grade 11 leadership camp [ <b>Compulsory</b> ]	28.11.2025	<b>Primary School Awards Ceremony</b> – year ends for scholars
25–26.07.2025	<b>R&amp;B Inter-house athletics meeting [ Compulsory ]</b>	02.12.2025	Teachers' school year ends
		11.12.2025	High School teachers finish marking IEB NSC papers
		11.01.2026	<b>High School Awards Ceremony – TBC</b> TBC = To Be Confirmed

Buses for boarders will only run at the start and end of mid-term breaks and short holidays (April and October) – luggage space is restricted.  
Scholars must wear their formal school uniform while travelling on the buses.

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