

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Addendum to the High Performance Centre Information Pack

It gives me immense pleasure to write to you today, not only as the Headmaster of Union High School, but as a proud custodian of a legacy defined by resilience, vision and an unwavering belief in the promise of every child entrusted to our care.

At the Union Schools, we are called to prepare our learners not only for the tests of today, but for the challenges and possibilities of tomorrow. In an ever-evolving world, our commitment to excellence, opportunity, and holistic development remains the guiding light of our mission. It is within this spirit of optimism that **I am honoured to share with you one of the most ambitious and inspiring initiatives in our school's recent history:** the creation of the Union Schools' High Performance Centre.



This project represents far more than the development of physical infrastructure. It is a manifestation of our enduring belief in what is possible when young people are given the environment, encouragement and resources to thrive. It is a symbol of progress not only for the Union Schools, but for the entire Graaff-Reinet community – an investment in the future of this town and the children who will shape its story.

We envision a centre that will stand as a beacon of aspiration – a place where passion meets purpose, where discipline and determination are forged and where the values of teamwork, perseverance and sportsmanship are instilled for life. Its impact will extend well beyond the school gates, fostering a culture of health, strength and opportunity for generations of Union learners and the broader community alike.

One of the most remarkable aspects of this initiative is that it will be entirely funded through the generosity of external donors. We are actively engaging with individuals, organisations and philanthropic partners who share our vision for youth empowerment through sport and education. Importantly, this means that the project will come at no financial cost to the parents of our school – a testament to the strength of community, the power of shared purpose and the value others see in the work we are doing here at Union.

As we look to the future, we do so with full hearts and clear eyes. We know the road ahead will require careful planning, collaboration and stewardship. But we also know that the rewards – in spirit, opportunity and legacy – will be immense.

We are deeply grateful to each of you for your continued support of our school. **Together, we will bring this dream to life** – not just for our children today, but for all those who will walk these corridors, play on these fields and carry forward the values of Union tomorrow.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W.E. Pringle'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Warm regards,
Mr W.E. Pringle

Headmaster, Union High School