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Dear Parents,

Chores, few of us enjoy doing them, but for a household to run smoothly these tedious and time-consuming tasks must get done. It's a given that as adults and parents, they will do their part around the house, but when it comes to assigning housework or chores to children, there's some debate on which tasks are age-appropriate. Many times we want to preserve their childhood for as long as possible and "let kids be kids" however the benefits of assigning chores cannot be overlooked! Such as teaching your child basic life skills, for example laundry and washing the dishes, teamwork, responsibility and self-reliance, time management skills and most importantly helps to develop a strong work ethic.

Grade 3 News

This week the Grade 3s have been hard at work learning all about the wonders of outer space! From moons and stars to satellites and asteroids, it has been great fun sharing and expanding our knowledge. We have been discussing the different planets and even made our own rocket ships in Creative Art!

Uniform Sales / Clothing Bank:

As parents are aware, uniform sales are done from the school office and it is not the best arrangement. It is for this reason that we are setting up a clothing bank where parents can buy uniform at dedicated times in a space separate from the office.

Please note that the new times to purchase uniform are as follows:

Mondays: 7:15am – 8am & 2pm – 4pm

Tuesday: 2pm – 4pm only

Wednesdays: 2pm – 4pm only

(NO uniform sales on Thursdays or Fridays)

Important Dates

Term 3 20 July- 28 September (Teachers 30/09)

7-9 Sept Intermediate Phase Camp

Camp:

The camp dates will change to September 7 – 9, 2022 due to the Department of Education's finalised schedule. The location is unchanged.

Honourable Mention

Congratulations to Ria Ramaya, Grade 3, and Sarah Hart, Grade 6, on achieving 55 merits. Well done and keep up the great work. We are so proud!

Teddy bear drive

We will be collecting new teddy bears (small to medium) to donate to the Children's Hospital Trust at the Red Cross Hospital. All teddy bears will be collected in Miss Dos Reis's class (Grade 3) if they wish to donate one to a child in need. We request that the tags/labels of the teddy bears please remain on the teddy bear when they are brought to school.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform. A reminder that girls may only wear a stud earring or a small hoop earring. No sparkles like diamonds or diamantes.

Library Days for the term

Tues 30/08 Gr 4 (last visit)

Wed 31/08 Gr 5 & 6 (last visit)

Tues 06/09 Gr 2 (last visit)

Wed 07/09 Gr 3 (last visit)

age appropriate CHORES

2-3
YEARS

*help feed pets *help wipe up messes
*dust (put socks on hands) *make bed
*pick up toys and books *put laundry in hamper

4-5
YEARS

*match socks & fold *put away laundry
*straighten room *get the newspaper/mail
*clear/set table *empty silverware from dishwasher
*load dishwasher *take laundry to laundry room

6-8
YEARS

*pull weeds & rake leaves *water plants/flowers
*collect trash from wastebaskets
*empty dishwasher *clean bathroom sinks & counters
*sort laundry by colors *help pack school lunches

9-11
YEARS

*mop floors *mow grass *vacuum
*food preparation (wash, cut, dice, measure)
*walk pet *clean toilets *take trash to curb

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*baby-sit siblings *wash windows *iron
*clean interior/exterior of car *cook simple meals
*laundry *clean refrigerator *make grocery list



FUN RUN AND MARKET:

Please join our Fun Run and Market on the 3 of September! Every learner who participates will get 5 merits.

Test dates for Gr 4-6

Due to the camp having changed, we have moved the test dates on by a week. These are the following dates: (A test timetable will be sent out closer to the test series)

19/09 Mathematics

20/09 English

21/09 Afrikaans

22/09 NST

23/09 History

26/09 Geography

Stars of the Week

Grade 00/000

CJ Mpanga

Grade 3 Inam Mpengesi

Grade R

Diedre Ncube

Grade 4 Patlesi Mathebula

Grade 1

Oluchi Tshoni

Grade 6 Kaobimdi Ihezue

Grade 2

Darren Diabanza



Happy Birthday!

A very Happy Birthday to the following learners who celebrate their birthday this week.



Liyasanelisa Lofani	Grade 2	22 August
Asiphe Ngidi	Grade 6	23 August
Isabella Stemmet	Grade 3	26 August
Aryahi Makka	Grade 2	27 August
Omolemo Tone	Grade 4	28 August

Message from the Principal Carlien Ellis

As I am scrolling through the many different social media platforms to see what parents are struggling with at home, I have realised how many parents feel trapped. They feel uninformed and unsure of how to move forward when encountering problems with their children. Many parents do not all have the financial means or time to go to a doctor, specialist, or educational psychologist every time a problem arises! So, these social media groups come in handy when you need advice, as there are many like-minded parents or those who have experienced similar challenges who are happy to lend an ear and share their story. Sometimes, a few professionals are part of the platform or group and are willing to assist. Sometimes anonymously sharing your toughest moments and hurdles is very therapeutic and just what you need to find a way through the worst. In my reading, I found a few interesting online magazines that touch on various issues that may help parents. Of course, the dangers of social media are ever-present, but I want to encourage parents to reach out to different online parenting forums for some much-needed support. At school, we deal with a variety of learners with different problems. We, as educators, do everything from our side to support those learners through our teaching or mentoring and sometimes through being a parent ourselves. But, just like you, sometimes we don't have all the answers. Many school kids are struggling with how they identify in the LGBTQIA+ community and are not comfortable talking about this yet. I know that this is a heavy topic, and I am no professional or medical expert, but I suggest you create a platform for your child to feel free to talk to you about their feelings. I also recommend reading about what your child is going through and trying to understand their story better. Schools are working hard to ensure inclusive environments by establishing LGBTQIA+ clubs, changing uniforms, hair policies and so forth to ensure no discrimination. No matter how you personally feel about different sexualities and gender identities, we must put our feelings aside and support the learners who need it the most. In our school, we are proudly inclusive and strive to support and care for every learner who walks through our door for education.

Have a lovely weekend! Kind Regards, Primary School

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PRESCHOOLERS GR000 – GR R

Planning for the week 29 August – 2 September

Theme for the week:

Spring

PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING:

- Message Books daily

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- A change of clothing every day

- A healthy snack + Water/Juice

- No fizzy cooldrinks or sweets

- Label all school clothing items clearly with your child's name.

WHAT WE WILL LEARN THIS WEEK:

Letter: Tt

Number: 16