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Dear Parents,

Our theme for the year is "Reach for the Stars". Allow every learner to take every opportunity and to grab it with both hands. We would like to encourage our learners to work hard. They all shine bright like a star in their own special and unique way.

Miss Boosens

Grade 3 News:

Our grade 3 learners went to the library last week. They had so much fun at the library, they took out books and will return them when they go to the library again. Remember, when it is your turn to go to the "world of books", take your library card with. Ensure that all the books taken out are returned to the library.

Welcome Braai:

Last Friday we hosted our annual Welcome Braai for all parents, old and new. Thank you to all the parents who made the effort to RSVP and honoured their commitment. It was an enjoyable evening, and not only did we get to know one another a little better, we also made some new friends.



Valentine's Day:

On Tues the 14th of Feb we are having a picnic under the tent of the tuck-shop. We will be handing out the "love bugs" to those who placed orders for them. We will be playing some music as requested by the learners for one another and we will be able to dress up in civvies – red, pink or white – for a small donation of R10 per learner. Heart suckers will also be on sale for those who wish to spoil themselves or their loved ones at home.

Grade 12 Cake Sale:

Thank you to all the parents that supported our first cake sale of the year. We raised R2174. We want to purchase new projectors for the school and the money raised will go towards that.

Important Upcoming Dates & Events:

14 Feb – Valentine’s Day and Activities
17 Feb – Random Act of Kindness Day
1 Mar – World Compliment Day
3 Mar – Cake Sale

20 Mar – Special School holiday
21 Mar – Human Right’s Day
27 Mar – Exams End
29 Mar – School Ends for Students

PRESCHOOLERS GR000 – GR R

Planning for the week: 13 -17 Feb

Theme for the week:

Pets

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: Ee

Number: 5

Library: Kindly send library cards to school if they are at home.

14/02 Gr 2

15/02 Gr 3

21/02 Gr 4 &6

22/02 Gr 5

Blazer Mondays:

A friendly reminder - All High School learners are expected to wear their blazers to school on Monday mornings for their weekly assembly. We are cultivating and entrenching the values and ethos of our school and in doing so this will be a compulsory requirement henceforth. Please ensure that blazers are clean, marked with your child’s name and that all buttons are sewn onto the blazer. We look forward to seeing our learners looking smart and proud!

Damage to Property

We are experiencing a problem with damage to personal items and school items on the school property. Please talk to your children about the following:

- Removing items from a learner’s table/teacher’s table without the teacher’s permission. This is unfortunately happening in the Aftercare class in the afternoons. Items are then returned damaged.
- Writing on the desks – This is not acceptable.

Please understand that there are consequences to both above-mentioned issues, which can be avoided if we respect everyone’s property.

Stars of the Week:

Grade R Benjamin Roberts & Joshua Muronda

Grade 1 Alakhe Mtiti

Grade 3 Mikhail Badian

Grade 4

Ayaan Kumandan

Grade 5

Inganathi Menze

Grade 6

Nikhil Govender



EXCITING EVENT!!!

With the sun still high in the sky, and temperatures in the mid 30’s, we are all aware that summer will end sooner than anticipated, and with this in mind it is time for the annual Burgundy Estate & Riverside College 5 km **TWILIGHT Colour Fun Run** which is in aid of **Iris House Children’s hospice and takes place on the 3rd of MARCH.**

This 5km Fun Run takes place in the secure environment of Burgundy Estate and ends with the fun filled blast of colour as you throw your colour bombs in the air! Dress up as your favourite TV or book character, superhero or even as a clown, but make sure that you are ready to have fun.

This event was hugely successful last year and promises to be even better this year. Please bring yourself, your family and all the friends you have to enjoy this extraordinary day with us and know that it is all for a very good cause. Iris House is a very well-known NPO that does the most awe-inspiring work with children and families who are in need of respite care.

This event is for individuals and teams who want to exercise, have fun and enjoy an evening market in a fun and relaxed environment.

Entry fees are as follows:

R120 per individual which includes 2 colour bombs.

R450 per team of 4 members which includes 8 colour bombs.

There will be prizes for winners of the following categories: (male/female/child/pensioner + best dressed team).

Tickets: <https://qkt.io/C9RBv4>

Please hurry and book your tickets NOW!



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Principal's message:

Often in my office, I need to deal with children who are unkind towards each other. That would be considered "not important" in an adult world. However, in a child's world, whether they are in primary school or high school, it is sometimes kind of a big deal.

The question I want to raise today is: How do we, as parents, deal with a situation or story when our child comes home?

I would like to encourage parents to listen first and then start asking questions. The next step would be to ask what your part in the situation or scenario is. Sometimes children do not understand or realise that what they are saying is hurtful. They are "just honest." That is when the parent comes in and has a conversation. In the child's mind, they did not do or say anything wrong. This extends to the type of material to which they are exposed. For instance, they cannot always differentiate between the truth and a lie. We need to be there to answer the questions and guide them according to our moral compass.

At school, we deal with every situation immediately. There are always different versions of the story, and we are right there to get to the bottom of it. At home, you get the story after a full day of school. Sometimes the true version is not 100% accurate. Then we also need to decide what we need to take further. We live in a society with so many challenges. We need to shape our children from a very young age to stand up for themselves, to be strong and independent, and to be able to make the right decisions. That itself is a tall order, no matter what their age.

We, as parents and teachers, have an enormous job to raise our children so that they do not get bullied but also so that they can see what is important and what is not. Like the saying goes, "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger!" Let us join forces to make sure that our children are happy and excited to learn every day by working as a team.

Have a great weekend.

Primary School Staff

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SELLING?
ENJOY A WEEKEND AWAY ON US!

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