



06 February 2020

The year has begun, and we are excited to see what God is going to accomplish this year.

Welcome to all our new parents who have joined us in 2020. It is exciting having you join us. Welcome back to all our already dedicated, committed parents from previous years too.

This year I would like to encourage you to put Jesus first in your life. Sometimes we are so busy with our lives that we forget to spend time with Him and we spend time chasing other things, but God says to us "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; then all these things will be added unto you." So, if we hunger and thirst after God and we seek Him, the things we spend chasing will be put into perspective and God will add value and provision to our lives.

### Is Jesus enough for you?

#### Calendar of Events



Fri, 7 Feb	Nursery Sports Day
Mon, 10 Feb	U9 mini cricket vs Alexandria CA (home) U11 cricket vs Shaw Park (away)
Wed, 12 Feb	Grd 1 – 3 Athletics @ ESCA U15 Cricket vs PAHS (away)
Fri, 14 Feb	Fancy Dress (Letter L) Civvies: Red & White @ R5 Social event
Sat, 15 Feb	Archery @ PAHS
Sun, 16 Feb	Rock Solid @ WOTM
Mon, 17 Feb	U9 mini Cricket vs Shaw Park (away)
Tue, 18 Feb	G4-12 Athletics Day
Wed, 19 Feb	U13 cricket vs Shaw Park (away) Reader Leader Forms handed in
Thurs, 20 Feb	U10 girls cricket vs Alex CA (home)
Mon, 24 Feb	Reader Leader Ceremony U11 Cricket vs PAHS (away)
Tues, 26 Feb	U13 cricket vs Shaw Park (away)
Thurs, 27 Feb	Parent Meeting: Invite only
Mon, 2 Mar	U9 girls cricket vs Shaw Park (away)
Tues, 3 Mar	Chess vs Shaw Park (home)
Wed, 4 Mar	G4 – 7 girls cricket vs Shaw Park (away)
Tue, 10 Mar	Bathurst Show entries in
Sat, 14 Mar	Archery @ Graaf Reinet
Mon, 16 Mar	All Bathurst Show art to be handed in
Thurs, 19 Mar	Hand out Term 1 reports
Fri, 20 Mar	School closes @ 10 a.m.
Wed, 1 April	School opens for term 2

These dates may be changed as the term progresses.

## TOP STORIES

Thank you! We wanted to improve the appearance of our front garden. We requested your help and we received plants and compost from learners and parents. What a blessing it was to have such a beautiful response.

We also had an opportunity to be a blessing during our Grade 8 Welcoming Ceremony on the 24<sup>th</sup> of Feb, where our grade 8 class enjoyed a braai and a swim during the afternoon and a ceremony to celebrate their start of High School and receive a blessing from the Pastors of Word of Truth Ministry (WOTM)

Then, more thanks are in order – Thank you for the wonderful turnout at our Induction Meeting last week. It was so good to see you again in this new year. During this meeting, the motion was passed to change the constitution. If you would like to be a part of the governance of the school and participate in the discussions that need to take place regarding the changes in the constitution, please apply in writing to join as a member of the SGB. The only qualities needed are the love of Jesus and the ability to add valuable skills that can help to improve the school.

We have had exceptionally hot days this week. Due to this heat, we have had to postpone our Athletics Day to the 18<sup>th</sup> of February.

The owners of Green Fountain Farm resort request that parents please drop off and collect their children from the school grounds. Parents are requested to not drive through the green Fountain gates (just after the guarded entrance), but to turn right onto the school property and park there while waiting for children. Thank you for your co-operation in this regard.

## COMING SOON

**7 February:** Our little people from pre-primary will be racing against each other on our field on Friday. Parents are welcome to come and watch.

**12 February:** Grades 1 – 3 will enjoy their Athletics Day on our school grounds. Please send caps, water and sunscreen. Parents are welcome to come and watch the Lions and the Eagles compete for victory!



# NEWSLETTER



The Reader Leader Ceremony will take place on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February.

**14 February:** Grades RR – 3 are to get creative and design and plan costumes to wear on the 14 Feb. for a Fancy Dress. The costumes must start with the letter “L”, so perhaps we could have some leopards, leaves, lions, lazy bones, lapdogs, lasses, Lego and larks. See what you come up with. The rest of the school may wear red and white civvies @ R5 per learner.

**Archery:** Well done to our Archers in the excellent results achieved in their first shoot. We wish them all the best in their next competition.

**Rock Solid:** For the past few years, we have had a Back-to-School Service at the school hall at the start of each term. We have listened to you saying the transport to school on a Sunday is a problem, so we have decided to hold the service twice a year at the Word of Truth Ministry (Opposite the fire station). This should make it easier for everyone to attend. The name of the meeting has also changed and will be called “Rock Solid” from now on as we desire our learners to become rock solid in their faith.

This meeting will take place on Sunday, 16 February at Word of Truth Ministry at 9a.m.

The learners will be acting as ushers, they have special items to present, helping to lead in worship and have messages to share. It is going to be an exciting service and we invite you to attend. You will miss out if you are not there!

**Athletics Day Senior:** Athletics was postponed to the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. This will be held at the Country Club. Grade 4 – 12 learners must go directly to the Club and not to school. They should be there by 8 a.m. Register will be taken. This is a school day, so attendance is compulsory. Learners must be dressed in house colours: Lions – red/orange; Eagles – blue. Tuckshop will be available, but we also request that your children please bring some extra water and lunch. A cap/sunhat is also essential as well as a good smear of sunscreen. We should be done around 13:30 and request that you please arrange for transport to be on time to collect the learners.

We look forward to an exciting day! Parents are welcome to spectate, but learners are not permitted to sit with parents, they are to stay in their groups.

**Reader Leaders:** Grades 1 – 7 must please record any reading they have done on the Reader Leader form and return this to school on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February. Late forms will not be looked at and any forms that contain dishonesty, will also be excluded. Please encourage your children to read, read, read.

Remember that books that parents read to learners in grades 1 - 3 may also be recorded on the forms.

**Photos:** Yesterday you received photo letters. Photos will be taken on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April (next term). All money and reply slips are to be returned to school by the 13 March. There are two different backgrounds for the photos, a plain blue background for the older children and a “rainbow” background for the younger children. Samples of the photos are on display at school and have been WhatsApped on the school group and can be viewed on Facebook.

**Finally,** I look forward to working with you as we seek to grow your child in all areas of their lives. Let’s make 2020 a year of excellence!

Kind regards  
Mrs Payne



**SUNDAY: 16 FEBRUARY 2020  
WORD OF TRUTH MINISTRY  
9 A.M.**

**BE THERE!**