

# NEWSLETTER



24 April 2018

I have a long drive to school each morning and I must admit that each morning I am awestruck at the beauty of God's creation. I sometimes even battle to keep my eyes on the road because all I want to look at is the colour of the clouds and sky at sunrise.

When I see this splendour, I can't contain my gratitude and praise to our Father for painting such beauty for my enjoyment (yes, I do personalise it).

I believe that if we look at what God has created and what he has done, really look, that we will see and appreciate that He has blessed us with so many good gifts.

I encourage you to find something to thank God for each day – there are so many things... let our hearts be filled with gratitude!

## Calendar of Events



Wed, 25 April	Netball @ Home
27 April – 1 May	Holiday
Tues, 2 May	Elevate Study Programme
Mon, 7 May	BIG WALK sponsor forms in please
Tue, 8 May	Parents' Meetings
Wed, 9 May	Reader Leader forms in please
Thu, 10 May	Ascension Day Bible Quiz Open Soccer match @ Station Hill
Sat, 12 May	BIG WALK
Sun, 13 May	Mothers' Day
Mon, 14 May	River Reader Ceremony
Thurs, 17 May	U13 Soccer @ Station Hill
Sat, 19 May	Archery @ Dispatch
Fri, 25 May	Traveling Book Shop
Mon, 28 May	Eisteddfod entries in EXAMS BEGIN: Grade 7 - 12
Mon, 4 June	EXAMS BEGIN: Grade 4 - 6
Fri, 15 June	Exams end
Sun, 17 June	Fathers' Day
Wed, 21 June	Reports issued
Thurs, 22 June	School Closes @ 10 a.m.

These dates may be changed as the term progresses.

## COMING SOON

Please take note of all the events on the calendar.

- Sadly, our sevens rugby at Station Hill has been postponed till further notice.
- Please remember that the next two weeks are short weeks. Friday is a public holiday, Monday is a school holiday and Tuesday is a public holiday. School starts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May again after the long weekend.

- **ELEVATE:** A group of young people will be visiting the school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. These people will be presenting age appropriate and specific guidance on study skills to particular grades at the school. The cost of this workshop is R238.90 per learner, but we as a school really want the learners to participate so that their results will improve.

We will assist you with the cost of the programme. The school is willing to pay over half the cost per learner and we request the parents to please pay only R100 each towards this exceptional programme. The grades involved are grades 4, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12. Please send the money to the office at your earliest convenience. Many thanks.

- **BIG WALK:** I hope you have managed to collect loads of sponsors this year. The BIG WALK forms are due at school on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. Please ensure that these forms are returned as a fee of R50 is charged if a form is lost. The money raised will be added to the money already raised to replace the roof over our buildings. We need approximately R300 000 to do this.

We have requested assistance from parents to help at the tuckshop and to help by providing a few things. If you are able to assist, please send the promised items to school as soon as possible and make sure that you have filled in the form that was sent out last week. Your help, as always, is greatly appreciated!

- **READER LEADER FORMS:** Please ensure that all forms are in by the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. Parents, please remember to sign in acknowledgement that you agree that your child has read the books listed as any cheating results in the learners being withdrawn from this programme.

- **TRAVELING BOOK SHOP:** We will have the amazing pleasure of hosting the traveling bookshop again this year. Encourage your children to start saving towards this. Please also tell all your friends to visit the school on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. Help us to advertise this event. There are excellent books at really fair prices available. It is a wonderful opportunity to purchase early Christmas presents.

- **EXAMS:** Please encourage your children to begin revision for exams. These exams cover term 1 and term 2 work. Help your child to set up a study time-table and make them stick to it.

- **EISTEDDFOD:** Please enter your child into the Eisteddfod. The entry forms are attached to this letter. The more events your child enters into, the more points are scored towards a public speaking or art scroll at prize-giving at the end of the year.

Please turn over for news!

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- Our **BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICE** was exceptional. I can't wait for the promises of God to become real in our school. Thank you so very much to all the learners who participated in the service and to all parents who attended. It was wonderful seeing you here. A special thanks to Word of Truth Ministry who cart chairs and sound equipment for these services – you are much appreciated!
- **STORY EVENING:** Our little ones came to school clad in their PJs with blankets and teddies tucked under their arms to hear their teachers, who were dressed as characters in a book, read marvellously exciting stories to them. The evening was rounded off with a warm cup of hot chocolate and marshmallows. A great success all round!
- **NMMU** – Our grade 9 learners attended NMMU for aptitude tests. I was incredibly proud to receive correspondence from the university stating that our learners were “well groomed, respectful and a well-behaved group”. Thank you Grade 9s for making us proud!
- **ARCHERY** – Thank you to Mr and Mrs Ford and Ms Gilbert for arranging a fantastic archery event. Well done! Congratulations to all who participated especially to Hannah Ford who received a silver and a gold medal.
- Parents, please pay your school fees. We are handing overdue accounts to our debt collector.

Kind regards

*Ms. Payne*