

NEWSLETTER



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The Word of God tells us repeatedly how all children are a gift from God. Every single life, every single child, is a reward and blessing. Whether they're bringing parents pride and joy, or whether they are teaching us, as parents, how to be more patient and forgiving, children are a gift from God! We are instructed to train our children – this requires consistent repetition and modelling of the good we want our children to become.

God knows that children can bring us closer to Him and help grow our Christian character. Find joy in your children, make time for your children, discipline them and love them unconditionally.

- **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 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. Entry forms must be in by the 28th of May.



- **ELEVATE:** Elevate visited our school to assist the learners with their own personal study methods. This was an extremely successful visit where 96% of the attendees claimed that what they learned would help them for their exams. As requested in the previous letter, please may each child in grade 4, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12 bring R100 to contribute to this programme offered. There will be a follow-up visit too, for which there will be no charge.
- Spelling Bee results: Congratulations to Khazimla Mawu who came third, Buhlebothando Sonanzi who took second place and Khazimla Ajah who walked away with first place. These learners now progress to the inter-school Spelling Bee.
- Our boys played soccer against Shaw Park on Monday, 6 May and drew the match 3 all.
- Parents, please pay your school fees. Accounts in arrears of 60 days are being handed over to the debt collector, in which instance you will be charged an extra 15% of the outstanding amount for collection charges. Please take this reminder seriously.

Calendar of Events

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.

- **BIG WALK:** Only 3 sleeps left to the BIG WALK! Yeah! Please remember to be at Riet River at 8:45a.m. (Travel about 3km past Green Fountain, into a valley and turn right – you're on the Riet River Road. If you get to Kleinemonde, you've gone too far.) Lions are encouraged to be dressed in orange and the Eagles in blue. Please make sure that all forms are returned and remember that a lost form carries a penalty of R50. We can't wait to see you there!
- **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 25th 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.

- **PLAYGROUND REVAMP:**
We want to create an extraordinary playground for our Nursery and Foundation Phase learners. We have already removed some of the playground equipment as the wood was rotting. This has created space for us to erect beautiful new equipment. After some research, we have decided to work with poly-plastic for our new design. To save huge amounts of money, we have been encouraged to collect our own plastic for these jungle gyms. Please parents, we appeal that you send all your old plastic to school...lids of bottles, old plastic containers "tupperware", broken plastic toys, rinsed plastic bottles – any plastic will do. This plastic will be recycled to make our new equipment! Not only will we have a stunning playground, but we will be doing something amazing for our environment too.

Kind regards
Mrs Payne