

NEWSLETTER



22 May 2018

Exam time is upon us – a time that can be stressful if not managed well by the parents. The key to a successful exam period is preparation. This takes on various forms:

- A good programme of revision a few weeks before the exams begin helps to prevent exhaustion and overwhelming feelings of fear, anxiety and despair. It helps to build confidence and positive feelings of “I can do this”.
- All children need supervision during study times – they are after all, children. Cell phones need to be removed from the study area and the TV certainly distracts study and does not aid it.
- A reasonable bed time and a healthy diet are essential. A tired, hungry child will not achieve great results. This is a good time to eat fatty fish, vegies and proteins. Try to avoid processed, starchy or sugary foods. Please ensure that your child eats breakfast.
- Parents, I encourage you to parent! Enforce study, ask questions on work learnt. Don't be a passive parent, but rather be actively involved in your child's learning.

Parents and children working together, will achieve great results!

Calendar of Events



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
Thurs, 21 June	Reports issued
Fri, 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.

- **TRAVELING BOOK SHOP:** Books galore on Friday: Fiction and non-fiction for adults and children. Please send some money with your child, or stop and browse through the books yourself. Invite family and friends to visit the school too. The more books we sell, the more books we get as gifts to the school. Your support in assisting us to advertise this would be greatly appreciated.

- **EXAMS:** Please ensure that your children have at least three pens, a pencil, a ruler, an eraser and whatever subject-specific stationery they may need for exams.
 - **School ends at 13:00 for all learners as from next week.** Children who are writing exams may leave immediately after the exam, BUT, if they travel on the same transport as the Foundation Phase learners, they will have to wait until the little ones finish at 13:00. Foundation phase children may not leave earlier than 13:00.
 - **Those children who remain at school until 13:00** will have study periods to assist learning. Please ensure that they bring the following day's books to school to study from.
 - **Grades 4 – 7** will write their exams at school and need to be at school at 7:30 each morning.
 - **Grade 8 – 12** will be writing their exams at Word of Truth Ministry (opposite the Fire Station), and need to be at the church at 7:30 on Mondays and 8:30 on Tuesdays to Fridays each morning. These learners will leave the exam centre immediately after the completion of their exams.
- **EISTEDDFOD:** Please enter your child into the Eisteddfod. Give your child the opportunity to shine on stage. 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.
- **Takkie Tax:** To support charity, we will be selling takkie Tax stickers for R10 at school. If a child sends R10, they may wear takkies with their school uniform. If they would like to wear civvies, then R15 needs to be paid.



- **ELEVATE:** All Children who attended this are required to send R100 to school please. The school is assisting on covering costs, but your contribution is needed.
- **Ascension Day Bible Quiz:** I was impressed by the knowledge some of our learners have of the Bible. Congratulations to the Eagles who won the quiz by a nose hair.
- **Big Walk:** What a fabulous day! God provided the most amazing weather and our learners and parents gave their all on the walk. I am so proud of everyone and so grateful to all our parents who so generously donated with either items, money or time. We are privileged to have you as part of our school.

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- **Leader Readers:** Our Leader Readers for term 2 are as follows:
Foundation Phase: Rain Ndoro with 5 376 pages.
Intermediate Phase: Amahle Zulu with 1 342 pages
Senior Phase: Quinton Oosthuizen: 10 501 pages
FET: Erin Birch: 4 871 pages.
Congratulations to these readers! They have broadened their horizons, made trips to the most fantastic places, met the most exciting people and been on astounding adventures...
- **Sports results:**
U15 Netball played the PAHS A team and lost their match
U16 Netball played the PAHS A Team and lost 13/8
U13 Netball played the PAHS A Team and lost their match
U11 Netball played the PAHS A Team and lost their match
All netball teams, did however, improve their scores from previous matches. Good job!
U13 Soccer played Shaw Park and drew 3/3
Archery: Congratulations to Hannah Ford and Quinton Oosthuizen who received trophies for their outstanding shooting on Saturday.
- **PLAYGROUND REVAMP:**
Wow! Parents, you are amazing! We have already collected a huge amount of plastic. Please remember that when this is melted down it shrinks quite drastically, so please keep that plastic coming...all colours, all types...any plastic is welcome!
- **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. Children are also being suspended as per the signed contract with the school for no-payment of fees. Thank you to all those parents who do pay their fees each month.
- **Staff changes:** As previously mentioned, we had to bid Mrs Herselman, our grade 4 teacher, a sudden and sad farewell at the beginning of this term. We welcome Mrs Buck for the duration of this term in her place and trust that Mrs Buck will be blessed by your beautiful children.
More Changes: School management has decided to make some strategic internal staff re-arranging. I am excited about these changes as each teacher will be teaching in an area they are clearly passionate about.
The following will take place as from term 3.
 - **Miss Gilbert will be moving from grade 1 to grade 2.**
 - **Mrs Greaves will move from grade RR to grade 1.**
 - **Mrs Bowker will be moving from the grade 2 class to the Grade RR class.**I believe that these changes will benefit all of the children involved in the various classes. The transition stages are already happening as the learners are getting to know their new teachers for term 3.

Have a wonderful week.

Kind regards

Mrs Payne