

NEWSLETTER



12 March 2019

We have come to the final week of term 1; but it feels as if we have just begun! Dare I use the cliché "Time flies"... it certainly does at school.

As the holidays approach and term 1 reports go out, I encourage you to look at these reports with an analytical eye and ask yourself some serious questions:

- Is my child working to his/her full potential?
- Am I happy with these results?
- Could anything have been done to improve the results?

It is said that only a mad person will continue to do the same thing again and again, but expect different results. So, as we at school look at what we need to improve, please look to see what needs to change in your home to assist your child.

- Do you ensure that homework is done every day?
- Do you have a study plan in place for your child to follow?
- Do you ask questions about the work studied to check memory and understanding?
- Are you involved enough as a parent in your child's education to motivate good results?
- Do you attend parent meetings when asked to do so?
- Do you check your child's tasks and projects to ensure that they are of a high standard?

So, the all-encompassing question is this... What are you going to do differently next term to ensure that you get a different/better result from your child?

Involved, interested parents harvest rewards.

Calendar of Events

Thurs, 14 Mar	Reports issued, Bathurst Show art handed in Tourism students Game Drive
Fri, 15 March	SCHOOL CLOSES @ 10a.m.
Wed, 3 April	SCHOOL OPENS: TERM 2
Fri, 12 April	Barefoot For a Day to Share The Warmth

These dates may be changed as the term progresses.

COMING SOON

Please take note of all the events on the calendar.

- **Bathurst Show Art:** Entries are now closed.
- **BAREFOOT FOR A DAY to SHARE THE WARMTH**
12 April 2019 - For R10 donation go barefoot for the day. For R20 school children wear civvies. Get your business, family and friends to join in. Take a photo and send to Amanda media@elshaddaiportalfred.co.za
- **Conquesta:** Money and slips in by 1 May please.

- **Travelling Book Shop:** I know this is a very early notice, but we encourage parents to send R10 per month to school until the travelling Bookshop arrives in August. That way the children will have some saved money to purchase their own book.
- **Photos:** Also an early notice, Rob Owen will be at school on the 16th of April to take photos of the learners in Grade RRR – 3 and in Grade 12. Grades RRR – 3, please complete the order forms. Grade 12's will all have their photos taken and parents may decide if they want the photos or not. The forms were issued. Grade RRR – 3 must please pay their money and return their forms by the 10th of April.



- **LOST PROPERTY** – Lost property may be collected from the office from now on. Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked in their clothing.
- **DROP OFF AND COLLECTION:** Please remember that parents may not ride onto the Green Fountain property unless they have business to attend to in the office. Learners must be dropped off and collected at the junior playground. Late collections will be receiving an invoice to cover the costs of late supervision.
- **Reader Leader results:** We are very proud of our star readers. Well done to the following young people who were top of their respective phases: Leon Machina read an outstanding total of 5001 pages for the Foundation Phase. Leandra Heyns read a total of 4165 pages to win for the Intermediate Phase. Keep reading everyone! Remember that parents may also join the programme if so desired.
- **Dads' and kids' Camp:** We never rained out! Yeah! Great fun was had by all those who pitched their tents on our field. We hope that great relationships between parents and children will develop from this camp.
- **Science Festival:** The learners who attended were entertained and also learned so much from the exhibits and shows they attended.
- **Hearing Screening:** Thank you to all parents who had their children's hearing screened. This was done yesterday and the results will be in in the new term.
- **FINALLY:** Reports will be issued on Thursday. School will close at the usual time on Thursday. School closes at 10 a.m. on Friday for the last day of term 2. School starts on the 3rd of April.

This is the last letter for term 1. I pray that you have a blessed holiday.

Kind regards
Mrs Payne