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Newsletter 1 of 2018

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Dear Parents and learners,

Welcome back to school after a well-deserved December holiday. The hope is being expressed that 2018 will be a productive academic school year for all our learners.

Staff news

A very warm welcome to Ms Turnbull who will be teaching EMS, LO, Geography and Business Studies and Mr Nhavoto who will be taking the learners for Sport. We trust that they will be very happy at our school.

Important Meetings

All parents and learners are invited to attend very important informative meetings as follows:

Monday 22 Jan	Grade 12 only	18:00-19:00
Wednesday 24 Jan	Grade 8, 9, 10 & 11	18:00-19:00

The aim of these meetings is to brief parents and learners as to what is expected in order to attain academic success within specific grades.

Careers Expo

The Rocking Future Road show will be visiting school on 24 January as from 08:00-10:00. ± 24 Tertiary institutions will be exhibiting and informing learners regarding post matric study opportunities.

All grade 9-12 learners will be attending the exhibition.

The scheduled timetable will be followed for the remainder of the school day.

NSC Results

Congratulations to the class of 2017 who did well.

25 Full time and 2 Independent candidates sat for the exam. The class attained 25 distinctions and 33 B symbols.

19 candidates qualified for Bachelor Degree entry to university and 4 candidates qualified for Diploma study. The two part time candidates passed all subjects offered.

Regrettably two candidates did not pass. Parents, learners and educators are reminded of the fact that making informed and wise subject choices is imperative. Learners must opt to take subjects that are suitable to their aptitude.



We are exceptionally proud of Mxolisi Magwaza who attained 7 distinctions. He also attained 74% in Advanced Programme Mathematics. He attained 98% in isiZulu, 96% in Mathematics and 94% in Life Orientation.

Mxolisi was ranked in the top 1% of candidates nationally in isiZulu and Life Orientation.

Important dates for the first term

DATE & TIME	EVENT	WHO SHOULD ATTEND
2 JAN from 08:00-09:00 am	NSC Results Released	All 2017 Grade 12s collect from school.
10 JAN	Closing date for NSC remark/ recheck applications	2017 Grade 12s
15 & 16 JAN @ 08:00	Staff return to school	Academic and support staff
17 JAN @ 07:50	School re-opens for academic year. Learners are required to have stationery and textbooks as work will commence from 1 st school day.	Academic Staff, Support Staff, Learners.
17 JAN-30 JAN	Grade 8 Revision and induction programme focussing on revision of skills taught in Grade 7 in mainly Mathematics & English.	Grade 8s
19 JAN (08:00-08:45)	First Assembly	All Academic Staff & Learners
22 JAN	Grade 12 Information Evening NSC discussed/ pass requirements/ portfolio tasks/ matric farewell etc.	All grade 12 students. All grade 12 parents All staff teaching grade 12
24 JAN (08:00-10:00)	Rocking Future Roadshow – Careers expo	All grade 9-12 learners All grade 9-12 educators
25 JAN (08:00-13:00)	IEB Principals meeting at Roedean and Chief Invigilator training	Mr de Beer Ms J Eagar
26 JAN (08:00-08:45)	Ringing of the Bell Ceremony	All grade 8s, All new enrolments, All students, All academic staff.
26 JAN	Absolute final date for all learners to have all textbook and stationery items	All learners gr 8 - 12
29 JAN - 14 FEB	Valentine's Fundraiser	Grade 12
3 FEB (08:00-17:00)	IEB User group Conference	Academic Staff
5 FEB	Release of remark/ recheck of NSC results	2017 grade 12S
10 FEB (08:00-17:00)	IEB national conference	All academic staff
14 FEB	Valentine's Day Civvies	All College Learners
16 FEB	First Entry Return. No grade 12 subject changes allowed after this date.	Grade 12s/ Mr de Beer/ Ms J Eagar.
22 FEB - 9 MARCH	IEB supplementary exams	2017 Grade 12s
28 FEB	Inter House Swimming Gala	Grade 8-12 Learners Sport & Teaching Staff
1 MARCH	Civvies Grade 11 Fundraiser Progress Letters sent out to parents School closes at 12:00 for Mid Term	
Camp bus leaves at 08:00	Grade 8 & 11 tour to Wagon Drift.	All grade 8 & 11 register teachers to accompany all grade

		8 & 9 learners.
2 - 4 MARCH	Camp at Wagon Drift	Grade 8 & 11 register teachers to accompany all grade 8 & 9 learners.
4 MARCH	Campers return at 12 on the 4th	Parents to fetch learners at 12:00.
5 MARCH	Mid-Term	Grade 8-12
6 MARCH	Re-open after MID TERM	Learners, staff report back to school.
9 MARCH	CANSA Sprayathon	Gr 8-12
10 MARCH (08:00-11:00)	Tentative Scholarship Day	All Academic Staff
15 MARCH	isiZulu Olympiad Round 1	Gr 8 – 12 Zulu Learners
12-16 MARCH	IQAA	Grade 8-12 Teaching Staff Support Staff
22-29 MARCH	Academic Review meetings	Academic Staff Learners in need of support Gr 8-12
29 MARCH	Release of IEB SUPPLIMENTARY results SCHOOL CLOSSES @ 12h00	
30 MARCH	Public Holiday	
1 APRIL	Public Holiday	
2 APRIL	Public Holiday	
11 APRIL	School closes @ 11:00 Civvies	Grade 8-12

Extra Murals

Extra Murals are offered on a weekly basis as per the extra mural timetable:

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY SCHEDULE - TERM 1 OF 2018

MONDAY	Staff Meeting (Biweekly) Mathematics and Mathematical Literacy - Ms McBride, Mr Beylis, Mrs Bogdanova	14:45-16:00 15:00-16:00
TUESDAY	English (Grade 8-12) - Mrs Byrne and Ms J Eagar Afrikaans/ isiZulu/ French - Ms R Eagar, Mrs Leta, Mrs Mutamba Advanced Program Mathematics - Mrs Bogdanova Additional Subject: History - Mr Maluleka Additional Subject: Visual Art - Mr de Beer Art Practical: Mr Walther Sport - Mr Nhavoto	07:10-07:45 am 15:00-16:00 15:00-16:00 15:00-17:00 15:00-17:00 15:00-16:00
WEDNESDAY	Sport - Mr Nhavoto Maths – Mrs Bogdanova	15:00-16:00 15:00-16:00
THURSDAY	Quiz Team - Ms J Eagar Debating - Mr Maluleka Life Sciences/ Geography - Mr Nyachowe Physical Sciences - Mr Beylis French - Mrs Mutamba Library - Mrs Byrne (Break) Art Practical - Mr Walther	15:00-16:00
FRIDAY	Choir Chess - Mrs Bogdanova Concert - Ms R Eagar & Ms J Eagar Prefecture Meeting (Biweekly) - Mrs Leta	15:00-16:00
SATURDAY	Accounting (Gr 12 only) - Mr Engelbrecht	08:00-10:00

School uniform and grooming requirements

All learners are expected to attend school neatly dressed as befitting a school child wearing school uniform.

Learners are not allowed to wear tracksuit tops, other brightly coloured hoodies, peak caps, multi-coloured socks or stovepipe tailored pants to school.

Learners are required to wear school blazers on a daily basis.

Hair must be neat and befitting a school child. Coloured or dyed hair will not be allowed. Hair must be the student's natural hair colour.

Cellular phones

Rand College as an Academic Institution of teaching and learning fully understand and condone the fact that the 21st Century learner needs to be encouraged to utilize all technology at their disposal responsibly and productively in order to become fully integrated citizens within a 21st Century global community.

Learners will therefore be permitted to carry cellular phones or tablets for **the purpose of learning** to school. Learners bring cellular phones and tablets to school at **owners own risk**. The school, management and members of staff will take no responsibility for any loss, damage, broken or stolen phones or tablets.

It has to however be clearly stated that such as aforementioned technological devices may only be utilized for educational purposes during lesson time.

When and how may Cellular Phones and Tablets be used?

1. Only per direct Instruction of Educator.
2. Educator will indicate the website that must be consulted in order to conduct research.
3. Educator will grant permission for the consultation of alternate website/s.
4. Learners may use the diary function on cellular phone with teacher permission.
5. Students may photograph homework from the board with teacher permission.
6. Permission must be requested/granted for any video recording to be made of any lesson/class or school activity.
7. Permission must be obtained from any individual, of whom a photograph is taken, be it an educator, friend, peer or any member of the school community.

When and how will cellular phones be confiscated

1. Cellular phones may be confiscated when used without teacher consent.
2. Cellular phones may be confiscated if such a device was used to record any activity on the school property without the direct consent of the persons/ people recorded in the video clip.
3. Cellular phones may be confiscated if it is found that such a device was used in any act of cyber bullying, hate speech, deformation of character or any malicious act to discredit the integrity of any member of the school community, its learners, and members of staff, support staff or the school as an institution.
4. Used or found to be in the possession of a learner during a test or examination.
5. Cellular phones left lying around or left unattended will also be locked away.
6. Cellular phones used without permission to listen to music during contact time or school assemblies and functions such as school outings or sports events.

Cellular Phones during Examinations

Cellular Phones ringing or alarms going off during examination sessions will be deemed as an examination irregularity.

Students found to be in the possession of a cellular phone or using a cellular phone during an examination will be excluded from the examination session. Disciplinary action could include:

1. Exclusion from the examination.
2. Confiscation of device.
3. Disciplinary hearing.
4. Suspension.
5. Expulsion.

Procedure to be followed when a phone is confiscated

1. No discussion regarding the matter will be entered into. If a learner refuses to hand over their phone then such a learner's parent will be contacted and such a learner will be suspended until a disciplinary hearing can be conducted.
2. The learner will be requested to switch off the device and to remove the sim card. The learner will keep the sim card.
3. The device will be placed in a sealed envelope.
4. The learner's Name, Surname and Grade will be written on the envelope.
5. The envelope containing the device must immediately be handed in to the office to be locked into the safe.
6. Such a device will only be handed back to the parent at parent day at the end of the term.

Eye Screening

Eye Screening will be conducted with all grade 8s on 31st January 2018 at a cost of R35. Grade 8s have received letters in this regard.

Cycle Tests

The full cycle test timetable for the whole year can be accessed from www.randschools.co.za under 2018 newsletters.

Date:	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
19 Jan	First official Assembly				
26 Jan	Ring of the Bell Ceremony				
2 February	English	Mathematics	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	English	Maths/ Maths Lit
9 February	Afrikaans/isiZulu/ French	English	English	Maths/ Maths Lit	Afrikaans/ isiZulu/ French
16 February	Mathematics	Afrikaans/isiZulu/ French	Mathematics	Afrikaans/ isiZulu/ French	English
23 February	Natural Sciences	Social Sciences (H & G)	Business/ History	Business/ Life Sciences	Hist/ IT/Life Sciences
1 March	CAMP	Natural Sciences	Accounting/ Vis Art	CAMP	Business/ Physics
9 March	Ems: Business Studies	Ems: Accounting	IT	History/ Physics	Accounting/ Vis Art
16 March	Ems: Accounting	Ems: Business Studies	Life Sciences	Acc/ Vis Art/ IT/ Geog	English
23 March	Creative Arts	Technology	Physical Sciences	English	Afrikaans/ isiZulu/ French
29 March	Social Sciences (H & G)	Computers	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Maths/ Maths Lit	
6 April	Technology	Creative Arts	Skilled for Life	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Maths/ Maths Lit
11 April	English	Mathematics	Mathematics	Business/ Life Science	Skilled for Life

School Times

Punctuality is an important life skill.
School starts promptly at 07:50 and closes at 14:35 daily.
Learners are not allowed to loiter.
Most extra murals finish at 16:00.
Please make reliable transport arrangements.

Transport

Uncle PY can be contacted on 078-517-6554

Food for thought



Kind Regards,



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Principal – College