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Dear Parents, Guardians and Learners,

Half-term has come and gone and now it's all hands on deck as we approach the end of the term. Learners need to be working as hard as possible to ensure that their term 1 academic results are the best possible.

1. IQAA SURVEY

Thank-you to all our parents who completed the parent survey. We had a 71% response from our parents.

2. PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports have been issued and should have been returned to school by now. The staff are following up on each report and taking the comments that parents have made seriously.

3. CANSA SPRAY-A-THON

Rand College will be hosting a Cansa Spray-a-Thon on the 29th March. Children who want to show their support for the fight against cancer can do so by making a donation of R10 for one stripe or R50 for the whole head to be sprayed.

4. COLLECT-A-COIN DRIVE

Friday, 16 March is the deadline for the return of the Collect-a-coin fundraiser sheets. Funds collected through the Collect-a-coin will be used to upgrade the learner's bathrooms. Each learner is expected to collect at least R50,00. If a sheet is lost and not returned, a total charge of R100 will be added to your account as a donation towards the Collect-a-coin fundraiser.

5. MATHEMATICS & MATHS LITERACY

Parents, please note the following **compulsory extra lessons** for Grade 12 Maths and Maths Literacy students:

Maths Literacy: 17 March from 13:00 until 16:00

Maths : 24 March from 13:00 until 16:00

7 April from 13:00 until 16:00

12 & 13 April from 08:30 until 11:30

Mrs Bogdanova has communicated this information to the applicable learners and we need the learners here at school on the dates indicated above. We want to ensure that all learners obtain a good pass in their subjects.

6. SOCCER AND NETBALL

The Netball girls are attending provincial trials. This started yesterday and continues today. We would like to wish each girl trying out, the best of luck. Special thanks to Mrs Maupa for accompanying the girls.

The senior boys' soccer team will be playing a friendly match against Dominican Convent on Wednesday, 14 March at Rhodes Park. We wish our boys well as they prepare for the up and coming season. Special thanks to Mr Nhavoto for organizing the match.

7. EXTRA LESSONS

The school offers extra lessons to learners who need help with various subjects. I am concerned, however, that the teachers are reporting very low attendance by the learners. Staff are putting time aside to help the children and if a child indicates they will be there, we expect the child to attend. Please encourage your child to make use of this opportunity to improve academically.

8. ISIZULU OLYMPIAD: ROUND ONE

The first round of the isiZulu Olympiad will take place on the 15th March. We wish all learners participating well!

9. EISTEDDFOD

The Eisteddfod gives our learners the opportunity to showcase their talents. This can be in the performing arts, in any language and includes activities such as one-man performances, group performances, drama, music, poetry, written language and so forth. The cost to enter the Eisteddfod is R30 per solo act. Learners are encouraged to become involved in this. The performances will take place in the 1st Week of June.

10. UPCOMING CYCLE TESTS

The following are the remaining cycle tests for this term:

Date:	Grade 8:	Grade 9:	Grade 10:	Grade 11:	Grade 12:
16 March	EMS Accounting	EMS Business Studies	Life Sciences	Accounting / Visual Art / IT / Geography	English
23 March	Creative Arts	Technology	Physical Science	English	Afrikaans / isiZulu/ French
29 March	Social Science (History & Geography)	Computers	Afrikaans / isiZulu	Mathematics / Maths Literacy	
6 April	Technology	Creative Arts	Life Orientation	Afrikaans / isiZulu	Mathematics / Maths Lit
11 April	English	Mathematics	Mathematics	Business / Life Sciences	Life Orientation

Please ensure that your child is studying for these tests.

11. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS


The next two weeks are short weeks with a public holiday in each. Please note that the 22nd and 23rd of March are normal school days. Normal teaching and learning will take place.

21 March – Human Rights day

30 March – Good Friday

12. WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

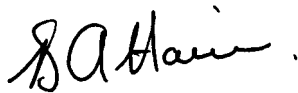
We would like to invite our learners to support World Down Syndrome Day. If a learner would like to wear casual socks on the day, we ask them to contribute R10 towards this worthy cause. See the insert below for further details.



The banner features the 3/21 logo on the left and right, with the text 'World Down Syndrome Day 21 March 2018' in the center. Below this, it says 'Count Us In!' and 'I Matter!' with a ribbon icon. The central graphic shows several colorful socks and the text 'ROCK YOUR SOCKS WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY 3/21'. Below the socks, it says 'Join Schools across the Globe and wear socks in different patterns and colours to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. Wearing mismatched socks reminds us to celebrate the things that make us, unique.' To the right of this text are four colorful socks. Below the text, it says 'World Down Syndrome Day is a day set aside to raise public awareness about Down Syndrome and be part of the global voice for advocating for the rights, inclusion, and well being of people with Down syndrome.' At the bottom, there are three logos: 'World Down Syndrome Day' with a heart and globe, 'ROCK YOUR SOCKS for World Down Syndrome Day' with a line of socks, and 'TDAG [The Down Syndrome Association Gauteng]' with contact information: 'NPO NO 001-339 | PBO NO 18/11/13/1575'.

We wish our Christian families all the best as they celebrate the holy time of Easter.

Yours sincerely



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