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NEWSLETTER NO 2 OF 2023

Dear Parents,

"Whatever the week ahead brings, may you hang on tightly to your sense of humour and your patience. May you find moments of peace and beauty amid the chaos, may your compassion be deep enough to include yourself and may your coffee be strong and plentiful"

Nanu Hoffman

The start of the new academic year has gone very smoothly. Children have started work (and homework) and productivity within the classrooms is high. I am very pleased with the appearance of our children – they are indeed well groomed and dressed and it is with a sense of pride that I walk around the school and see everyone engaged in positive experiences.

NEW LEARNERS

Over the past week, we welcomed our new Grades 8's, along with a few new learners in Grades 9 to 11. I hope that these learners already feel part of the Rand Family and that the years that lie ahead will be made up of many happy memories.

IEB NSC RESULTS

The Grade 12 class of 2022 IEB results will be released on Wednesday, 18 January. I am looking forward to finding out how our children have done in their final exams. I will send out communication in this regard, next week.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL DAY: SATURDAY 28 JANUARY 2023

We will have school on Saturday, 28 January 2023. The children are expected to attend the 2022 Prize Giving event and the ringing of the bell ceremony for all new learners to Rand College.

Children are expected to be at school at 08:30 dressed in formal school uniform. Blazers are to be worn by the children.

The prize giving will be followed by our parent meetings.

PARENT MEETINGS

The prize giving is scheduled to last until 11:00. We will then have a 15-minute break and at 11:15 we will host two parent meetings. The first meeting will be held on the Netball courts and **all Grade 8 and new parents from other grades** are expected to attend.

At the same time, all Grade 12 parents will meet in the school hall for input to the Grade 12 parents. This is very important as we will cover essential information concerning the Grade 12 exams.

CYCLE TEST SCHEDULE

Cycle tests are written each Wednesday at 7:50. Please ensure that your children are at school on time for these tests. The full schedule was published on the school's website but the remaining tests for the term are included below:

Date:	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
18 January	English	Maths	English	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	English
25 January	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	English	Maths/Maths Literacy	English	Life Sciences
1 February	Maths	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Business Studies/Physi cal Science / CAT	Maths/ Maths Literacy	Maths/Maths Literacy
8 February	NS: Science component	EMS: Business	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Business Studies / Physical Science	Accounting / History
15 February	NS: Life Sciences component	SS: History	IT(Practical)/ History	Accounting / History	Afrikaans/ isiZulu/ French/ Portuguese
22 February	Creative Arts	EMS: Accounting	Life Sciences / Art	IT (Practical) / Art	Art
1 March	EMS: Accounting	Natural Science	Accounting	Life Sciences	IT
8 March	SS: History	Maths	Maths/ Maths Literacy	English	Business Studies / Physical Science
15 March	SS Geography	SS: Geography	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Maths/ Maths Literacy	English
22 March	EMS: Business Studies	Life Orientation	English	Business Studies / Physical Science	Maths/Maths Literacy
29 March	Life Orientation	CAT	History / IT (Theory)	Accounting / History	Life Sciences
5 April	School Camp				

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

Please could parents take note of the following important dates for the remainder of this term:

DATE & TIME	EVENT	WHO SHOULD ATTEND
23 JAN TO 31 JAN	Grade 8 Revision and consolidation programme	All Grade 8's
28 JAN	Compulsory School Day: Prize giving 2022 @ 8:30	All Grade 8 to 12 learners
28 JAN	Grade 8 and all new parents meeting Grade 12 parents meeting	All Grade 8 Parents All new Grade 9 to 11 parents All Grade 12 parents
30 JAN - 13 FEB	Valentine's Fundraiser	Grade 12
31 JAN	Closing date for re-mark/re-check: 2022 National Senior Certificate	All Grade 12's who wrote the NSC in 2022
30 JAN	IEB Principal's meeting @ Roedean senior	Mr Harris
30 JAN	Rocking Future Roadshow	Grade 12 Learners
3 FEB	Absolute final date for all learners to have all textbook and stationery items	All learners and parents with learners in gr 8 - 12
14 FEB	Valentine's Day (Civvies Day)	All College Learners
16 FEB	IEB Exams: First Entry Return. No grade 12 subject changes allowed after this date.	Grade 12s / Mr Harris/ Mr Gora
23 FEB	Civvies day Progress Letters sent out to parents School closes at 12:00 for Mid-Term	All Children All Grade 8 to 12 Parents & learners All Learners & Parents
24 FEB TO 27 FEB	Mid-term break	Grade 8-12 Learners Teaching Staff
28 FEB	Learners return to school for the second half of the term	All Learners
6 TO 11 MARCH	Grade 8 Scholarship Day	All prospective Gr 8 parents and learners
20 MARCH	SCHOOL HOLIDAY	All parents, learners and staff
21 MARCH	Human Rights Day (Public Holiday)	All learners, parents & Staff
30 MARCH	IEB Class of 2022: Last day to register for rewrites	Grade 12's from 2022
3 APRIL	All learners depart on camp	Grades 8 to 12
6 APRIL	End of Term 1: School closes at 11:00 Term 1 reports issued All campers return from camp	All learners and Staff
3 MAY	Second term commences	All learners and Staff

ED-ADMIN

The school uses an administration application called Ed-Admin. This program provides a way for our learners and parents to connect with the school. By using this program, you can view your child's academic progress and marks continually. As your child completes cycle tests, classwork and tests, the marks are captured by the teachers and both you and your child can view these.

Parents, I would like to encourage you to download the Ed-Admin App to your phone. There are two apps, one for learners and one for parents. Please search for EDANA in your google store or iStore and download the app. I will email a user guide to all our parents shortly. This will guide you in how to use the app.

We will also arrange a training session at school so that parents that need help, can come through and I will show you how to use the app.

SCHOOL CAMP

Please note that during the last week of the term, we will be going to a 4-day, 3-night camp with all the learners in the College. We will send out more information shortly.

VACANCIES

We still have a few spaces available in our school for children in Grades 8 to 11. If you know of someone looking for place for their child, please refer them to us. We offer a referral discount to parents who refer new enrolments to us where, if the new enrolment remains for the year, a discount is given to the referring parent on their November account.

MASS MEASLES VACCINATION CAMPAGN

The department of Health is visiting schools from now until the 31st January and providing vaccination against Measles, worm infections and giving children a vitamin A supplement. Please see the attached consent form and should you want your child, aged 15 or younger to receive these vaccinations, please fill in and return the form to the school by 20 January so we can arrange for the Clinic to visit our school.

I would like to take this moment to wish all our learners, parents and staff, all the best for a busy and fast term!

Yours sincerely



Mr B Harris
Executive Headmaster