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NEWSLETTER NO 3 OF 2023

Dear Parents,

"Life is like a camera. Focus on what's important, Capture the good times, Develop the negatives and if things don't work out, take another shot."

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We are now already in our 6th week of the academic year and difficult to grasp that we are already approaching the first of our mid-term breaks. The feedback I have received from the staff has been positive and we are pleased with the manner in which our children have settled down into the new year.

PRIZE GIVING, PARENT MEETINGS AND RINGING OF THE BELL CEREMONY

On the 28th January, we held our Award Ceremony to recognize and reward all the children who performed so well during the 2022 academic year. We also officially welcomed all the new learners to Rand that had joined our school at the start of the year with the ringing of the bell ceremony. We also hosted a "new" parents' meeting where we introduced and briefed parents around the school's expectations. Grade 12 parents attended a meeting which explained the progress ahead for our Grade 12 learners. I would like to extend a huge thank-you to the parents who attended the day. I am sure that you enjoyed the celebrations as much as the staff did.

HEAD PREFECTS 2023

Part of the prize giving, is the hugely anticipated announcement of our head prefects. It is with great pleasure that we announced that Londiwe Zulu and Kwenzile Shezi were appointed as our head prefects for the 2023 year. We wish them well for their term in office.

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2023

We are hugely pleased to announce that the following learners have been selected by the learners to be the house captains for 2023:

Liddel: Thabo Mkwanzani & Owami Dube
Cairnes: Dylan Chikore & Zama Kumalo

Congratulations to these learners!

ROCKING FUTURE ROADSHOW

The Grade 12s attended the Rocking Future Roadshow at our school on Monday, 30 January. This was an opportunity for the children to explore career opportunities that are not based at university. I think that many of our children explored worthwhile alternatives to going to university. The day was a huge success and we look forward to the roadshow next year.

Mr Gora is liaising with Vega School and they will also be hosting career day at our school. Grade 12 learners interested in visiting Vega may do so on the 11th March which is their open day.

VALENTINES DAY

Our Grade 12s have been running with the Valentine's Day fundraiser. This is an opportunity for Grade 12s to raise funds towards their Matric Farewell, later in the year. On Tuesday, the children had the opportunity to buy roses for someone in the school and could also send a Valentine's Day card to that someone they have their eye on.

On Friday, 17 February, the children will be able to wear civvies to school and participate in a Talent Show or "Speed Dating" event. Proceeds for the civvies day, talent show and "speed-dating" will go towards the Grade 12 fund.

CAMP

By now, parents should have received an email about the camp. Please could I urge all parents to make sure that all reply slips have been sent in so that we can ensure the right number of spaces for camp have been booked.

GATES AND LEAVING SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL

The extra-mural programme is in full swing and I am pleased by the number of learners who are participating in extra-murals.

I wish to point out that if a learner is not doing extra-murals or attending extra lessons, then they need to leave school at 14:30.

The gates around the school will be locked until 15:30. At 15:30, learners may then leave as extra-murals and lessons end. They need to exit from the 7th Avenue gate which will be opened from 15:30 until 16:00.

All children should be on their way home at this stage as there are no scheduled activities after 16:00 and no staff will be on duty.

If a learner is still at school after this time, we will have to place them into the care of one of the after-care staff members who will then need to be paid overtime as this is beyond their regular duty. If a learner cannot be fetched from school by 16:00, we would appreciate a letter or email to give us a brief explanation so we can make the necessary arrangements to take care of your child.

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
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
16 FEB	IEB Exams: First Entry Return. No grade 12 subject changes allowed after this date.	Grade 12s / Mr Harris/ Mr Gora
23 FEB	Interhouse Sports Day Progress Letters sent out to parents School closes at 12:00 for Mid-Term	All learners 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

MID-TERM PROGRESS REPORTS

Mrs Wyer will email half-term progress reports to all parents on the 23rd February. This one-page report will alert you should your child not be making the required progress or not be doing homework, etc. We will require all parents to fill in the form that will be attached to the progress report to confirm that they have read the report. This will be done electronically.

INTERHOUSE SPORTS DAY

This will take place on Thursday, 23 February from 8:15 until 11:50. Children will compete in a range of sports, including Basketball, Volleyball, an obstacle course and tug-o-war. At the end of the day, the winning house will be announced. Good luck to all and may the competition be played out in good spirit.

MID-TERM BREAK

School will close on Thursday, 23 February at 12:00pm. Children will have a break from then until Tuesday, 28 February, 07:50 when school resumes. We wish our children a pleasant and relaxing half term break.

MAINTENANCE APPEAL: WHITE PVA PAINT

The school would like to appeal to any of our parents who are willing and able to donate 5 litres of white PVA paint to us. We have a huge number of maintenance projects running at present and we are in desperate need of White PVA. Please could I ask you to consider donating a 5 litre tin of paint to us?

Thank-you to our parents for always being there and supporting our school. It is only through you that we can make our school better.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Harris
Executive Headmaster