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NEWSLETTER NO 4 OF 2023

Dear Parents,

"It's fine to celebrate success, but it is more important to heed the lessons of failure."
Bill Gates

The end of term is in sight and soon the learners will be going on camp followed by the issuing of the term 1 reports. The term has indeed flown by. It has been a full term with lots of activities taking place.

INTERHOUSE SPORTS DAY

The learners all participated in a round robin of sporting events on the 23rd February. The day started off with a medley of obstacles that the children had to work through. After an hour, we moved onto Volleyball and Basketball, rotating the teams so as to give every learner a chance to participate. We ended off the day with a tug-o-war with the houses competing in a number of tug offs. At the end of the day, there was a 13 point difference between the houses. Liddel ended the competition with 182 points while Cairns won with 195 points. The spirit award went to Liddel who managed to keep their house alive with war cries.

Congratulations to the Cairns members! We look forward to the next competition which will take place in the second term





Some of the photos from the day are included above for your enjoyment.

HALF-TERM PROGRESS LETTERS

We issued the half-term progress letters to parents on the 23rd February. These were emailed to all our parents.

Parents were required to confirm receipt of these by clicking on the link provided in the email. If you have not, as yet, completed the form to confirm receipt, please do so as soon as possible.

“ANYTHING BUT SCHOOL SHOES DAY”

The Grade 12s are hosting a “Anything but school shoes” day on the 17th March. This is a mini fund-raiser towards their Matric Farewell fund. Learners that want to wear anything other than school shoes on their feet on Friday, may do so after paying a fee of R5,00.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY: 20 AND 21 MARCH

Kindly take note that Monday, 20 March is a school holiday and that 21 March is a public holiday to celebrate Human Rights Day.

CAMP

We will be taking most of the learners on camp from 3 to 6 April. The indemnity forms have been issued to children going on camp and we ask that these get returned to school as soon as possible.

There is still opportunity for parents to book their children on the camp. If you have changed your mind and would like to let your child go on camp, please send an email to me to confirm your child's attendance. The cost of the camp is R1900 and this needs to be paid by month end.

Children going on camp will earn credits towards their Life Orientation portfolio of work. This counts heavily towards the Grade 12 portfolio of evidence as it confirms that children have attended a camp.

Children not going on camp will be required to be at school for the week 3 to 6 April. Mr Gora will be acting principal during that time. The children not going on camp will complete a number of activities which will give them credit for the camp. Attendance each day at school will carry 50% of the marks towards these activities, so a learner who misses school during this period will have a serious penalty applied.

GATES AND LEAVING SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL

A reminder about the gate arrangements that are in place for learners after school. Please see circular 3 of 2023 for details on how the gates operate.

I wish to remind learners not doing extra-murals or attending extra lessons, that they need to leave school at 14:30.

CYCLE TEST SCHEDULE

Kindly note that learners will write a cycle test on Wednesday when they return after the long weekend. The remaining tests for the term are included below:

Date:	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
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
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

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?

LOAD SHEDDING

Load shedding has a serious impact on our operations at school. We cannot teach IT or CAT when load shedding takes place and our internet and telephone systems go offline when there is no power.

As this has a serious impact, especially on our Grade 12 learners, we have decided to roll-out solar power in our school. This month, we will begin by installing one inverter that will run off a battery to allow our server and one computer laboratory to remain operational. Hopefully, next month, we will be in a financial position to purchase a second inverter with a second battery so that we can expand our power provision to the second lab and to the admin office. After that, we will gradually purchase solar panels to start moving off the grid and onto solar energy.

We hope that soon the school will become self-reliant in the future so that we will not be affected by load shedding.

SUMMER SCHOOL

All Grade 12 learners and parents will receive a programme of extra lessons for Grade 12s that will be run during the April holidays. I encourage all learners to attend these extra lessons as they are designed to assist the Grade 12s with their preparation for the final exams.

ADMISSIONS FOR 2024

Admissions for Grade 8 in 2024 have opened. The school had an open day and scholarship day on the 10th March with over 260 potential grade 8s in attendance. I was proud of the learners that arrived to assist with either performing as the classical or cultural choir, speaking to the parents or running around and helping with the running of the day. Well done to our learners.

If any parents want to enroll a child for 2024 or know of someone looking for place, please pass on our details. Admissions can be done through Mrs Wyer in the office.

END OF TERM

As indicated above, the learners will be on camp from 3 to 6 April. During our return to school on the 6th, I will be releasing the reports for the end of term 1.

For our new parents, please note that reports are always emailed electronically to each parent and to the learner concerned.

School will close for the term 1 holidays on the 6th April and we will return for the second term on the 3rd May.

Parent interviews for parents who wish to see teachers to discuss the academic progress of their child will be scheduled for the new term. Please take careful note of the second term programme that will be published in my next circular.

I take this moment to wish our learners and parents a restful term 1 holiday.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Harris
Executive Headmaster