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NEWSLETTER NO 5 OF 2023

Dear Parents,

"Leadership is the ability to get extraordinary achievement from ordinary people"
Brian Tracy

I would like to welcome back our learners and staff from a well-deserved rest. I trust that all our parents, learners and staff had a Blessed Ramadan and Easter and a good rest from the pressure of the first term.

I would like to extend my thanks to the staff who gave up their time to run the summer school for our Grade 12 students. All my feedback has been hugely positive and I sincerely hope that our Grade 12 learners benefitted from these extra lessons.

CAMP FEEDBACK

Most of our students attended the camp at Morester. I wish to complement the children on their exceptional behaviour and positive attitude while on camp. The camp facilitators thoroughly enjoyed working with our children and a lot of fun and excellent food was enjoyed by all.

Roughly 600 photographs were taken by Thendo, Kwenzile who ably assisted me with this task. I have uploaded these onto a shared drive and the access link was emailed to all learners. Children are welcome to share the link with their parents and you can download and print these photos as you would like.

TERM 1 ACADEMIC RESULTS

During the last two weeks of the term, I went through each and every learner's academic report. I must report to parents that I am hugely satisfied with the standard of work that our children are attaining. I was particularly impressed by the results of the senior classes but I must stress that I am not disappointed by the juniors.

There is a backlog, particularly in the Grade 8 learners that came from schools outside of ours. This gap was caused by COVID and the rotational teaching system that many of the government primary schools implemented, but our staff are working hard at closing this gap and catching up on the backlog. I am confident that by the end of the Grade 9 year, we will have closed most of the gaps that we currently see in our learner's knowledge.

Thanks to the staff who are working tirelessly at closing these gaps!

TOP ACADEMIC PERFORMERS

I would like to extend my congratulations to the following learners on placing in the top students within their grade according to their academic performances during the first term. Every Learner that achieved an average of 74.5% (**indicated in GOLD below**) or greater will also be awarded their academic badges for the second term. Congratulations! In Grade 10, 11 and 12, the number of subjects the learners are doing is indicated behind their average.

Grade 8:

Jordan Mwania	84.13%
Mjoli Bekwa	82.93%
Landisiwe Zimba	82.68%
Calvin Kagwe	75.97%
Thando Mngomezulu	72.20%
Unamandla Zondo	70.29%

Grade 9:

Peyton Raffie	87.83%
Glorielle Mfuri	84.66%
Cleopatra Kibasomba	81.98%
Serenity Brauns	79.39%
Ntebo Maphoto	78.17%
Tennessee Derbyshire	69.14%
Thato Chocho	69.03%
Angelo Camalando	68.76%

Grade 10:

Ifeoluwa Sadare	84.18%	11
Helen Muhoni	83.38%	10
Masindi Ntikana	80.30%	8
Lwandlekazi Zimba	79.63%	8
Joel Tefera	79.40%	9
Caleb Muganpersad	78.41%	12
Aisleyne Mackenzie	77.40%	8
Lungelo Ncube	74.78%	8
Penny Nxumalo	74.50%	8
Gabriella Paulsen	73.07%	7
Abi Ncube	72.74%	7
Cynthia Ngwenya	72.54%	7
Siyabonga Maphanga	72.06%	7

Grade 11:

Abel Yesuf	87.3%	10
Letang Manzana	83.2%	7
Ethan Wing	80.00%	10
Thando Mbambo	79.79%	8
Hayden More	79.64%	9
Abenathi Shabangu	78.21%	7
Nwabisa Masiba	76.97%	7
Zoe Dlamini	75.84%	7
Michael Smith	75.13%	8
Yahwehnsi Dejene	74.69%	8
Lasonta Wellington	73.89%	7
Onyinyechukwu Dunu	73.49%	7
Asher Chikore	72.03%	7

Grade 12:

Owethu Qayinge	80.16	7
Anele Zungu	77.59	7
Londiwe Zulu	77.07	7
Mantandu Yasakananu	76.8	7
Yeabsera Yetayeh	76.3	8
Buhle Madi	74.19	7
Ayanda Molojoa	74.06	7
Kwenzile Shezi	71.46	7
Thandolwethu Mzola	70.41	7
Nonhlanhla Malebusha	70.37	7
Amukelani Tshabalala	70.16	8

These achievements are exceptional and each and every learner listed above can certainly feel very proud of their marks!

PARENT/LEARNER/TEACHER TERM 1 ACADEMIC FEEDBACK

We will hold our parent/learner/teacher feedback session on Saturday, 6 May from 09:00 to 11:00. We would like all parents who would like to discuss their child's term 1 progress to meet with the teachers during this time. Please could I appeal to parents to be aware of time constraints at these meetings. If your situation requires a long feedback session, please discuss the possibility of setting up a meeting with your child's teacher so that we can give feedback to as many parents as possible.

GRADE 9 SUBJECT CHOICES FOR 2024

All grade 9's are required to select a minimum of 7 subjects for the Grade 10, 11 and 12 years. We will be hosting a subject selection meeting in the school hall on Monday, 22 May at 18:00 to 19:00.

At this meeting, I will discuss the options parents have for their children as well as the process to have your child assessed by a registered psychometrist in order to get recommendations for subjects that your child should be taking.

SPORT NEWS

1. NETBALL

The netball girls played three matches against Summerhill International School yesterday. The results of the matches are as follows:

Under 14: Summerhill 17 Rand 0

Under 16: Summerhill 8 Rand 7

Open: Summerhill 28 Rand 17

Summerhill do not have an Under 14 team so they arranged for a mixed age group team to play against our U14 girls so that they had a match.

Well played girls! Next week, the Netball girls will play at Home against Pinnacle College!

2. SOCCER

The soccer boys have a bye this coming Wednesday but Mr Nhavoto is trying to organise a friendly match for next week. We will advise the boys directly should we be successful in organising the match.

3. BASKETBALL

The Basketball teams will play a match against Rand Tutorial College on the 12th May. We wish them all the best!

PAINT DONATIONS

I would like to extend a huge "THANK-YOU" to the Wellington and Fairbrother families for the kind donation of PVA to the school. Your kindness has helped make our school a better place.

CYCLE TEST SCHEDULE

Kindly note that learners will write a cycle test on Wednesday when they return after the long weekend. The cycle test schedule for this term is indicated below:

Date:	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
10 May	Maths	English	Maths/Maths Literacy	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	English
17 May	English	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	English	Maths/ Maths Literacy	Art
24 May	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Maths	Business Studies/Physical Science / CAT	English	Maths/Maths Literacy
31 May	NS: Science component	EMS: Business	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Business Studies / Physical Science	Accounting / History
7 June	NS: Life Sciences component	SS: History	IT(Practical)/ History	Accounting / History	Life Sciences
14 June	SS Geography	EMS: Accounting	Life Sciences / Art	IT (Practical) / Art	Afrikaans/ isiZulu/ French/ Portuguese
21 June	EMS: Accounting	Natural Science	Accounting	Life Sciences	IT
5 July	SS: History	Creative Arts	Maths/ Maths Literacy	Accounting / History	Business Studies / Physical Science
12 July	EMS: Business Studies	SS: Geography	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Maths/ Maths Literacy	English
19 July	Grade 8 to 11 Mid-Year exams (Start 17 July)				Maths/Maths Literacy
26 July	Grade 8 to 11 Mid-Year exams				Life Sciences
31 July	Grade 8 to 11 Mid-Year exams Grade 12s Write Prelims				

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

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

DATE & TIME	EVENT	WHO SHOULD ATTEND
6 May (Saturday)	Parent Interviews – feedback from Term 1	All parents, learners and staff
22 May	Grade 9 Subject choice meeting 18:00	Grade 9 Parents, learners and staff
5 June	Prefecture applications open for Grade 11s	Grade 11 learners
16 June	Youth day public holiday	All parents, learners and Staff
23 June	Close at 12:00pm for mid-term break Civvies day	All parents, learners and Staff
3 July	Return from Half-term break	All parents, learners and Staff
3 July	Prefecture interviews commence	
14 July	Prefecture announcement	
17 July	Grade 8 to 11 start Mid-year exams; Grade 12s continue with classes	All parents, learners and Staff
31 July	Prelims part 1 starts for Grade 12s	Grade 12 parents & learners
5 August	Grade 8 to 11 mid-year exams end	Grade 8 to 11 Parents & Learners
7 August	Grade 8 to 11 – Holocaust museum trip	All staff and learners
8 August	Civvies day Last day of Prelims part 1 Last day of term for all learners: dismiss 11am Term 2 Reports issued – Grades 8 to 11	Grade 12 parents & learners
14-23	Winter school for Grade 12s	Grade 12 parents & learners
25 August	Provisional date for Matric Farewell	Grade 12 parents & learners

- Grade 12 reports issued end of September after Prelims are finalised

ADMISSIONS FOR 2024

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.

The winter term is an especially busy term. I encourage all our learners to continue the good start to the year they have made. Keep working hard, be it in the classroom, on the sportsfield or at home – you will reap the rewards of your hard work.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Harris
Executive Headmaster