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NEWSLETTER NO 7 OF 2023

Dear Parents,

"Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck"
Dalai Lama

Winter has arrived and with it, the mixed fortunes of cold crispy winter mornings, warm, mild afternoons and the excitement of winter sports. As we approach mid-term, I would like to take this opportunity to update everyone on the activities that have happened and will still happen this term.

GRADE 9 SUBJECT CHOICES FOR 2024

I would like to thank all the parents and students that attended the information session held on the 22nd May. I hope that you found the meeting interesting and insightful.

GRADE 12 AFRIKAANS PIT PRODUCTION

The Grade 12 Afrikaans students attended the Pit Productions hosted at Assumption Covent on the 2nd June. I received positive feedback following this and I must congratulate our Grade 12 students for flying our flag so high. I hope that the students found the outing beneficial as part of the preparation for the final exams.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Prestige Photographers were at our school on Friday, 2 June. Every student was photographed individually. We also took some group photos. We expect that the order envelopes will arrive shortly and we will then distribute these to the students to bring home to parents. Parents will then be able to order these according to the options available on the envelope.

Group photos will also be available at a cost of R35,00 per group photo.

SPORT RESULTS AND NEWS

1. NETBALL

The following are the sport results from matches played:

4 May – Rand versus Summerhill College
U14 – No game
U16 – Rand lost 8:7
Open – Rand lost 28:17

10 May – Rand versus Pinnacle College

U14 – Rand lost 2:1

U16 – Rand lost 10:6

Open – Rand lost 19:15

24 May – Rand versus Veritas College

U14 – Rand won – match forfeited

U16 – Rand won – match forfeited

Open – Rand lost 22:10

2. SOCCER

The following are the sport results from matches played:

12 May – Rand versus Kings School – Robin Hills

Under 15 lost 5:1

Open – Lost 2:1

18 May – Rand versus Yeshiva College

Yeshiva College conceded so we won both matches on a technicality.

24 May – Rand versus Bladerstone Sports Institute

- U15 – Lost 7:1

- Open Lost 4:1

31 May – Rand versus St Barnabas

- U15 – Lost 6:1

- Open – Drew 4:4

7 June – Rand versus Pinnacle Kyalami

- U15 Lost 6:0

- Open lost 4:2

We now wait for information from the Soccer organisers to inform us whether we made it to the play-offs for the competition.

3. BASKETBALL

The Basketball teams played a match against Rand Tutorial College on Friday 12th May.

The Girl's team lost 6:38

The boys team won 36:15 – Congratulations!

INTERHOUSE CHESS

The first rounds of the Interhouse Chess contest are under way! We have a huge response with nearly all the learners playing. We will award 1 point towards their house points to every learner who plays but gets knocked out. A winning player will score 2 points towards their house points. It is really pleasing to see such high levels of interest in chess.

INTERHOUSE PLAYS

Parents may, or may not be aware that children have been writing their own scripts for the Interhouse plays that we hope to put on later this year. The two senior students who are leading the interhouse plays are Owethu and Believe, both in Grade 12. The scripts for the plays have been finalized. Auditions for the parts in the play will start this week. We hope to get the Art students involved in producing the props and backdrop for the plays, and those that are not

successful in securing an acting position, may then apply as a backstage member of the team. We will also need students to take charge of lighting and sound. We are looking forward to a very exciting production from each of the houses later this year. Good luck to everyone involved.

MID-YEAR EXAMS AND DEMARCATIONS

The exam timetable is nearing completion and we hope to get this finalized by next week. The staff have also been asked to submit their demarcations to me. The demarcations are similar to briefs which basically are the list of topics that will be examined in the exams for each subject.

I will email these to all parents as soon as they are finalized.

PREFECTURE APPLICATIONS

I would like to remind the Grade 11 students that applications for the position of prefect has opened. Any Grade 11 who would like to be considered for the position of prefect may apply. To apply, the candidate will need to submit a CV along with a covering letter, motivating why we should consider them for the position. Once we have received these applications, we will proceed to interview the candidates and draw up a short list of successful candidates.

The new prefect body will be announced on the 14th July.

LIFE-SCIENCES FIELD TRIP

The Grade 10 and 12 Life Sciences students will be going on a field trip to Wits university on the 9th May. Letters have been issued to the relevant learners to provide details of the trip. We wish them an exciting and fruitful excursion on the day.

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM VISIT

As part of our social awareness campaign, the students from Grade 8 to 11 will be going on an excursion to the Holocaust Museum on Monday, 7 August. The trip will cost R100 per child and this will cover the bus to the Museum as well as a donation to cover the entrance fee. This trip forms part of the Social Sciences and Life Orientation curricula and certainly is a very worthwhile experience for our children.

HISTORY FIELD TRIP

I would like to also draw the attention of our Grade 12 History parents and students that we are in the planning stages of a field trip to the Apartheid Museum. We have tentatively set the date as the 5th July. This is an important topic in the Grade 12 curriculum and this trip will assist the Grade 12s with preparation for the final exams. More information will be sent in a separate letter.

INTERHOUSE SOCCER AND NETBALL

We will hold the annual interhouse Soccer and Netball competition on the 23rd June, the day we close for the mid-term break. Learners will come to school in sport kit to play in these sports.

MID-TERM BREAK

A reminder that we close for our winter mid-term from 26 June until 30 June. The students will dismiss at 12:00 on Friday 23 June after the conclusion of the interhouse Soccer and Netball.

Normal school resumes on Monday 3 July.

CYCLE TEST SCHEDULE

Kindly note that learners will write a cycle test on Wednesday. The remaining cycle test schedule for this term is indicated below:

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

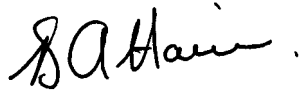
Please could parents take note of the remaining important dates for this term:

DATE & TIME	EVENT	WHO SHOULD ATTEND
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	School management team
5 July	Visit to Apartheid Museum	Grade 12 History learners
14 July	Prefecture announcement	All parents, learners and Staff
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 &
7 August	Grade 8 to 11 – Holocaust Museum	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	All parents, learners and Staff

14-23 August	Winter school for Grade 12s	Grade 12 parents & learners
25 August	Provisional date for Matric Farewell	Grade 12 parents & learners

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

Yours sincerely



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