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NEWSLETTER NO 8 OF 2023

Dear Parents and learners,

"If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you."

Steve Jobs

This term has been a very busy one with lots of activities on all fronts. Along with the scheduled activities, we also had one or two unscheduled ones along the way. This newsletter will probably be the last one as we head into the term 2 holidays. Please read through it carefully.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that the closing date for school photos is the 26th July. The order envelope contains the costing of various packages.

Group photos will also be available at a cost of R70,00 per group photo. Please collect an envelope from Mrs Wyer if you wish to order one or more group photos.

INTERHOUSE SOCCER, NETBALL, CHESS, TUG-O-WAR & BROOMSTICK

The learners participated in the Interhouse matches on the 23rd June. Everyone had a great time.

In summary:

- 29 Chess matches were played – Won by Liddel;
- 32 learners played in Netball matches – Won by Liddel;
- 35 learners played in Soccer matches – Won by Liddel;
- 87 Learners participated in the tug-o-war – Won by Cairns;
- Most of the learners present participated in Broomstick – Won by Liddel;

Overall, the Interhouse winners were Liddel with 134 points while Cairns earned 127 points.

Well done to Liddel!

Please see the photos on the next page of some the learners playing Broomstick:



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to extend my appreciation to the Priess Family, in Germany, who made a very generous donation towards the school's initiative to move to solar energy. We also acknowledge the anniversary of the passing of Sister Justina Priess who is remembered with fondness as she supported so many families with scholarships. Her legacy lives on through her family who continue her good work.

HOPE JARS

As part of our outreach programme, Rand College has always supported Mandela day by creating "Hope Jars" which we deliver to KenCare (Kensington Methodist Church) who in turn, provides these to people and families who are destitute and in need to food. A single Hope Jar provides enough food for a family of four. Both the Prep School and the College support this initiative by donating the ingredients. The Grade 11s help pack the ingredients in the Hope Jars and earn community hours towards their Life Orientation Portfolio for Grade 12. This year, we strive to produce 160 of these Jars. If we can produce those, we will set a new record for our school. At this juncture, I would like to extend a huge THANK-YOU to those parents and learners who have supported our drive. Here are a couple of photos of our children putting together the Hope Jars.



PREFECTURE

I am pleased to announce that the following learners have been appointed as prefects for the 2023/24 academic year:

- Letang Manzana
- Thando Mbambo
- Hayden More
- Lesedi Sibiya
- Ethan Wing
- Nwabisa Masiba
- Kamohelo Mokgosi
- Abenathi Shabangu
- Lasonta Wellington
- Abel Yesuf

These learners were all inducted as prefects at a ceremony held on Friday, 14 July. We wish them strength and well for the upcoming year,

To those who applied but did not get selected, please don't give up! We will continue monitoring the situation and as soon as we believe you are ready for the position of Prefect, we will appoint you.

MID-YEAR EXAMS AND DEMARCATIONS

Mid-year exams commence from today for learners in Grades 8 to 11. I hope the learners have studied and are studying for exams that will take place from now until the end of the term.

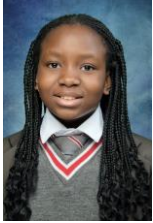
A reminder that we alternate each exam day with a study day. As these exams carry a huge weighting towards the second term report, we really want our children to do well. On the day off, the children must stay at home and study. They should not be visiting friends or playing.

The Grade 12s will have normal school until the 28th July, after which they will begin Prelim exams.

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. This charge has been added to your school fee account.

TWO UNEXPECTED EVENTS:



Firstly, we received really sad news that one of our Grade 8 Learners, Precious Eniyandunmo, had passed away. A separate newsletter was issued regarding this incident. We held a memorial service for Precious at the school on Friday, 14 July so that our children could say goodbye to a friend and classmate. We respected the family's wishes, in accordance with their cultural practices.

Secondly, on Monday, 10 July, it snowed at school. This was completely unexpected with the weather forecast stating that there was "no chance" of snow in Johannesburg.

Here are a couple of photos of our children having fun:



NOTICE:

A reminder that in terms of your school fee contract, if you intend to move your child to another school, your notice must be given in writing on or before the 8 August 2023.

END OF TERM PROCEDURE

Please note that the Grade 8 to 11 learners will be writing exams until the 4th August.

The Grade 12s will be writing Prelims up to and including the 8th August.
On the 7th August, the Grade 8 to 11s will visit the Holocaust Museum.

The children may wear Civvies on the last day, the 8th August. School will dismiss at 11:00am for all learners.

Kindly note that academic reports will be issued for all Grade 8 to 11 learners on the last day of the term. Parent interviews will be scheduled by invitation and will take place early next term. There will be an opportunity for parents who are not invited to attend, to also come through to receive feedback on their child's progress.

A winter school for the Grade 12s will be scheduled. A programme will be issued within the next few days with full details of the programme.

The third term commences on Wednesday, 6 September.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

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

DATE & TIME	EVENT	WHO SHOULD ATTEND
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	Matric Farewell	Grade 12 parents & learners

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

I take this opportunity to wish all the parents, learners and staff a restful holiday and we look forward to the last stretch of the year.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Headmaster