

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

15 January 2019



Dear Parents

We welcome you all back to a new school year. We trust that you are well rested. A special welcome to new children and their families. We also welcome our new teachers, Mrs Denise Lesar (music), Mr Anda Singata (Grade 3) and Mrs Kim Fourie (Grade 4).

Important Parents' Meeting: Wednesday, 23 January at 5.30pm

There will be a meeting in the hall at 5.30pm. After the meeting you will proceed to your child's classroom where the class teacher will impart valuable information on how you can assist your child to have a successful and productive year.



Grade 1 pupils hard at work

Fundraisers

As a school fundraiser, boerewors rolls are sold on a Wednesday at a cost of R15. Another of our school fundraisers is our weekly *Cookie Day for Grades R to 3*. Parents of children in Grades 1 to 3 are asked to take one turn a year to supply 36 cupcakes. These are sold to the children on Fridays at a cost of R5. You may send money to your child's class teacher in the first week of each term to cover the cost of cupcakes for the term.

Tuckshop

On a Monday and Friday toasted cheese or toasted cheese and ham sandwiches will be on sale for R15 each. There will be no tuckshop on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

School times

Office Hours Monday to Thursday: 07h30 to 15h00
Friday: 07h30 to 14h00

School times

<u>Grade R:</u>	08h00 to 12h30. There is no sport for Grade R.
<u>Grades 1 & 2:</u>	07h30 to 13h30, except for Fridays when school ends for these grades at 12h30. Sport and extra-mural activities are included in the school day and will take place during school hours.
<u>Grades 3 to 7:</u>	07h30 to 13h30. Sport and extra-mural activities (which are now optional) will take place from 14h00 to 15h00. There will be no extra-mural activities on Fridays. Pupils are to be collected at 13h30 on the days that they do not have extra-mural activities.

Children in Grades 1 to 7 are to arrive at school by 07h20 at the latest. **The school gates are open from 06h50.** Please ensure that your child is collected from school timeously. Children who are not collected timeously will be sent to after-care at a cost of R30 per afternoon and your account will be debited.

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Road safety

Parents should take care to observe the traffic signs around the school. The Luke Street entrance (at the back of the school) is to be used to both bring and fetch pupils. Parents and transport providers of Grade R children are requested to enter the school grounds and fetch the children from their classroom. Learners may not respond to hoots, or cross the street unaccompanied by an adult. Please do not park on the pedestrian crossing as this causes congestion in Luke Street. Grade R to 2 Learners may only leave the field or the school grounds accompanied by a responsible adult. **PLEASE NOTE: Luke Street is a one way street entered via Hill Street which exits through Douglas Lane. The FRONT ENTRANCE in African Street may not be used by learners, as this street has become increasingly busy and dangerous.**

Clothing Exchange & Lost Property

We encourage parents to mark ALL clothing, bags, stationery, etc clearly. All items found on school property are handed in at the office. Please ensure that your child checks at the office for any items that have been misplaced. Unmarked articles of clothing are kept for one term and then donated to the Clothing Exchange. Assistance with lost property and the purchasing of clothing from the clothing exchange will be available daily from 12h00 to 13h00.

Lunches

Children need to bring a small, healthy lunch to school each day. Sandwiches with a protein filling such as cheese, egg, meat or peanut butter are recommended, together with a fruit. A small bottle of water or fruit juice is also necessary. **Pies, sports drinks and fizzy drinks are not allowed. Please do not include sweets, chips, biscuits or cake in the lunches.** Birthday celebrations are an exception, when pupils may bring a slab cake or cupcakes to share with their class.

Foundation Phase Play: Aladdin

DVD's of the play or CD's with photographs of the play may be ordered at the office at a cost of R100 each.

Electronic copy of Newsletter

Should you wish Newsletters to be e-mailed to you instead of receiving a hard copy, please complete the reply slip at the end of this newsletter.

Kind regards

Alison Dugmore
Acting Principal

<u>TERM DATES FOR 2019</u>	
First Term	9 January to 15 March
Second Term	2 April to 14 June
Third Term	9 July to 20 September
Fourth Term	1 October to 4 December

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Name of parent:

E-mail address/es:

Name of child:

Class: