

# Newsletter



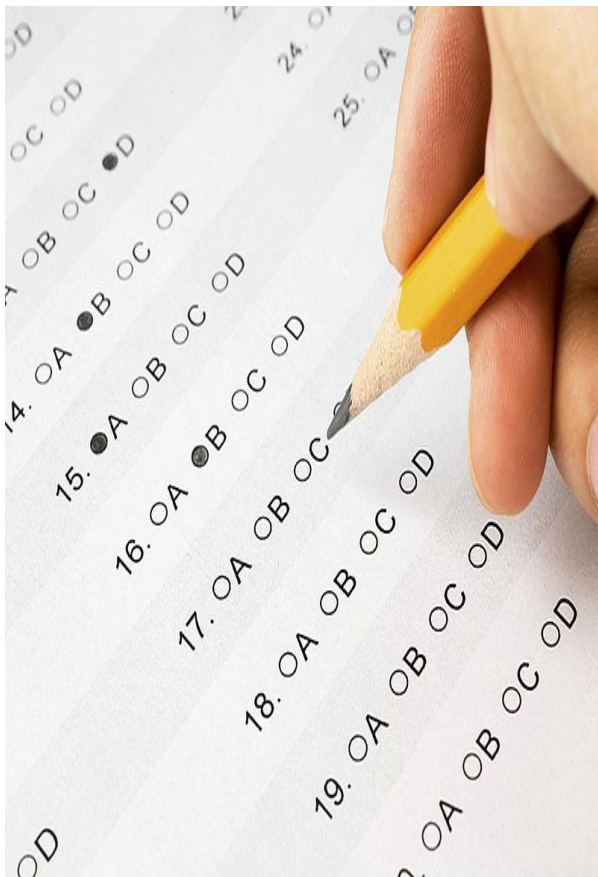
**25 February 2015**

## Cake sale x2!..

We are in for a **double** cake sale TOMORROW! Grade 1M and Teacher Kathy's classes will BOTH be bringing delicious treats, which means **the whole school** is invited to participate in the party! Bring your change, because you won't want to miss out on this one! Don't forget Teacher Kathy's class must also bring money ☺

## **NB, NB, NB...URGENT HOMEWORK FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL!!!**

After 4 long years of emails and telephone calls, we are finally getting the attention of the Roads and Storm Water department of the Ekurhuleni municipality concerning the unsightly open storm-water drain running parallel to our school. Tomorrow, we have a meeting scheduled with Mr Norman Swart (manager in the department) who is coming to our school to see the extent of the problem. WE NEED MOTIVATION!!! Please can EVERY PUPIL write a short letter/ make a drawing, requesting Ekurhuleni to step up to the environmental plate and help out with the closing of the drain. Parent's letters are MOST welcome too. The letters will be presented to Mr Swart at 8h30 on Thursday morning, so it is a rush request! Let us see if we can wake up the proverbial giant, to work in our favour and make the environment a safer place for our pupils!



## I came, I saw, I wrote CONQUESTA!

Conquesta is an Olympiad open to schools in South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland, Australia and New Zealand. It is hosted annually and is a lovely way for us to gauge our school's performance nationally. We really encourage our senior students (Grade 5 - 7) to enrol to flex their brain muscles and give us, and you as parents, a good idea of our school's standard of education.

**In 2014, our school came 4<sup>th</sup> out of all participating South African schools for Bible Education. Considering about 50% of independent schools in SA enter, as well as hundreds of government schools, this was no small achievement and we were so proud of the subject in which it was attained!**

March is the time that we enrol again for Conquesta. The papers may be tough, but are multiple-choice in layout, and cover a broad range of subjects. The cost is R14 for general enrolment and R12 per subject. Subject material has been covered in class, so a healthy dose of courage and confidence is all that is required to enter. Children may enter as many subjects as they would like.

Here is a list of possible subjects:

Maths, English, Afrikaans (2<sup>nd</sup> language), LO, Creative arts, Science and Technology, Bible study, General Knowledge, EMS (Grade 7 only) and Technology (Grade 7 only).

If you or your child indicates that they are participating in Conquesta, for your convenience, we will automatically debit your school account for the funds.

Who's up for the challenge?!!

## Time to smoke out the serious scientists!

Don't forget that we will start the "**Professor Phantom's Science Club**" for Grade R - Grade 2 next week Friday. If you have not put down your name yet, please do so ASAP! In response to some of your queries...there is a scientific reason for the strange time-slot...our host scientist, Ian, is a science teacher in a local private high school and this was the earliest he could make it to our school after his busy bubble-bubble toil and trouble day. Just a reminder...

Grade R - Grade 2: Friday afternoon the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 15h00 - 16h00

Grade 3 - Grade 5: Friday afternoon the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 15h00 - 16h00

Grade 6 - Grade 7: Friday afternoon the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 15h00 - 16h00

Where? Teacher Erika's classroom

Cost? R80 per session

All good, steaming, fizzing and booming fun!!!



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### Friday feedback...

Check out the web for some "On Cue Theatre" pics of Friday's theatrical performance for Grade 1 - 7! (Lucky for them, the "On Cue" team invited the Junior school to join in.) Teacher Erika and Teacher Wilna's kiddies had their eyes tested (with a Steers ice-cream as a side-line treat) while Teacher Kathy and Teacher Laura baked up some yummy face-cookies. This week Friday we will swap out and Teacher Erika and Teacher Wilna will be baking, while Teacher Kathy and Teacher Laura will be walking to the mall. PLEASE REMEMBER SHOES, A WATER BOTTLE AND A SUNHAT!!!

### Your chance to chat...

Teacher Erika is looking for some short testimonials from parents about our school to put on the web. Just a few words or lines (not more than 150 words) explaining why you are happy sending your children to Solid Foundations! If you have a moment, please give us your thoughts.

A great example is one we spontaneously received from an ex-pupil who is now schooling at St Johns. This proud father explained how St Johns has personally asked him what primary school this young gentleman hales from, as he achieved 92% for a maths exam recently - quite an eyebrow raiser for his new school. We need to share the goodness with existing and prospective parents, as we have so much to be grateful for!!



### Bouncing into March...

Bunny season is around the corner, and you can order a special Easter hamper from 'Sugar Club' to cover your family's seasonal chocolate fetish! The school does get a kick-back from the sales, so it's a great voluntary way to show support. Your child will receive a brochure and order form sometime this week. Please return orders before Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March. Enjoy!

### Theme for Mickey Mouse next week...

Shapes and sports (or is it sports for all shapes? ☺ !)



Prayerfully and playfully  
The Teachers