

# Newsletter



**16 September 2015**

## **Celebrating International Spring Day and our nation's awesome heritage...**

As our South African spring day was somewhat frosty, we postponed our celebrations and are planning to welcome spring international-style on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. This coincides with the week of "heritage day". All Grades are welcome to wear civvies or traditional dress for the occasion - but beware - it's a MONDAY so don't forget after the weekend!



## **Last call for our Einsteins in term 3!**

Professor Phantom will host the last science club meeting for term 3 this week Friday. If you would like to enrol we still have a few places available. Send your R80 to Teacher Erika by tomorrow to join in the class!

## **On the threshold...**

We had 3 parents enquire in our recent survey as to why our school is not using tablets yet. This question is possibly on more parents' minds and we would like to give an explanation concerning our hesitation in taking the technological plunge... We have investigated other local private schools who have introduced tablets and they have honestly shared the following problems with us:

- Children prefer to study from printed hard-copy material than e-material. It's easier to make notes, draw in the margin, highlight and orientate their study lives with paper copies compared to "on screen studying"
- This abovementioned phenomenon has resulted in parents making mountains of printed copies of electronic textbooks for their children or buying textbooks for studying at home. This naturally translates into double costs.
- The introduction of textbook-replacing tablets has actually resulted in a decline in the academic performance of pupils (Grade 4 - 7) as they now face the distraction of gaming and using other applications instead of studying or doing homework.
- Introducing tablets requires intensive I.T. support for both the school and pupils. This support is very costly and time-consuming.



We do acknowledge that technology is "the future" and that keeping education relevant and interesting for our pupils is the key to academic success. With the abovementioned challenges, we hesitate to ask R2000-R4000 per pupil for the introduction of a tablet system that is still fraught with hiccups. We are watching the development of tablet-education closely and will make the change when we believe the pros outweigh the cons.

## **Last round of applause for our Eisteddfod stars...**

These are our Grade 2 achievers:

A++ for prescribed poetry: Serena Brand, Muhluri Ngobeni, Lilitha Sontshaka  
A+ for prescribed poetry: Dashiell Govender, Tristan Naidoo, Lethabo Tsunke, Oratile Modipane, Auralea Langford, Luke Gray, Joelle Ludik, Bokang Manche, Sinenhlanhla Maphike, Buhle Mhlongo, Ofentse Ndebele

A for prescribed poetry: Kadidja Kumbu-Lufua, Khethelo Makhanya

And our Grade 4's also shone with:

A++ for prescribed poetry: Reabetswe Teffu (item winner), Unathi Mose, Kyla



Mitchley (item winner), Tayla Röseler, Setshego Mangokoane, Ennah Nyamende, Khanyisile Talazo, Kaitlyn Govender  
 A+ for prescribed poetry: Moleboge Setoaba, Sriyam Kisten, Nolwazi Kgadima, Monique Mbende Benga, Kirsty Small, Nolitha Zwane, Alyssa Morgan, Thembi Tshukudu, Giyani Nozewu, Onika Vanda  
 A for prescribed poetry: Minenhle Maseko, Tamzin Vermaak, Karabo Ndwandwe  
 A++ for own choice poetry: Reabetswe Teffu (item winner), Moleboge Setoaba, Sriyam Kisten, Kirsty Small, Nolitha Zwane, Alyssa Morgan  
 A+ for own choice poetry: Unathi Mose, Nolwazi Kgadima, Minenhle Maseko, Tamzin Vermaak  
 A for own choice poetry: Monique Mbende Benga.  
 This wraps up our Eisteddfod season for 2015. Congratulations to EVERY participant and to the teachers, moms and dads who supported, drove, cued and clapped through the performances! We are sooo proud of our pupils!

**Moms can do netball too!**

Did you know that Teacher Kathy and Teacher Debbie keep themselves healthy and fashionable by playing in an indoor netball league! Unfortunately, their team is two players short this season. Are there any moms who would like to sign up for the team? Matches are on Monday evenings in Edenvale from 18h00 onwards. It's a really fun way to look after your fitness and figure (and you don't even have to play like a pro - promise!) Contact Teacher Kathy if you are interested.



**Off to explore...**

Our Solid Foundations pupils are off on exciting field trips next week Wednesday! Grade 1 - 3 will take a peak at lions and eagles in Lori Park Zoo and the Grade 5 to 7's will study the cosmos at the Johannesburg Planetarium. Don't worry Grade 4's, your day is on the way with a visit to the Voortrekker Monument and Union Buildings on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> September. Remember to complete your child's indemnity form as this is a legal requirement! Also please provide a fully disposable take-out lunch for your child (i.e. no lunch boxes or juice bottles).

**Pre-holiday binge...**

Teacher Kathy and the Grade 5's are both hosting cake sales on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Start saving!

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON THURSDAY (HERITAGE DAY) AND FRIDAY (GDE HOLIDAY) NEXT WEEK. AFTER CARE IS OPEN ON THE FRIDAY AS PER USUAL.**

Enjoy the long weekend!  
 Prayerfully and playfully  
 The Teachers



**Samoosa orders:**

- Mince** : R40 Unfried per dozen  
: R45 Fried per dozen
- Chicken** : R40 Unfried per dozen  
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- Potato** : R30 Unfried per dozen  
: R35 Fried per dozen
- Cheese and corn** : R40 Unfried per dozen  
: R45 Fried per dozen

*For all catering functions:*

- Platters (savoury)*
- Briyanie*
- Curries*
- Rotis*
- Bunny chows*

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