Newsletter

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Money for Jam!

Your child received a "Compu-IQ" form this week. Even if you are not interested in this software product, please draw a line through the reply slip and simply write your name. If we collect a sufficient number of reply



slips back, even if they are "rejected", our school receives a small donation from Compu-IQ. So don't toss it – simply return it.

We also receive an annual donation from Woolworths for shoppers presenting their "my school card" at the till. Take a moment to fill in the paperwork and you will be blessing the school each time you swipe.

These are simple, small ways that you can show your support without spending a cent. Thank you!

Fab Fridays...

Our Mickey Mouse pupils were gripped by last week's puppet show. This week Friday, "Dilly Town" theatrical productions are putting on their show for us. Keep an eye on our website for pic's of the fun.

Cake sale time for Gr1 - 7

Tomorrow, Mrs Tudhope's class is hosting the first Solid Foundations cake sale of 2016! Bring your change and a gargantuan appetite! Mickey Mouse pupils are unfortunately NOT encouraged to participate, as they have their own special cake sale dates lined up.

Grade 3 and 4: 13h45 - 14h20





On the ball...

As of next week, Teacher Kathy's netball practices are fully up-and-running on Tuesday afternoons. Grade 1 and 2: 13h15 – 13h50

Grade 5: 14h15 - 15h00 The R100 registration fee paid by each child is required by the School's Netball Association. This fee allows the girls to play in a league as well as tournaments. Please ensure that the first month's fees (R220) and registration fee (R100) are paid up by next week. The total is R320.

<u>Classifieds...</u>

- ABC TRANSPORT to and from school (at 13h00 and at 17h30). Contact Grant Small 083-411-8533.
- FLUFFTAIL FESTIVAL



This year, the annual Flufftail Festival will be held in Cresta Shopping Centre from 2-8 February 2016.

This festival takes place at the time of World Wetlands Day (2 February), and the aim is to raise awareness about a critical resource (water), threatened habitat (wetlands) and endangered birds (flufftails, and especially the White-winged Flufftail). With the current drought that is gripping our country, there's no better time to be raising awareness about water. The Flufftail Festival is a partnership between Eskom, Rand Water and BirdLife South Africa (and an increasing number of other collaborators).

This year's Flufftail Festival takes the form of a giant maze. We're inviting school children to visit the festival and walk through the maze. In the maze, at a number of "stations", the children will be able to find the answers to five questions. If they answer the questions correctly, they will stand a chance to win one of many lovely prizes. Participants on the weekend can also have their photograph taken "in a wetland" wearing various props (such as gumboots and binoculars). They will receive these images, both hardcopies and electronic copies, for free. Each participant will also receive a fun sticker and a fun and informative brochure. Competition entry forms are available in the office.

After Care should be camera shy and tech savvy...

As many of our After Care pupils are bringing their tech devices to After Care, we are exploring a whole new world of "do's and don'ts"! Please could you remind your children NOT to take pictures and videos of each other.

We would also ask that if your child is going to be using sound, they have a set of earphones. Otherwise, for the sake of others, sound must be muted.

These seem like strange requests, but let's keep our kids happy, tech-safe and brimming with healthy respect for others.

Decked out for P.T...

Teacher Debbie has noticed that many of her P.T. kids are slipping and sliding while trying to do P.T. Please ensure that your child has a pair of strong, solid takkies (good support at the heels) for their P.T. lessons. Thank you.

Mickey Mouse's theme for next week ...

Clean teeth and germ-free! Although we are well-stocked, feel free to send us books or interesting "show and tell" items related to the topic!

Weekend outing anyone?

We have been approached by the Voortrekker Museum to remind families in our school that the museum is the second most popular heritage site in South Africa. Visits to the museum cost R70pp and kids enter free (max 3 per family). It's a great way to explore a chapter of South African history while spending meaningful time with your family.

Senior's schedules...

We have tabulated all the "major" term 1 assessment activities for our Grade 5 - 7 pupils. Trust this keeps stress down and planning up in your household!

			GRAD	<u>DE 5</u>			
<u>Dates</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>Geog</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>NS and</u> <u>tech</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Afrikaans</u>	LO
13Jan - 15Jan							
18 Jan -22 Jan							
25 Jan -29 Jan			Test			Project	
1 Feb – 5 Feb							
8 Feb - 12 Feb			Test				
15 Feb - 19 Feb							
22 Feb - 26 Feb			Assignment				
29 Feb - 4 March							
7 March – 11 March		Test		Test			
14 March -18 March	Test		Test			Gedig	 Project Reading & Understanding





<u>Grade 6</u>								
<u>Dates</u>	<u>History</u>	Geog	<u>Maths</u>	Ns and tech	English	Afr	Ems	LO
13jan - 15jan								
18 Jan -22 Jan								
25 Jan -29 Jan			Test			Project		
1 Feb – 5 Feb								
8 Feb - 12 Feb	Test							
15 Feb - 19 Feb			Test					
22 Feb - 26 Feb				Project: food				
29 Feb - 4 March			Assignment					
7 March - 11 March	Speech	Test		Test			Test	
14 March -18			Test		Test	Gedig		 Project
March								 Reading & understanding

				<u>Grade 7</u>				
<u>Dates</u>	Hist	Geog	<u>Maths</u>	Ns and tech	English	Afr	EMS	LO
13Jan - 15Jan								
18 Jan -22 Jan								
25 Jan -29 Jan			Test			Project		
1 Feb – 5 Feb			Assignment					
8 Feb - 12 Feb					Speech			
15 Feb - 19 Feb			Test					
22 Feb - 26 Feb			Assignment					
29 Feb - 4 March				Tech project due and test				
7 March - 11 March		Test	Test				Test	
14 March -18 March	Test				Test	Gedig		Project due

Terms for 2016...

Keeping up with dates and calendars, some parents have requested the school term dates for 2016. We do stick rather closely to the Gauteng province's terms, but for your convenience, here they are:



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Term	Starts	Ends	Special holidays
1	13 Jan	18 March	
2	5 April	24 June	27 April: Freedom Day
	-		2 May: Workers Day
			16 June: Youth Day
			17 June: GDE school
			holiday
3	18 July	30	8 Aug: GDE school
	-	September	holiday
			9 Aug: Woman's Day
			24 Sep: Heritage Day
4	10 Oct	1 December	

Prayerfully and prayerfully The teachers

