

# Newsletter



10 February 2016

## Boasting in the Lord...

This is something really amazing to celebrate with us...

Our school won first place for "Bible Studies in Grade 6" in the 2015 "Conquesta" challenge. This means that our school came first out of hundreds of schools nationally and internationally in this particular subject. We are THRILLED!!! Well done children for "hiding His word in your hearts"!



## How LOVELY...

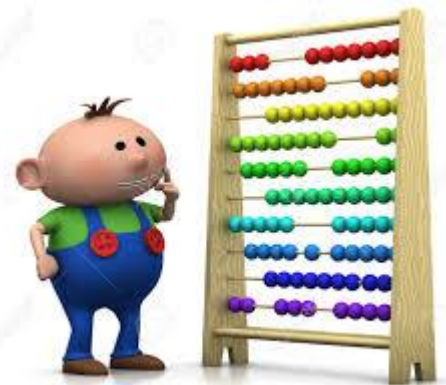
Don't forget to dress your child in red, white or pink this week FRIDAY! The cost for civvies is R5. Also remember our "secret operation" code-named "Valentines ribbon-delivery". Mrs Obbes, Mrs Van and Teacher Kathy are collecting R2's for secret ribbon deliveries this week Friday. Pink ribbons= you're cute, blue ribbons=you're loyal and yellow ribbons=friendship. If you haven't bought your ribbon yet, you'd better quickly get your 007 gear on!

The tickets for the Grade 5 - 7 Valentine's Dance (this week Friday 18h00 - 21h00) have also been selling like hot cakes. Don't miss out. The cost for a ticket is R20 and this includes a hotdog and juice. Tuck will also be on sale. The dress theme is "Look at me!"

## Incredible extra-murals...

We would like to draw your attention to two new extra-murals at our school. **UCMAS** (started half way through 2015) is an abacus-based mathematics programme that not only works on developing maths skills, but also on developing concentration and perception skills. Classes are intense but fun. The UCMAS teachers are calling for new recruits for their 2016 class. The existing 2015 maths class is flying through the syllabus, but we are aware that some new pupils would like to join now and will not cope with the level of the existing class. The new recruit's class is scheduled for

Thursday afternoons (13h15 - 15h15). Children from Grade R-7 are invited. If you would like more information on UCMAS, they are an international organisation and info is readily available through Google. New recruit classes have already begun, but you are not too late to sign up if you join **today!** Contact Lynette at 071-869-9632.



We have also started with an exciting extra-mural called "**Young Engineers**". This extra-mural involves construction fun with a hands-on approach to science and technology concepts. The age 4 - 6 group will have classes on Fridays from 13h00 - 13h45. The grade 1 - 7 "mega-challenge" class (which uses motorised Lego) will have classes from 13h45 until 15h00. Please call Karen on 071-394-1749 or 011-234-3529 for more information. Classes are starting **this Friday!**

### More than just a cuddly day...

The Grade 4 - 7 pupils will be giggling through an On-Cue Theatre production this week Friday. Our Mickey Mouse pupils are trying out their fine-motor skills with sand-art. Sounds like a good start to a special weekend!



### Paper SOS...

Our preschool teachers DESPERATELY need old desk pads and old calendars. Please look around in your office and home. The size and shape is just right for painting projects!

### Cutest kids by far...

The cutest (and dirtiest) pictures of our Mickey Mouse kids are on the web after last week's "Messy play Day". We also have lovely pic's up of the Grade 4's town project. If you have a moment, enjoy them with us ([admin@solidfoundationsprimary.com](mailto:admin@solidfoundationsprimary.com)).

### Classifieds...

- Enterprise and Eskort breakfast hampers. Great for kiddies school lunch boxes. Hamper includes: russians, smoked vienna, french polony, special garlic polony, liver spread, bacon and egg roll, frankfurters and chopped ham roll. Total cost R280. Free delivery. Contact Marvel at 072-671-1827 or Priscilla at 079-108-3121.
- ABC transport. Safe, reliable transport to and from school in the mornings, afternoons and late afternoons. Contact Grant 083-411-8533.
- Friday popcorn. Mrs Black has been given permission to sell popcorn on Friday afternoons at school to our children. She is selling bags of popcorn (the size of Simba packets) for R5.



## THE FOLLOWING SECTION OF OUR NEWSLETTER IS FOR GRADE 5 - 7 PARENTS ONLY...

### Needing a quest?



Our school participates in "Conquesta" exams in spring each year. "Conquesta" is an international organisation that sets exams for schools to check their standard when compared to other schools, locally and abroad. Usually, schools enrol only their top students to write the "Conquesta" papers, but we are taking a brave leap and have enrolled ALL of our Grade 5 - 7 pupils to write the Mathematics and English papers for 2016. To soften the blow on your pocket, the school has carried the cost of this venture. We would, however, like to invite you to enrol for more subjects should you wish to do so. The cost per subject will be R12. In addition to Maths and English "Conquesta" offers: Afrikaans, Life Skills, Life Orientation (Gr 7), Natural science and Technology (joined papers

in 5 and 6 and separate papers for 7), Bible study, General Knowledge and EMS (Gr 7). If you would like your child to write more papers, please send R12 per paper to school in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and subject choice. We will be closing all entrees next week Friday.

### Grade 5-7 Geography, Science and Technology tests...

Mrs Schreiber is beaming about her wonderful senior kids. She is, however, so immersed in her teaching that she has asked for a postponement of the proposed test dates to next term. This way her children will have a far deeper understanding of the subject material before going into testing waters. Please make a note that all scheduled Geography, Science and Technology tests will be written in week 2 of term 2 instead of the previously announced week 8/9 of term 1. Thank you.



### NASA comes to town...

Have you heard about NASA's "Gateway to Space" exhibition coming to the Sandton Convention Centre from 1 June to 31 July? We are space-suited up to take our Grade 6's and 7's on this incredible and educational field-trip. Like the general public, we were, however, unaware of this amazing opportunity when we planned our "Outings and Shows" budget for 2016.

Our school has decided to book a date and time-slot to attend the exhibit i.e. Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. Unfortunately, the costs for entrance and bus hire are quite high - even with the "school discount". The total for the trip will be R200 per pupil.

We would really like all of our Grade 6 and 7 pupils to attend.

Please could you keep this in mind in the planning of your family budget? Our school has to confirm our booking with full payment by Friday. If you are able to send the R200 to school by then, please do so. Otherwise, a signed note committing to full payment before the 21<sup>st</sup> of June will suffice. If, however, you are unable to meet this financial requirement, we will make arrangements for pupils to remain at school for the day. **If your child does not have payment or a note committing to payment before Friday this week, we will assume that your child is unable to attend.**

### Mickey Mouse theme for the week...

My fantastic five senses.

Prayerfully and playfully  
The teachers

