

Newsletter

23 November 2016



Grade 4's sensational sleep-over...



As our Grade 4's do not go on camp yet, they are scheduled to sleepover at school on Thursday evening! Mom and dad can enjoy a date-night while the grade 4's watch movies, eat popcorn and eventually grab a little shut eye before the sun rudely interrupts the fun on Friday morning. Just a reminder:

- Children can come to school at 18h00, after supper and already in their PJ's on Thursday evening.
- Please pack a very small bag with civvies for Friday. Don't forget toothpaste, toothbrush and lunch/tuck for Friday. Please also include a good book for reading.
- Breakfast cereal will be provided, but pack in your own breakfast if you have special dietary requirements.
- Popcorn is provided, but small snacks for the movie evening are welcome.
- Don't worry -movies viewed are strictly "all-ages" only!
- As we do not normally host sleep-overs, we do not have mattresses or bedding at school. Please bring your own bedding and something small to sleep on. If you do not have a roll-up mattress, a duvet or thick blanket will serve as one. We are not expecting an evening of "comfort" but rather an evening of making fun memories.
- Boys and girls will sleep in different classes and the teachers will be sleeping in the classes too.

We look forward to hearing all the stories and seeing some very blurry-eyed Grade 4's emerge on Friday morning!

Grade 7 farewell...

Our Grade 7's come straight off camp and hop into their fare-well on Friday. Teacher Kathy is driving the pupils to Gold Reef City for a day of awesomeness. Pupils will leave at 8h00 in the morning and return at about 17h00 in the evening. They will be treated to lunch (no food may be brought in the park) and juice during the day.





A word from our Bushpigs...

The camp teachers have contacted us and reported that the Grade 5 - 7 pupils are having a ball on camp. We expect a happy and dirty load of kiddies to arrive back between 15h00 and 16h00 tomorrow afternoon.

A moment in the candle-light...

The preschool children are singing Christmas carols every morning and we will be re-enacting the nativity for each other on Friday. There is something simple yet powerful in re-living the most beautiful birth story of all time. Keep your eye on the website for photos.



Parting with a party...

Grade 1 - 3 are celebrating their end-of-year with a "junior phase party" next week Tuesday. Please could you send R15 to school to cover the costs of the party packs and ice-creams.

Awards ceremonies...



Some very talented Grade 4 - 7 pupils and their parents will be invited to our honours evening on Monday the 28th of November. We are scrambling to collate all the exam marks. To maintain exclusivity, only the academic top 5 in each grade or the top player per senior team (netball, soccer and cricket) are invited. If you suspect your child may fall in either category, please discretely keep the evening open. We will invite you telephonically as soon as we

have our marks settled.

There is also a general awards assembly for all primary school pupils on Monday and Tuesday morning. Well done to every star that shines!

A private word from the principal...

In December, the staff gather for a meal at year-end and discuss their pupils and reflect on the good, bad and ugly of their teaching year. One topic that always surfaces is "did you get special words from any of your pupils?" By "special words" we are referring to the letters, notes or cards that some pupils bless us with as the year concludes. If you have never done so before, why not take a moment to write a sentence or two to your child's teacher and let them know what they have accomplished in your child's life in the course of 2016. It takes a few seconds on your part, but I guarantee that it is the fuel that that keeps teachers going and loving what they do! I know that teachers

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you* 

have keep-sake boxes with every sentimental note or letter received over the years.

Lost and found...

The following items have been given in at the office:

- A tablet/IPAD (black with a black cover)
- A pair of prescription glasses with black frames

Please claim them before the year end.

Also, claim all your child's general lost property this week. We are donating all unlabelled lost property during the holidays.



Preschool stationery...

If you would like to keep your preschool child's left-over stationery this year, please drop a line or note and we will arrange it for you with love. All unclaimed stationery gets recycled next year or donated to charities.

Date reminders...

School closes next week Wednesday at 10h00. After Care closes on the 15th of December and re-opens on the 3rd of January. School re-opens on the 11th of January. A reminder that permanent After Care pupils do pay for December (half-price R300) regardless of their using the facilities or not. Thank you.



Have a blessed and peaceful Christmas. Travel safely, make precious family moments and may your hearts be touched with the beauty of the Saviour's Birth.

It's been a wonderful year - thank you!

Prayerfully and playfully
The teachers

