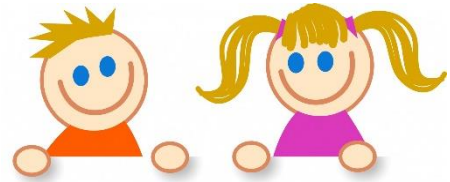


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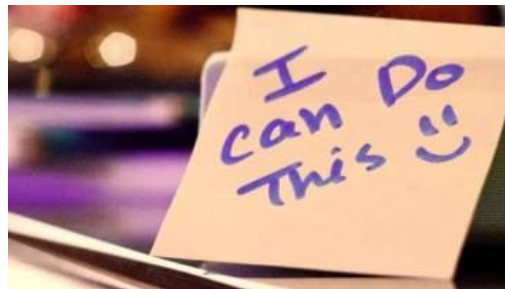
Best parents ever!

We are over the moon with your sponsorship for grass for the veld project we've started next to the school. Thank you parents - you raised enough for 500 square metres of grass!!! Lawn for Africa are coming to lay the grass next week and we will be able to use this strip of veld as a mini-field in the new school year. Your generosity touched our hearts and is making our children's dreams a reality.

Exams...

We wish our Grade 5 -7 pupils all the best for their exams this week and the next. School closes at 12h30 from tomorrow onwards to assist our serious study-stressed students (Grade RRR - 7).

After Care homework classes do continue to allow for "study time" in the afternoons. Attendance for Grade 6 and 7 pupils is voluntary, as some of our senior pupils attest that they prefer to study at home rather than at school. We do not, however, want to take away the opportunity for the Grade 6 and 7 pupils who do wish for a quiet place to study, so staff will continue to supervise this voluntary study time at school.



Ferndale High School...



We've been approached by a brand new high-school in Randburg called "Enko Ferndale", inviting our pupils to enrol for their new Grade 8 class in 2017 or 2018. Although we have queried their eagerness for specifically targeting our pupils (considering their distance from us), they are confident that their international programme -advertised as being the first international college in South Africa- will appeal to you as our parents. They are hosting a press

conference on the 22nd of November and should be visiting our pupils shortly to do a promotion.

Should you require more information regarding this high-school option, please call 087-550-5484 or email sibusiso.tshabalala@enkoeducation.com.



A legal matter...

We have been contacted by the Department of Education regarding our internal policy of handling any outstanding school fees payments. Unfortunately, it has been highlighted by the department that it is in our legal best interests not to start a school year with any prior school fees payments outstanding. Please settle all accounts before the end of year as we take our responsibility regarding this governmental policy seriously.

Grade 5 - 7 reminder...

Each year, to keep costs down, our Grade 5 - 7 pupils are charged for "book fees" and not "stationery fees". It is believed that most of our Grade 4 pupils have a sufficient stationery cache to last them well into Grade 5 and beyond. That being said, please do check that your Grade 5 - 7 pupil has got the basics for next year e.g. pencil, pen, eraser, Pritt glue, ruler etc. (they make great stocking-fillers!)

In addition to this, your child will need:

- **A homework diary or notebook to record homework given daily**
- **A basic calculator for maths**
- **A basic maths set (compass and protractor)**
- **A good dictionary for English classwork and homework. Please invest in a decent dictionary that you can use all the way through high-school and beyond.**



Some starry fun...

Did you know that this month boasts a "supermoon"? On Monday evening the 14th of November, the moon will appear larger than normal as it is the closest to earth that it's been in 68 years. The next time the moon will be this close to earth again will be in 2034. Why not some precious family time with a "milo and moon toast" before bedtime on Monday evening?



All good things come to an end...

We are wrapping up the reading programme and vocabulary programme for our preschoolers this week Friday. Please return your book bags and comments as usual, but we will not be sending out new book-bags on Friday. The vocab programme is also ending this week, and we would particularly like to thank Mrs Joshua for her faithful volunteer work in assessing our pupils through the year! Well done for all our parent's eager participation in both programmes. You may not realise it, but you've made a difference for life!

Fabulous Fridays...

Our preschool children are in for some magical moments this week Friday when Tricky Trevor visits our school. This magician does cute and mind-bending tricks for kids and is an amazing annual highlight.

And next week Friday, our pre-schoolers will be taking a field trip to the library, so keep an eye out for the indemnity form in your child's suitcase. We will transport them in the school bus to and from Birchleigh library, to encourage them to become members and experience the joy of reading happily ever after (even in the holidays or in Grade 1 - when the book-bag programme comes to an end!)

The special and wonderful world through the eyes of our little ones...

It's approaching the season of celebrating Christmas and we treasure the precious traditions and ceremonies that our families share in this warm time. Please can you chat with your older children about keeping Christmas secrets to ensure that they don't spoil it for the kids in their class who still faithfully look out for the man in red! And if you want to tinsel up the memories, we recommend that you log onto www.portablenorthpole.com to get a free, personalised message from Santa emailed to your child.



Playfully and prayerfully
The teachers