

Newsletter

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To all our mummies out there...

For every pair of school socks filled up with playground sand,
For every project, speech and test for which your child needed a hand,
For all the meals that you've cooked and the nights you haven't slept,
For every nose that you've wiped and report-card that you've kept,
For every school jersey that's been lost and every gogga that's been found,
For every mile that you've driven and the daily lunchbox round ...

WE SALUTE YOU!



There are no other people
on the planet
as selfless, amazing
and beautiful as you!!
Happy Mother's Day

Cake Sales Tomorrow!

Do not forget that tomorrow we ditch all diets as we dive into a delicious assortment of treats at our school cake sales! Grade 6M and RRK (Teacher Kathy) are bringing their best-baked goodies and we are bringing our pocket money to show our support. Remember to pack a lighter lunch box and a heavier neck wallet tomorrow!



Exciting and musical new extra mural...



Did you know that playing a musical instrument assists a child in mathematics, creative thinking, co-ordination and self-discipline? Not only the above, playing classical instruments also opens doors for high school applications and bursaries in many of the private high schools in the East Rand.

We are looking to start cello lessons at our school! Our violin department has been going on for 6 years now, and we would love to bring in some beautiful base sounds to blend in with the Solid Foundations' violin, guitar and piano medley.

The prospective teacher, Teacher Christine, is the gentle and lovable administrative coordinator of the East Rand Youth Orchestra. To make travelling to our school viable, she will need at least two or three students before she can begin.

Child-sized cello's can be hired or bought from Lovemore Music Store opposite East Rand Mall, and as far as instruments go, are less expensive than many other beginner instruments.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs Helmbold in the office as soon as possible.

Takkie tax day...



Our school loves to go the extra mile for charity. We are selling Takkie Tax stickers and inviting our pupils to wear **ANY** funky or cool shoes and socks on the 26th of May. The proceeds from our ticket sales are zoned for Casa Caritas Children's Home. What a worthy cause to wear our fluffy bunny slippers or dino socks! Tickets are on sale at the bursar's office for R10.

When is Eisteddfod?...

We have uploaded all our brave volunteers for the 2017 Eisteddfod onto the Eisteddfod website. The Eisteddfod Society can only confirm exact dates at a later stage, but they have given us the following preliminary dates to diarise:

Gr 1	31 Jul and 1,3 & 4 Aug
Gr 2	31 Jul - 4 Aug
Gr 3	24, 25, 28 & 30 Aug
Gr 4	21- 25 Aug
Gr 5	4 - 8 Sep
Gr 6	4 - 8 Sep
Gr 7	28 Aug - 1 Sep



Proud school performers...

On Saturday the 6th May 2017 Thompsons Tennis held a tournament at the Benoni Northmead Tennis Club. Of the 10 Participants in the red ball category, Seth Drayton proudly represented the school and took 2nd place. Well done Seth!

Kurt Helmbold also made waves gaining 3rd place at the "Arnold Classic Africa" archery competition at the Sandton Convention Centre on Friday as well as 1st place at the Johnny Bach Sport's Centre in a provincial archery tournament on Saturday morning.

Well done chaps!



Cheapest cars in SA...

Mickey Mouse pupils, don't forget to bring your old **undecorated** boxes to school on Monday so **we** can make cars to "drive" **at school** to our "drive in" on Friday. It's going to be some foot revving fun!

On the topic of fun...the dog show for our junior primary and preschool was an enormous success last week Friday. The children were squealing in delight as these engaging tail-wagging friends showed us just how smart they can be. The pic's are on our website. This week Friday, our Mickey Mouse pupils will have their hands full with cereal, sawdust, kitty litter and mealie meal. It's collage-day and our fingers are definitely in for some tactile TLC.



Fidgeting to focus...



In keeping up with the modern trends in educational research, we understand that certain pupils will benefit from therapeutic fidgeting devices, chewy or sucking gadgets, wobbly chairs or foot "toys" in class.

Please know that we welcome any professionally recommended tool to assist some of our pupils to concentrate, but we do need you to drop us an email or note explaining the reason for the device. Any therapeutic devices may not be shared with classmates, as they are not toys, but tactile tools for those who genuinely need them. Thanks for your cooperation in this.

Grade 7 field trip...

Our Grade 7's are off to a fabulous WITS expo tomorrow. Have a marvellous and educational time seniors!

Junk Monster's menu for the week...

This week we'd love some long loo rolls (insides of glad wrap and tin foil) and material scraps or off cuts.

Don't forget your used A4 paper.

Your recycling really helps us!

Netball news...





Well done to our netball girls for their victories across the board against Woodlands International College last week. You played beautifully and we were so proud of you.

The following netball matches are planned for the next few weeks: Mini-netball (Grade 1 - 3) match today and for the next few weeks on Wednesdays at Mooifontein Laerskool (return to school at 16h00). U/10, u/11, u/12 and u/13 netball girls are playing a match against Maranatha next week Tuesday (return to school at 16h00) and against Aston Manor Primary next week Thursday. Any parents who can help out with transport to both of these venues, please give Teacher Kathy a call (071-919-5921). Seniors will have normal practice tomorrow. Our U/12 girls (Grade 6) are playing in the Norkem Park Primary tournament on Friday and Saturday the 19th and 20th of May. They are excused from school next week Friday for the big event.

Lastly, our mini-netball players (Grade 1 - 3) are invited to play at the Summerfields Primary netball tournament on the 20th of May from 7h30 in the morning until lunchtime.

What a full netball programme! All the best young ladies!

Mickey Mouse book-bags...

Apologies again for the bookbag delay from Friday to Monday. We're back on schedule, so bring your bags back tomorrow!

The feedback link stays the same ...



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Thank you.

Prayerfully and playfully
The teachers

Classifieds...



Does the dog next door bark excessively?

DID YOU KNOW? The Environment Conservation Act 73 of 1989 prohibits noise nuisance and states that dog owners should not allow their dogs to be a noise nuisance. The law expects the neighbours to try to solve the problem amicably first. Should this prove unsuccessful, the matter can be reported to the municipality.

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