



Newsletter

1 November 2017

It was a fabulous family day at our Market Day on Saturday. Although it was chilly, your warmth and support was soup for the soul. Thank you.

Conquering Conquesta...

Conquesta is an international Olympiad that our school participates in to bench-mark the standard of our teaching and learning. Approximately 800 schools participate in the Conquesta examinations.

In 2016, Solid Foundations was awarded the following:

Mathematics Grade 5 - 17th place as a school

Mathematics Grade 6 - 10th place as a school

Mathematics Grade 7 - 17th place as a school

The placement of schools for the 2017 examinations is yet to be announced, but overall, we are thrilled with the performance of our pupils this year.

These were our grade averages for the 2017 exams:

Grade 5 English: 59%

Grade 5 Maths: 76%

Grade 6 English: 71%

Grade 6 Maths: 64%

Grade 7 English: 71%

Grade 7 Maths: 72%



A big thumbs up to our English and Maths teachers who have really outdone themselves again. Thank you ladies! Our school's reputation is reaching far and wide thanks to your efforts.

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"I forgot to make a back-up copy of my brain, so everything I learned last semester was lost."

Seniors examinations...

Grade 4 - 7 final exams are two weeks away. As parents, we can show our support by creating households that are calm and quiet, quizzing our kids on work that they've studied and making sure their sleep and health tanks are filled up.

All the best with the exam preparations!

We have attached an exam time-table again for Grade 5 - 7 with this newsletter.

Please note that **school closes for all grades (Grade RRR - 6) at 12h30 from the first exam (16 November) until the 5th of December. The school closes at 10h00 on break up day (6 December).** Please notify your transport companies.

As our usual parting perk, only our Grade 7 pupils may enjoy going home directly after writing their exams at 10h00, on the days they are writing one exam.

If you are unable to collect your child earlier, they are welcome to remain until "normal" fetching hours at school.

During exam-time (16 November onwards) After Care will open a special extra-length study class in the afternoons for pupils wishing to study. This class will be open from 13h00 until 17h00 and will be kept as a quiet zone for all our serious students.

Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to camp we go...

Our senior primary pupils are off to "Happy Acres" camp directly after exams (Monday 27th until Thursday the 30th of November).

As we have already had several requests for the "what to bring" list, here is what "Happy Acres" recommends...

WHAT TO BRING

All items must be clearly labelled with your child's name:

fitted single sheet, sleeping bag / duvet

pillow

pyjamas

2 x towels

sun block and hat

toiletries in a bag

torch

mosquito repellent

shorts and t-shirts

underwear

walking shoes & socks

sandals/slops

warm jersey or jacket

tracksuit/jeans

swimming costume

tuck money (optional)

Medication must be accompanied by dosing instructions and handed to a teacher upon arrival.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Electronic devices (e.g. phones, tablets, gaming devices), knives, aerosol cans, money or any other valuables.



Our pupils will be in the competent hands of Mr Swiegers and Mrs Van Dijk at camp and we know that they will have a fabulous time.

On the subject of camps... thank you for the feedback concerning 2018's proposed camp dates. The majority of our parents selected the 3 night option instead of 2. Your choice was noted and we are in the process of making booking arrangements for next year.

Junk Monster...

Please don't forget to send your "junk" to school for the "Junk Monster" who is feeling a little neglected at present. He loves your old cereal boxes, washed milk bottles, coke bottles, toilet roll inners, fruit and veg packets etc.

You can leave your offerings at the kitchen door of the new preschool centre.



Last call for "Experi-lab" science kits...



Just a reminder that "Experi-lab" is visiting our Grade 1 - 3 pupils on the 17th of November. They will sell little science experiment kits for R25 after their show. Please let us know if you are interested in purchasing one for your child as they would like to know numbers beforehand. No need to pay now, as the money will go directly to the show presenters. You can send the money on the day to school in your child's tuck bag.

Mickey Mouse book-bags...

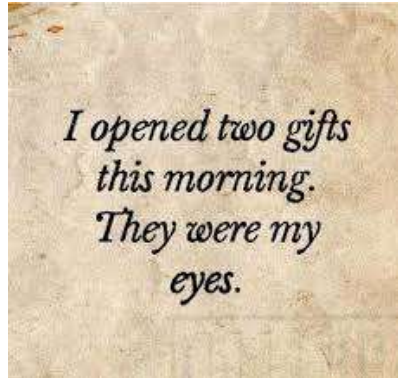
Don't forget to return your bookbag tomorrow (Thursday). Please give us feedback by clicking on this link...



Mickey Mouse Friday line-up...

This week Friday we're going to be spoiled with Antoinette's Marionettes. Next week is Tricky Trevor and his fabulous magic show!

Prayerfully and playfully
The teachers



Classifieds...



**Our special for this week Friday
will be Chicken Roti Rolls
@ R25.00 each
Orders have to be placed in
advance (by Thursday afternoon
the latest) to avoid disappointment
WhatsApp or Text 072 955 4642**

