

Newsletter

22 November 2017

Squeals and sprinkles...

Mickey Mouse is scheduled to have "Sprinkler Day" this Friday, but the current weather prediction is overcast skies and rain ☹️. As "Sprinkler Day" is so much fun for our kids, we don't want to cancel altogether.

What we suggest is that you **pack in the following daily**:

- A swimming costume (preferably one that can get muddy)
- A towel
- A packet to put wet cozzie in
- Sunhat and sunscreen

That way we can watch the weather each day, and as soon as we see the sun baking and the temperature rising, we will put on the sprinklers and have some serious summer fun. This could be ANY day between now and the end of school.

Don't forget to label everything!



Camp countdown...



Just a few last minute reminders about the upcoming senior primary camp:

- No cell phones. You are welcome to phone the school for camp updates. Any photos and messages we receive from the teachers going along will be posted immediately on our website.
- We're planning to leave at 7h30 on Monday morning and return at about 14h00 on Thursday afternoon.

Enjoy your quiet home for a few days!

Cake sale conclusions...

Grade 3S and Grade RRE (Teacher Estelle) are hosting the last cake sales for 2017 next week Thursday. All pupils are invited to enjoy this last sweet treat for the year.

Thank you to all parents and pupils who have participated in cake sales during 2017. The teachers have splashed out with pamper items for their classes thanks to your support. It's appreciated.



Mickey Mouse book-bags...

We have reached the end of a year of great reading! Every minute you have spent with your child in the pages of a storybook have made a lasting deposit that you can rely on for years to come. Well done! Please return all bookbags for final 2017 collection tomorrow (Thursday). Don't forget to give us feedback by clicking on this link...



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1a0BdiF2bl2M3rqKzBb7IHQ3b3R4v46zO9jAXRStYbmA/viewform>

Desert for the Junk Monster...

Thank you for every box, bottle and loo roll you have collected throughout this year. We appreciate it. A last menu request is for old buttons, cereal boxes and A4 paper (used on one side). Thanks.



Reduce, reuse, recycle...

As we do each year, we invite our preschool parents to drop us a note, call or email if they would like to keep child's used stationery. Stationery that is not claimed by parents will be re-used at our school or donated to local charities.

Last few date reminders...

- School closes on the 6th of December at 10h00. Reports will be issued on this day - so do bring your suitcases for safe-keeping.
- After Care will remain open until the 15th of December and reopen again on Wednesday the 3rd of January.
- School reopens on Wednesday the 17th of January 2018
- Grade 7 farewell "caving" experience is scheduled for Friday the 1st of December
- Grade 7 "play" for senior primary is scheduled for Monday the 27th of November

Prayerfully and playfully
The teachers



Classifieds...

Crochet and knitting classes starting at school...

Mrs Bellwood would like to start up a crochet group and a knitting group at the school. In order to do this she needs to get an indication of how many children would be interested and which they would prefer to learn. The cost will be R180-00 per month and will include a ball of wool per month. This will be suitable for grade 1-7.

Once she has an idea of how many children and which grades they are in, she will be able to communicate on which afternoons they will meet.

The knitters/crochet kids will also make squares for charity, as a way of helping our local community charities.

Below are some benefits of learning these skills. Private lessons can also be arranged for adults as well as children.

Learning to knit and crochet is fun, creative and benefits children in a variety of ways.

As many teachers and doctors attest, improvement is noted in:

- Fine motor coordination
- Reading
- Math
- Comprehension
- Critical thinking and problem-solving



In addition, knitting and crochet are valuable tools for "teaching life lessons":

- Responsibility—Students are responsible for bringing their yarn project to class
- Ability to focus and follow through—Learning these skills is a step-by-step process
- Persistence—Projects take time and patience to complete
- Positive social behaviours and teamwork—Charity work projects require a group to work together to accomplish their goal
- Using available materials—Challenge students to be creative with the materials they have to work with
- Personal hygiene—Students quickly learn dirty hands mean dirty yarn

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