

Newsletter

28 February 2018

Change of school entrance for afternoons...

In the mornings, we are using three access gates to our school - the veld gate (by the "troll bridge"), the gate by the right palm tree on Maraboe Street and the gate at the cul-de-sac on Korhaan.

In the afternoons, however, we have been limited to one gate - by the prefabs on Korhaan, to ensure that we thoroughly check that each child leaves with the correct parent or transport.



Our school has contracted a company to gravel the road through the Moirivier veld over this coming weekend. According to these contractors, they will be done by Monday. Assuming that this is the case (holding thumbs), as of next week, we will no longer use the gate by the prefabs on Korhaan Street in the afternoons, but will only use the Moirivier veld gate/ the "troll bridge" gate (12h45 - 17h30).

The reasons for our decision:

1. Due to the bushes, buildings and corners, we have had two hi-jackings last year on Korhaan Street. The Moirivier veld is far more open and our car guard can see people approaching from a far distance away.
2. Child pedestrian safety is far better at the veld gate than the Korhaan Street gate
3. More cars can be accommodated in the veld parking
4. With gravel on the road, our parents' cars should not be excessively dusty if they use this entrance

Please keep your eye on the D6 App, as we will let you know if the afternoon gate is indeed ready for operation on Monday.

We would also ask, that for our children and your safety, you drive slowly on the gravel road. This will also prevent gravel shooting up and damaging your car. Thank you.



Friday cake sales...

Teacher Estelle and Grade 4D are hosting cake sales this week Friday. That means that the Mickey Mouse pupils and the senior primary pupils will not have tuck, but can bring their change to show their support and buy something delicious.

Keeping the story straight...

Our apologies, in the last newsletter we wrote that the house on 116 Moirivier Drive was sold. This is not the case, but it is still true that the school seamstress business is moving premises as of tomorrow to 92 Monument Street.

After 14 years, Sharmyne would like to thank you for your love and patronage. She has enjoyed every smile and stitch made in love.

Sharmyne is handing over the reigns to Mathemba - a very capable

and eager replacement. Please feel free to contact Mathemba at 076-711-1443 or 011-050-7842.





Save the world one page at a time...

As you'd imagine, we use reams of paper monthly at our school. To help keep costs down, if you have paper used on one side, please send it to school so we can re-use it. Any unusable paper we will simply recycle.

ERYO feedback...

The orchestral concert on Friday was a huge success. The children really enjoyed watching music come alive. A reminder that if your child would like another dose of beautiful auditory culture, the Gauteng Philharmonic Orchestra is putting on a 65 minute concert to inspire young people.

Date: Sat 24 March

Time: 19h00

Price: R120 per person

Contact person: Jean-Pierre Verster

Ticket booking: jpverster@brooklyntheatre.co.za

Tel number: 078-513-2074 / 012-460-6033



School bag order...

If you would like to still order a maroon school bag with the school logo, please do so this week.

Place your order with Thandi Hlongwane: 0780646392



Bright eyes for Grade R...

It is our Grade R's (Teacher Candice and Teacher Laura) turn to walk to the Norkem Mall Optometrists this week Friday. Please ensure that they have sunhats, shoes and a water bottle.

They will be able to participate in the planned cake sale before they leave.

Child healthcare 101...

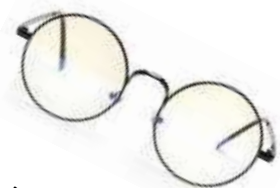
Although we "know these things" as parents, it's really good to get reminded every now and then that the nutrients we put in our children's bodies will impact the way they think, grow and behave. Are you keeping an eye on your child's calcium levels? Growing bodies need large amounts of milk, yoghurt and cheese and don't forget those fresh veggies.

Also - please don't wait for the school to arrange an eye or ear test for your child. If you have any doubts, pop in to see an optometrist or audiologist before your child lags behind academically.

If caught early, eye conditions often can be corrected.

Signs that a child may have vision problems include:

- constant eye rubbing
- extreme light sensitivity
- poor focusing
- poor visual tracking (following an object)
- abnormal alignment or movement of the eyes (after 6 months of age)
- chronic redness of the eyes
- chronic tearing of the eyes
- a white pupil instead of black



In school-age children, other signs to watch for include:

- being unable to see objects at a distance
- having trouble reading the blackboard
- squinting
- difficulty reading
- sitting too close to the TV

Mickey Mouse Reading Programme...

Don't forget to return your book-bag tomorrow!
We welcome your feedback regarding the books.
Please report any damaged books by following the link below (or on the D6 App). It will only take a minute...



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



We love it when you shop!...

We are a part of the Woolworths "My School Card" system. If you have a moment, please apply for a card and swipe each time you shop. We get a kick back every time you do so!

Netball notice...

The netball teams will be announced this week during practice.
Next week we have friendly matches scheduled against Willowview Primary:

Day	Time	Team	B team
Tuesday	13h00 - 16h00	Grade 4 and 5 A teams	Practice at school
Thursday	13h30 - 16h00	Grade 6 and 7 A teams	Practice at school

Just a reminder that netball girls need to wear netball dresses for matches. Netball fees are R250 per month, and please use cash or EFT and not "e-wallet".



Soccer notice...

Europa Soccer Schools will be having our first friendly match on 10 March 2018.
All children from the preschool program (Soccerstarz) up to grade 7 Europa players are invited to play.

Date: Saturday 10 March

Venue: Eastleigh Primary School (Entrance on Central Avenue, Edenvale)

Time: Arrive 08h15

Dress: Black 2017 ESS shirt, black shorts, shin pads, long socks and soccer boots.

For those who do not have last year's shirt-plain black t shirt.

Please pack a bottle of water for your child.

We should wrap everything up by 10h00 on the day.

Please RSVP with your child's name and age via SMS on 071 470 6855.



Prayerfully and playfully

The Solid Foundations Staff

