

Newsletter

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Solid Foundations Wins Top Mathematics Awards

Our school participated in the Conquesta Olympiad in 2017. Conquesta is an independent bench-marking examination board. Schools participate to accurately determine their standard of education in a comparable national and international context. Approximately 900 schools participate annually, from South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Swaziland.

Our school attained the following placements:

First place for Grade 5 Mathematics

Second place for Grade 6 Mathematics

Fifth place for Grade 7 Mathematics

Knowing the importance of Mathematics as a subject for tertiary education, naturally, as a school, we are thrilled with the results!!!



Launching D6...

To keep the channels of communication as open as possible, we're excited to announce our signing up with an App called "D6 school communicator", and would **strongly advise that every parent download it** on their tech gadgets (cell phones, tablets or laptops). The "D6 App" is free for parents and will allow us to upload your child's prescribed homework, send urgent instant messages and give you a general information platform about our school at your fingertips.

Once you have downloaded the App, and selected "Solid Foundations" as your school, please select the "personalise" button. Touch the "Solid Foundations" button again (cell phone App) and then **select the correct Channel and the correct Grade**. The "channels" are for specific messages and alerts and include extra murals like netball, soccer and cricket, while the "grades" are selected to determine what homework your family wants displayed. If you do not personalise your App, you will get alerts and homework information for all grades in our school - which might be a bit of an information overload!

Please be patient in our launching week (the teachers are all getting tech savvy), excuse the small gremlins that might creep in, but give us feedback regarding your D6 experience.



Love in the air or is it in something we wear?

Valentine's Day is rapidly approaching, and sticking to our Solid Foundations tradition, we are selling "secret" ribbons and badges.

Ribbon orders are placed with Mrs Obbes, Mrs Van or Teacher Estelle, and on Valentine's Day, these ribbons are delivered to every class - without anyone knowing who placed the order!

Ribbons cost R2 each and each ribbon has a hidden message:

Pink = I really like you

Blue = You're so cute

Yellow = Thanks for the friendship

Badges have random "love messages" on them.

Parents are welcome to join in the secret fun, and covertly place an order for their kids to have a love-filled day! Valentine's Day is also "civvies day" and children are invited to wear pink, white or red. MWAH!



Looking good...

Just a reminder that we do follow a strict uniform code. If your white school shirt buttons up to the top, ties/ ribbons/ bowties are compulsory. We are also clamping down on hairstyles. We do not allow a "step" in boy's hair (a noticeable length difference between shaved hair and longer hair, or the currently popular "comb over") and no hoop earrings, large earrings or uniquely shaped earrings for girls. Please help your child by cooperating with our dress code. No child likes to be called out for pushing the boundaries.



Time to get down and dirty...

This week Friday is our annual "Messy Play Day" for Mickey Mouse pupils (Grade RRR - R). Please dress your child in their oldest, grubbier clothing for the occasion. (The clothing will never look the same again - and you might need to bin it!)

Our preschool children are invited to ooze through baths of noodles, squishies, shaving foam, mud, paint, sawdust and all sorts of other tactile delights that would normally send mummies on the run, screaming.

Mickey Mouse pupils also need to bring a Pick 'n Pay packet for dirty clothes, a towel and a clean set of normal civvies (all labelled) for changing back into after all the messy fun please.

We never know how each individual pupil reacts to this activity, and it's always fun to watch some kiddies look like two eyeballs in a mountain of mess, while others watch in horror from the outskirts. No child is forced to participate, but we do strongly encourage them to break the ice and explore the world of mess without any grown-up saying "no"!



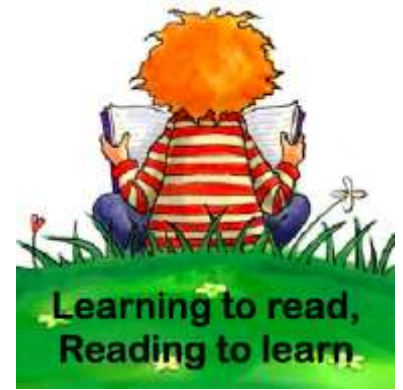
P.T. tracksuits (Grade 1 - 7)...

Our new stock of P.T. tracksuits has arrived. If you would like to order tracksuits, they cost R470 for junior sizes and R530 for senior sizes. The school tracksuits are the only item of school uniform clothing that we sell at school.

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>

Prayerfully and playfully

The Solid Foundations Staff

