

Newsletter

15 May 2019



Bang, bang, bang...

This week Friday, our preschool children will become little carpenters and get to hammer out their frustrations on nails and wooden planks! Please can each family supply a hammer for your child. Hammers must be labelled and kept inside suitcases until the big event!

If you do not have a hammer at home, please borrow one from a neighbour or family member. Children without hammers feel terribly left out on this special day.

Exciting rumblings next door...

On the 27th of November 2012, our school had a meeting with the Ekurhuleni municipality, (the manager of the North Rand region and the manager of the Department of Roads, Transport and Civil Works) regarding the veld under the power lines on Mooirivier Drive.

At this meeting, it was promised that the municipality would close the open storm water drain adjacent to the school, and Solid Foundations was given the go ahead to apply for lease rights on the land.

This began a long administrative journey of inspections, phone-calls, emails, visits with ward counsellors, negotiations and applications (including the municipality losing our paperwork). We are therefore very excited, that after 6 years, contractors came into the office this week to announce that the storm-water drain will be closed within the next three months (this might be quite an optimistic projection however).

Our parents and transports will have to be patient if the construction influences the use of our gate on Mooirivier Drive. We will have to play this by ear when the time comes.

Please pray with us that the operation will run smoothly and that we will gain lease rights quickly next door. Although permission was obtained from Eskom with our original application, we will need to re-apply with Eskom in our third application, as the land does lie under their power lines. Pray that we will find favour from all parties. This land has the potential to be developed into a proper mini soccer field, which has always been our dream.

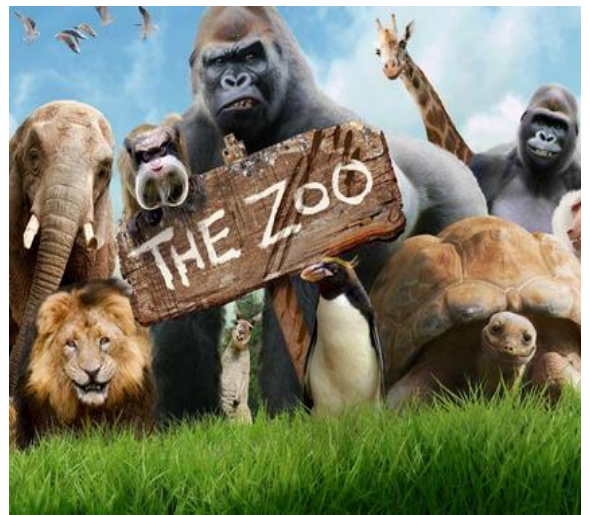


Field trip changes...

Our senior primary pupils were booked to visit UJ for science workshops (Grade 5 and 7) and the Hartebeespoort radio telescope lab (Grade 6) in the last week of this term, after the exams.

Unfortunately, UJ announced that they are closing all primary school workshops this year, and the radio telescope lab has restructured since last year and do not respond to our enquiries.

As a result, our senior primary pupils will be taking a trip to the Johannesburg Zoo instead. The budget difference will be paid in by the school. We apologise for the disappointment and trust that the zoo will still be a fun and memorable experience.



Remedial Maths...

Just a reminder that our school does offer remedial maths at R450 per pupil per month. Certain pupils do qualify for bursaries in this regard. This is the remedial maths timetable:



<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>14h30 - 16h00</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>14h30 - 16h00</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>14h30 - 16h00</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>14h30 - 16h00</u>

Lost property bonanza...

Every single morning, we remind our pupils to collect lost property from outside the hall. Instead of putting together a collection of lost property to donate to charity as we usually do, we are using the adage "charity begins at home". Our pupils are invited to help themselves to any clothing items that have NOT been labelled and are lying outside the hall. If you would like to cash in on this, please come and have a look at the property on display.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM ITEMS!!!!



Solids Talent Shows...

Please remember to audition for your Talent Show item (Grade 1-7) this week! If you missed your chance in music class, you can see Teacher Kathryn before school, during break or after school to do your demo! Mickey Mouse parents, please write to us about your child's item. Remember, our Talent Shows are relaxed and fun affairs where anyone can try and sparkle, even if you are doubtful

of their abilities 😊. Even if you don't sound great in the shower, we encourage "out-of-the-box" thinking, like telling jokes, doing tricks, reciting poems or skipping rope. The dates for our Talent Shows are

Preschool - Friday 24 May

Grade 1-3 - Monday 20 May

Grade 4-7 - Thursday 23 May

Performers may wear civvies on their Talent Show day!



Absenteeism...

We would just like to remind you that absenteeism makes your child's life an academic nightmare, as they miss out on vital concepts and have to work double hard to play catch up. It was rumoured that one of our pupils called in absent to have her hair braided this week. This caused an endless amount of frustration with the senior primary teachers. Please only stay at home if you are genuinely, truly and desperately ill!

Upcoming netball and soccer matches...

15 May (Wednesday)	Soccer	U11 and U13 (squads have been announced)
17-19 May (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)	Netball and soccer	U12's Norkem Tournament (7h45 sharp each morning) Children will be taken to Norkem from Solids on Friday morning but need to be fetched from Norkem at 17h00 on Friday. Parents are responsible for transport on Saturday and Sunday.
20 May (Monday)	Netball	U10 - U13 A teams play against Prestige
22 May (Wednesday)	Netball	Possible playoff matches

We apologise for the cancelled matches against Putfontein this week. One of their HOD's passed away and the school is quite distraught. All matches were put on hold.

Thank you for the groceries for Gideon. He has felt truly loved by our families.

Prayerfully and playfully

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