



Newsletter

10 November 2021

Show them we care...

Thank you to all the families who have shown support for our janitor food-collection drive. As one final incentive, all pupils who bring a non-perishable grocery item before Friday (or have already done so) may wear civvies on Friday.

The home-room teachers will be checking donations off on their class lists, so here's your last chance to bless the janitors and have some civvies fun too.

Civvies vouchers...

On the topic of civvies, don't forget that you can purchase vouchers from Mr Swiegers or Mrs Babcock for R10. Vouchers expire at the end of term, and we don't sell vouchers in Term 1-3, so make the most out of the last three weeks.



Encore...

On-Cue Theatre will visit our senior primary pupils on Thursday for a pre-exam stress reliever of theatrical proportions. Our pre-schoolers and Grade 1-3s will be spoiled with an illusionist show. Tricky Trevor always wows us with the most amazing tricks and leaves us spellbound by his performances. Sounds like a great programme to end the week.

Collection times...

A reminder that collection times are going to be changing as of next week.

15 November - 30 November

Grade RRR-R collected at 12h30

Grade 1-3 collected at 12h45

Grade 4-7 collected at 13h00

Grade 4-7 pupils only writing ONE exam (see child's timetable) may be collected between 10h00 - 10h20 daily. **No child may be collected between 10h20 and 13h00.**

23 November - 1 December

School is still fully operational for Grade RRR-3.

School is optional for Grade 4-7 pupils from 23 Nov up to and including 29 Nov

School is compulsory for Grade 4-7 on 30 November and 1 Dec (special assemblies and reports go out).

School closes at 10h00 on 1 December for the school holidays.



All the best to our seniors (Grade 4-7) as they hit their exams. You've got this!



Thank you for your prayers...

Mrs Obbes is most grateful for every prayer that has been sent up for her husband. He is still very critical and is still in ICU. Please continue praying for his recovery.

Hello and goodbye...

2021 is going to go down in the history annals of Solid Foundations as the "year of retirement". We are sadly saying goodbye to a treasure trove of veteran teachers who are ready to take it a bit easier in their golden years, after their incredible years of service to the teaching ministry.

Mrs Tudhope (been with Solids for 24 years)

Mrs Maharaj (been with Solids for 16 years)

Mrs Schreiber (been with Solids for 9 years)

Mr Godwin (been with Solids for 8 years)

Mrs Rees (been with Solids for 7 years)

These wonderful teachers have been such a blessing to us, and we honour their faithful and passionate service.

To accommodate our retirees, we already started interviewing for excellent replacement teachers in March of this year.

We welcome on board:

Mrs Phillips (our new Grade 3 teacher, as Mrs Diamond requested a move to a senior primary post)

Miss McDonald (our new Grade 1 teacher)

Miss Masemola (our new Grade 5 and 6 NST teacher)



Our senior primary staff will be re-organised as follows:



Mr Swiegers: Grade 7 Maths, English and Art (Grade 5-7)

Mrs Babcock: Grade 7 NST and Grade 6 Maths and Art (Grade 5-7)

Mrs Diamond: Grade 5 Maths, Grade 6 English and Grade 4 Art

Mrs MacIntosh: Grade 5-7 Afrikaans

Miss Mamapa: Grade 5-7 History, Grade 1-7 isiZulu and Grade 7 EMS

Mrs van Dijk: Grade 5 English and Grade 5-7 Geography

Mrs Obbes: Grade 5-7 LO and Grade 1-7 computers

In addition to our retirees, we have two other teachers relocating. Teacher Michelle (Grade RR) surprised us with her announcement that she is immigrating at the end of the year to the UK, as her husband got an unexpected transfer. She will be replaced by Teacher Jayde. We also have Teacher Christine moving to George. She will be replaced by Mr Baloyi as our violin and cello teacher.

All our replacement teachers have been carefully selected from hundreds (literally) of applicants, are fully qualified and are super excited to join the Solids teaching family. 2022 is looking to be a fresh and exciting chapter!

Grade RRR-1 Reading programme...

Our reading programme for Grade RRR-1 will sadly draw to a close next week Thursday. This means that this week is the last time you will get a bookbag change for 2021.

The good news is that we are extending the programme to include our Grade 2s in 2022!

We applaud the fact that our books have been cared for and we've had minimal book damage (genuinely amazing) with maximum reading effectiveness throughout 2021.

At the rate of our current programme, our Grade 3s of 2023 (who have been with us since Grade RRR) will have read or have been read an average of 900 children's books over 5 years! This is a statistical miracle and unheard of in teaching circles today. We can't wait to see the fruit of this programme in years to come!



Prayerfully and playfully

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