

# Newsletter

2 February 2022

## Yay - no more social distancing...

Our school welcomes the government's decision to remove social distancing barriers at schools. This allows for fun things to be re-instated like assemblies and sports days! Hip hip hoorah!



## Secret payer...

We have the same problem as we had a few weeks ago in that an anonymous individual is paying into our school account using the reference "Sol1/007". Would "Mr or Mrs James Bond" please come forward to claim your payment of R270.

## Hier om jou te help...

Mrs Mac would like to order English/Afrikaans dictionaries for pupils to use at home. The cost of a decent dictionary is R190. If you are interested in ordering one for your child, please send the R190 to Mrs Mac by Friday. We would like to place our order on Monday as the books usually take about two weeks to arrive from the publishers.



## Internet access...

Our senior pupils are being introduced to two fabulous online programmes called "Mathletics" and "Read Works".

We do encourage our pupils to push themselves in these areas, but this does require working on the internet at home. If your child does not have access at home, Mrs Babcock is opening her class on Wednesday afternoons from 13h30 until 15h00 for any pupil who would like to use a Chromebook and free internet access. This is also an ideal time for pupils to do



research for projects if necessary. We are also able to do printing at R2 per black and white page (A4) and R5 per coloured page (A4).

If your child is planning to remain at school for this class, please inform the office so that you are not charged After Care fees. However, children attending these classes may not play on the playgrounds or eat After Care lunch, as this will result in the being charged for After Care.

## Until such time...

We are hoping that the government will remove masks as a compulsory requirement, but until such time, please pack in a spare mask every day. We've had quite a few kiddies with broken masks this week.



### Exploding with exciting extra-murals...

The Little Lab Coats Science Club will be launching next week Thursday (10 February) at 13h15 - 14h00 for the Grade RRR - Gr 3, and from 14h00 - 14h45 for Grades 4 - 7.



Most other extra-murals are starting up this week, including netball, cricket and soccer. Please remember that extra-mural registration fees are payable every year and first month's fees are due before you begin. See our website (under the "extra-mural" tab) if you would still like to make arrangements for your child to join in any extra-murals.

### Quest for Conquesta...

Our school (Grade 5-7) participates annually in an international bench-marking Olympiad called "Conquesta". We enrol all our senior pupils to write English, Maths (higher grade), Social Sciences and Natural Sciences. Each exam costs R24 per child, and we use funds from your special "Outings and Stationery" fee to pay for these 4 exams.



Conquesta does, however, offer additional exam papers in other subjects like Life Skills, Art, Bible Study, General Knowledge, Maths (standard grade) and Afrikaans. If you are interested in your child writing additional exams in subjects beyond what the school pays for, please send R24 per extra subject to school by Friday. Place your money in an envelope and clearly write your child's name and the subject you would like him/her to write.

### Thank you for prompt payment...

On the subject of finances, please remember to pay for your outings and shows before next Monday. Late payments will be fined. Thank you to the majority of parents who have paid this fee.



A reminder that you do not have the option of skipping February's school fees payments and allocating your school fees to the "Outings and Shows" fee. No pay = no play. Only children who have paid for their school fees **and** outings and shows will participate. This includes an upcoming educational show by Fansa Medical for our pre-schoolers and "Amazing Mazes" for our Grade 4s scheduled as an outing next week.

### Off to the optometrist...

It's the Grade R classes' turn to go to the optometrist at the Norkem Mall on Friday. Please ensure you pack sunhats, shoes and an extra bottle of water.





### Stickers for love...

Don't forget "Flip Flop Friday" on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. Stickers for "wearing flip-flops" are being sold in the office for R10 each, and proceeds go to CHOC (Childhood Cancer Foundation of South Africa).

### Love in its purest form...

Our school usually celebrates Valentine's Day in style. We sell ribbons and chocolates to share the love and fun of this special day.

This year, our proceeds are not going to the Grade 7 farewell, but to a very special young man called Donovan Potgieter who resides in the Avril Elizabeth Home.

Donovan is a sibling of Ms van Staden (our Grade 2 teacher) and has Cornelia de Lange Syndrome. Ms van Staden's family appreciates every cent donated towards keeping Donovan in the Avril Elizabeth Home and well-cared for. Donovan's mother is a single mom and is

currently unemployed. If you have any open position in administration or finances, please call our office (011-976-5300) so that we can connect you.

To collect our coins and show our love for the family, ribbons will be sold for R2 and "anonymously" delivered to the recipient at school on Valentine's Day. Different colours represent different secret messages:

Pink = you're cute

Yellow = friendship

Blue = loyalty

You can order your ribbons from Mrs Obbes or Teacher Candice as of next week.

Chocolates will also be on sale on Valentine's Day (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February) to sweeten the deal.



### Grade RRR-2 Reading programme...

Don't forget to bring your book-bags back to school tomorrow.

You can report any damaged books to:

<https://forms.gle/hwZxp6ZHpd41NWrD8>

Preschool theme for next week: My 5 senses

Prayerfully and playfully

The Teachers

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