

Newsletter

23 November 2022

Sprinkles of fun...

It's time for some summer fun for Grade RRR-3!

Teacher Kathy has organised a big slippery slide and the school sprinkler system will be going strong on Friday. All our little pre-schoolers and Grade 1-3s can splash about to their heart's content and celebrate summer.

Currently the weather report predicts a mild day (24 degrees) and rain in the afternoon, so we're hoping that it does warm up a bit for the kids to really have a great time.

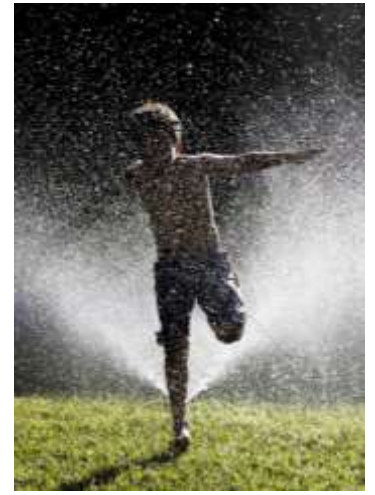
To make the day special, please can you ensure that your child (Grade 1-3) comes to school in civvies with their swimming costume underneath.

Please pack in:

- An old towel (with your child's name on it)
- Undies (the costume they're wearing will get wet)
- A sunhat (labelled)

The day will be topped off with an ice-cream treat for each child.

Sounds like a splendidly summery occasion!



5 sleeps until senior primary camp...

Grade 5-7 campers must be at school by 7h30 on Monday morning, for their departure to Camp Discovery. Grade 4s and non-campers may remain at home and start their Christmas holiday a wee bit earlier than the rest of us.

Campers, don't forget to pack reasonably light (there is only that much space on a bus). Also remember:

- Pocket money for tuck must be handed in to camp teachers in a clearly marked envelope before you leave.
- No technology gadgets are allowed (including cell phones).
- Any prescription medicine must be handed in to camp teachers before boarding the bus (with clear administration instructions).
- No make-up or elaborate jewellery, hairstyles or fashion statements. This is a camp, so old clothes and slops are the order of the day.
- A snack pack is recommended for the bus trip TO and FROM Camp Discovery.

Campers will return by 12h00 on Thursday.

We wish you an awesome time!

Getting ready for Grade 5-7 in 2023...

Every year, our pupils in Grade RRR-4 are given their stationery at the start of the school year. This changes in Grade 5 however, when we allocate your funds to more expensive textbooks and software, and not to stationery. Our Grade 5 pupils can re-use their Grade 4

stationery going forward. That being said, please check that your Grade 5-7 pupils have the following stationery items for the new school year:

- Homework diary (any kind)
- Pencil case
- Blue pen
- HB pencil
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Scissor
- Coloured pencils
- Ruler
- Coloured pens
- Highlighters for studying
- A compass (NOT the kind to tell direction, but the kind that you draw circles with ☺)
- A calculator (Grade 6 and 7 - and does NOT have to be a scientific calculator)



Workbooks, workbook covers and textbooks are all supplied out of your "Books and Shows" fee, due by 1 February 2023.



Save the date...

Our school has an annual Parent's Meeting scheduled for the 21st of January 2023 for all grades. Please save the date for this important event.

Policy upgrades...

As you are aware, our school policies are important working documents that get upgraded and tweaked as we see ways of improving our way of operating to an even higher standard of excellence. We have attached a summary of the changes made to the school policies at the end of this year. All updated and reviewed policies have been uploaded onto the D6 and our website.



We would like to congratulate Mr Swiegers on his official appointment as Deputy Principal, and Teacher Kathy on her official appointment as Preschool Principal.

Other notable changes in policies include the introduction of 4 reports next year (Grade 1-7) instead of our previous 3. We have also made slight changes to our procedure for the internal monitoring of our academic standards as well as slight tweaks to the school uniform policy. We are convinced that each year, policy editing results in a more streamlined and highly functional educational system, producing recognisable excellence in our school.

Goodbye (sniff), and hello...



We wish Teacher Laura and Teacher Candice well as they are embarking on new teaching ventures outside of our school next year. May they find the sun shining on their paths ahead, and the blessing of God following their footsteps behind.

This change in staff has caused quite a ripple effect of "post shifting" in our school. Teacher Michelle (Mrs Babcock) and Teacher Shirley (Miss

McDonald) both immediately jumped at the opportunity to teach Grade R in 2023. Mrs Nothnagel, our current Grade 3 teacher, is moving up to Grade 6, to use her analytical talents and skills in teaching Grade 6 Maths and Science.

We are happy to introduce to you two new staff members for 2023...

Mrs Greyvenstein... a bubbly and joyful teacher completing her Masters Degree in Education, has just married (last week) and is super excited to start with us in 2023.

Mrs van der Merwe... a gentle and sweet teacher who has her BEd in Foundation Phase and 6 years of teaching experience, can't wait to bring God's love to her Grade 3 class at Solid Foundations in 2023.

Farewell Teacher Laura and Candice and welcome Mrs van der Merwe and Mrs Greyvenstein.

Last call for your grocery items...

Thank you to all our families who have already given a tin or bag of mealie meal towards our janitors' food drive.

Please remember that collections end this week.

We will be presenting your love gifts to the janitors on Friday.



Bookbags...

We are aware that bookbags were not given out last week. Teacher Kathryn needs at least



two weeks to process all the bookbags at the end of a school year, so that we are ready for our reading programme in 2023. Thank you for your wonderful support for the programme during 2022. We are happy to report minimal book damage and maximum family enjoyment! Well done for making a phenomenal difference in your child's life!

Thank you reminder (from Mrs Helmbold's desk)...

Please remember to thank your child's teacher at the end of this year. We are teaming with you in planting gratitude seeds in your child's life. This begins by thanking the people who work tirelessly to make their worlds beautiful. Thanks can be given with words (e.g. a card or note) or gifts (e.g. a flower from your garden or a drawing), but the important thing is that thanks is expressed from the heart. Let's end this year with an attitude of gratitude!



A reminder that school closes NEXT WEEK Friday at 10h00.

After Care remains open until 15 December and then re-opens on 4 January 2023.

School reopens on 11 January 2023.

Prayerfully and playfully

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065-574-5855 (emergency number only available 7h30 - 14h00 on school days. This number is for any incidences of our land-lines being down due to load shedding or general internet outages. This number will not be answered after school hours or during weekends or holidays).

Classifieds...

Christmas Carols this week Saturday with the East Rand Youth Orchestra...



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