

Newsletter

22 March 2023

We've had a "fast and furious" Term 1. It's been terrific and thank you for your incredible support.



Strange payment...

We received a payment in our school account last week of R1000 with the reference "M". Is this yours?

Bermuda Triangle newsletters...

In the last 2 weeks, we've had about 5 parents mention that their newsletters aren't being delivered to their mail. The strange thing is that these newsletters are out of our school's mailbox and are indicated as being sent. According to the recipients who haven't received them, they aren't in their "spam" or "junk" folders either. Please report to us if you are not receiving your weekly letter (or know of someone who isn't). We will need to investigate this mystery further.



Preschool...

The Easter Bunny should be paying us a visit this week! Keep your eye open for a flash of ears or a quivering tail!

Grade 1-3...

Today is the Grade 3 Medieval Fayre and the Grade 1 and 2 pupils are "baking". Tomorrow our Grade 1-3 pupils are off on a bus trip to the theatre. Enjoy each dramatic moment.

Grade 5-7...

Our seniors get to slither into the planned fun with a "Reptile Show" tomorrow, followed by a super fun sleepover. Remember your snacks and warm clothing! So far the weather is looking great for an outdoor bonfire and sleeping under the stars!

Grade 4 programme...

As well as participating in the "Reptile Show", our Grade 4s are having a "board game feast" on the 23rd. Grade 4 pupils can come to school with their favourite board game to challenge



their friends. This should give you a CLUEdo as how the pupils will MONOPOLise their teachers' 60 SECONDS and SCRABBLE their timetable with the BALDERDASH that they will bring to the table.

Holiday dates...

We're breaking up for the school holidays on Friday at:

9h45 - Preschool

10h00 - Grade 1-3

10h15 - Grade 4-7

Please be patient in the parking lot. It will be congested at pick up time.

After Care is open daily during the school holidays. If you are planning on dropping off your child earlier than 7h30, please contact Uncle Darrel to open the gate (078-294-5101), and use the entrance on Korhaan Street.

We are reopening on Tuesday the 11th of April.

Have a happy hoppy Easter break, and see you in Term 2!



Feedback from the C&R department...

This term we've opened our exciting new Coding and Robotics (C&R) programme to grades 5 to 7. We've also launched a programme for the Foundation Phase and we're incredibly pleased with how our students have progressed so far. Here's a breakdown of what we've done this term:

Course	What's been happening?	What they've learned:
101 (Gr 5 to 7)	Mr Swiegers, Mrs Nothnagel and Mrs McIntosh are all nearing the end of their first wave of 101 Courses for 2022, with students expected to finish in the first week on Term 2.	Basic coding concepts like loops and conditionals with block-based games.
102 (Gr 5 to 7)	Our first group of Coding 102 has made good progressed and are expected to finish in the early half of next term.	Beginner Scratch programming using the concepts they've mastered in 101.
Gr 4 - Course A	Mrs Obbes has been hosting these optional courses in the mornings before school.	Tanks - "offline" basic programming using puzzle pieces to solve problems.
Gr 4 - Course B		Basic Scratch - sprite, background, change direction (understand x and y axis), spin.
Foundation phase coding	Mrs Obbes has incorporated Coding and Robotics into her computers curriculum.	Beginner coding concepts using physical manipulatives like blocks and Bluebots.

Looking forward:

101	Mrs McIntosh will be taking all future enrolments into this course. New 101 courses should become available early in Term 2.
102	Mrs McDonald will be taking all future enrolments into this course. New courses should become available early in Term 2.

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Mr Swiegers and Mrs Nothnagel are expected to start this course midway through Term 2.

Prayerfully and playfully

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P.S. Please feel free to post Google Reviews and School Parrot reviews to celebrate our school on the 'net.

