

Newsletter

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Cake sale Friday...

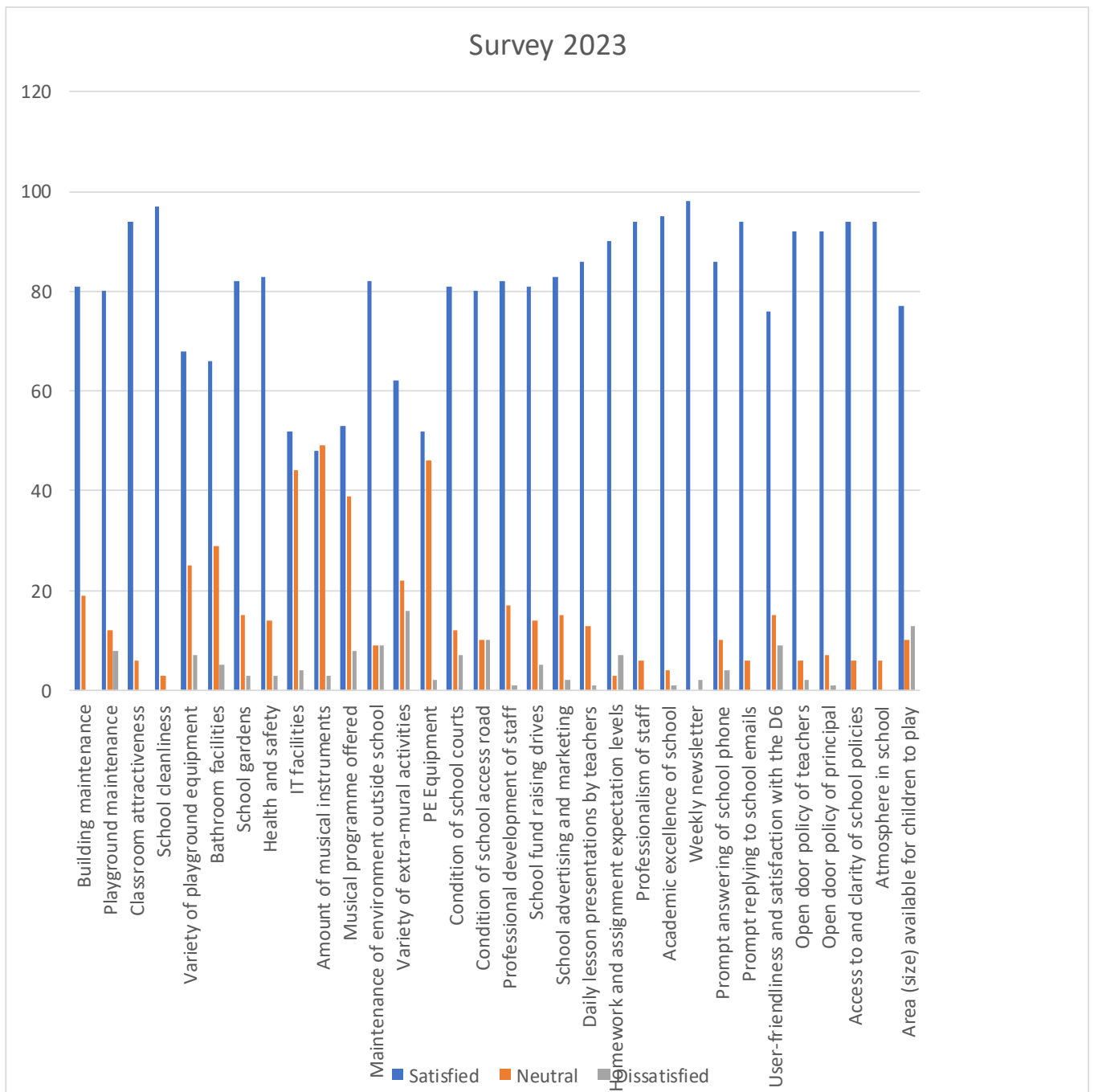
This week Friday is cake sale day for the whole school. **Grade RS (Teacher Shirley), 2S (Miss van Staden) and 5M (Miss Masemola)** will be bringing yummy goodies to treat our tummies. Our tuck shop will be closed as the cake sale items will be on sale at tuck time. Remember your pocket money to show your support.



Parent survey...

Thank you to the 108 families who completed our annual survey. We really appreciate your input and feedback.

Herewith the summary of the survey results (in percentages):



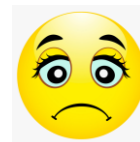
Five areas of highest satisfaction for our parents:

1. Weekly newsletter (98.1% satisfaction)
2. School cleanliness (97.2% satisfaction)
3. Academic excellence of school (95.3% satisfaction)
4. Professionalism of staff (94.4% satisfaction)
5. Prompt replying of school emails (94.4% satisfaction)



Five areas of highest dissatisfaction for our parents:

1. Variety of extra-mural activities (15.9% dissatisfaction)
2. Area (size) available for children to play (13.1% dissatisfaction)
3. Condition of school access road (10.2% dissatisfaction)
4. Maintenance of school environment outside of school (9.3% dissatisfaction)
5. User-friendliness and satisfaction with D6 (9.3% dissatisfaction)



In reply to some of your concerns and comments (final section of survey)...

The "Troll Bridge" is quite safe. The "spongey" feel you get while walking on the bridge is due to the recycled plastic planks we have used for construction. These planks are far bouncier and more resilient than real wood. Underneath the planks are concrete slabs anchored into the sides of the drain in concrete foundations.

One parent lamented the fact that the survey was less thorough than last year. We used exactly the same survey as last year, added one extra question, and removed the short voting section, as we did not have any parental questions to vote on.

We did have a parent request that we "prescribe suitcase types", but due to cost implications for our families, we are not going to enforce prescribed suitcase regulations at present.

We do acknowledge all your wishes and dreams for a sports field. They coincide with ours. We are excited to announce that we have purchased the property next door and are looking forward to expanding our playground. We have also attempted several times to grow grass on our playgrounds, but the sheer foot traffic makes it an impossible feat.

Our school timetable does not allow for more computer science lessons during the school day, but we are integrating the use of the Chrome Books as much as possible in normal class time and general lessons. Our Coding and Robotics is on track and we are implementing the C&R programme as quickly and efficiently as possible in a course-based format. One parent requested that our school please buy tablets. Please note that Chrome Books are the Google equivalent of tablets. We currently have 55 Chrome Books being used in the school. We also have 26 computer stations in our computer centre.

We have made our uniform suppliers aware of your request for more robust uniform material.

We are looking at ways to upgrade the access road and access area to our school.

We do keep an accident and injury log at school, and there is a swimming school that drives to and from school in the afternoons (please contact the office for details).

Again - we are watching our budget for parents, and cannot increase school fees to make extra-murals free. Some of our families are really scraping to pay their monthly fees, and will not be able to afford an increase.

Teacher Kirsty and Teacher Luthando are present to help teacher Joanne at the school gate in the afternoons.

We hope this answers some of the issues that were raised.

Please remember that our door is always open and you do not need to wait another year for the next survey to voice your concerns!

All in all, we are very pleased with the survey results and will be taking our top 5 dissatisfactory issues very seriously in our future planning.

A big woof to say thanks...

Kaeden's Grove were so touched by your generous donation towards needy animals. Thank you!

Looking ahead to next week...

School will only be closed next week Wednesday (Woman's Day), but we're definitely open all the other days next week. School photos will be taken on the 10th and 11th of April (Thursday and Friday). Our pre-schoolers will also be building "tents" next week Friday. Please start looking for old sheets, brooms and mops for this fun event.

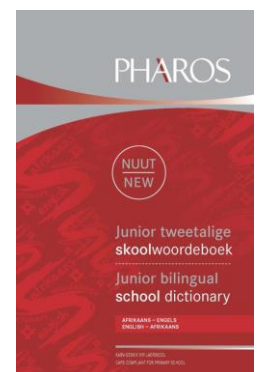


Pause to enjoy the miracle...

Incubators have been dropped off in our preschool classes, full of chicken eggs about to hatch. If you would like to witness the miracle, please feel free to pop in before or after school, particularly tomorrow (Thursday). Younger siblings are most welcome too, as seeing baby birds emerge from their eggs is a really thrilling experience for all ages.

Afrikaans/ English dictionaries on sale...

Our school office is selling Pharos junior English/ Afrikaans school dictionaries for R100. Normal price is R180. Take advantage of this limited offer!



Eisteddfod news...

Our pupils are doing exceptionally well at the Kempton Park Eisteddfod. We will announce all our winners once the season draws to a close. For pupils who entered photography and creative writing, please collect your work tomorrow between 15h00 and 17h00 at the Gereformeerde Kerk in Jacaranda Street (cnr Highveld).

Pizzas and bookbags...

Don't forget to order your pizzas from the office tomorrow.

Bookbags (Grade RRR-2) will go out on Friday as normal. Report any badly damaged books on:

<https://forms.gle/hwZxp6ZHpd41NWrD8>

Prayerfully and playfully

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