

Newsletter



15 May 2024

Three weeks to go until exams...

As you are aware, we have had to re-arrange our exam dates because of the Staff Development Day at the end of this term. Herewith our FINAL exam time-table for Grade 5-7 (Grade 4 will receive their own separate timetable):

Date	EXAM SESSION 1 8h00 - 10h00	10h00 - 10h20	10h20 - 10h40	10h40 - 11h00	EXAM SESSION 2 11h00 - 13h00
3 & 4 June	SCHOOL PHOTOS				
5 June GRADE 7 ONLY	EMS (Gr 7 only)	Lunch - pupils may not leave at 10h00	Break	Break	LO (Gr 7 only)
6 June	History	Lunch*	Grade 4 - 7 sing	Grade 4 - 7 play	Study session or class crafts or games
7 June	English Language (no dictionaries allowed)	Lunch -pupils may not leave at 10h00	Grade 4 & 5 sing Grade 6 & 7 play	Grade 6 & 7 sing Grade 4 & 5 play	English Creative writing (no dictionaries allowed)
10 June (Diskonto Book Sale at school)	Afrikaans Language	Lunch -pupils may not leave at 10h00	Grade 4 & 5 sing Grade 6 & 7 play	Grade 6 & 7 sing Grade 4 & 5 play	Afrikaans Language
11 June (Diskonto Book sale at school)	Maths (Maths sets permitted for all grades but calculators permitted for Gr 7 only)	Lunch*	Grade 4 - 7 sing	Grade 4 - 7 play	Study session or class crafts or games
12 June	Geography (calculators compulsory)	Lunch*	Grade 4 - 7 sing	Grade 4 - 7 play	Study session or class crafts or games
13 June Break up day School closes at 13h00 for Grade RRR-3 and Grade 7	Natural Science	Lunch*	Grade 7 vs Staff netball game	Grade 4 - 7 play	Tech (Gr 7) (calculators permitted) Gr 5-6 study session, class crafts or games
14 June	There is no school on the 14 th of June, but After Care is open (reports will be given out the second week of Term 3)				

*Pupils not writing exams in the second session may go home between 10h00 and 10h20. This is voluntary. No pupils may be collected after 10h20 (between 10h20 and 13h00) on any day. School gates will open again at 13h00.



Getting exam-ready...

Don't forget that Mr Swiegers will be hosting a study skills workshop this Saturday (8h00 until latest 12h00). Please RSVP to the office. The cost is R150, payable on arrival, and parents are asked to attend with their children.

Camp upgrade...

Our school booked Camp Discovery last year September for our senior primary (Gr 5-7) end-of-year camp this year. Unfortunately, Camp Discovery notified us last week, that although they can still accommodate us, they will be hosting an inter-provincial softball tournament over our given dates and there will be thousands of people attending their camp grounds. In the light of this, we decided to move the camp venue this year to Camp Konka. Camp Konka comes recommended as one of the best camps on the market. We have never attended Camp Konka because they are much more expensive than other camps. In the light of our predicament, Camp Konka has offered us special reduced rates for the camp dates we have planned. Even with the reduction, our camp fees will be going up by R200 per child to attend Camp Konka. We do, however, think it is a worthwhile trade-off. The total camp fees therefore come to R2400, instead of our previously quoted price of R2200. We apologise for the slight increase, but do believe it a great opportunity for our kids to attend a camp of the highest caliber. Camp fees may be paid before the time, as part of your monthly school fees payments.



WITS and Yebo Gogga...

A reminder that the "Yebo Gogga" (science and biology) exhibition will be up and running this weekend at WITS. Entrance is free. The exact venue is the Oppenheimer Life Sciences Building, Braamfontein Campus East, WITS

Out and about...

Our Grade 4s are off to see the National Children's Theatre this week. Enjoy the adventure!

Fiery Friday...

We will be visited by a fireman on Friday who does an elaborate fire-safety show for our pre-schoolers. Be sure to ask them all about it!



Always something different...

The company "Always" has asked to host an assembly for our Grade 6 and 7 girls on Thursday morning, in which they will discuss feminine hygiene in general and their "Always" products. Senior pupils not in this category will be having their own separate, outdoors assembly with Mrs Helmbold.



Books sent home...

As per our policy, your child's workbooks will be sent home this week (Gr 1-7). Please sign that you have seen them (on the forms provided) and let your child's teacher know about any concerns you have.

Norkem Park Primary Sports Festival...

Our u/12 netball and soccer pupils will be participating in the Norkem Sports Festival over this weekend, including Friday. All the best young athletes!

Upcoming cake sales...

Our next cake sales are scheduled for the 31st of May. Grade 2M and Grade 4 will be hosting.



Slipper day...

Our pupils are welcome to support the "Reach for a Dream" initiative and wear slippers to school on the 31st of May. Please buy your stickers at your retail store or online (the school will NOT be selling them directly):

<https://reachforadream.org.za/slipper-day-2024>

If you do make a purchase online (virtual sticker), just print out POP for your child to show his/her teacher on the 31st.

Reading programme and pizza reminder...

Remember to return your bookbag tomorrow morning. Please report badly damaged books to us on:

<https://forms.gle/hwZxp6ZHpd41NWrD8>

or with a general email if you'd prefer. Remember that pizza orders for Friday will be taken in tomorrow at the office for R35 as usual.



Congratulations Gia...

Gia Rampal participated in the Ekurhuleni District Gymnastics Tournament on Saturday and received a silver medal. Well done little star!

Go netball stars...

Congratulations Teacher Kathy and your netball girls for being league winners. First time in Solids history that all our netball teams have won their league. Excellent job! The league playoffs will be held tomorrow at Laerskool Birchleigh. Apologies for the short notice, but Teacher Kathy was only given the date last night. Teacher Kathy has posted a list on her classroom door announcing which players will be playing at the playoffs tomorrow.

Congratulations to our little netball players too who won their mini-netball match against Laerskool Impala yesterday.



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