

# Newsletter



7 Aug 2024

## Traffic flow research...

We received comments in our recent survey concerning safety and confusion around the "drop and go" area outside the teacher's parking on Maraboe Street.

We will be closing off this area from Monday to Wednesday morning next week to see how this will impact the traffic flow around our school in the mornings. You will be able to use the "Troll Bridge" parking area under the powerlines, or the Korhaan cul-de-sac entrance ONLY on these three days. Uncle Jacob will assist parents in getting in and out of Korhaan Street.

*Remember... Maraboe Street gate will be closed from Monday to Wednesday!*

## Solids comes up tops!

Our pupils recently participated in a WITS university math competition. Over 900 schools and 18 000 students participated across Southern Africa.

We are thrilled to announce that in the four age divisions, four of our Grade 7 pupils and two of our Grade 5 pupils came in the top 200 placement. They are off to round 2!

For a school our small size this is statistically phenomenal... Go Solids!

Congratulations to the following maths whizzes:

### Grade 5 finalists:

Melokuhle Zuma

Tafadzwa Kanonge

### Grade 7 finalists:

Lulamile Mгимeti

Leah Moonsamy

Keratilwe Tanti

Moloko Thoobe

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## It's almost concert time!

It's the one month until our school concert, and our teachers are starting to put together the sweetest items for this special occasion.

Please remember to circle the date on your calendar.

Date: Tuesday, 3 September

Time: 18h30 for 19h00 (children must be at the venue by 18h30)

Venue: Kaleideo Church, Fiskaal Street, Glen Marais

Tickets will be on sale in the office for R100.

Due to limited space, please note that each person (regardless of

age) who occupies a seat is expected to pay R100. Children sitting on laps are exempt.

**Save your tickets as proof of payment to the concert venue, as we will be checking for them at the entrance.**

It is so much fun to experience the sheer joy of little people taking part in all the bustling excitement. We look forward to seeing all our families there!

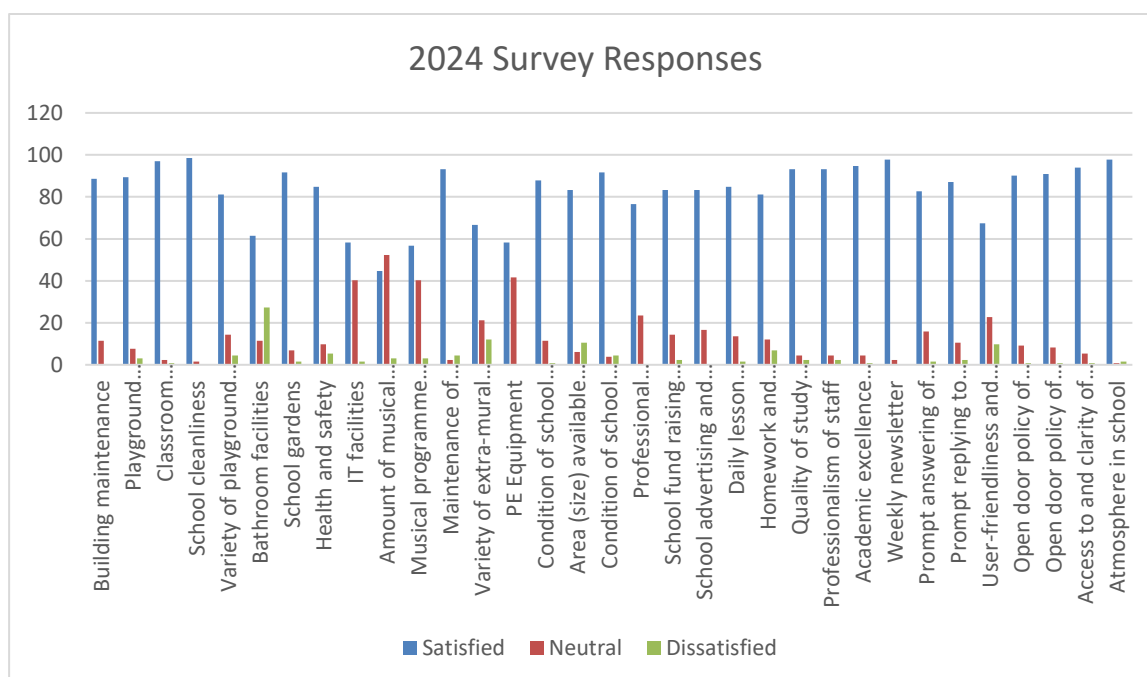
If your child is unable to attend the concert, please do us the courtesy of informing us as soon as possible. We need to know for choreography and scripting purposes.

Enjoy a magical evening with us!

### Survey results...

Thank you to every person who responded to our school survey. We had 132 families responding, which is a significant increase from last year.

Here is a summary of the results:



Five areas of highest satisfaction for parents:

1. School cleanliness (98.5% satisfaction)
2. Classroom attractiveness (97% satisfaction)
3. Atmosphere in school (97,7% satisfaction)
4. Weekly newsletter (97,7% satisfaction)
5. Academic excellence (94.7% satisfaction)



Five areas of highest dissatisfaction for parents (areas to direct focus on in 2024/5):

1. Bathroom facilities (27,3% dissatisfaction)
2. Variety of extra-mural activities (12,1% dissatisfaction)
3. Area (size) available for children to play (10,6% dissatisfaction)
4. User-friendliness and satisfaction with D6 (9,8% dissatisfaction)
5. Homework and assignment expectation levels (6,8% dissatisfaction)



In addition to considering the overall results, we will also be looking at the individual clarifying comments made by parents.

To reassure two families that queried the stability of the access bridge (our "Troll Bridge")...although the bridge has a "spongy" feel when you walk over it, it is anchored and supported with massive concrete beams on either bank of the water channel. The "sponginess" results from the top layer being made from recycled plastic, which is exceptionally strong and more robust than wood. We hope this reassures you.



### We're increasing!...

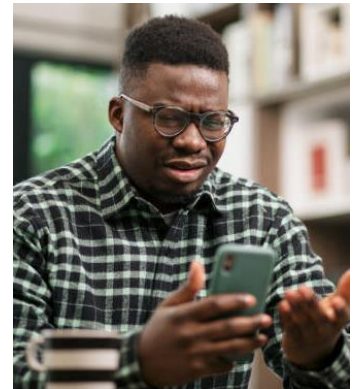
In the light of the survey concern for more playing area (see point 3 of "dissatisfaction areas" above), we are really chuffed to announce that we have pre-empted your responses and Solid Foundations has officially acquired ownership on Friday of the property at 3 Korhaan Street.



In addition to expanding the senior primary playground, our vision is to discontinue using the older existing prefabs as classes, and move these two senior primary classes into the house at 3 Korhaan. Renovating the property will be a huge challenge, but we can't wait to see our seniors enjoying more luxury and space. Watch this space!

### D6 take 2...

We have been told by D6 this morning that if you have an Android device, the updates for the app are not yet available! We are so sorry about this. The D6 is working on it and promise updates within "a few weeks". We are as frustrated as you are. We began exploring other app options last year, and unfortunately, have still yet to encounter a superior product to the D6, in spite of its glitches. We hope the updated app will iron



### Zippidee-doo-dah...

When we opened our grass field last year, we sadly had to close our old zipline. We're happy to tell you that the zipline is back! Enjoy the rush of zipping through the air again, little superheroes!

### Soccer parents meeting feedback...

Thank you to the 38 families who joined Coach Devin's online soccer briefing last week. Solids will be offering more soccer coaching packages as of this week. We appreciate your enthusiastic feedback.

### Zootopia...

Don't forget the senior primary field trip to the Johannesburg Zoo tomorrow. Pupils will not be permitted to purchase food at the zoo, so please pack in your normal field-trip lunch. Have a roaring time!







### **We appreciate it !...**

The cake sales in the last two weeks were a super success and we're grateful for your support. Thank you!

### **Reading programme and NO pizza reminder...**

As Friday is a public holiday, we will NOT be taking in pizza orders tomorrow. Also, tuck will not be opened this week.

Please remember to return your bookbag tomorrow morning as we would like to make the exchange and send out new bookbags before the long weekend. Please report badly damaged books to us on:

<https://forms.gle/hwZxp6ZHpd41NWrD8>

or with a general email if you'd prefer.

Very sadly, it has been brought to our attention that some families are not taking the time to read to their children from the reading programme. This is an enormous waste! Not only are we saving you the trouble or cost of going to the library, or purchasing books, but just 5 to 10 minutes a day can change your child's ENTIRE future. Please never underestimate the power of reading those few books we send home each week. By not reading, you are essentially robbing your child of flourishing academically at our school.



**Enjoy Women's Day on Friday. A reminder that school and After Care will both be closed.**

Prayerfully and playfully

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