Newsletter

11 September 2024

<u>Congrats, Mr Baloyi...</u>

The day after our concert, Mr Baloyi's little son arrived! Happy birthday little Siphiwe Baloyi (all 3.65 kg of you). May the Lord richly bless you and may you rise up to be a man after God's own heart!



Holiday dates...



Although we did announce next year's term dates, we've had to make a slight alteration. Please note that NEXT YEAR'S third term will break up on the 23rd of September. THIS YEAR we are closing on Friday the 20th at 10h00, and RE-OPENING on Monday the 7th of October.

Pupils may wear Heritage Day clothing on break up day.

As Heritage Day falls on the first Tuesday in the holidays, we would like

to give our After Care staff off on Monday the 23rd as well. <u>Please let the office know</u> <u>immediately if you need After Care facilities on the Monday. If you do not notify us, we are going</u> to accept that After Care will be closed on the 23rd and 24th of September.

Science fair...

We can't wait to see the scientific thinking that has been put to good use at our annual Solid Foundations Science Fair on the 19th of September. Public are welcome to view the fair between 8h00 and 9h00 next week Thursday morning.



Senior Primary Camp...



A reminder that camp fees for the Grade 5-7 camp to Konka must be included in your end-of-October/ beginning-of-November school fees. The cost for the camp is R2400 for the three nights. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept late payments and will give our final numbers of those who have paid, to Konka, on the 8th of November.

<u>So long, farewell...</u>

If you are planning on leaving Solid Foundations at the end of the year it is vitally important that you give us your notice, <u>latest</u>, by next week. Families who fail to do so will be charged a full 3 month's school fees after October (which means you pay for January 2025 - even if you're not here). Please let us know to avoid unnecessary fees. It is also fair to give your notice so that we can notify families on our waiting-list if there are open spaces available for 2025. <u>After Care pupils may not give notice after</u>



<u>the 31st of October</u>. All permanent After Care pupils will pay half price for December even if they are not using the After Care facilities in December, unless pupils have stopped After Care by November.

Squirts of fun for Grade 4-7...

The Grade 7s made the most professional and reasonable pitch to Mrs Helmbold for a "Senior Primary Water Fight" at school on Friday. Of course, she relented in the face of their masterful plan and puppy-dog eyes.

As a result, the Grade 4-7 pupils may engage in a water fight at school on Friday (12h10 to 12h50) under the watchful eyes of the staff. Please could your senior primary child wear clothing to school on Friday that may get wet and possibly muddy. Costumes may be worn under this clothing, but seniors may not participate clad in costumes alone. Children need to bring packets, towels and a set of dry civvies to change into at the end of the school day. The following equipment is permitted for the water fight:

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- 1. Buddy-sized only plastic bottles.
- 2. Squirt guns and water guns.
- 3. Syringes.
- 4. Any container of 400ml or less.
- 5. Buckets as re-fill stations only.



Remember sunhats and sunscreen too. Pupils will be given strict boundaries, but are sure to have a fun time in the sun.

Not to worry Grade RRR to 3, your water fun will happen in Term 4 when the seniors are writing exams 🐵.



<u>Fight against full inboxes…</u>

We have a large amount of parent emails bouncing due to the "inbox is full" problem. Please empty your inboxes and let us keep in contact. Thanks.

<u>Maths Bee Stars</u>

Our Grade 1-3 pupils participated in a Maths Bee at school on Monday. It was a grueling competition, but we are so proud of these little Maths whizz kids...

<u>Grade 1:</u>

1st: Thapelo Moloi 2nd: Vidal Govender 3rd: Oratile Thobejane <u>Grade 2:</u> 1st: Mokgethwa 2nd: Keera Chinappen 3rd: Avela Sibande <u>Grade 3</u> 1st: Nduvho Ndou 2nd: Chelsea Mashiri 3rd: Nobuhle Mapanga



Our senior pupils will be competing tomorrow.



Success is spelled S-U-C-C-E-S-S...

All the best to our Spelling Bee contestants who will be taking the floor next week Tuesday (Grade 1-3) and Friday (Grade 4-7) to impress us with their O-R-T-H-O-G-R-A-P-H-I-C talents!

Bees of a different sort...

On the topic of bees, we have quite a prolific bee problem in our area at the moment. We have been in contact with various apiarists, and their unanimous suggestion is that we should install bee

bait boxes around our school perimeter. These boxes will attract bees away from the playgrounds. The boxes will be emptied of bee hives termly, and the bees will be re-located in a manner that keeps them safe and stress-free. In the meantime, please send your child with water instead of juice to school. If your child is allergic to bees, please also ensure that we have the necessary medication in the office to assist your child in the event of their being stung.





Bubble and trouble...

We have an educational "Science Show" coming in next week Monday (Grade 1-3) and Wednesday (Grade 4-7). The preschoolers will be having a theatrical show this week Friday ("The Runaway Birthday Cake!")

We look forward to all the extra awe and fun!

Reading programme and pizza reminder...

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

<u>https://forms.gle/hwZxp6ZHpd41NWrD8</u> or with a general email if you'd prefer.

We will also take Friday's pizza orders tomorrow at the office for R35 as usual.



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<u>Classifieds...</u>



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