

Newsletter

22 January 2025



Staying connected...

Solid Foundations makes use of the D6 App to communicate. Please download the "D6 Connect App" (for free) if you have not already done so.

The reasons for downloading the app include access, on your phone, to:

1. Weekly newsletters
2. Daily homework requirements for your child (Gr 1-5)
3. Weekly vocab words (Grade RRR-R)
4. School policies, extra-mural contacts and Gr 5-7 assessment plans
5. Alerts given out by the school e.g. "Netball cancelled due to rain"

Once connected, please refresh your app regularly (each time you use it) by pulling down on your screen with your finger. The twirling circle at the top tells you it's refreshing.

Also, once you are in the App, click on the little paperclip "resources" icon on the bottom of the screen. This will help you to navigate.



We've noticed that the D6 is not associating some parents with multiple children. If you notice that you are only getting homework for one of your children (excluding grade 7), please send an email with the following information to admin@solidfoundationsprimary.com

- Your name
- Your Cellphone number
- What class you would like added to your D6

E.g. John Doe, 076 550 4578, Grade 5V

A reminder that teachers are not permitted WhatsApp groups at our school (POPIA precaution). They may broadcast WhatsApp messages, or send out messages on the D6, but please do not have expectations that they must do so. If you want to send a message to your child's teacher at any time during the day, you can call or email the school and we will deliver your message personally.

"Free" stuff!...

Solids does offer some extra-murals for free, but children must sign up to express their interest.

- **Coding and Robotics (C&R)** is offered as a "course-based" system at our school, starting with C&R Level A,B and C in **Grade 4** and then C&R 101, 102, 103, 104 and 105 from **Grade 5 onwards**. Pupils must complete each course level before they can proceed to the next level. Classes are offered before school at 7h00 (punctuality is compulsory, or children are dropped from the class), twice a week. Pupils can sign up on Mrs Mc's door (Prefab 1). We will begin rolling out classes next week. Due to high levels of interest, please be patient if your child does not get allocated a class within the first week. In the interest of helping our pupils to the max, we are keeping the classes small.
- **Cello** is offered as an alternative to one of the two weekly art lessons, for **Grade 4-7 pupils**. Please confirm with Mrs Helmbold via email if you want your child to join in Grade 4. We are assuming that the pupils who were doing cello last year will continue in 2025. Please confirm with Mrs Helmbold if this is not the case. Mr Baloyi has agreed to accommodate new pupils in Grade 5 and 6, but is unable to accommodate new Grade 7 pupils, as the cello groups are too advanced to catch up by this stage.
- **Violin** is compulsory but free for all pupils from **Grade 4 to 7**. Classes take



place once a week during the school day.

- **Conversational isiZulu and SePedi** are offered as before-school extra-murals, free of charge for **Grade 1 upwards**. Sign up with Miss Masemola or Miss Mamapa. Days and times will be confirmed with you personally.
- **Music appreciation, PE and computer literacy** are all subjects integrated into the school syllabus from preschool to Grade 7.



Woolies and the "My School Card"...

A reminder that Woolworths offers a "My School Card" promotion. The card can be swiped at the till and we get a payment from Woolworths for your effort. Please list us as your selected beneficiary.

Football change of venue...

Mooifontein has decided to groom their field this year and has closed their doors to our soccer boys using their facilities on Fridays. We have arranged with the Birch Acres football club to use their fields for this extra-mural instead. Grade 1-7 boys will get bussed to the Birch Acres Soccer Club field each Friday.



Reading programme and pizzas...



Grade RRR-2 pupils will be receiving their bookbags and English vocab words (Grade RRR-R) this week Friday. Children can keep their bookbag for an entire week. Please only return your bookbag on a Thursday morning and report badly damaged books to us on:

<https://forms.gle/hwZxp6ZHpd41NWrD8>

or with a general email if you'd prefer.

Also remember that pizza orders for Friday will be taken in tomorrow. If you would like to order a pizza, please send your child to the office tomorrow morning with their R40.

Sports day...

Keep the morning of the 15th of March open for our annual family-fun Sports Day.



School fees warning...

A reminder that Solids has a no-nonsense policy regarding school fees. We will request pupils to remain at home, or send them home, if their accounts (February school fees AND Outings/Shows/ Stationery included) are not FULLY AND COMPLETELY paid by the 7th of February. Please remember that your Outings and Stationery fees are due at the end of this month.



Assessment Plans 2025...

Our Grade 5-7 pupils will be provided with Assessment Plans as attachments with this newsletter. Please help your child to be prepared and to plan their studies and projects accordingly.



Prayerfully and playfully

The Staff of Solid Foundations

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