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Newsletter



Yummy...

Thank you, Teacher Ploutos' parents for your terrific support and delicious treats at last week's preschool cake sale. This week Friday, our Grade 1-3 pupils get a treat when Mrs van Vuuren's class (Grade 1V) spoil us with their cake sale goodies. Tuck will be closed for these grades and leftovers (if there are) will be sold to the preschool too. Remember your pocket money!



Charity drive for Term 2...

Each term, our school has a specific drive to bless people, or in this case, rescue animals. Pug Rescue SA will be bringing some adorable pugs to school next week Friday for our preschoolers to enjoy. To bless the organisation (and other similar animal rescue organisations in our neighbourhood), please can each pupil bring a can or packet of pet food to school before next week Friday. Pupils who bring pet food may wear civvies as their reward on the 23rd.

Policy change...

After many discussions and staff weigh-ins, our school management would like to introduce an Assessment Policy change that, we trust, will inspire an even higher academic standard at our school. We would like to differentiate, on our year-end report cards for senior primary (Grade 4-7), between a 'Solid Foundations Endorsed Pass' and a "Solid Foundations Condoned Pass" (DBE pass). A pupil at our school must attain a minimum mark of 50% **in all subjects** to achieve our "Solid Foundations Endorsed Pass". This is a higher benchmark than previously delineated in our policy, and a substantially higher bench mark than the government (DBE) requirements. Our goal is that high-schools in our area identify pupils with **endorsed passes** from our school, as **learners of excellence**, pre-approved to be academically sound and ready for the challenges ahead in the next grade.

All Grade 4-7 pupils at Solids must naturally meet the minimum DBE pass requirements to be progressed to the next grade. If they only meet the minimum requirements outlined by the Department of Basic Education ("Solid Foundations Condoned Pass") and not our "Endorsed Pass", we may strongly recommend repeating a grade, but it will be the parents' prerogative to progress or retain their child. However, no child may pass if they have not met the minimum DBE requirements.

The specific difference between our proposed Endorsed Pass and our Condoned Pass (DBE pass) are tabulated below:



Subjects	Solid Foundations Endorsed Pass	Solid Foundations Condoned Pass i.e. DBE pass according to National Policy (DBE NPPR 2021)
English (Home language)	50% or more final year mark	50% or more final year mark
Afrikaans (First Additional Language)	50% or more final year mark	40% or more final year mark
Mathematics	50% or more final year mark	40% or more final year mark
All other subjects (e.g. NS, EMS, LO etc)	50% or more final year mark	Pass any 3 with minimum 40% and 2 with minimum 30% for final year mark

These criteria do not apply to Foundation Phase pupils who, as our policy states, must attain a minimum of 50% in their core subjects (Reading, Writing, Comprehension and Mathematics) to pass the grade. We remain steadfast in our beliefs that these areas must be mastered at a young age before a child can progress to the next grade in Grade 1-3.

Weekend reminders...

A reminder about the WITS Yebo Gogga Expo this weekend (9h00 to 13h00 on Saturday and Sunday) and the UPSO (Pretoria University Orchestra) concert on Sunday (tickets available online through TIXSA <https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/upso-elements>).

Enjoy some educational and relaxing family time while stimulating little minds!



Preschool programme feedback...

Our preschoolers had a fantastic show on Friday when On-Cue dazzled us with their live and musical theatrical performance. The Grade RRR-Rs are in for another treat this week Friday when "Environmental Exhibitions" will be launching them off into space to enjoy an educational show about the planets and stars. If you have not done so before, please take the time to star-gaze with your child this week. Space is our theme, and we are often saddened at how few parents take the time to show the moon and stars to their little ones. Remember that this twinkly show is free every night for your family to explore!

Something to crow about...

Well done netball and soccer boys on the following wins and draws...

NETBALL

Against Bredell

U10 won 14-0

U11 won 19-3

U12 won 19-6

U13 won 23-3

Against Shangri-la

U12 won 20 - 3

U13 won 23 - 8

SOCCER

Against Kempton Primary

U11 won 4-2

U13 won 2-0

Against Cresslawn

U11 drew 0-0



We're proud of you and your sportsmanship!



Pizza and bookbags

Grade RRR-2 will be getting new bookbags on Friday. Please return all bookbags tomorrow and report badly damaged books to us on:

<https://forms.gle/hwZxp6ZHpd41NWrd8> or with a general email if you'd prefer.

Pizzas can be ordered in the office tomorrow as usual and hotdogs and tuck (excluding Grade 1-3) will be available on Friday.

Prayerfully and playfully

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A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

Classifieds...

We can also repair or replace black school tracksuit pants...



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