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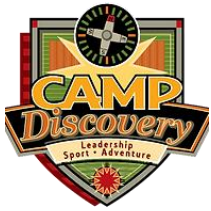
Newsletter

"P" day...

In honour of our esteemed former president, Nelson Mandela, whose birthday was celebrated in the school holidays, our children are invited to celebrate "P" day this Friday, by dressing up in any clothing that begins with the letter "p" e.g. pyjamas, pirates, princesses, purple, pink, policemen, pets, pigs etc.

In addition to this, pupils may snack on any food item beginning with a "p" DURING CLASS without getting reprimanded, e.g. peanuts, pretzels, popcorn, Pringles, pistachios, prunes etc.

It's the perfect way to start a term with some fun, and to honour the memory of an incredible leader to our nation.



Senior primary camp...

Every year our senior primary pupils (Grade 5-7) get treated to a school camp to celebrate the end of year and surviving their gruelling exams. This year's venue is Camp Discovery. The cost for the camp is R2400 per child which covers a 3 night stay over (30 November - 3 December) at one of our favourite camp venues.

We know that the camp fees hit the pocket hard just before Christmas, so we would encourage our families to start paying for the camp way before the date (even in smaller increments over the next 4 months). Payments can be made into the usual school account, but please add "camp fees" to your reference.

Reports...

School reports (Grade 1-7) will go out next week Tuesday. A reminder that there will be a distinction at the end of the year on the senior primary report cards, between an "Endorsed Pass" and a "Condoned Pass". Our endorsed pass will only be given if the pupil passes all subjects with 50% or more. A condoned pass will be granted if the pupil only meets the minimum DBE requirements for passing. All pupils who currently score below 50% in any subject will be regarded as "vulnerable" and "in need of support".

If you notice any concerns in the report card, you are welcome to make an appointment to see your child's teacher before or after school. Please confirm a day and time with the office.



2026 here we come...

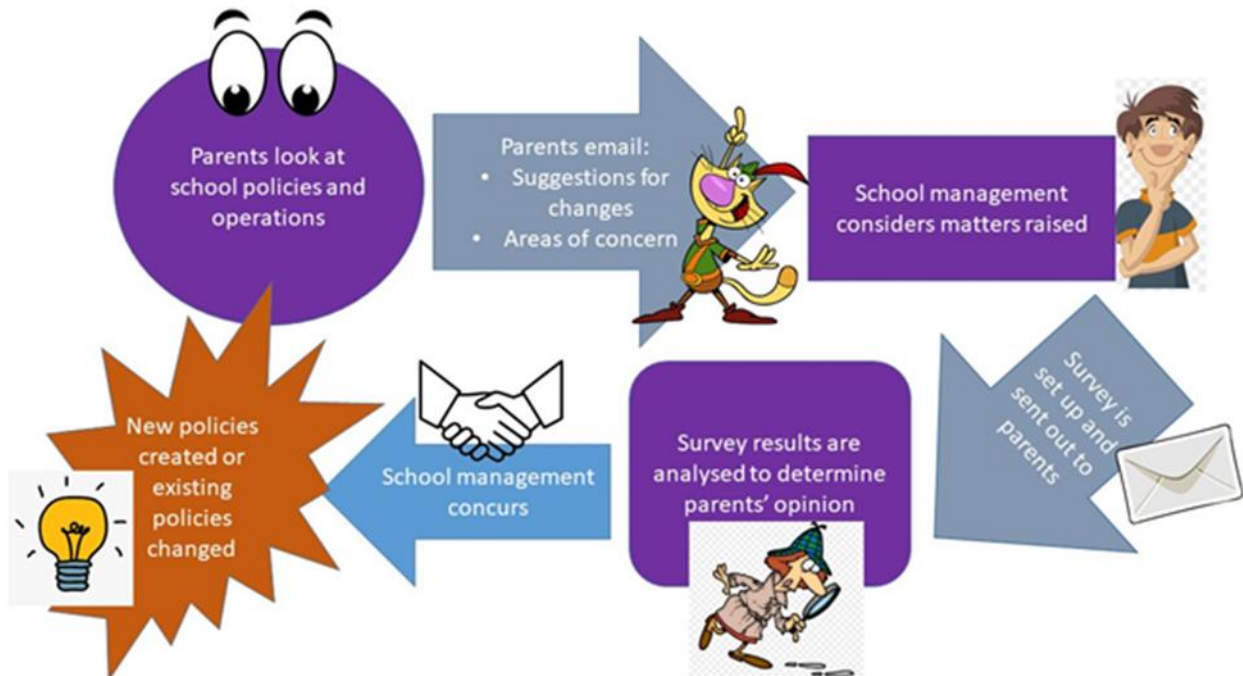
Our Grade RR and R pupils will undergo school readiness testing next week. We have also officially opened our 2026 enrolments. Please alert family and friends to apply early to avoid disappointment. As many families can attest, it is tough to get into Solid Foundations, so spread the word that a timeous (and young) application is important. We can do so much more with the potential of the child if we can start educating them at a very young age. There is an enormous difference in the standards of early childhood institutions, and mentally stimulating children early is the secret to unlocking academic greatness.

School survey...

Every year we conduct a survey to determine your needs and level of satisfaction as clients of a private



school. The survey results help us to direct the school budget and adjust school policies to remain current and beneficial. **We therefore encourage you to voice your opinion regarding any policy changes that you would like to see implemented at Solid Foundations.** Please send an email to us (admin@solidfoundationsprimary.com) if you have suggestions. Suggestions will be realistically considered by the school management team, and if we concur regarding their benefit for all, will be added to the survey. This is an ideal opportunity for you to have a direct say in the operation of the school. Please send suggestions before next week Monday, as surveys will be sent out next week Wednesday.



Solid Foundations has got talent!...

Our Grade 1-7 pupils can start preparing for their "Talent Show" auditions, which will take place the week after next during music classes. If your child can dance, sing, play an instrument, tell jokes, do a magic trick or the limbo, they can audition to have a moment in the limelight during school assemblies on the 11th and 14th of August. Please help them to rehearse and have their costumes and backing-tracks ready for the auditions. Preschool pupils will have their very own Talent Show in the 4th term.

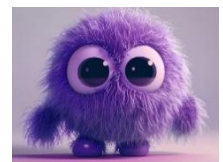


Goggle eyes...

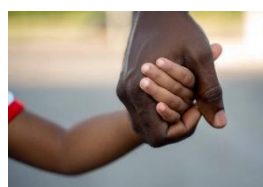
Our Grade 1-3 pupils will be spoilt with a virtual reality experience next week Monday. We have booked "Edudome" to supply each child with a virtual reality headset and they have the bliss of an adventure through nature which is "out of this world". Don't forget to ask them to share about their experience.

Storeroom Monster...

Please remember to feed our school "storeroom monster" with your recycling materials. We love your cereal boxes, egg boxes, toilet roll inners, polystyrene trays, yoghurt tubs etc. You can simply pop your bag at the entrance of Teacher Kathy's class, and we will ensure that the monster gets fed.



Getting out and about...



A snap survey of what our children experienced during this holiday is motivating us to, yet again, appeal to our parents to take your children out of the house to visit parks, museums, cultural shows and sporting events. The television and X-box are very poor substitutes for physical exercise in fresh air, sensory enlightenment and the joy of bonding with your child on an outing. Here is a list of some museums really worth a visit:

Willem Prinsloo Agricultural Museum (012-492-5808)
Pioneer Museum (012-429-5768)
Sammy Marks Museum (012-492-5800)
National Museum of Natural History (012-492-1358)
So pack sandwiches and a flask of coffee and hit the road with your children over weekends!

Pizza and bookbags

Grade RRR-2 will be getting their bookbags on Friday. Report any 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 and hotdogs and tuck will be available on Friday.



Prayerfully and playfully
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Classifieds...

FITWELL APPAREL
We Make It Fit !

TAILOR SERVICE

- Name labels on uniform
- Badges sewn on shirts
- Cording school blazers
- Resizing & re-styling
- Length correction
- Repair & renewals
- Track pants - Custom made
- Zip replacement
- Curtains alterations & more

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT
📞 **061 494 0477**

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BIRCH ACRES EXT 1
KEMPTON PARK**

OPENING HOURS
MONDAY TO SATURDAY
7AM TO 4h30