

# Newsletter



**14 October 2026**

Welcome back to a fast and furiously fun Term 4. May it be a rewarding one for all of our little people and their families!

## **Young Entrepreneurs' Market Day...**



We start this term with an annual highlight that gives our young businessmen and women an opportunity to display their budding entrepreneurial talents. Our annual Young Entrepreneurs' Market Day is scheduled for 31 October, from 9h00 until 12h00.

We encourage every pupil (Grade RRR to 7) to have their own stall. The cost for having a stall is 10% of the profit the stall-owner makes on the day (parents please help with the calculations).

We have already had several excited pupils book their stalls in the office. Please email or call us if you would like to book. Booking is essential so that we can cap the number of stalls that are possibly the same. Please note that we cannot supply electricity for stalls, as our school electrical system is delicately balanced to accommodate our solar-energy. We recommend gas, braais or generators if you have a stall that requires electricity.

In addition to cute games and good food, we will have a giant water slide, a smaller water slide and a jumping castle. Children can come wearing their swimming costumes for sure!

Market Day is usually immense fun for families. It also doubles-up as our school "Open Day" if you would like to invite friends to view the school.

Please circle the date and encourage your children to sell home-made goodies, creative games and yummy food at what is sure to be a fun morning for all!

## **Thursday morning school starting time...**

We would like to move our staff meeting earlier on Thursday mornings, which means the bell will ring at 7h45. Please alert your transports that children will need to be dropped off at the normal time on Thursdays as of tomorrow.



## **Term 4 Civvies Tickets...**

Each year the Grade 7s invite the school to purchase civvies vouchers in Term 4, as a fundraiser for their upcoming farewell. Vouchers cost R10 and are on sale from Mr Swiegers or the office. Civvies vouchers must be given to Uncle Darrel or Uncle Amos when entering the school gates. Children with a voucher may wear civvies on **ANY** day of their choosing!

## **Preschool late pick-up...**

Our Grade RRR and RR pupils are off to Hyto-Tyto next week Friday, and Grade R will be visiting Monte Casino Bird Gardens. Please alert your transports that pick-up for preschool is at 13h30 and not 13h00 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. Thanks.



### Grade 5-7 end-of-year camp...



The Senior Primary camp is rapidly approaching and we are excited to visit Hekpoort and the beautiful YFC Camp Grounds. A reminder that camp fees are R2200 for 3 nights (29 November to 2 December). Camp fees and forms are due by the 8<sup>th</sup> of November to secure your child's spot. No late payments can be processed unfortunately. Camp is a very healthy and fun experience for our pupils, especially after their gruelling year-end exams.

### After Care reminders...

A reminder that according to our After Care policy, we do not accept any resignations after the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. Permanent After Care pupils will be billed half-price (R500) for December, whether or not they are using the After Care services. This means that permanent After Care pupils cannot resign in November because they want to avoid December's half-price payment. Resignations will only be accepted up until the end of October.

A gentle reminder that Grade RRR and RR do not pay for After Care, but we do start charging in Grade R (R1000 pm).



### 2027 Outings, Shows, Books and Stationery budget...

We finally received feedback from all venues, bus services and suppliers and have calculated our budget for 2027. A reminder that this amount is due before school begins in January and will be automatically added to your school account. Please consider paying the amount off in two installments before Christmas, as we find most families are flat-pocketed after the Christmas spoil 😊.

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Outings and shows</u> | <u>Stationery (including books for Grade 1-4)</u> | <u>Textbooks and workbooks</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| RRR          | R1685                    | R820                                              | NA                             | <u>R2505</u> |
| RR           | R1685                    | R1050                                             | NA                             | <u>R2735</u> |
| R            | R1685                    | R1250                                             | NA                             | <u>R2935</u> |
| 1            | R1175                    | R1530                                             | Included in stationery fee     | <u>R2705</u> |
| 2            | R1175                    | R1660                                             | Included in stationery fee     | <u>R2835</u> |
| 3            | R1175                    | R1600                                             | Included in stationery fee     | <u>R2775</u> |
| 4            | R1122                    | R1880                                             | Included in stationery fee     | <u>R3000</u> |
| 5            | R1300                    | Purchase own as required                          | R1760                          | <u>R3060</u> |
| 6            | R1300                    | Purchase own as required                          | R1670                          | <u>R2970</u> |
| 7            | R1300                    | Purchase own as required                          | R1850                          | <u>R3150</u> |

### Charity focus for Term 4...



Each term our school supports an organisation with our joint collection. Term 4 is reserved for blessing our school janitors. Each child is invited to bring a grocery item of their choice for our janitors. Children bringing an item on or before the 13<sup>th</sup> of November may wear civvies on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. Let's join hands and hearts to thank those who serve our children daily and keep our bathrooms and school grounds looking so beautiful.

**Solid Stars...** We would like to congratulate our amazing pupils on their accomplishments at the end of Term 3.

### **Spelling Bee Winners of 2026**

Grade 1:

3rd - Lulama Ngobeni

2nd - Leseli Matjope

1st - Leolin Fortuin - winning word 'pumpkin' (difficult category of supplementary list).

Grade 2:

3rd - Boikgantsho Mahloana

2nd - Teri Mdhluli

1st - Ezra Sigamoney - winning word 'fright' (surprise word from the audience, having burnt through learnt list, supplementary list, and some grade 3 words).

Grade 3:

2nd - Thulisiwe Mkandawire & Vidal Govender

1st - Rorisang Kekana - winning word 'giraffe' (surprise word from the audience, having burnt through learnt list, supplementary list, and a few other suggested words).

Grade 4:

3<sup>rd</sup> - Mmakgabo Ramotshela & Mokgethwa Machuisa

2<sup>nd</sup> - Khloe Leshabane

1<sup>st</sup> - Omphile Lobelo - winning word 'audience'

Grade 5:

2<sup>nd</sup> - Neoentle Monkoe & Karabo Ramela

1<sup>st</sup> - Benjamin Sigamoney - winning word 'accidentally'

Grade 6:

3<sup>rd</sup> - Khanyi Mkhwanazi

2<sup>nd</sup> - Zizi Ndaba

1<sup>st</sup> - Mohau Modise - winning word 'persuasive'

Grade 7:

2<sup>nd</sup> - Nobuhle Maronga & Lunje Mbadlanyana

1<sup>st</sup> - Chulu Chubana - winning word 'deliberate'

### **Afrikaans senior primary:**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Masego Masiase

2<sup>nd</sup> - Olothando Mose & Mia Duda

1<sup>st</sup> - Alexa Govender

### **Maths Bee winners:**

Grade 1:

3<sup>rd</sup> - Kabotsentle Seduma

2<sup>nd</sup> - Nareadi Nchabeleng

1<sup>st</sup> - Katlego Badye

Grade 2:

3<sup>rd</sup> - Teri Mdhluli

2<sup>nd</sup> - Mikhenso Maswanganyi

1<sup>st</sup> - Ola Lesejane



#### Grade 3:

3<sup>rd</sup> - Motheo Rikhotso  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Innocent Mareya  
1<sup>st</sup> - Vuhluri Masedi

#### Grade 5:

3<sup>rd</sup> - Nobuhle Mapanga  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Nduvho Ndou  
1<sup>st</sup> - Malwandla Ntimane

#### Grade 7:

3<sup>rd</sup> - Tamikka Reddy  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Kimberley Jaravani  
1<sup>st</sup> - Masego Masiase

#### Grade 4:

3<sup>rd</sup> - Yenzokuhle Sibanyoni  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Avela Sibande  
1<sup>st</sup> - Mmakgabo Ramotshela

#### Grade 6:

3<sup>rd</sup> - Kairav Govender  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Melo Zuma  
1<sup>st</sup> - Leben Machuisa

### Science fair winners

We were very impressed with the standard of the science projects presented by our senior pupils at the fair this year. There are some pupils well on their way to becoming the Marie Curies and Thomas Edisons of our generation. We are so proud of them!

#### Grade 5

1<sup>st</sup> - Karabo Thooobe  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Malawandla Ntimane

#### Grade 6

1<sup>st</sup> - Bahle Tshwane-Moyo  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Junior Mohapi

#### Grade 7

1<sup>st</sup> - Nobuhle Maronga  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Lyrique Beru

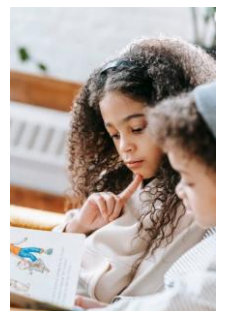


### Term 3 reports...

Our Grade 1-7 Term 3 reports will be given out next week Tuesday. Please keep an eye on your child's suitcase.

### Pizza and bookbags

Grade RRR-2 will receive new bookbags this week Friday again. Please report badly damaged books to us on: <https://forms.gle/hwZxp6ZHpd41NWrD8> or with a general email if you'd prefer, so that your family will not be held accountable for the damage. We're back to receiving orders tomorrow for pizzas on Friday (optional). Orders for pizza are taken in at the office for R40. Hotdogs and tuck will be sold on Friday.



## Exam timetable...

For pupils wanting to plan their study schedule for Term 4, here is our exam timetable for next month:

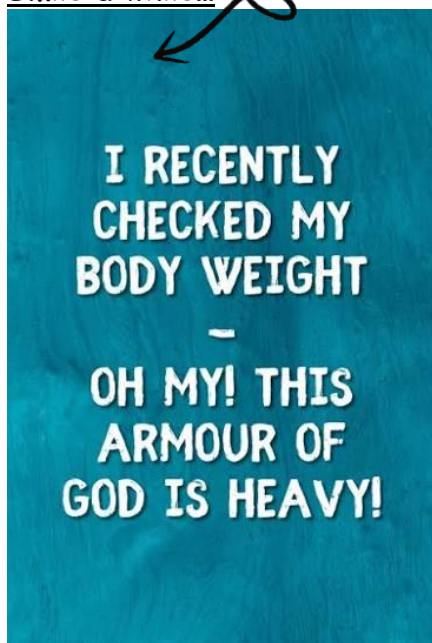
| Date                     | 8h00 - 10h00                               | 10h00 - 11h00      | 11h00 - 13h00                                                        | Grade 4<br>8h00 - 10h00 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 19 November              | EMS (Grade 7 only)                         | Lunch              | LO (Grade 7 only)                                                    |                         |
| 20 November              | English language (no dictionaries allowed) | Lunch              | English language (no dictionaries allowed)                           | English                 |
| 23 November              | History                                    | Lunch              | Study in homeroom                                                    | History                 |
| 24 November              | Afrikaans Language                         | Lunch (or go home) | Afrikaans creative writing (Dictionaries permitted for Grade 7 only) | Afrikaans               |
| 25 November              | Geography                                  | Lunch (or go home) | Study in homeroom                                                    | Geography               |
| 26 November              | Math                                       | Lunch (or go home) | Study in homeroom                                                    | Math                    |
| 27 November              | NS (Gr 7) / NST (Gr 5&6)                   | Lunch (or go home) | Technology (Grade 7 only)                                            | NST                     |
| 29 November - 2 December | Grade 5-7 Camp                             |                    |                                                                      |                         |
| 3 December               | Break up day                               |                    |                                                                      |                         |

Pupils (Grade 4-7) not writing exams in the second session may go home between 10h00 and 10h20. This is voluntary. If a pupil is not collected between 10h00 and 10h20 they may **only** be collected again at 12h30 (Gr 4) and 13h00 (Gr 5-7).

Grade 7 will be writing English Paper 3 on the 18th of November during class.

Prayerfully and playfully  
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Smile a while...



Classifieds...

**BIRCH ACRES PROPERTY FACTS**  
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Estimated Residential Sales (Last 12 months)

|                                           |                                         |                                      |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| AVERAGE MARKET PRICE<br><b>R1,172,747</b> | HIGHEST SALE PRICE<br><b>R1,550,000</b> | LOWEST SALE PRICE<br><b>R600 000</b> |
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**CURRENT MARKET INSIGHTS:**

**OWNERSHIP**  
65% of homeowners have owned their property for more than 11 years.

**PROPERTY TRENDS**

- 65% of current sellers are 65 years and older, followed by 23% that are aged between 50-64 years.
- 39% of purchasers are 36-49 years old.
- Showing **STRONG DEMAND** from established families looking to **buy** in the area.

**WHY THIS MATTERS**

- Owned your home for 10+ years? You may be **pleasantly surprised** by its current market value.
- Many homeowners have enjoyed **SIGNIFICANT capital growth** over the past decade.
- Depending on location, size, features and condition, many properties have increased in value by **R400,000 - R600,000 or more.**

**READY TO SELL?**  
Limited-Time Offer  
**FREE Professional Property Evaluation**

Book your no-obligation property evaluation today and discover what your biggest investment could be worth in today's market.

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## Get out there...

Thank you for taking your children away from screens and teaching them to enjoy the wonderful world we have around us...

