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From the Principal's desk...

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Dear Parents & learners

The year got off to a good start with teachers & learners already hard at work. A few "strange" issues have raised their heads: Parents dropping their home/personal refuse into the school's wheelie bins, our staff manning the bottom gates in the mornings being "threatened" when they close the gates when the bell goes, learners being told to wait for parents/transport on the pavements instead of in the waiting area, etc. Please parents, we appeal to you to adhere to school rules as your example will determine whether the learners follow the rules themselves!

At the special SGB meeting held on Wednesday 01 February 2017, the following Office Bearers were elected:

Chairperson: Mr. Alex Barnes
Treasurer (doubles up as Vice-Chairperson): Mr. Clinton Matthews
Secretary: Mrs. Yasmin Manga

Mr. R Emery resigned from the SGB as he no longer has children at the school – A By-election is scheduled for 14 March 2017.

Mr. J Richard & Mrs. J Schlebusch were co-opted onto the SGB.

Congratulations to these members and thank you for your involvement in the school, we are looking forward to an exciting year!

Dads are reminded to diarise the Father/Child Campout date!! More info will be communicated closer to the time.
Friday 24 March 2017, from 16:00 on, is a "not-to-miss" event for dads, lads & lasses!!

Herewith some important dates for the next two weeks:

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
FEBRUARY			
Tue	14		Valentine's Day
Wed	15	School time	Gr 7 Sexuality talk
		17:30	SGB FinCom meeting
		18:30	1 st Quarterly SGB meeting
Fri	17	14:00	Galas: A-team @ Weltevreden Park P/S; B-team @ CKPS
Fri	24	07:35	February OPD collection closing day
		1 st Break	Cake & Candy sale
		12:00	"Best in the West" Netball tournament @ Krugersdorp H/S
		14:00	Galas: A-team @ CKPS; B-team @ La Salle
Sat	25	tba	"Best in the West" Netball tournament @ Krugersdorp H/S

J P Fourie
Principal

LEARNERS COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Dear Parents

LEARNERS COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS

The incidence of parents collecting learners from school early, especially on Fridays, has reached frightening proportions.

We, therefore, wish to inform parents that we will no longer allow learners to leave school early for any reason other than proven family emergencies. In the case of doctors' appointments that cannot be made after school hours, proof of such appointments indicating reasons for it being made during school hours, together with a letter from the parent/s requesting permission to take the learner, should be submitted to me for approval at least a week in advance. It serves to be noted that work missed out as a result of such absenteeism is impossible to catch up and places the learner and the educators under unnecessary strain.

May I remind you of the notes stipulated on the Grades 4 – 7 Cycle Test Timetable as follows:

Cycle Tests – If a learner is absent for a scheduled cycle test, and this is not due to illness, followed by a medical certificate, the learner will forfeit those marks. Time-share holidays, long weekends, etc. are not valid reasons for learners to be absent from school, and it becomes almost impossible to reschedule times for those learners who are not here.

Due to the implementation of the CAPS programme, the educators now have many Assessment Criteria laid down by the Department, which have to be covered and assessed. These are all types of activities, and not just tests. Due to time constraints (in Grade 4 for example, there are approximately 60 assessment standards to be covered and assessed!) it is almost impossible for the educator to “go back” and assess a child who has missed the activity. Therefore, in future, if a child is absent for an assessment, the level descriptor reflected on the report will read “1 – Not Satisfactory” and not just “absent” as we have done in the past. This makes sense, as the child has not participated in the assessment activity, and therefore has not achieved that standard. Kindly bear this in mind when taking your child out of school for any other reason than illness.

Thank you, in anticipation, for supporting our endeavours to ensure that our learners participate in the full educational programme at the school.

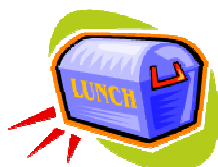
Yours faithfully

JP Fourie
Principal

ADMINISTRATIVE



ITEMS LEFT AT HOME



We have noticed an increasing number of parents calling on the school office to deliver clothing, lunches, messages, etc. Parents are encouraged to teach their children responsibility in ensuring that children leave home in the morning with all their requirements for the day.

RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility is the willingness to accept the consequences of your own actions and performance. It means accepting a task, doing it to the best of your ability, and then standing by what you've done. It means living up to your commitments to friends, family and community.

To a large degree, responsibility boils down to knowing your obligations to others (and to yourself) and seeing that you meet those obligations. For every right there is a corresponding responsibility.

We build a mature sense of responsibility the same way we develop other desirable character traits: by practice. Household chores, homework, after-school job, and volunteer activities are all good ways. If we can't live up to these everyday obligations, we certainly won't be ready to meet the larger ones that eventually come our way. As you grow older, you'll discover that your responsibilities are part of who you are.

Notwithstanding the aforesaid, should parents still feel the need to deliver items to the school for their child/ren, would parents kindly make sure that the items in a **clearly marked** packet with the child's full name, surname, grade and teacher's name attached. Please note that should a child not receive the delivered item for some unforeseen circumstances, the Admin staff will not be held responsible.

These items will only be handed to the relevant child at the following break, not during teaching time.

Thank you for your co-operation.

FUND RAISING

Our Fund Raising event for the 1st term is the Father / Child campout that will take place on Friday 24 March 2017 from 16:00

Keep an eye out for the Ticket sale letters. As tickets are limited, please ensure you buy your tickets timeously.

Please note that **NO ALCOHOL** will be permitted at the campout.



MEDIA MONITORS

Congratulations to the following learners who have been chosen as Media Monitors for Term 1.

Anwar Abrarov
Reuben Bear
Joao Caldeira
Tshegofatso Fenyane
Mati Kwindwigwi
Tatiana Lyall
Hope Motlounq
Diyen Naidoo
Jordan Pullen
Levi Thompson

Kyle Artman
Sisanda Bhengu
Mpho Diale
Reece Govender
Jade Lodwig
Megan Melville
Thando Motsamai
Bongiwe Nombebe
Dimitri Richards
Jasmin Ting Chong

Team Leaders

Josie Ann da Silva
Kaelyn Dee
Nompumelelo Manetsi
Mpho Siweya
Shelby Viljoen



LEADERSHIP CAMP

COUNCILLOR AND MONITOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AT CAMP NELU

3 February – 5 February

The monitors and councillors left with Mrs Fleetwood, Mrs Schlebusch and Mr Richard to Camp Nelu, anticipating exciting activities.

The activities ranged from very physical wall climbing type, to mentally challenging “impossible missions.” The night hike and songs were very energising as well as the fire side singing with marshmallow roasting. The cherry on top of the weekend was ice cream with pancakes and chocolate sauce for breakfast! What more could anyone ask for?

The learners performed very well and had tons of fun and laughter in the process. Another goal of team building was also achieved - emotions ran high when it was time to leave camp. Nobody wanted to say goodbye – not realising they would see each other the next day again.

The educators were very proud of our ambassadors who displayed exemplary behaviour and manners.

A big thank you to Mr Richard for arranging the camp. It will definitely go down as a highlight of the year.



TERM THEME : HUMILITY

Why have Humility?

Humility is the character quality that enables people to focus more clearly on what is best for everyone and work together with more unity. Therefore, humble leaders make better decisions than arrogant leaders. People are generally more willing to follow a humble leader whom they know cares about them. People without humility act selfishly and promote their personal preferences rather than considering others.

Humility eliminates much of the competitiveness that interferes with successful teamwork. It motivates people to ask for help. Humility frees people to encourage others in their strengths instead of criticizing others in order to advance personally. As people respect and agree with others, and as they resist forcing their preferences upon others, humility promotes peace and goodwill.

Humility inspires....

- Honor
- Attentiveness
- Flexibility
- Meekness
- Deference

HOW DOES HUMILITY SHOW?

Honor. We demonstrate humility by honouring others, giving them appropriate respect. Children honour their parents by obeying them. Students honour other students by praising them for a job well done.

Attentiveness. Humility shows when we give our full attention to others rather than drawing attention to ourselves. Humble people observe the needs and wishes of others. Students honour their teachers by listening attentively when the teacher gives instructions.

Flexibility. A humble person shows flexibility by being willing to adapt to changes or other people's preferences. A student demonstrates humility when he plays the game his friend wants to play, rather than the game he wants to play.

Deference. Although we should not compromise our principles, it is good for us to sometimes compromise our preferences. A humble person intentionally defers to others when decisions are being made, instead of always insisting on her own preference. This person does not need to constantly prove that she is right. She respects and heeds the wisdom and preferences of others. A child shows humility when he agrees with his parents in their decisions about his well-being.

Meekness. Meekness is not weakness; it is strength under control. A humble person displays meekness by being patient and gentle. For example, a student shows humility when he answers a harsh word with kindness.

**“Pride is concerned with who is right.
Humility is concerned with what is right.”**

- Ezra Taft Benson