

## **Deputy Principal's report for Gr 1 Meeting 2018**

At our school I have a varied portfolio.

**Discipline** - A well-disciplined child is a child who is able to learn. This includes:

**Code of conduct** – A set of moral values and norms which must be complemented by the commitment and acceptance of responsibility by educators and parents.

Our new admin system once again will simplify this whole process. Warnings for various offences can be sent via sms. We start off with verbal warnings, but if bad behavior persists, a written warning will be given. After 8 warnings, a learner could receive writing out work or a break detention.

On a manner of positive discipline, we have our merit system. Learners can get merits for various things – educators will explain as it will differ a bit from grade to grade.

**Anti - Bullying** – Normal bullying incidents are handled by the educators, but if it becomes a serious problem, I deal with it in the office. Please follow proper procedure – explained in the Bullying Policy. Parents are informed and counselling is arranged for both parties.

**Social Media eg Cell phones** - I am of the opinion that no primary school learner should have a smart phone, as they are not old enough to deal with the dangers of social media. A regular phone is fine, as it cannot send nor receive many Whats

App material. Parents also need to be aware that FB requires everyone to be at least 13 years old to have an account.

Parents should have their own App on their phones that can track and monitor what internet sites your children are going onto. We all know how to use Google for searching holiday destinations and restaurants but for some reason we forget to use it to help us learn about protecting our children or even helping them with their maths and watching videos and tutorials.

**Uniform** - I am not going to go into a lot of detail as the policy says it all. I would just like to mention that our biggest continuous problem this year has been the boys' haircuts. Steps and undercuts are not permitted. We do believe that a beautifully & neatly dressed learner is a happy and proud learner.

**Late coming** – The bad habits that you instill in your child now, will stay with them forever. When the 7:35 bell rings - learners who are late, are marked as a late-comer by Vusi. He takes the results to the office, and with our new system in place, parents receive a sms to inform them of this.

**Absenteeism** – I call or email the parents of learners who are regularly absent. These names are sent to our District, as absenteeism is seen as a huge negative factor in academic results of our learners. Once again parents need to instill the message that school attendance is vital and staying off is not an option. Please do not teach them to lie – it might be a little white

lie now to say “I was very sick yesterday”, but you are teaching them that it is ok to lie.

**Staff Development** – I try to source courses and workshops that are directly related to and will keep educators abreast of latest trends and developments. Our whole Foundation Phase educators and interns will be attending a reading course next week. I also manage the educators’ IQMS and internal appraisals.

**School Improvement Plans and Whole School Evaluation** systems – reports submitted to District regularly

**Community Work with Councillors and monitors** – collections and special days are arranged and a leadership camp is organized early in the year and I am in charge of their duties at school, as well as collections to be taken to the community. We have started with the selection of next year’s leaders already.

**ICT** – I share educational Apps and developments in this area with regard to extending learners and encouraging the development of higher order thinking skills so necessary for 21 century.

**INTERNS** - assisting with monitoring and mentoring the Interns in each grade.

I am on the **SGB and FRC** of the school. I am also the electoral officer and run elections at one of our neighboring schools.

Last but not the least I would just like to make use of this opportunity to thank all the CKPs staff and colleagues who continuously give of their best and remain dedicated to the school and our children.