

**CONSTANTIA KLOOF PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**INTERSEN PHASE INFORMATION EVENING – 24 JANUARY 2018**

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am Mrs Beeslaar and I am the Head of Department for the Intersen Phase of the school.

The Intermediate phase of the school is from Grds 4 – 6, and the Senior Phase is Grd 7, hence the word Intersen. It is my responsibility to ensure that the academics in the Intersen phase are on track, the correct curriculum is followed, and the standard of work expected from our learners and educators is above average and of an acceptable standard. I also teach Grd 7 NS and Grd 6 NS and Technology.

This is a brief outline of how our children are assessed in the Intersen Phase. From Grd 4 onwards the children are assessed in all 6 of the learning areas, namely:

English

Afrikaans

Maths

Social Sciences

Natural Sciences and Technology

Life Skills (which incorporates guidance, phys ed, art and music.)

From Grds 4 – 7, our learners are being taught according to the new CAPS (Curriculum Assessment Policy Statement) system. Grade 7 differs in their subjects from Grds 4 – 6, as Technology is separate from NS, and the learners still do Life Orientation and Arts and Culture separately.

It is important to note that all learning areas are regarded as important, so please do not convey the message to your child that they need not bother about areas such as art or music or physical education. When determining whether a child is ready to progress to the next grade or not, all learning areas are taken into account.

Assessment is done throughout the year on a continuous basis. Gone are the days where one test or examination determines a child's progress. It is therefore imperative that your children attend school regularly, as their progress is continuously being monitored. Different types of assessment techniques are used, amongst which are:

Class tests

Cycle tests

Mid-year and end of the year examinations.

Projects

Homework and Oral work.

At the beginning of each term, an assessment plan appears on the communicator and the website, giving you an indication of when assessments will be taking place. This document is very comprehensive, and as I am sure you have seen, ongoing all the time. This assessment planner was made available on FRIDAY on the school's website, as well as on the communicator, under "resources".

Report cards will be handed out on the last day of every term.

Because of the size of our school, parents' afternoons are limited to those parents whose children are experiencing difficulties. They will receive a letter requesting them to see the educators at a specific time on a specific date. If no such letter appears with the report of your child, that means your child is not experiencing any major problems. However, should you have any concerns, please make an appointment with the relevant educators via the office.

Please consult your child's diary on a regular basis, as the educators will communicate with you if there are any problems. As a parent, it is your responsibility to check whether your child has written down homework, etc. as well as notification about what to learn for tests etc.

The homework diary is also used as a record for warnings which your child may have received over a period of time. If you see many warnings in the diary, then it is time to address this with your child. Please remember that educators do not have the time to phone each and every parent when there is a small problem, therefore keep a check on the diary to see if your child is toeing the line.

### **EXAMINATIONS**

All learners, from Grds 4 – 7, according to the Curriculum Assessment Policy Statement, will be writing examinations mid-year in June, and again in November. These exams can either be set by our own educators, or by the department. Children do not go home early when these exams take place.

### **CONQUESTA OLYMPIADS**

Each year, we select our top 10 learners in some of the learning areas, to participate in the Conquesta Olympiads, which are academic papers designed to challenge the learners. Schools that participate are from all over South Africa, as well as Namibia and Botswana. These are normally written towards the end of August. The children's papers are electronically marked and their certificates are then posted to us, which they receive either at the Honours Evening or at an assembly. In January of the following year, we receive notification as to whether we have made it into the top 20 schools. As yet, no notification has been forthcoming.

### **HONOURS EVENING**

This very special evening is held right at the end of the year, to reward those children who have worked really well throughout the year. Please be aware that Grd 4 – 7 learners attend this evening, by invitation only, based on their academic achievement. On this note, I trust that 2018 will be a happy and productive year for your child.

*Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow. Anthony J. D'Angelo*

Mrs J. Beeslaar  
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