

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING TERM 1: GRADE 4

Good Evening parents, welcome to the Grade 4 team which is you the parents, the children and us the Educators.

Your educators are Mrs Coombes, Mrs Lapan, Ms Maddix, Ms Patel(Intern) and myself Mrs Manichandra (Grade Head)

A few pointers for Grade 4 is the Diary; Textbooks, Flip-files, Tours and Excursions

Diaries are used to record homework, tests and it is also used as a means of communication between the teachers and yourselves.

Communicator: You might ask: "Why not use the communicator".

Unfortunately, with application of knowledge at different paces and unique teaching styles, we cover different sections at different times, but collectively follow the pace set by CAPS. The communicator is not class specific, but grade specific and may cause confusion. But Term assessments and sections to be covered for Test purposes will be communicated.

Diaries

- Essential that you sign diaries regularly
- Warnings are given as an indicator that something is not in place and may need to be remediated or a task is needed to be handed in or completed despite several attempts. In addition you will be notified on Scadsys system
- Warnings are also issued according to policy as displayed in the diary.
- Be assured that warnings are not issued like sweets, because we try to remedy in our capacity as educators before it reaches you

Homework

- Homework is meant to revise work in the class and is given regularly for Maths, English spelling and Afrikaans spelling which is tested on Fridays. These test books and the Maths Homework must be monitored and signed by the parents.
- Projects and tests are written as per term planner on the communicator.
- Speeches and paragraph writing will done in jotters and parents can assist with corrections.

Textbooks

- Textbooks are issued to the children 7 in total plus a reader. Please assist with covering and refurbishing as we have most textbooks since 2013. They must be kept in a safe place and used for homework, study purposes and completion of work.
- Any lost textbook may be replaced at a cost of R150 including readers.

Flip-files

- The stationery list stipulated 6 flip-files. The reason for this is that 4 files are required for the 4 terms for tests, labelled term 1, 2, 3, 4.
- The fifth file is labelled a Notice file, with documentation for parents to sign, acknowledge and return to school in their original condition.
- The sixth file is used for Music

Tours/Excursions

- An excursion is scheduled in February to the local Museum whereby it ties in with the CAPS syllabus of History of a local area. Compulsory tour for completion of a History Project counting 50 marks. No exam will be written for this subject only this project.
- Early in the 3rd or 4th term we have the grade 4 tour to Ukutula Lodge. A fantastic incentive for our children.

Finally, our children are now in the intermediate phase and they must be able to read and write. In the Foundation phase they **learnt** to read and write and in the Intersens Phase they **read** to learn and write to show application of knowledge. In the Intersens Phase Reading is not done as intensely as in the foundation phase, but it is an on-going process whereby reading is re-enforced by teaching subject matter. The pace and level of understanding must be done regularly by parents to sustain and enhance your child's ability. Reading is assessed in orals and comprehension skills..

Advice is, if your child is struggling please assist with these basic skills or a fundamental skill such as this will be an obstacle to your child's potential in acquiring knowledge that is Grade specific.

Grade 4 Educators