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Dear Parents and Guardians



SOCCER WORLD CUP IS HERE!

It's official: the Soccer World Cup is HERE, and that means one very important thing: dads across the nation have temporarily resigned from all household duties.

To all the incredible moms out there, we see you, we appreciate you, and we are kindly asking you to grant your husbands a temporary (and very official) *World Cup Pass*. Yes, that means the dishes can wait. Yes, the kids will survive. For the next few weeks, your husband has officially been called up to the most important squad of all, THE COUCH TEAM! But here's the beautiful part, this is YOUR invitation too! Pull up a seat, grab some snacks, and pile onto that couch together! Because there is nothing quite like:

- Watching a last-minute goal and screaming together
- Teaching your kids which country to cheer for (even if you change your mind every game)
- Explaining the offside rule for the 47th time
- Making memories that your kids will talk about for years

The World Cup only comes around every four years, so make it COUNT. Turn every match into a family event. Let the kids stay up a little late. Paint your faces. Argue passionately. Hug it out.

This is soccer season. This is FAMILY season.

TERM 2 EXAMINATION

We are pleased to inform you that the examination period has now come to a close. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all our parents for your continued support, motivation, and encouragement throughout this time, your involvement makes a tremendous difference in your child's success.

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We would like to kindly remind you that, although examinations have concluded, school attendance remains compulsory. This is an important period during which teachers consolidate the term's work and many begin laying the foundation for the new term ahead.

Please also diarise our upcoming Final Assembly and Parent Meetings:

Tuesday, 24 June

Final Assembly @ 9am (all parents welcome)

Parent Meeting Session 1: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Parent Meeting Session 2: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

We look forward to seeing you there.

YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS



On Tuesday, 16 June, we proudly join South Africa in commemorating Youth Day, a public holiday that holds deep meaning for our nation and for every child in our care.

WHY WE CELEBRATE YOUTH DAY

Youth Day honours the brave young people of Soweto who, on 16 June 1976, took a stand against an unjust education system. Their courage and sacrifice sparked a turning point in South Africa's history and ultimately contributed to the freedom and democracy, we enjoy today. It is a day to remember their bravery, reflect on how far we have come, and recommit ourselves to a future where every child has access to quality education and equal opportunity.



WHY IT MATTERS FOR OUR LEARNERS

At our school, we believe it is vital that our learners understand and appreciate this important chapter of our history. Teaching our children about Youth Day instils in them a sense of pride, resilience, and social responsibility. It reminds them that young

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people have the power to make a difference, and that the rights and freedoms they enjoy today were hard-won by those who came before them.

OUR YOUTH DAY ASSEMBLY

This morning, our school came together for a special Youth Day assembly. Our learners participated in a meaningful programme and discussion. It was a proud and moving occasion, and we were delighted to see our children engage so thoughtfully with this important commemoration.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our Awareness Committee for the time, effort, and dedication they put into organising today's assembly.

Your commitment to ensuring that our learners understand and value our history does not go unnoticed, thank you for making today's commemoration such a special and memorable occasion.

We wish all our families a meaningful Youth Day.

AFRIKAANS WEEK: 17-19 JUNE

WOENSDAG, 17 JUNIE · AFRIKAANS-KONSERT

Kom wees deel van ons konsert!

Na die geweldige sukses van ons Eisteddfod-spreekkore, nooi ons u hartlik uit om hierdie talente te kom bewonder. U kinders het so hard gewerk en dit is 'n geleentheid om trots op hulle te wees!

Baie belangrik: Elke kind in elke graad moet dié aand teenwoordig wees vir die konsert om 'n sukses te wees. Ons reken op u ondersteuning!

Boerewors(R30) & Bashews(R10) for sale.

It can only be a success if all learners are present! Thank you for supporting us in this manner.

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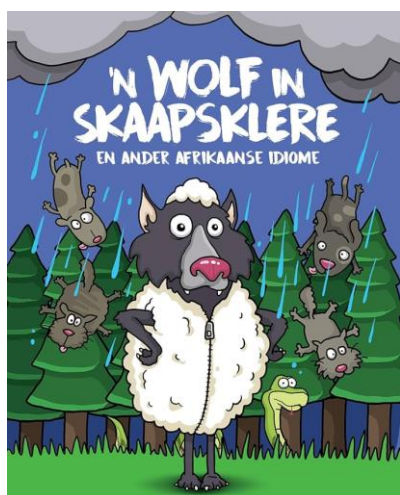
KAN JY RAAI WAT ELKE IDIOOM IS?



DONDERDAG, 18 JUNIE · DRESS LIKE AN IDIOM

Trek aan soos 'n idioom! Leerders kom Donderdag skool toe, aangetrek soos 'n Afrikaanse idioom.

Hier is 'n paar lekker idees om u kind te inspireer:



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DIE HELE WEEK · SPELETJIES & KOMPETISIES

Afrikaanse pret die hele week! Gedurende die week sal leerders Afrikaanse speletjies speel, liedjies skryf en “produce” en deelneem aan opwindende kompetisies. Moedig u kind aan om voluit deel te neem en dit te geniet! So baie pret om na uit te sien!

DISCIPLINE NEWS

The past few weeks have been an extremely difficult and deeply troubling time for us. We were shocked and saddened to discover that a number of our learners have been vaping (smoking electronic cigarettes), not only at school, but also at parties and in their homes. This is an issue we take with the utmost seriousness, and we want to communicate openly and transparently with you about the steps we have taken and what lies ahead.

Appropriate and necessary disciplinary measures were applied in accordance with our school's code of conduct.

Individual parent meetings were held to address each case directly and collaboratively.

We are committed to ongoing monitoring and early intervention to prevent further incidents.

We believe that addressing this matter head-on, rather than quietly, is essential to protecting the wellbeing of all our learners. We are asking for your active partnership. We want to ensure that all families are informed and equipped to have important conversations at home.

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VAPING IS ILLEGAL FOR MINORS

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to purchase, possess, or use vaping products. This applies to all e-cigarettes, vape pens, and similar devices. Violations can carry legal consequences for both minors and adults who supply these products to them.

THE DANGERS OF VAPING: THE FACTS

- **Highly Addictive:** Most vaping products contain nicotine, which is one of the most addictive substances known. A single vape pod can contain as much nicotine as an entire pack of cigarettes. Adolescent brains are especially vulnerable to nicotine addiction.
- **Lung Damage:** Vaping has been linked to serious and sometimes irreversible lung damage, including a condition known as EVALI (e-cigarette or vaping product use-associated lung injury), which has been hospitalised and in some cases killed otherwise healthy young people.
- **Brain Development:** Nicotine exposure during adolescence can harm the developing brain, affecting memory, concentration, learning, and impulse control, impacts that can last a lifetime.
- **Gateway Risk:** Research shows that young people who vape are significantly more likely to go on to use cigarettes and other substances.
- **Unknown Long-Term Effects:** Vaping is a relatively new phenomenon, and the long-term health consequences are still being studied. The chemicals inhaled, including heavy metals, volatile organic compounds, and ultrafine particles, are known to be harmful.
- **Deceptive Marketing:** Vaping products are often marketed with appealing flavours (such as fruit, candy, and mint) specifically designed to attract young users. Do not be misled, flavoured products are just as harmful and addictive.

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PLEASE TALK TO YOUR CHILD

We encourage every parent and guardian to have an open, honest conversation with your child about vaping. Ask them what they know, share the facts, and make your expectations clear. Research consistently shows that young people whose parents talk to them about the dangers of substance use are significantly less likely to engage in risky behaviour.

If you believe your child may already be vaping, please seek guidance from your healthcare provider. Support and resources are available.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping our children safe and healthy. Together, we can make a difference.

GALA DINNER : 31 July 2026

Preparations for the 50th Celebration Gala Dinner on 31 July 2026 are well under way. The evening promises to be a smart, formal (we will have ties on sale!!) affair with supper, prizes, gifts, and even better company! And lots of fun and dance music!!

Tickets for the event are R300 a single and are now live and available on Quicket. We envisage a memorable evening!! A great opportunity to dress up! All Parents, Alumni and friends are welcome. Food is included while guests are allowed a beverage of their choice.

If you or any company would like to come on board and add your name to the list of sponsors, please speak to us!! If you are able to donate spot prizes, please do so.



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Please support our Student Council Event on Friday, 19 June



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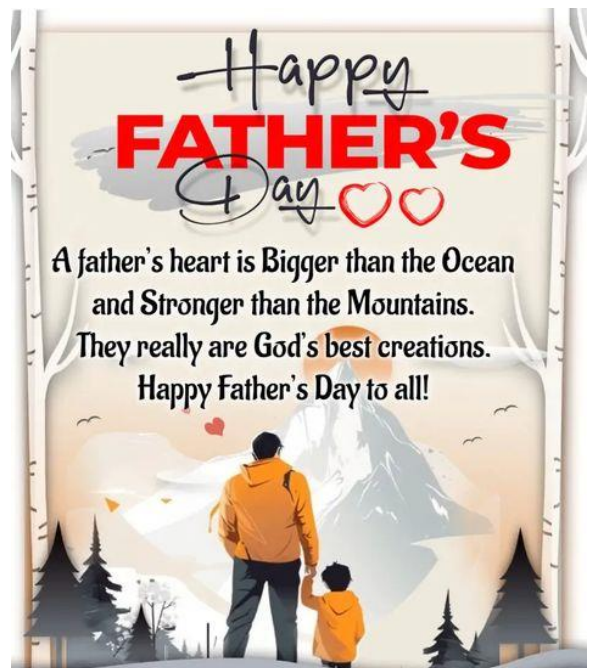


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FOR YOUR 2nd TERM DIARY

JUNE	
VALUE	COURAGE
15 June	Birthday : Mr E. Fungayi School Holiday
16 June	Youth Day : Public Holiday
17 June	Afrikaans week Metro Kids visit Afrikaans Konsert 18h30
18 June	Afrikaans Week Trek aan soos 'n Idioom
19 June	Afrikaans Week Student Council event R10
21 June	Father's Day Choir sings at NGK Fish Hoek
22 June	Music Report Evening
23 June	Birthday : Ruth Sasman Music Report Evening
24 June	Final Assembly : 9am Report Evening : 1-3pm & 5-7pm
26 June	School closes
28 June	Birthday : Mr A Mathys



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