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Dear Parents

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The first few weeks of school are over. We have had a busy, successful period and are now moving into the month of love. As the saying goes "Love makes the world go around". Together we can make our corner of the world a much better place.

A brief looking back

Thank you so much for your positivity and your involvement. This was reflected in the excellent turnout at the Meet and Greet. It was good to meet you and set the tone for the year.

We had our Gr 1 Parents Workshop and Leaders' Council Induction which were very positive and affirming. We hosted an athletics meeting where Parkdene athletes did very well.

All in all a good start to the year.

Academics

In less than a month's time we will be starting with Cycle tests. Learners need to ensure they are at school, taking part in lessons and doing the work. These tests play a vital role in the overall year mark. More information will be handed out soon. Cycle test week starts on 28 February 2022.

Sport

Athletics

Please refer to the previous newsletter for dates and arrangements.

Please note: some dates have changed.

Athletics Friday 04 February 2022

School closes at 11:00. Please ensure your child is picked up on time. Athletes received a letter with the relevant arrangements.

Inter-Primary 09 February 2022

Reminder school is closed. All teachers are involved and there will be no one at school to look after your child. Please make the necessary arrangements.

BPSAA/BLAV Athletics

This will be held on 23 February 2022. Athletes involved will be notified.

D6 Athletics

This will take place on 01 March 2022.

Deputy Principals: J.H. Venter and Mrs J.G. Jacobs

H.O.D.: W.L. Phillips, Mrs R. van Zyl, Mrs N. Venter. Mrs M.C.M. Smith. Mrs M Venter

Winter Sports

Ball Skills will start on 08 February 2022. Ball skills letter have been sent out already.

Chess will start on 14 February 2022. Chess letters can be collected from Mrs De Beer.

Practises for netball, rugby and soccer starts on 7 March 2022 (after the Cycle test week).

Take note that ALL learners must complete a consent form in order to participate in extra murals.

General

Valentines' Day

This Valentine's Day we will celebrate on 11 February 2022 with the Gr 7 learners hosting an Entrepreneur Sale where they will sell food, toys, trinkets amongst other things. Please support them.

Civvies may also be worn on Friday 11 February 2022. The cost is R10 payable to the homeroom teacher. Remember to dress appropriately.

There will be no Valentine's King and Queen but rather a Valentine's Disco.

Cost is R50 including a hot dog and a cold drink.

Gr 1 – 4: 17:00 – 19:00

Gr 5 – 7: 19:00 – 21:00

Come join in the fun and celebrate Valentine's Day in good company. Monies must be paid to your Homeroom teacher on or before Thursday 10 February for catering purposes. A tuckshop will also be available.

Remedial

Remedial ends on 24 February 2022 for Term 1. Thereafter it is optional. Please arrange with the teacher if you feel your child needs additional help and support.

Late coming and fetching

Refer to the letter of 24 January 2022. Please note the measures to be taken. Thank you to those parents and the transport who are supporting us on this.

Absenteeism

We note with concern the number of learners who are absent. Please limit this in the run-up to the Cycle tests.

Remember, if your child is absent, it is their responsibility to "catch-up" work.

Important Dates

Friday 4 February: Athletics Meeting School closes at 11:00	Tuesday 8 February: Ball skills start
Tuesday 8 February: Optometrist here for Gr 1 and new learners	Wednesday 9 February: Inter-Primary Athletics Boksburg. School is closed.
Friday 11 February: Valentine's Sale, Valentine's Disco	Monday 14 February: Chess starts
Wednesday 23 February: BPSAA/BLAV Athletics	Monday 28 February: Cycle Tests Start
Tuesday 1 March: D6 Athletics	Monday 7 March: Winter sports start
Monday and Tuesday 14 & 15 March: Inter-House Public Speaking	Wednesday 16 March: Rugby and Netball at Goudrand

Cultural

Public Speaking

Public Speaking kicks off early, so prepare in advance. We would like to encourage all our learners to participate. This is an excellent opportunity for learners to develop self-confidence and language skills.

The first Public Speaking competition will take place on 14 and 15 March. This will be the **Inter-House Public Speaking** competition. Learners are also welcome to participate in the Con Spirito Public Speaking Competition that will be taking place on 25 and 26 April. Entries for Con Spirito is R75 per item. Entries close the 11th of March. Learners are welcome to enter for Afrikaans as well.

In order to not take away from teaching times, learners will practice their speeches with the below teachers on Mondays and Wednesdays from 14:00 – 15:00. Please make the necessary transport arrangements.

Teachers in charge:

Grade R: Mrs Botha

Grade 1: Ms Ragubeer

Grade 2: Mrs Barrett

Grade 3: Mrs Chambers

Grade 4: Mr Mlambo and Mr Herselman

Grade 5: Ms Erasmus

Grade 6: Mrs Welff

Grade 7: Ms Ballotto – Boucher

Afrikaans: Mrs van Huyssteen

<u>English</u>	<u>English:</u> Length of speech	<u>Afrikaans</u> ATKV	<u>Afrikaans:</u> Length of speech	Individuals that write speeches
Gr R <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lego/s • Toy/s • Animal/s • Cartoon character 	1 to 2 minutes			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms J. Havenga 082 786 6308 • Mrs M. Koekemoer 082 861 6979
Gr 1 – 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ears • Story • Grow 	Grade 1: 1 to 2 minutes Grade 2 – 3: 2 to 3 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ore • Groei • Storie 	2 to 4 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs I. Steyn 082 566 3475
Gr 4 and 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books • Patterns • Green 	3 to 4 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boeke • Patrone • Groen 	3 to 5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Z. Maree: 074 683 3995 OR creativumts@gmail.com • Mrs I. Steyn 082 566 3475 • Mrs M. Koekemoer 082 861 6979 • louwbreytenbach@gmail.com
Gr 6 and 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future • Love • Completion 	4 to 5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humor • Digitaal • Applous 	4 to 6 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Z. Maree: 074 683 3995 OR creativumts@gmail.com • Mrs I. Steyn 082 566 3475 • Mrs M. Koekemoer 082 861 6979 • louwbreytenbach@gmail.com

Your speech consists of 3 parts:

INTRODUCTION \Rightarrow BODY \Rightarrow CONCLUSION

If your child take part, please notify the school by e-mail with the child's name and grade.

Kind regards


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