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Dear Parents

Newsletter number: 3

We are at the end of the first term. It is been busy and productive and we are looking forward to a relaxing, rejuvenating holiday.

Staff

We would like to express condolences to Mrs Da Silva, Ms Maseko and Ms Mfula for the loss of family members over the last few weeks.

We would also like to wish Mrs Truter the best of luck for the birth of her son. May she enjoy her maternity leave and spending time with her new family. Welcome and good luck to Mrs Haylett who will be taking her classes next term. Good luck to Ms Erasmus who will take over as Head of Grade 5.

Reports

Due to the delay from SASAMS and DBE no reports will be handed out this term. (You may remember a similar situation from last year). The provisional date to handout reports will be 11 April 2022 at the Parents Evening for next term.

Sports

Ball Skills (to be known as Sport Skills)

We have had an amazing response from our Juniors who have taken part in Ball Skills. From next term, this will be known as Sport Skills. This will be exiting and worthwhile and will help our learners when they try out for teams for the various sports. Next term, learners will have to choose between Netball, Soccer and Rugby. In Term 3 there will be different sports to choose from.

Winter Sports

Please take note: There will be rugby and netball practise on Tuesday, 5 April.

Athletics

A number of our athletes made the D6 (District) Team: Thobekile Mthethwa (who won 2 gold medals), Mpendulo Siximba, Samkelisiwe Mnisi, Ryan Madinha, Matimba Baloyi, Lindelani Maphalala, Khaya Vundla, Zoe Jackson and Lemark Ndobe (who came 2nd in Highjump and proceeded to Gauteng Champs) and at Gauteng Champs he came 7th overall in Gauteng. Well done. You did your School proud.

Cultural

Public Speaking

We held the Inter-House Public Speaking Grade R – 4 on Monday and Grade 5 – 7 on Tuesday. We are pleasantly surprised by the quality of the speeches. Learners were confident and spoke well. Well done.

Con Spirito

Con Spirito Reading takes place on 24 March 2022. Learners have received letters. Con Spirito Public Speaking takes place on 25 and 26 April 2022 at school during school time. Rehearse your speeches and be prepared.

Kiara King took part in the Art Competition. She achieved a 3rd place. Well done!

General

Textbooks

Thank you for filling in the loan form. Learners are now responsible for the upkeep of the textbooks. A number of textbooks are still not covered. These textbooks need to be covered. If not, they will be taken back and plastic will have to be brought to school to cover the books before it will be returned to your child.

Late fetching

We are experiencing a number of learners being fetched very late because parents forget or do not make plans. Please refer to the Newsletter #1 and Late Comings and Fetching letter dated 24 January 2022. Some of the learners leave the school premises and then return to school much later during the afternoon. We cannot take responsibility once they have left the school premises.

Uniform

Just a reminder to start organising the winter uniform. Early next term we will be changing. If unsure, refer to Homework Diary pages 13 and 14. Everyone must be in full winter uniform by 02 May 2022. In the meantime, it is either full Summer or full Winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held on 11 April 2022, starting 16:00 – 20:00 (provisional date). Parents must fetch the reports from the homeroom teacher. Should your child receive an additional letter with their report, a separate appointment MUST be made via email to request an appointment to discuss their results.

Bullying

This is a very emotive and serious issue and we have a zero tolerance policy. However, in our dealings, it is evident that most learners and many parents do not really understand what bullying is.

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, it is RUDE.

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that is MEAN.

When someone says or does, something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset – that is BULLYING!

School Fees

Note that the first school fees payment was due on 01 January 2022 and the 1st of every month thereafter up to and including 01 November 2022. Please do not pay school fees in arrears as they are payable in advance. Our banking details are as follows:

FNB GAUTENG EAST

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 51141354872

CODE: 252142

REFERENCE: account number / child's full name and surname as we have it.

Please note that Parkdene Primary is a fee-paying school and on signing admission, you have acknowledged this.

Vendor

Please remember that if learners go across the road to the vendor the school cannot accept liability for them.

Leaving school bags unattended

Learners must not leave their school bags unattended, especially after school. When they attend sport activities, school bags must be left in the relevant teachers' classrooms.

Photographs

Thank you for your orders and payments. These will be processed during the holidays and handed out next term.

Closing

School closes at 10:00 on Thursday 17 March 2022.

Important Dates

Thursday 17 March: School closes at 10:00	Tuesday 5 April: School re-opens. Winter sports start.
Thursday 7 April: Remedial starts. Con Spirito Reading. Sport Skills start.	Monday 11 April: Reports handed out. Parents evening 16:00 – 20:00.
Tuesday 12 April: Netball vs Goudrand	Wednesday 13 April: Soccer vs Curro Parkdene
Friday 15 April: Good Friday – Public Holiday	Monday 18 April: Family Day
Tuesday 19 April: Netball at Witdeep	Wednesday 20 April: Soccer vs CBC
Thursday 21 April: Netball vs Witfield Rugby at Goudrand.	Friday 22 April: Detention
Monday 25 April: Con Spirito Public Speaking	Tuesday 26 April: Netball at Curro Helderwyk. Con Spirito Public Speaking.
Wednesday 27 April: Freedom Day – Public Holiday	

Kind regards



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