



# Parkdene Primary School

PERSERVERANCE AND PROSPERITY

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Headmaster  
**G.J.D. JORDAAN**

23 March 2023

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 give a warm Parkdene welcome to Mrs. Van Niekerk. May your time with us be happy and productive.

### Sports

#### **Sport Skills**

We have had an amazing response from our Juniors who have taken part in Sport Skills. From next term, we have adjusted the practise times. Please take note they will practise Tuesdays and Thursdays from 14:00 – 15:30. Next term we will focus on netball and rugby skills.

#### **Winter Sports**

Please take note: There will be rugby and netball practise on Wednesday, 12 April 2023.

### Athletics

A number of our athletes made the D6 (District) Team: Thobekile Mthethwa, Mpendulo Siximba, Samkelisiwe Mnisi, Matimba Baloyi, Lindelani Maphalala, Lesedi Sello, Cade Louw, Andzani Baloyi, Resego Matsi, Gugulethu Hintsho, Tshegofatso Phokoane and Lesedi Phello.

Cade Louw and Matimba Baloyi proceeded to Gauteng Champs and Matimba Baloyi advanced to the National South African Championships. Well done. You did your School proud.

### Cultural

#### **Public Speaking**

We held the Inter-House Public Speaking Grade R – 4 on 13 March 2023 and Grade 5 – 7 on 14 March 2023. We are pleasantly surprised by the quality of the speeches. Learners were confident and spoke well. Well done.

Congratulations to the following learners:

Grade	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
R	Keagile Peterson	Thuto Mabe	Gabriella Beckweitz
1	Aminathi Ntlemeza	Wakhumzi Nkomo	Paballo Xaba
2	Unathi Gololo	Zimukhona Ngoma	Caitlyn Pietersen
3	Bokamosa Mogapi	Keziah Philander	Zinhle Ngcobo
4	Leshay de Nett	Tapiwa Mubwandarikwa	Wamuhle Nkomo
5	Kiana King	Zoë Prinsloo	Chido Kanyemba
6	Rorisang Mathebe	Dominique Jacobs	Njabulo Masimela
7	Hannah-Courtney Mapondera	Veron Mohamed	Matimba Baloyi

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## **Con Spirito**

Con Spirito Reading took place on 17 March 2023. Con Spirito Public Speaking takes place on 21 April 2023 at school during school time. Rehearse your speeches and be prepared.

## **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. Take note that some subject teachers keep the textbooks in the classroom to help alleviate the heavy bags.

### **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. 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 2023. 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 17 April 2023, starting 16:00 – 20:00. Should your child receive an additional letter with their report, you must schedule an appointment via email to request to discuss their results on this evening.

### **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 2023 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month thereafter up to and including 01 November 2023. 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 Friday 24 March 2023.

### Early Act

Our projects for Term 2 is collecting blankets for Cosmos Old Age Home. We would like to donate the blankets before the winter and we are requesting our learners to donate blankets.


We are also selling Mother's Day badges for R10 and it can be ordered from your homeroom teacher. All daddies remember to send R10 for the special mom in your child's life.

From the desk of the SGB Chairman, Mr L J. Meyer

See letter attached.

### Important Dates

<b>Wednesday 12 April 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School reopens.</li><li>• Winter sport starts</li></ul>	<b>Thursday 13 April 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remedial starts.</li></ul>
<b>Friday 14 April 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Detention.</li><li>• Valke Rugby trials.</li></ul>	<b>Saturday 15 April 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Falcon Rugby and Mini-Netball at Witfield.</li><li>• Chess Tournament at Martin School.</li></ul>
<b>Monday 17 April 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents evening 16:00 – 20:00.</li></ul>	<b>Tuesday 18 April 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Netball at Goudrand.</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 19 April 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rugby against Balmoral.</li></ul>	<b>Thursday 20 April 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Netball against Martin School.</li></ul>
<b>Friday 21 April 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Con Spirito Public Speaking.</li></ul>	<b>Saturday 22 April 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Falcon Rugby and Mini-Netball at Laerskool Elspark.</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 25 April 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Netball at Parkrand.</li></ul>	<b>Wednesday 26 April 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rugby against Lakeside.</li></ul>
<b>Thursday 27 April 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Holiday – Freedom Day.</li></ul>	<b>Friday 28 April 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Holiday.</li></ul>
<b>Monday 01 May 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Holiday – Workers Day.</li></ul>	<b>Tuesday 02 May 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Netball against Witdeep.</li><li>• Mother's Day Fundraiser.</li><li>• Early Act Fundraiser.</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 03 May 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rugby against Dawn Park.</li></ul>	<b>Thursday 04 May 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Netball at Witfield.</li></ul>
<b>Friday 05 May 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Detention.</li></ul>	

Kind regards  


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HEADMASTER



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17 March 2023

Dear Parents

At the AGM parents enquired about an alternative school bag specifically the Caddi bag (wheelie bag).

After careful consideration and with the assistance of Liberty Health & Safety Consultants, who conducted a risk assessment on the use of a Caddi bag at our school on 1 February 2023.

The following outcome has been founded:

- There will be noise disruption during any movement of learners.
- Lifting the Caddi bag to carry the bag up the stairs and across the grass, can put strain on the back and lead to injury.
- Property damage with wheels repeatedly making contact with stair edges and walls.
- Damage to the bag and wheels of the bag, which parents will have to replace.
- Bags can cause obstruction in the classroom and on the staircase. This can lead to emergency exits being blocked in the case of an evacuation.
- Runaway bags, if a student loses grip, can lead to injury of other learners.

Therefore the SGB has made the decision to not allow the Caddi bag.

The full assessment report is available to view at the office.

An investigation into a bag that does not put strain on a learners back, whilst carrying is still ongoing.

Kind regards

**L.J MEYER**

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