

Parkdene Primary School

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1 August 2023

Headmaster
G.J.D. JORDAAN

Dear Parents

Newsletter number: 7

Welcome back. The weather is still cool and everywhere is grey. But we are fired up and started the term with a riot of colour. Welcome to Mrs. Jordaan and Mr. Van Emmenes. May your time with us be fruitful.

Grade 1 and 2

As from this term, please fetch your child at the Monk Street Gate and not from their classrooms. Take note the gate closes strictly at 13:50

Learners will then be escorted to the Eagles Gate.

Academics

This term is, as you know, a cycle test term. Cycle tests will be written from 4 – 8 September 2023. So, please ensure your child starts preparing soon. More details to follow. Remember term 3 is normally a term where learners can improve their marks. Please put in the effort.

In the Intersen Phase, learners are doing projects for English, Afrikaans and some other subjects. These have to be done at school during school time. The project forms a large part of their term mark. Learners have to do research and be involved. Teachers will explain the project and learners complete it in booklets / worksheets provided. Please ensure that your child does this project and is not absent unnecessarily.

Take Note:

As from this week, there will be changes to the curriculum and timetable.

Reports

There are still reports that have not been collected from the last term. Please make an urgent, concerted effort to collect these vital documents.

Parents Evening

Thank you to those parents who attended. Should you feel you need to see a teacher, please send an email to request an appointment. Please keep in mind that teachers are not available during teaching time and appointments must be made for after school on a day when the teacher is not involved with Extra Mural activities.

Admissions for 2024

The process has closed for Gr 1 and 8. We encourage you to complete your applications as soon as possible. Do not leave it late. Ensure you have all the relevant documents and follow up with the schools you have applied at. Remember placement is only from 4 September 2023.

Re-enrolment form Grade 1 to 6

Your child will receive the re-enrolment form for 2024 on 7 August 2023. Please complete and hand it back to the homeroom teacher as soon as possible. You will need to complete and return this whether your child is returning or not. If your child is returning, this will secure their space. If your child is not returning, we will make note of this and provide a Transfer Card with the end-of-year report. All re-enrolment forms back by Friday 11 August 2023.

Extra Murals

Our extra murals for this term are in full swing. Please refer to the important dates for the relevant fixtures. Remember your child will receive a letter should they be involved.

Foundation Phase

Parents are encouraged to send your child to attend Sport Skills and Cricket Skills sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays 14:00 -15:30.

Cultural

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Dates will be communicated with the relevant learners. Parents need to take the learners.

Con Spirito Drama

This will take place on 21 August 2023 during school time. Participants please ensure you are ready. Good luck.

Con Spirito Marimba

This took place on 19 July 2023. Congratulations to the coach and the learners who performed.

Public Speaking

Interschools public speaking will take place on 30 and 31 August 2023 after school.

Christmas Play

Rehearsals have started already and will take place every Monday and Tuesday 14:00-16:00. As from 11 August 2023, the entire cast will rehearse on Fridays 13:30-15:00. Please make the necessary arrangements.

Early Act

We would like to invite Gr 3 – Gr 7 learners to take part in the Early Act. This club gets involved in community projects and it is an excellent opportunity to get involved in community projects and give back to others.

Learners to please speak to Mrs Chambers.

Language Life Skills Showcase

This takes place in Term 4 for Grade 1-3. Rehearsals take place during school time.

General

Colour Run

Thanks to all who supported and took part in the Colour Run. It was a lot of fun and a good way to start the term – with parents support and a lot of fun.

Theme Scheme / Carnival Week

11 – 15 September 2023. See letter attached from the SGB.

Group Photos

Photographs will be taken of the following teams:

Netball u/7 u/13

Rugby u/7 - u/13

Athletics (BLAV Team)

Cricket u/9, u/11 and u/13

Cross Country (Boksburg Team)

Christmas Play (Cast)

Leaders Council 2023

Office Bearers 2023

Any additional group photographs will be communicated.

This will take place on 22 and 23 August 2023. Cost is R75.00 per photo. Learners to be in full winter uniform. Please order and pay with your coaches.

Important Dates

Important Dates	
Tuesday 1 August 2023:	Wednesday 2 August 2023:
 Cricket U/11 – Martin 	 Cricket U/9 – Martin
 Challenga Olympiad starts 	 Cross Country – Boksburg Stadium
Thursday 3 August 2023:	Monday 7 August 2023:
 Cricket 1st Team – Martin 	Re-enrolment forms out
Tuesday 8 August 2023:	Wednesday 9 August 2023:
 Cricket U/11 – Nageng (home) 	 National Woman's Day (school closed)
Thursday 10 August 2023:	Friday 11 August 2023:
 Cricket 1st Team – Nageng (home) 	Detention.
 Cross Country – Boksburg Stadium 	Re-enrolment forms in
Monday 14 August 2023:	Wednesday 16 August 2023:
Applications open Gr R, 2 - 7	 Cross Country – Boksburg Championships
Monday 21 August 2023:	Tuesday 22 August 2023:
Con Spirito Drama	Group Photos
Wednesday 23 August 2023:	Friday 25 August 2023:
Group Photos	 Detention
Early Act Meeting	 D6 Cross Country Championships – Rietvlei
Tuesday 29 August 2023:	Wednesday 30 August 2023:
 Cross Country Honours Function 	 Inter-Schools Public Speaking
Thursday 31 August 2023:	Friday 1 September 2023:
 Inter-Schools Public Speaking 	 Cycle Test
	• Gr 1 – 3: Life Skills
Saturday 02 September 2023:	Monday 4 September 2023:
Cross Country Gauteng Championships	Cycle Test -
	Gr 1-3: Mathematics
	Gr 4 – 6: NS Tech
	Gr 7: NS
	• Technology
Tuesday 5 September 2023:	Wednesday 6 September 2023:
Cycle Test –	• Cycle Test –
Gr 4 – 7: English	Gr 1 – 3: English
Gr 7: History	Gr 4 – 6: SS (History / Geography)
	Gr 7: Mathematics
Cricket U/11 – Semi-Finals	Geography
4	 Cricket U/9 – Semi-Finals
Thursday 7 Court amb of 2022:	Friday 8 September 2023:
Thursday 7 September 2023:	• Cycle Test –
• Cycle Test –	Gr 4 – 6: Mathematics
Gr 1 – 7: Afrikaans	Gr 7: EMS
Gr 4 – 6: Life Skills	GI /. LIVIS
Gr 7: Visual Art	EMS Sale
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Cricket 1 st Team – Semi-Finals	Detention
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Kind regards

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THEME SCHEME/CARNIVAL WEEK

To celebrate the end of our Cycle Test week and the beginning of the Rugby World Cup as well as the new season (Spring) and in celebration of National Book Week (5 - 11 September), we would like to put the fun back into learning. Children learn through play and what a better way to do so than have a fun filled week of dress up and games.

We would like our learners to display their knowledge and show their creativity by coming to school dressed up according to a specific theme to tie up with the work we have done over this busy term. The themes for each day are as follows:











Wow us with your creativity and demonstrate your knowledge. Remember: the attire must get our attention but at all times be respectful and according to our civvies dress code. Inappropriate attire cannot and will not be accepted.

In addition, there will be a daily competition for the best dressed with a prize. So use your imaginations and have fun with this activity. Be creative, but use something in your cupboard that doesn't cost money.

The Theme Scheme/Carnival Week will run from 11 - 15 September 2023 and the cost will be R150.00 for the entire week. Payments can be made via the KARRI app or alternatively sent to school with your child in a clearly marked envelope.

L.J. MEYER

SGB CHAIRMAN