



Newsletter 1/2017

11th January 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to the parents who have joined us. We hope you have a long and happy association with our school.

We are so happy to announce that our Coach asked Miss MacDonald to marry him and she said "yes". Congratulations Brad and Robyn, we wish you much happiness in your future together.

There have been a few changes this year. Both Mrs Kretzmann and Miss MacDoanld have been downgraded. Mrs Kretzmann has joined the Grade One team while Miss MacDonald has slotted into Grade Two. Miss Friedland re-joins the staff as a Grade Three educator and I am sure she will settle in with little difficulty, as she is so familiar with the routine of our school day.

We are very fortunate to have Mrs Littleton, an experienced teacher assistant as well as Ms Dlamini join the Pre-Primary staff.

Our grade co-ordinators for 2017 are, Miss Campbell for Grade 3, Mrs Gouveia for Grade 2, Mrs Rijmus for Grade 1 and Mrs Sykes for the Pre-Primary.

Our State H.O.D. is Mrs Aaron who is responsible for sport as well as discipline. The School Governing Body paid H.O.D. is Mrs Jearey who is responsible for the cultural aspects of the curriculum.

Once again the co-ordinators as well as the H.O.D.'s need to be acknowledged. They assist the educators and ensure that all learners at Glenashley Junior receive a high standard of education.

In the office, Mrs Roode will join the team 3 days a week as our PRO. She will be on hand to assist all the stakeholders as well as co-ordinate the various school functions.

As usual, the educators have worked during the holidays to ensure that learning begins on the first day of the school term. They need to be commended for their commitment to the learners in their class. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's educator, where the routine of the school day as well as the various policies explained. Please diarise these meetings.

PARENT MEETING	DAY / DATE	TIME
Grade 3	Monday - 16 January	5.30pm
Grade 2	Tuesday - 17 January	5.30pm
Grade 1	Wednesday - 18 January	5.30pm
Grade 00 / 000	Thursday - 19 January	5.30pm
Grade R / SR	Thursday - 19 January	6.30pm

Mr Bayman and Miss Bishop together with part-time coaches, will ensure our learners are taught the skills and are competitive at both sport tournaments and galas.

The extra-mural programme will be discussed at the parent meetings. It is compulsory that each learners in the Grades, participate in one afternoon sporting activity per term.

For monitoring purposes, after extra-murals, all learners are escorted to the Adelaide Drive pedestrian gate. The Educators remain with the learners until they are fetched. Learners in the foundation phase need security. It is so important that you are prompt to fetch at home time and after extra-murals, to ensure that there is no cause for unnecessary anxiety.

SCHOOL HOURS

Pre-Primary, Grade 1 and Grade 2	:	7.45a.m. - 12.45p.m.
Grade 3 - Monday to Thursday	:	7.45a.m. - 13.50p.m.
Friday	:	7.45a.m. - 12.45p.m.

The Pre-Primary educators are in their classrooms by 7.15am and the educators in the grades by 7.30am.

Safety and security is of paramount importance at our school. All gates will be locked at 7.45 a.m. Should you wish to gain entry to the Admin office, you will need to ring the bell at the main gate. The secretaries will assist you. The gates re-open at the end of the school day.

Parents are encouraged to ensure that their children are at school before the school bell rings as this is an important life skill. Please ensure that your personal details are updated, as we need to be able to make contact with parents, especially in a case of an emergency.

We request that doctors, dentists appointments etc., are made after school hours. If for any reason you need to fetch your child early, please inform the office by either phoning the school or writing a note in your child's notebook. Parents need to sign their child out in the exit register.

When fetching your child from after-care, your child will also need to be signed out. A note giving permission for someone other than the parents fetching children from after-care, needs to be noted in the after-care notebook. After-care closes at 5.00p.m. We ask you to please be considerate to our after-care facilitators, as they have personal commitments after work. Thank you.

We thank you too, for your consideration towards other parents of the school and remind you to please not park in front of our neighbours driveways or the school gate. In case of an emergency, vehicles need to be able to enter or exit the school property at all times.

We are very proud of our school uniform. The hat forms part of the uniform and should be worn to and from school. With the harsh effects of the sun, school policy states "no hat, no play". We have installed 4 sun screen dispensers to ensure that our learners develop the habit protecting their body from the sun.

If your child is accompanying you to the shops after school in their uniform, they are the ambassadors for our school and we request that they wear their full uniform. It is pleasing to note the numerous compliments we receive on how smart our learners look when in public.

The tuck shop is open on Fridays, starting on Friday the 20th January. It is an opportunity for the learners in the grades to recognise the notes and coins and to calculate the total cost of their purchases. It is optional for all learners to purchase tuck. Ice-creams and lollies are sold on Thursdays at a cost of R5.00. Sales will start on the 19th January.

Should you need information about after-care enrolments, Mrs Ismail or Mrs Soper will assist you. Mrs Thorp, our Bursar, will assist with any money related queries.

Dates to Diarise:

Wednesday 11 th January	School Starts – Term 1
Monday 16 th January	Grade 3 Parents Evening - 5.30p.m.

Tuesday 17 th January	Grade 2 Parents Evening - 5.30p.m.
Wednesday 18 th January	Grade 1 Parents Evening - 5.30p.m.
Thursday 19 th January	Grade 000 & 00 Parents Evening - 5.30p.m. Grade R & SR Parents Evening - 6.30p.m.
Monday 23 rd January	All Extra-Murals fully functional
Monday 30 th January	Hearing Screening - Heidi Allen
Tuesday 31 st January	Hearing Screening - Heidi Allen
Mon 13- Fri 17 th February	Eye Testing – Di van Dam
Monday 13 th February	Feed the Babies
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th Feb	Money Week
Wednesday 1 st March	GLENASHLEY JUNIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING GALA 8.30a.m. (details to follow)
Tuesday 7 th March	GLENASHLEY PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING GALA 8.30a.m. (details to follow)
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th March	PARENTS WEEK (details to follow)
Monday 20 th March	SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Tuesday 21 st March	HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
Thursday 30 th March	Reports to go home
Friday 31 st March	End of 1st Term School closes at 10.30a.m.
Tuesday 18th April	Start of the 2nd Term

We look forward to another successful and exciting year, both in the classroom and on the sports field. Our School Governing Body will ensure that the facilities at our school are constantly upgraded and I thank all the members for giving up their personal time, to assist with the governance of our school.

With Kind Regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs) J. M^cKenzie
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