



Newsletter 2/2017

17th January 2017

Dear Parents,

A special thank you to all the educators and support staff for ensuring that learning was able to start on the very first day of the academic school year. To Mr Thorp and the two garden assistants, thank you for ensuring a clean and aesthetic pleasing environment for our learners. Lastly, to Mrs Thorp, Mrs Soper, Mrs Ismail and Mrs Roode, thank you for assisting parents with late admissions, while ensuring all the demands of the administration of the school is met.

The Department requires that learners attend school regularly. Should your child be absent, an excuse note should be written in the homework notebook. The school day begins at 7.45a.m. Late arrivals are to report to Mrs Ismail in the office, where your child's name will be noted in the late arrival register. Excuse notes are to be provided if your child is unable to participate in a P.E. or extra-mural lesson. Thank you.

During our P.E. lessons this term, the learners will have an opportunity to develop their confidence and improve their swimming skills. Swimming is a life skill. With the number of drownings reported in the media this past month, it is essential that all learners participate in the P.E. lessons and extra-mural programme. Both Mr Bayman and Miss Bishop, our two coaches, remain in the swimming pool during all lessons.

The extra-mural programme organised by the school for learners in Grade One to Grade Three, begins on Monday the 23rd January.

With February approaching, it is time to plan ahead, if your child will be entering the next phase of their education in 2018. On the 7th February, we will be hosting our Open Morning from 8.00a.m. to 10.00a.m. for prospective parents of learners in Grade 000 (age 3) to Grade 3.

At 6.00p.m., we will be holding a Grade One parents evening, for learners who will be entering Grade One in 2018. We received a Circular from the Department of Education advising that learners are able to enter Grade One the year they turn 7.

Parents with children in Grade Three who will be moving onto the intermediate phase of their education next year, will have an opportunity to attend Glenashley Prep's Open Day on the 8th March and Virginia Prep's Open Evening on the 15th February at 6.00p.m. It is important that application forms are obtained and returned to the respective schools early, to ensure that all learners get placed in a school of their choice.

We at Glenashley Junior, take the safety of our learners seriously. The gates are locked during the school day, with only the pedestrian gate at Adelaide Drive open after 2.00p.m. We have cameras monitoring all entrances, and parents of learners in the after-care are to please sign their children out daily. We ask that parents who make use of public transport to transport their children to school and back home, to ensure that the driver of the vehicle has a valid driver's licence and that the vehicle is road worthy, to try to avoid their child being involved in an accident.

Lastly, a reminder of the Parent Meetings. This opportunity will enable you to meet your child's educator and find out the classroom routines. It will also give you an opportunity to ask questions

to erase any concerns you may have. The Foundation Phase education is being highlighted as an important phase in laying down the foundation of further education and ultimately Grade 12. As it was reported in The Mercury on the 6th January 2017, Minister of Basic Education, Ange Motshekga stated, "Foundation phase is the solution to great results." As a staff we are committed to ensuring that all learners reach their full potential.

With Kind Regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs) J. M^cKenzie
PRINCIPAL

Dates to Diarise:

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.
Tuesday 7 th March	GLENASHLEY PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING GALA 8.30a.m.
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th March	PARENTS WEEK
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