



GLENASHLEY JUNIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 01/2021

21st January, 2021.

Dear Parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all our families. To the new families who are joining us this year, we hope you have a long and happy association with Glenashley Junior Primary School.

We have heard, a few of our families and some of our staff have been affected by COVID 19. They are in our constant thoughts and prayers.

Our theme for 2021 is "Rainbow of hope".

The rainbow was chosen as a symbol of hope during this difficult period. Rainbows appear after heavy rains, reminding us that there is always hope and light, even after difficult times. The sighting of a rainbow never fails to bring a smile to peoples' faces, signifying optimism and positivity. May the rainbow shield and protect all our families and staff.

We are fortunate to have a full complement of staff returning to school. We welcome Mrs Pearson and Ms Barella to our staff. I am confident that they will settle in quickly and will be an asset to our school. Mrs Walton is on maternity leave and we wish her well as she awaits the arrival of her baby boy. Ms Mkhize is currently undergoing chemotherapy and radiation and we pray for her full recovery. Mrs Soper resigned at the end of the fourth term after a long association with our school. We wish her well as she enters the next chapter of her life. We thank Mrs van Wyk for temporarily moving into reception and we know that she will fulfil her duties with her usual friendly disposition. Lastly, Miss Krull was appointed as the SGB paid H.O.D. and will oversee the Grade One level and the Pre School. Congratulations Tara on your appointment.

These past two weeks, the Management Team have met and strategized curriculum coverage and the reopening of the school for the 2021 academic year. The school Finance Committee and Governing Body met, to ensure all policies are implemented and this morning the staff met to ensure that we will continue to assist our learners while ensuring that COVID 19 protocols and the Standard Operating Procedures are followed. Mr Shaw will remain our Safety Officer. He will continue to oversee the compliance of staff and learners.

In accordance with The Department of Basic Education, the learners in Grade R, One, Two and Three will return to school on Monday the 15th February. The educators will support learning

by providing work packs, which may be collected from the Adelaide Drive entrance to the school on Wednesday the 27th January, from 8.00a.m. to 12.00 noon. The educators will be interacting with the learners in their class and the parents via Class DOJO. As parents, I urge you to keep your children reading. Able readers are encouraged to read books independently, while parents are urged to assist by reading to their children if they are not yet able to read.

The learners in Grade 000 and 00, still fall under The Department of Social Development. They will return to school on Monday the 1st February. Not only will they meet their new educator, but the whole staff will be available to assist with the smooth transition to their new class.

Next week, the staggered arrival and dismissal times will be communicated to parents in all grades. We will also communicate the protocols to be followed. The safety of every learner, their families as well as all staff members is of paramount importance. Together, we can keep GJPS a safe and happy environment.

Lastly, to the group of Moms who remember our families and school needs in constant prayer, thank you. We will continue to support our families who have faced bereavement and rejoice with all those who have recovered.

To each and every family, stay safe. We hope to see you soon.

Kind regards,

(Mrs) J.D. M^cKenzie

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