



NEWSLETTER NO: 11 of 2025

10 April 2025

Dear Parents

A warm word of welcome to all children, parents and staff after the short but welcome break. Term 2 is going to be a very busy term with our packed academic and sport programme as well as our Big Walk, to be held on 31 May. We trust that everyone will once again give the school their support during this term and that we will all work hard to maintain the brilliant standards and excellent results that we are accustomed to.

Please note that the start of this term has a few four-day weeks/ long weekends as well as a week break from 28 April to 2 May. We have to still cover all required work in spite of these shorter weeks. **It is therefore imperative that learners attend school on all the formal school days and not take additional long weekends etc.** Learners who do not attend school will lose out on vital lessons that can not be caught up. Formal Assessments/ Tasks missed without valid reasons will result in a zero mark being awarded. (As per National Protocol for Assessment)

IMPORTANT PLANNED DATES TO DIARISE

Good Friday	- 18 April (Public Holiday)
Family Day	- 21 April (Public Holiday)
PTA meetings	- 24 April, 15 May
School closed	- 28 April to 2 May
Mothers' Day Assembly (FP)	- 8 May
Grade 4-7 controlled tests start	- 28 May to 6 June
Big Walk	- 31 May
FP Public Speaking Evening	- 11 June
Fathers' Day Assembly (FP)	- 12 June
Grd 4-7 Public Speaking Evening	- 18 June
Parents' Afternoon/ Reports out	- 26 June
Term 2 Ends	- 27 June

INTERIM UNIFORM

A reminder that learners will be allowed to wear either summer or winter uniform for an interim period until the end of May, when all learners will be expected to be in full winter uniform.

We do however recommend that learners stay in summer uniform on warmer days and only wear winter uniform on really cold days as they tend to take off their jerseys and drimacs as soon as it warms up and then misplace these expensive clothing items. Please ensure that the **correct full** summer/ winter uniform is worn by referring to the uniform requirements on the D6 Communicator. A reminder that the school badge is not required on the long-sleeved shirts worn in winter as the learners have to wear a school tie with this shirt.

BIG WALK- ITEMS/ DONATIONS

Thank you for all the promised sponsorships received on the pathways so far as well as items received for our various stalls. With less than two months to go, let's get those pathways filled in order to receive the various rewards and vouchers.

A reminder that we will be collecting items for all our stalls during this period running up to the Big Walk. Tombola items, White Elephant and Book Stall items are most welcome and can be sent to school. **We have received very few prizes to use as our main prizes for our stalls and are urgently appealing to parents and companies who can sponsor prizes for our Big Walk to please send them to the office.**

Remember that we are a Public Benefit Organization and thus any donations to the organization will be tax deductible in the hands of the donors in terms of and subject to section 18A of the Income Tax Act. A S18A certificate will be issued on request to the donor on receipt of any donations received by the school. Sponsorship letters are available from the office. **ANY items or prizes (big or small) are welcome.** Please contact the office in this regard. Any donations are welcome.

PTA MEETING- PLEASE DIARISE THIS MEETING

Our first PTA meeting for this term will be on Thursday, 24 April at 18:00 in the school hall. This will be the main planning meeting for our Big Walk and we therefore request as many parents as possible to attend this meeting and to assist us in making the Big Walk, one of our children's highlights during the year, a success.

AFTERCARE

Please note that our school aftercare will be open on 29 and 30 April as well as 2 May as these are special school holidays and not public holidays.

EXTRA MURALS**CHESS:**

During the school holidays, Caydence Waring was selected to participate in the South African Closed Chess Championship in Cape Town. This was an amazing achievement. Well Done!!!

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

Grade 6 and 7, English, Public Speaking practices will begin on Monday 14 April. Practices are every Monday and Wednesday from 14h15 to 15h30 in Mrs Buchan's classroom. Please make sure that your child comes prepared with two sets of speeches, one for the coaches and one for your child.

FITNESS TRAINING

There will be fitness training for all interested learners on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 07:10 to 07:30 and on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 14:15 to 15:00.

Yours faithfully

H. THERON
PRINCIPAL