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14 August 2025

Dear Parents

PTA MEETING, 21 AUGUST- SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, NOT TO BE MISSED!!

Join us for our next PTA meeting on Thursday, 21 August at 18:00 where we will welcome Clinical Psychologist, Neil Amore who will speak on the important topic, **“When is a little too much? Substance Use and Harmful Behaviour in Youth” with a special focus on Vaping.**

Many of these habits and risks are already being introduced or exposed to children as early as **Primary School, we have even seen incidents of this at our own school, making it crucial for parents to be informed.** This session will equip parents with essential knowledge on the signs and symptoms to be on the look out for, practical strategies for early intervention and tips on how to have an open, age-appropriate conversation with their children to guide and protect them.

Due to the nature of this talk, we will arrange a special “baby sitting” venue for this PTA, for parents who can not make alternative arrangements with their children. (Only for learners attending Martin School)

GRADE R OPEN DAY AND ADMISSIONS 2026

There will be an Open Day for all prospective Grade R learners and their parents this Saturday, 16 August from 09:00 to 11:00. Please inform family and friends who might not receive the newsletter of the applications and Open Day. A reminder that applications for Grade R for 2026 is currently open. Applications can be made at the office during office hours.

GRADE 4-7 FORMAL TESTS

Early notification is hereby given that our Grade 4-7 learners will be writing their formal test as per the table below:

Wednesday, 27 August	Afrikaans (Grade 4-7)	
Thursday, 28 August	English (Grade 4-7)	
Friday, 29 August	Geography (Grades 4-7)	
Monday, 1 September	NS/ Tech (Grade 4-6)	NS (Grade 7)
Tuesday, 2 September	Mathematics (Grade 4-7)	
Wednesday, 3 September	History (Grade 4-7)	
Thursday, 4 September	PSW (Grade 4-6)	LO (Grade 7)

Learners are to prepare in advance for these tests and not leave it to the night before. Learners taking part in Cricket, Hockey and Eisteddfod are especially reminded of the fact that they might have matches/ competitions on these days and should prepare well in advance to still be able to take part and not let their teams down. Absence for these tests will require a note from a registered medical practitioner.

INTERIM UNIFORM

Early notification is hereby given that we will change into our Interim Uniform period on Monday, 1 September. During this period learners may choose to wear either full winter or full summer uniform, depending on the weather. All learners will be expected to be in summer uniform when school opens for Term 4.

CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday, 13 August, 20 of our cross-country athletes from various age groups competed in the Boksburg Champs at Boksburg Stadium. Our athletes showed incredible determination and sportsmanship, delivering outstanding performances in every race. Out of the twenty athletes who participated, sixteen qualified for the upcoming district event, which will be held at Dr. E.G. Jansen. We are extremely proud of our athletes for their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to excellence. Well done to all participants for representing Martin School with pride and passion.

CRICKET RESULTS

Our U/11 cricket team played against Laerskool Oosterkruin on Tuesday, 12 August. The boys played well for their first match of the season but unfortunately lost the match. Zunade Adams was player of the match scoring 32 runs and taking 2 wickets for 14 runs. Well done to all these players.

Yours faithfully

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