



NEWSLETTER NO: 13 of 2026

23 April 2026

Dear Parents

PTA MEETING TONIGHT

A final reminder about our PTA tonight, 23 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. (Please note that we will make extra parking available at the teacher's parking should it be required)

FOUNDATION PHASE MOTHER'S /FATHER'S DAY ASSEMBLIES (GRADES 1- 3)

Early notification is hereby given that the Foundation Phase (Grades 1 -3) will be hosting a Mother's Day Assembly on 7 May 2026 for all the **mom's** and a Father's Day assembly for all the **dads** on 18 June 2026. These special assemblies will take place in the school hall from 08:00 to approximately 09:30. There will be no entrance fee for these two events but we kindly request that you bring along a non-perishable food item (tinned food, rice, pasta etc.) on the day to support the Martin School charity drive which aims to provide relief to our needy Martin School families. Please also bring along a picnic basket/blanket and some games in order to enjoy a short picnic with your child after assembly (until approximately 10:00). Children will be allowed to wear civvies for the day and are encouraged to wear something representing our Pirates theme. (Only if possible as we don't want parents to encounter additional costs.)

GRADE R FUN MOTHER'S/FATHER'S DAY

The Grade R children will not be part of these Mother's / Father's Day assemblies as they do not attend assemblies, however, they will have their own special day on Saturday, 13 June 2026 from 09:00 to 11:30. (Further details will follow.)

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.

EXTRA MURALS
CHESS

On Saturday, our chess players participated in an individual chess tournament. The results were as follows:
U9 Boys: 1st place - Mukonazwothe Fhedzi. U9 Girls: 1st place - Snelihle Kubheka. U11 Boys: 3rd Place - Mikhensho Chavalala. U13 Boys: 2nd place - Titus Pillay & Opens: 1st place - Jordan Stark, 2nd place - Braden Stark.

Based on the individual tournaments, the following children are going through to play-offs:

U9 Boys: Mukonazwothe Fhedzi, Nkazimulo Soko, Jason Schoeman & Isiphile Monakali. U9 Girls: Snelihle Kubheka. U11 Boys: Mikhensho Chavalala, Miguel Mudaly & Brent Pennington. U11 Girls: Kayla Alagan. U13 Boys: Titus Pillay, Enrico de Vasconcelos & Kheeran Kandhai. U13 Girls: Mulangi Nethononda, Tanatswa Mandongwe, Reese Esterhuizen, Leona Mbatha & Ayamaah Mathopa.

Well done to all our chess players on these results.

NETBALL RESULTS

Our U10–U13 A and B netball teams had a challenging round of matches against Laerskool Witfield this week. Although the results didn't go our way, the players showed great effort, teamwork, and determination throughout. Keep on trying girls!

If there are any past pupils who have any white Martin School netball shirts or maroon skorts that they would like to donate back to the school, please may they bring it to the front office.

Yours faithfully

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PRINCIPAL