



NEWSLETTER NO: 2 of 2025

23 January 2025

Dear Parents

PTA MEETING- THURSDAY, 30 JANUARY

Our first PTA meeting for the year is scheduled for Thursday, 30 January at 18:00 in the school hall. All parents are invited to attend. These meetings give parents an opportunity to become part of the school by receiving first-hand knowledge of the school programme, it also gives parents the platform to make suggestions on improving the functioning of the school and raise **general** concerns. We remind parents that concerns of a personal nature or regarding their individual child must still be raised through the normal channels of communication as the PTA meetings are not the correct platform for individual concerns. Parents attending the PTA meetings also become part of the planning of our Big Walk. At this first meeting we will also briefly explain how the Big Walk and Pathways (that the children will soon be receiving) work. We encourage our parents to please attend these meetings as learners who see that their parents show interest in them and their education normally also stay positive and flourish.

ASSESSMENT DATES

Please take note that planned Assessment Dates for all the Grades have been placed on the D6 Communicator. Please take note of these dates in order to ensure that your children are prepared for these Formal Assessments and are at school on these days. Any changes to the assessment dates will be communicated to you through the D6 Communicator.

ANNEXURE G/ CHECKLIST FORM

According to the South African School's Act (Act 84 of 1996) all schools are required by law to inform parents of certain regulations regarding school fees. Parents are required to acknowledge this in writing by completing an Annexure G form and returning it to school for record keeping. Your child would have received this form (Annexure G) today. Please could we ask you to complete this form by ticking "yes" or "no" to the questions indicated. Once completed, please sign and date it and return it to the class teacher. This is a legal requirement and must be completed by all parents. Your co-operation in this regard will be highly appreciated. Should you have any questions in this regard, please feel free to contact the finance office.

TEXTBOOKS

The Grades 4 – 7 learners have received a letter, in duplicate, listing all textbooks and readers issued to them for 2025. Parents are requested to sign both copies of this letter and return them to school as soon as possible. By signing these letters, parents confirm that their child received the textbooks and readers. We urge parents to please encourage their children to look after these textbooks. We request that you note any problems with the textbooks/readers, issued to your child, on the one copy of the letter. This copy will be kept by the homeroom teacher and will be referred to at the end of the year as damaged books/readers will have to be replaced with an identical one at the parent's expense. The second copy is for office use.

KARRI APP

We are happy to announce that the Karri App will be opening for the Tuck shop again on Monday, 27 January. For all our new parents who have not yet downloaded the Karri App, please see the video or Karri pamphlet on the D6 communicator under resources.

Here you will find step by step instructions on how to download and register on the Karri app. Tuck Shop will be loaded weekly on the App and all collections close at 7:00 am in the morning for that specific day's orders.

If any other extra collections are booked such as a civvies day, a notification will go through to your Karri App. If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. C Erasmus in the Finance office on 011 918 2975."

2nd AVENUE PARKING

Just a reminder to all parents, especially new parents to our school that the 2nd Avenue Parking is dedicated to Grade R only. In the afternoon it is also used for collection of our own Aftercare learners. These are rules made by the SGB to promote the safety of our little Grade R learners and our Aftercare learners.

OVERLOADING BY TRANSPORT DRIVERS

We once again urge parents who make use of transport companies, to transport their children, to ensure that they are fully aware of, **and constantly monitor** the drivers and vehicles used. Please ensure that these drivers and vehicles have the required operating permits as anyone, or any vehicle transporting learners for money/ as a business must have the required permits. Also regularly check in with your children as to how these vehicles are loaded as we still find drivers overloading these vehicles, thus putting our children's lives at risk. We have been in contact with the EMPD to request regular spot checks, but they also advised us that our parents must assist them by reporting incidents to them in order for them to take the required action. Let's all work together to protect our children BEFORE something happens and we then regret not taking action.

FRONT OFFICE REMINDER

A reminder to parents to please assist their children to pack their school bags for the next day and to ensure that all things required are packed. The front office is inundated with parents wanting to drop off books, stationery, projects, lunches, ID-Tags, keys, Phys Ed clothes etc. left at home. Some parents even want to deliver "take-aways" to school and then expect the secretaries to deliver all these items to classes. We do understand that there are emergencies/ exceptional cases, but some parents drop things off on a weekly basis. The **secretaries are told not to accept and deliver these items as it causes constant disruptions to the classes as well as their own duties**. Learners must acquire the skill to prepare for the next day and must also be taught to take responsibility for mistakes made. This is a life skill that we all need in our daily careers and lives.

DONATIONS OF OLD UNIFORMS/ SCHOOL BAGS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

We have had a number of new learners from needy families join our school this year and sold a huge amount of our 2nd hand stock in our "Swop Shop". Should parents have any old school uniforms that their children have outgrown, and which is still in good condition, we ask that these be sent to the office for needy families. Any parents who bought new school bags for their children and still have old school bags, in a reasonable condition, are also asked to please donate these to the school.

Please take note that the swapping of uniform for bigger sizes, will only be done on condition that the smaller / outgrown uniform is handed in for resale at our Swop Shop. Should the items that you would like to swop not be in a good condition, we would unfortunately have to ask that you pay the price charged per item. Also note that you may only swop items for the same type of items like shorts for shorts, dresses for dresses, etc.

INTER ENGLISH

Our first Athletics meeting will be the Inter-English Invitational Athletics Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, 29 January at the Boksburg Athletics Stadium. This meeting will start at 12:00. Athletes who are selected to take part will receive letters containing all the required information.

School will not close early on this day and there will be teachers on duty to look after the children who are not participating.

EXTRA MURALS

SWIMMING – INTER HOUSE GALA

A reminder about the Inter-house Swimming Gala that will be held tomorrow at our own swimming pool from approximately 08:30 – 13h00 as per our previous newsletter. Only swimmers, who received letters, will be taking part and will attend the full gala.

School closes at the normal times for the respective phases on this day. Parents who would like to attend the gala are welcome to do so but must please park in the main parking area and then enter through the office block before proceeding directly to the pool area. Parents of swimmers, **who attend the gala**, may take their children home with them directly **after the gala is finished** but must please just inform the homeroom teacher that they are taking them home and then sign them out at the office.

The swimming team will be chosen based on the results from this gala and a letter will be sent out next week to the selected team members. Swimming practice for the team will then begin next Wednesday from 14:15 to 15:30.

Yours faithfully

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