



NEWSLETTER NO: 22 of 2026

23 July 2026

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new term after the winter break. We hope and trust that those of you who were also fortunate enough to have some time off, had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and that everyone is well rested for the busy term ahead.

SOME IMPORTANT PLANNED DATES TO DIARISE FOR THIS TERM

- 7 August - Big Walk early day home "Homeward Bound" for qualifying learners.(R750)
- 10 August - Public Holiday as 9 August "Woman's Day" falls on a Sunday.
- 19 August - Grades 4-7 Formal Assessments start
- 20 August - PTA meeting
- 28 August - Final day Big Walk money
- 1 September - Spring Day Civvies R10
- 2 September - Interim Uniform starts
- 4 September - Readathon Dress Up (Dress as a book character- no cost)
- 11 September - Big Walk Disco- "The Plot Twists" (Qualifying learners who have paid in R 500+)
- 21 September - Big Walk Road Trip "The Incredible Journey" (Learners who have paid R 900+)
- 22 September - Grade 7 Entrepreneurs' Day
- 22 September - Parents' Afternoon (by invitation only)
- 23 September - Big Walk Prize Giving, reports to children, final day for Term 3.

We again appeal to parents to please check the D6 Communicator every Thursday for the **weekly Newsletter** as it contains vital information regarding the week ahead. Our secretaries answer hundreds of unnecessary questions/calls regarding issues that were addressed in newsletters. Some parents get very upset when they miss a deadline or claim that they were not aware of a certain activity and then admit they don't read the newsletters when shown that the information was indeed in a newsletter on the D6.

ADMISSIONS 2027!

A reminder that Gauteng Admissions for Grade 1 and Grade 8 for 2027 must again be done online as in previous years.

We are awaiting the announcement of the opening date and will communicate this date via the D6 Communicator as soon as we receive confirmation.

Our current **Grade R** parents at Martin School also **HAVE TO** apply online for Grade 1 for 2027 as there is no automatic acceptance into Grade 1 even if they are already in our school. **GRADE 7** parents, please take note of the above, as all applications for **Grade 8** must also be done online. Applications must be done by visiting: www.gdeadmissions.gov.za. Please apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. As the applications are done online the school cannot be held responsible if parents procrastinate or don't apply, as the **placements for Grade 1 and 8 are done at Provincial and District Level. Certified copies** of the following documentation will be required:

- ID/ Passport/ Refugee Permit/ Asylum Seeker Permit/ Permanent Residence Permit/ Study Permit
- SA Birth Certificate
- Positive proof of home address (e.g. Utility account, lease agreement)
- Proof of work address. (If applying for placement based on working in the area)
- Latest Grade 7 report (Only for Grade 8 applications)
- Clinic/ Vaccination/ Immunisation card. (For Grade 1 applications)

Parents must please ensure that they read all the instructions given on the system and upload/ submit the required documents within 7 days.

Please remember that although parents are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, they should not panic if the system is very busy on the first day, as the order of placement/ preference on the system is based on **distance** from the school and **not on the time** of application.

ADMISSIONS GRADE R 2027 AND OPEN DAY

Admissions for Grade R - 2027 will start on the same date as the Online Admissions but these applications must still be done in person at the school and not online. **We will have our Grade R Open Day on 15 August 2026.** (Further details to follow.)

CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE 2027

Please take note of the letters handed out today confirming your child's attendance at Martin School in 2027. Please note that this is not an internal requirement and **has** to be done according to legislation. Please complete the form and send it back to school as soon as possible (NO LATER THAN 27 JULY) Failure to complete this confirmation form will be viewed as non-attendance at Martin School for 2027. Grade R and Grade 7 learners do **not** need to complete this form.

FORMAL ASSESSMENT TASKS (FAT) SCHOOL TESTS – GRADE 4 - 7

Parents, please note that as there will be no exam this term, all class activities, projects, class tests and formal tests (test week) will count towards the term mark. The Assessment dates for each Grade will be placed on the D6 Communicator by next week. Projects for English and Afrikaans must be done at school under teacher supervision. The required concepts / skills will first be taught, and the learners will then have to apply the concepts / skills when completing the activities for the language projects or assignments in other subjects. It is therefore crucial that your child attends school daily, as absences will mean that your child will miss out on the teaching and explanation before completing the activity. Please also remember that **absence during a Formal Assessment Task date will require a note from a registered medical practitioner.**

ANNUAL CHARITY SOUP DRIVE

It is once again that time of the year where we would like to initiate our annual soup drive in honour of Nelson Mandela's birthday (18 July) and the "67 minutes" campaign synonymous with the day. In order to do our bit as a school, to contribute towards this worthy campaign, we ask all parents to donate a packet or tin of soup during next week, towards our "Soup Drive". The items collected will be sent to various charity organisations within the community and will make a difference in the lives of some less fortunate people, during these cold winter days.

BIG WALK

Thank you to the majority of parents and children who have paid in all their Big Walk money. To those who have not, please collect all the promised sponsorships and donations and pay this in as soon as possible in order for us to get the final figures and then arrange the Prize Giving. Our aim is to have **all money paid in by the end of August** in order to finalize the many arrangements that must be made before the Prize Giving (including the purchasing of all the prizes for the children according to the various categories). Disco and road trip, listed under "important dates" above, also require the promised money to be paid in, in order to participate. Don't let your child miss out on these due to non-payment of promised money. Further sponsorships may also be obtained in order to reach these amounts and thus qualify for these rewards.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS / CLASS PHOTOS

Early notification, for budget purposes, is hereby given that the school's photographer will be visiting our school on Wednesday, 16 September (Grades 4-7 and sibling photos) and Thursday, 17 September (Grades R- 3) She will be taking individual photos, sibling photos as well as class photos. A photo pack will consist of 1 (12cmx18cm); 1 jumbo (10cmx15cm) and 4 ID photos. The photo pack/set will cost R120. The class photo will cost R60 (12cm x 18cm).

All photos must be ordered and paid for in advance. If paying by cash the payments **MUST** be made directly to the class teacher for record purposes from 23 July to 11 September (07:45 final cut off). Payment can also be made through the Karri App from 23 July to 11 September (23h00 final cut off).

All sibling photos to be paid to the eldest child's teacher or via the Karri App. Please note that the sibling photo is only for children currently attending Martin School.

Please note that this is **not a fundraiser and it is also not compulsory**. This is simply a service provided to interested parents who would like to have a professional school photo taken.

HOCKEY

Senior Hockey

Hockey practice for U/10 - U/13 girls will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 14h15 - 15h30.

Mini-Hockey

Hockey practice for U/7 - U/9 girls will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 14h15 - 15h15.

CRICKET

Cricket practices for our selected teams will be as follows:

U/9 - Mondays and Wednesdays 14:15 - 15:30

U/10-U/11 - Tuesdays and Thursdays 14:15 - 15:30

U/12-U/13 - Tuesdays and Thursdays 14:15 - 15:30

Days for matches may differ but a letter with all dates will be sent home once we have received confirmation of all the scheduled matches.

MINI CRICKET

Mini Cricket practices for U/7 and U/8 will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 14:15 to 15:00.

CROSS COUNTRY

Training will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 14:15- 15:00. Those athletes who would like to work on their fitness are welcome to attend morning training on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Fitness training will start at 06:30 and end at 07:15. Athletes must please be dressed in Phys Ed kit and bring their school uniform along to change into after training.

CHESS

Chess practices as per invitations sent in Term 1, will resume on 23 July for Term 3. Developmental Chess: Tuesdays & Thursdays in the Grade R classroom - 14h00 - 15h00

Teams Chess: Tuesdays & Thursdays in the Media Centre - 14h15 - 15h30

EISTEDDFOD

Eisteddfod will continue for those Grade 1 - 3 children who were selected to participate last term. Grade 1 Eisteddfod will be on Mondays and Wednesdays while Grade 2 and 3 will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Grade 4,6 and 7 Eisteddfod practices will be on Mondays and Wednesdays and Grade 5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 14:15 to 15:30.

The dates, times and venues of all items were sent out at the end of Term 2. Should your child not have received a letter, please request one from the coaches.

A reminder that the Unprepared Reading section of the Eisteddfod for Grade 1-6 will take place at Martin School this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please see the letter sent home for more details.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Grade 1-7 Public Speaking will continue this term by invitation only as most of our competitions have concluded. The individual children involved in the next round of each competition will be notified of practice times and days by their coaches.

PUBLIC SPEAKING / RADIKALE REDENAARS RESULTS

We have received the Public Speaking results from last term and would like to congratulate the following learners on their excellent achievements:

The following children will be competing at **Provincial Level**:

Grade 4 - Muneiwa Netshimbupfe & Tiyandza Maphanga

Grade 6 English - Enrico De Vasconcelos

Grade 6 Afrikaans - Enrico De Vasconcelos & Njabulo Mthethwa

Grade 7 English - Botshelo Tlatsi

The following children will be going through directly and will be competing at **National Level**:

Grade 5 - Thandolwethu Radebe

Grade 7 Afrikaans - Amber Kroutz

Yours faithfully

H. THERON

PRINCIPAL