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Dear Parents

THE BIG DAY IS ALMOST HERE

TWO MORE SLEEPS to go until the BIG DAY! Please get those pathways filled.
We are looking forward to seeing all children, parents, grandparents, family and friends for a fun-filled day on Saturday. We have received some fantastic prizes that can be won at the various stalls. Apart from these main prizes most of the other stalls will also have lots of smaller prizes to be won.

Some of our main sponsors are:

CeeBee Debt Management Services	-	Full Scholarship for 2027
Dean's Stationers	-	Free stationery for a lucky winner in each grade
Motus VW East Rand	-	Medal for each learner who completes 50 laps
Promasidor	-	Free juice for each learner who completes 25 laps

Delicious food, sweets and cold drinks will again be on sale. The actual walk will start at 9 am and the day's activities will be over by 3 pm.
All tickets for stall purchases and activities will be available on the day at the ticket stall (at the Grandstands on the main field). Only the food and cooldrink stall will accept either cash or tickets. A card machine will be available at the ticket stall and at the food stall. Please be sure to use all tickets bought before the end of the day as **no tickets will be refunded**.

Children must please remember to bring their white sponsorship cards to school on Saturday morning and report to their class teachers on the field. Children will receive a stamp on their Lap Card for every lap completed. Honesty in this regard is very important to us. We ask that children please not try and cheat and also that parents and children not ask for more than one stamp per lap, we all can do with some healthy exercise. A single person may also not walk with two lap cards. After completing 25 and 50 laps respectively, the children will receive a small reward. After completing all 50 laps the learners will return to their class teacher who will calculate the total amount owing in sponsorships plus any donations. The sponsorship card will be returned to the learner with the amount owing as well as verification of this amount signed by the class teacher. The learners will then set about collecting all monies.
Please make sure all children are collected on time as the ground staff need to clean up. Gates will be locked at 15:15.
A friendly reminder that this is a school fundraiser and that **no weapons, alcohol, cooler bags or picnic bags are allowed.** You are welcome to bring your camping chair, blanket and umbrella. To ensure a safe environment for all, bags will be searched upon entry. **Smoking** will only be allowed in the designated smoking area and not on the stands or the fields where the children walk or play. **No pets** will be allowed. We also ask that parents please not park in front of gates thereby blocking access to the school, the teachers parking, the soccer field and neighbouring driveways. We have arranged for car guards and hope and trust that these measures will allow for a problem free morning.

Please be aware that **adult toilets** will be available in the hall foyer and a unisex adult toilet at the staffroom next to the cooldrink stall. Learners will all use the bottom toilets at the C- Block and the Foundation Phase learners their own bathrooms. **There is unfortunately a possibility that there will be water cuts on the day of the Big Walk. Should this be the case there will be emergency drinking water at the taps next to the Tuckshop and we will fill dustbins with water to use for flushing toilets.**
As this is our **only** fundraising drive to supplement the small amount we receive from the Government, we trust that we will have every family's support. Without this money we would not be able to provide all the other additional equipment, IT services and we would not be able to maintain the high standard of education and excellent facilities our children deserve.
A very big 'thank you' to all parents and families who have been so actively involved in preparing for our big day and those who have offered to do duties at the various stalls!
Parents who will not be accompanying their children must also please ensure that they at least give their children money to purchase something to eat/drink as we have had children in the past attending the entire day without anything to eat or drink. (A **minimum of R30** would be required for this, apart from any money you wish to give to them to spend at stalls.)

Parents who are only allowed to eat "Halal" food are asked to please contact the office before the Big Walk to make the required dietary arrangements.

EXCITING BIG WALK RAFFLE

Please remember our Big Walk Raffle. With much appreciation to one of our parents, Ms. Rantili, and her connections to the Mamelodi Sundowns Soccer Club, we have the following amazing prizes to be won:

- **Two Mamelodi Sundowns Soccer Shirts autographed by the team.**
- **Teboho Mokoena's personal Mamelodi Sundowns shirt – Autographed.**
- **Grant Kekana's personal Mamelodi Sundowns shirt- Autographed.**

Tickets can be bought at R10 per ticket on the Karr-App, from the front office or on the day of the Big Walk at the raffle stall next to the ticket stall. This raffle is not just for Martin School's parents, it is open to the public to also purchase and stand a chance to win these fantastic prizes. Please tell your friends and family to also buy tickets by scanning the QR code provided. Closing date, Friday 18 September at 19:00. The draw will take place at the Big Walk Prize Giving on Wednesday, 23 September at 08:00. Winners will be notified by phone and announced in our school's newsletter.

GRADE 4-7 FORMAL EXAMS

A final reminder is hereby given of the Grade 4-7 exams that will start on Tuesday, 2 June.

Date	Session 1	Session 2
2 June 2026	Technology (Grade 7)	LO (Grade 7) PSW (Grades 4 - 6)
3 June 2026	EMS (Grade 7)	Afrikaans (Grades 4 – 7)
4 June 2026	NS/Tech (Grades 4 – 6) NS (Grade 7)	English (Grades 4 – 7)
5 June 2026	Art/ Music (Grade 7)	History (Grades 4 – 7)
8 June 2026	Geography (Grades 4 - 7)	Mathematics (Grades 4 – 7)

Learners are to prepare in advance for these exams and not leave it to the night before as we could not avoid scheduling more than one exam on some days due to time frames given by the Department. Absence for these exams will require a doctors' note.

LEARNERS MUST STILL ATTEND SCHOOL AFTER THE EXAMS AS WE ARE STILL TEACHING WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE COVERED BY THE END OF THE TERM!

GRADE R PARENTS FUN DAY - 6TH JUNE

Please join us to celebrate Mother's and Father's Day. The fun day will be from 09:00 to 11:00. You may park in the main parking area on Paul Smit Road. We are looking forward to celebrating with you and your little ones.

EXTRA MURALS END

Please take note that all extra murals and extra lessons will stop today, 28 May for the duration of the exams and only resume on 17 June. Please make the required transport arrangements to collect your child directly after school ends. **Children should all be collected by 14:15 in order to prepare for the upcoming exams.**

CHESS

Martin School's Chess 'teams' participated in our first teams event for the year. Our U/9 mixed team placed 3rd, our U/11 girls placed 3rd, our U/11 boys placed 1st, our U/13 girls placed 1st and our U/13 boys placed 1st. Well done to all of our players !

Yours faithfully

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