



NEWSLETTER NO: 4 of 2026

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Dear Parents

BIG WALK- ITEMS/ DONATIONS

Our children are extremely excited about the Big Walk and have started collecting money on their sponsorship cards and marked it off on their pathways. We will start calling children down for their first rewards within the next two weeks. Please remember to sign your child's pathway at the various reward points as a pledge that you have obtained sponsorships/ donations to that amount. Please remember we are currently collecting items for our 'White Elephant' stall. Please send any items taking up space in your cupboards, kitchen or garage (gifts never used/unwanted, things that can be sold as second hand). For each item brought in, a point will be awarded to your child's class.

We are also appealing to any parents or companies who wish to sponsor Prizes to contact the office. Sponsorship letters that can be taken to companies are available from the office. Should you require a letter, a note can just be sent to the office, and we will send a letter home with your child. We need prizes for our Tombola stall and some bigger, top prizes for some of our other stalls. We also need small rewards for learners as they reach their 25 laps and 50 laps. **Remember that we are a Public Benefit Organisation and thus any donations to the organisation 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.** Any donations are welcome.

We will again be needing parents who can assist with the sorting of items sent to the school for the Big Walk. We ask that any parents who might have some free time during the day (or parents who are currently unemployed) please contact the office in order to give your details. Your help will really be appreciated as huge amounts of donations are received and many hands make light work.

2nd AVENUE PARKING/ GENERAL BEHAVIOUR OF PARENTS IN MAIN 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. No transport vehicles are allowed to use the 2nd Avenue parking as specially demarcated parkings bays were created for transport vehicles. These are rules made by the SGB to promote the safety of our little Grade R learners and our Aftercare learners.

We have received request from numerous parents to please address the behaviour of some parents in the parking areas. We therefore again ask all parents to please display consideration and patience in the parking areas of the school and to obey the rules by not double parking or stopping in the middle of the road to drop off their learners. We understand that there is congestion in the mornings and afternoons, but this is compounded by parents blocking the flow of traffic or taking up more than one parking. We ask parents to be considerate and park in the allocated parking bays to assist with traffic flow and ultimately improve the safety of our own children.

OVERLOADING BY TRANSPORT DRIVERS

In the light of the horrific accidents involving scholar transport, as reported in the news, 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 some drivers overloading their 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.

VALENTINE'S DAY CIVVIES

Children who would like to celebrate Valentine's Day may pay R10 to their class teacher or through the KarriApp in order to wear Valentine's Civvies on Friday, 13 February. Children wanting to take part must be dressed appropriately and preferably wear something red depicting Valentine's Day. (**No ripped jeans may be worn** and dresses and shorts must be of an appropriate length.) This is **NOT** compulsory and children not interested can come to school in normal school uniform.

EXTRA MURALS **SWIMMING**

Yesterday, we participated in our first gala for the year at School of Achievement. James Moolman placed first for the 50m individual freestyle race. We are very proud of all our swimmers as Martin School placed 2nd overall.

Next week's gala will again be at School of Achievement. Letters of invitation for that gala will be sent out on Monday to swimmers who will be taking part.

FOUNDATION PHASE PUBLIC SPEAKING

We received an overwhelming response to our auditions held on Wednesday this week. Thank you to all children who have already auditioned. A reminder that the second and final audition day for Foundation Phase Public Speaking will take place on Tuesday, 10 February 2026 and NOT today. If your child has not auditioned yet, this will be the last chance for them to do so. We will not be able to re-audition children who have already auditioned due to time constraints. Children who have been selected to participate in Public Speaking this year will receive a letter towards the end of next week.

GRADE 4-7 PUBLIC SPEAKING

A final reminder about the Public Speaking trials for Grades 4 - 7:

Grade 7 - Monday, 9 February in the Media Centre (English and Afrikaans) 14h15 - 15h15

Grade 4 - Wednesday, 11 February in Mrs Lindeque's class, 14h15 - 15h15

Grade 5 - Wednesday, 11 February in the Media Centre, 14h15 - 15h15

Grade 6 - Wednesday, 11 February in the Media Centre, 14h15 - 15h15

All participating children should prepare 2-3 speech cards to audition with. They may use an old speech.

Yours faithfully

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PRINCIPAL