



NEWSLETTER NO: 11 of 2026

9 April 2026

Dear Parents

A warm word of welcome to all children, parents and staff after the short but welcome break. Term 2 is going to be a very busy term with our packed academic and sport programme as well as our Big Walk, to be held on 30 May. We trust that everyone will once again give the school their support during this term and that we will all work hard to maintain the brilliant standards and excellent results that we are accustomed to.

Please note that the start of this term has a few four-day weeks/ long weekends. We have to still cover all required work in spite of these shorter weeks. **It is therefore imperative that learners attend school on all the formal school days and not take additional long weekends etc.** Learners who do not attend school will lose out on vital lessons that can not be caught up. Formal Assessments/ Tasks missed without valid reasons will result in a zero mark being awarded. (As per National Protocol for Assessment)

IMPORTANT PLANNED DATES TO DIARISE

PTA meetings	- 23 April, 21 May
Freedom Day	- 27 April (Public Holiday)
Worker's Day	- 1 May (Public Holiday)
Mothers' Day Assembly (FP)	- 7 May
Big Walk	- 30 May
Grade 4-7 Exams	- 2 - 8 June (planned dates depending on GDE dates)
FP Public Speaking Evening	- 10 June
School Holiday	- 15 June
Youth Day	- 16 June
Fathers' Day Assembly (FP)	- 18 June
Grd 4-7 Public Speaking Evening	- 18 June
Parents' Afternoon/ Reports out	- 25 June
Term 2 Ends	- 26 June

INTERIM UNIFORM

A reminder that learners will be allowed to wear either summer or winter uniform for an interim period until the end of May, when all learners will be expected to be in full winter uniform.

We do however, recommend that learners stay in summer uniform on warmer days and only wear winter uniform on really cold days, as they tend to take off their jerseys and drimacs as soon as it warms up and then misplace these expensive clothing items. Please ensure that the **correct full** summer/ winter uniform is worn by referring to the uniform requirements on the D6 Communicator. A reminder that the school badge is not required on the long-sleeved shirts worn in winter as the learners must wear a school tie with this shirt.

A reminder that Phys. Ed. shorts must be purchased through the suppliers as they are the prescribed length.

Girls school dresses must not be shorter than 4 fingers above the knee. These rules are put in place to protect our girls and their dignity.

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.

PTA MEETING- PLEASE DIARISE THIS MEETING

Our first PTA meeting for this term will be on Thursday, 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.

STUDY SKILLS FOLLOW-UP WORKSHOP

A reminder that the follow-up workshop for Grade 4 parents (no cost involved) will take place on Saturday, 11 April, at 08:00 in the school hall. Letters for this workshop were handed out at the end of Term 1.

INTENSIVE TEACHING LESSONS

These lessons are by invitation only. Please note that it is compulsory for your child to attend these lessons as per the days and times stipulated on the letters handed out to your child. The reply slip must be completed and returned to the relevant teacher.

EXTRA MURALS

SOCCER PRACTICE

Soccer practice will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 14:15 to 15:15 for under 7 to under 9 learners. The under 10 to under 13 teams will practice until 15:30. Learners who made the team will receive letters with match dates and arrangements.

NETBALL PRACTICE

Netball practice will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 14:15 to 15:15 for under 7 to under 9. The under 10 to under 13 teams will practice until 15:30.

FITNESS TRAINING

Fitness training will start next week and will be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 06:30 and end at 07:15. Learners who would like to attend must please be dressed in Phys Ed kit and bring their school uniform along to change into after training. This is in preparation for upcoming netball, soccer and cross-country seasons.

EISTEDDFOD

Auditions for the Grade 4-7 Eisteddfod will be held next week as follows:

- Grade 4: Monday, 13 April 2026, in C17 with Mrs. Cooper and Ms. Mnyakeni
- Grade 5: Tuesday, 14 April 2026, in E2 with Mrs. Nosworthy
- Grade 6: Wednesday, 15 April 2026, in C3 with Mr. Ribeiro
- Grade 7: Wednesday, 15 April 2026, in C5 with Mrs. Hawley

Letters regarding the auditions were sent out last term. After the auditions, learners who have been selected will receive a letter from the respective coaches. This letter will contain all the details regarding the items for which your child has been selected, as well as the entry fees.

Practice days will be as follows:

- Grade 4: Mondays with Mrs. Cooper, and Wednesdays with Ms. Mnyakeni
- Grade 5: Tuesdays and Thursdays with Mrs. Nosworthy
- Grade 6: Mondays and Wednesdays with Mr. Ribeiro
- Grade 7: Mondays and Wednesdays with Mrs. Hawley

Martin School will also be participating in the Art section of the Eisteddfod this year (Grades 4 to 7 only). Details regarding this will follow.

Yours faithfully

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PRINCIPAL