



**NEWSLETTER NO: 25 of 2025**

21 August 2025

Dear Parents

**PTA MEETING, 21 AUGUST- SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, NOT TO BE MISSED!!**

A final reminder about our PTA meeting tonight, 21 August at 18:00 where we will welcome Clinical Psychologist, Neil Amore who will speak on the important topic, **“When is a little too much? Substance Use and Harmful Behaviour in Youth” with a special focus on Vaping.**

Many of these habits and risks are already being introduced or exposed to children as early as **Primary School, we have even seen incidents of this at our own school, making it crucial for parents to be informed.** This session will equip parents with essential knowledge on the signs and symptoms to be on the look out for, practical strategies for early intervention and tips on how to have an open, age-appropriate conversation with their children to guide and protect them.

Due to the nature of this talk, we will arrange a special “baby sitting” venue for this PTA, for parents who can not make alternative arrangements with their children. (Only for learners attending Martin School.)

Extra parking will be available on the soccer field.

**EARLIER DATE FOR INTERIM UNIFORM**

In our previous newsletter we said that we will start with the Interim Uniform on 1 September. Due to the warmer weather we are experiencing and requests from some learners, we will start with Interim Uniform as from this coming Monday, 25 August. During this period learners may choose to wear either full winter or full summer uniform, depending on the weather. All learners will be expected to be in summer uniform when school opens for Term 4.

**MINI CRICKET RESULTS**

Our U/7 and U/8 cricket teams played their first friendly match of the season on Wednesday, 20 August against Lakeside Primary School. They were full of enthusiasm, enjoyed the game and acquired many new skills. Well done to all our players.

**EISTEDDFOD RESULTS**

Grade 4 Prescribed Poetry:

2x Honours Certificates (A+)

1x Gold Certificate (A)

1x Silver Certificate (B+)

Grade 6 Prescribed Poetry:

2x Honours Certificates (A+)

4x Gold Certificates (A)

1x Silver Certificate (B+)

Grade 5 Dramatised Poetry:

Enrico De Vasconcelos and Megan Munyongwa both received Prestige (A++) and both received a callback to compete for a medal

1x Honours Certificate (A+)

1x Gold Certificate (A)

Grade 6 Dramatised Poetry:

Gabriella Shashaoka Prestige (A++) and the Bronze Medal, placing Third overall in the section.

3x Honours Certificates (A+)

4x Gold Certificates (A)

**CHESS**

On Saturday, Martin School Chess teams participated in a cluster tournament at Laerskool Baanbreker. Our U/9 team placed 1st, our U/11 A & B teams placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and our U/13 A, B & C teams placed 1st in their sections. In our Open Individual section, Tafadzwa Mandongwe placed 1st and Shaylee Mac Dougall placed 2nd. Well done to all our teams on these fantastic achievements!

Yours faithfully

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PRINCIPAL