



NEWSLETTER NO: 31 of 2025

16 October 2025

Dear Parents

Welcome back to all families after the short but welcome break. We wish everyone a happy and successful final term. To all learners a reminder that this is a “make or break” term with the final formal assessments counting a big portion towards the final promotion mark. It is therefore vital for each child to attend school daily and to give it their very best to ensure success and promotion at the end of the year.

SOME IMPORTANT PLANNED DATES TO DIARISE FOR THIS TERM

- 15 October - Martin School 118th Birthday and Final Voucher Day
- 16 October - AGM
- 21-23 October - Foundation Phase Concert
- 4 November - Inter Primary Gala (Martin School hosts)
- 11 November - Final Exams for Grades 4-7 start
- 26 November - Inter House Field Events
- 28 November - Inter House Track Events
- 4 December - Grade R Graduation and Concert
- 5 December - Carols by Candlelight
- 8 December - Academic Prize Givings
- 9 December - Grade 7 Valedictory and Farewell
- 10 December - School closes and reports out. (Aftercare closes)

BIG WALK PRIZE WINNERS

We had our Big Walk Prize Giving on the last day of Term 3. Apart from the prizes that the learners could choose according to their categories, we also did all the lucky draws. The winners of these great prizes are as follows:

Stationery Pack winners:

Grade R	-	Sienna Huxtable	Grade RJ
Grade 1	-	Lirhandzu Mohale	Grade 1B
Grade 2	-	Khadija Mayet	Grade 2B
Grade 3	-	Ofentse Matlhapa	Grade 3B
Grade 4	-	Simengezwi Mngomezulu	Grade 4D
Grade 5	-	Kaina Johnson	Grade 5A
Grade 6	-	Melissa Mbata Mwandiamvita	Grade 6A
Grade 7	-	Skylar Sims	Grade 7B

Full scholarship for a year sponsored by Mr. Brake from CeeBee Debt Collection

Scholarship	-	Maya Fynn	Grade 5D
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Congratulations to all these winners and a great big thank you to our amazing sponsors. (Winners of these prizes can contact Mrs. Sutherland-Clark in the Finance Office regarding their prizes.)

2026 STATIONERY Grades 2-7

We have reached that time of the year again where we have to finalise our stationery for 2026. General compulsory items i.e. books, workbooks, covers etc. will be included in the school fees for next year and will be purchased by the school in bulk. The stationery list that we are sending home is a list of personal/ individual stationery that your child **will need/use** throughout the year i.e. pens, glue, crayons etc. The dictionaries listed will be for home use (when completing homework etc.) and will be used from Grade 4 – 7. Detailed lists of all the stationery requirements for each Grade are also available on the D6 Communicator.

In order to assist you as a parent, our stationery supplier, “Dean’s”, can make up these individual orders for you at a very good price due to the bulk order.

Take special note that these orders and payments must go directly to “Dean’s”.

NO ORDERS OR PAYMENTS WILL BE HANDLED BY THE SCHOOL.

We encourage you to order these items through Dean’s as the stationery supplied by them will be exactly what the teachers have selected and feel would be the best for the specific Grade/ Subject.

Dean’s has arranged to have your order delivered via courier to the address specified on your order form. A tracking number will be sent to you via WhatsApp.

If you have any queries in this regard, please feel free to contact the office.

GRADE R APPLICATIONS 2026

A reminder that applications for Grade R for 2026 is still open. Applications can be made at the office during office hours. Please inform family and friends who might not receive the newsletter of the applications.

SWIMMING DURING PHYS ED LESSONS

A reminder that all learners are doing swimming in Term 4, during Phys Ed lessons, as per the CAPS curriculum. These lessons will start from 20 October.

Please ensure that your child has the correct costume (plain black- see school rules), a swimming cap and a towel for the days that they have Phys Ed. Please ensure that the caps, towels and all clothing items are clearly marked.

Intersen girls and boys will alternate swimming weeks.

FITNESS TRAINING

There will be morning fitness training on Mondays - Thursdays. 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.

EXTRA MURALS FOR TERM 4

Swimming practice will be by invitation only for learners in the swimming team and will start on Monday, 20 October from 14:15 until 15:30. Swimming will then be every Monday and Galas will be on Wednesday afternoons for learners who received individual letters for each gala.

Athletics practice for children interested in joining athletics will start on Tuesday, 21 October from 14:15 until 15:30 and will then be every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter. (This will be open for all learners until the actual team has been selected).

Extra lessons will also start again next week on individually specified dates and times as per IT letters sent out last term. Foundation Phase extra lessons will only start the week after the concert on days indicated on the individual letters sent.

CHESS RESULTS AND PRACTICES

Caydence Waring has been selected for the Mzansi Team Event for chess to be held in December. She is one of only two U/14 girls chosen to represent Ekurhuleni Chess Region.

The following Martin School learners have been selected to represent Ekurhuleni Chess Region in the interregions in December:

U/10: Jason Schoeman

U/12: Adelio Naidoo, Brent Pennington

U/14: Karabo Mpye, Sungano Mukondiwa, Mulangi Nethononda and Caydence Waring.

The following learners participated in the Soncini Chess Tournament this past weekend and all played exceptionally well.

U/14 Girls: Sungano Mukondiwa (placed 8th)

U/14 Boys: Tafadzwa Mandongwe 2nd. (Starting rank 7th)

Karabo Mpye 10th (Starting rank 18th)

Thulani Mkrola 20th (Starting rank 45th)

Well done to all for these amazing achievements.

Please take note of the following dates in order to prepare for our Inter House Chess:

Thursday 16 October: Gemsbok trials and practice (14h15 – 15h30)

Tuesday 21 October: Eland trials and practice (14h15 – 15h30)

Thursday 23 October: Impala trials and practice (14h15 – 15h30)

Tuesday 28 October: Springbok trials and practice (14h15 – 15h30)

This will take place in the Media Centre and is open to all children who would like to try-out for their house team.

Thursday 30 October: Interhouse Chess Tournament for selected learners (14h15 – 16h00.) Learners will receive a letter should they be selected.

Please note that this will replace our usual Chess practices for Term 4.

Yours faithfully

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PRINCIPAL