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Dear Parents

ELECTRICITY PROBLEMS/ KARRI-APP/ TUCKSHOP

Our sincere apologies for the inconvenience caused due to the electricity problems experienced at school this week. Our school did not have electricity since the early hours of Monday morning due to an electrical fault with the feed coming into the school. Unfortunately, this coincided with rainy and cloudy weather on Monday and Tuesday preventing our solar system from functioning at optimal levels. We therefore could not make toasted sandwiches etc. and had to just supply learners with Hotdogs as an emergency measure to ensure that they at least had something to eat. We therefore also had to stop the Karri-App orders to prevent parents from placing further tuck orders that we can't make. We are working on resolving the electrical problems and will announce when we can resume with normal operations. We are however extremely thankful that the weather has cleared up and that our newly installed solar system can at least supply enough basic electricity during daylight hours.

INTER HOUSE ATHLETICS

Please take note of our Inter House Athletics meetings that will be held next week.
On Wednesday, 26 November it will be our Field and Middle-Distance Events.
On Friday, 28 November it will be our Track Events. On 28 November, athletes **and all other learners** may wear their black PE shorts and a T-shirt representing their house colours to cheer on their athletes. (Normal PE Golf shirts may also be worn but it creates more spirit to see exactly which house the learners belong to.)
Parents are welcome to come and watch on this day. Parents joining us are asked to please park in the main parking and then enter through the waiting area gate. Seating will be available on the far side of the stands (closest to the finish line) and there will also be a few chairs placed in certain areas around the track. We ask parents not to come onto the field or track, especially the finish line as we need clear line of sight for our timekeepers and place judges. (It is also an Athletics SA rule that no parents may be on the field or finish area). We will start at approximately 08:15.

Although the **Tuckshop** will be open on this day for Grades 4-7 learners, it will only be for direct purchases and will only sell Hotdogs and Pies as food items apart from the normal crisps, flavoured water etc. The Grade R-3 children will unfortunately not be able to order/ purchase tuck on this day as the Tuckshop will be run from the staffroom and we do not want the little ones crossing the field to get tuck and then possibly get injured by senior athletes. We therefore ask the Foundation Phase parents to please pack lunch for this day. No KariApp orders can be done for this Friday. KariApp orders and normal Tuck orders will again be implemented from the following Monday.

GRADE R CONCERT/ GRADUATION- 4 DECEMBER 2025

A reminder that our Gr R Graduation and Concert will be held on Thursday, 4 December 2025 at 18:30. Concert tickets will be on sale from Thursday, 20 November 2025 from the Finance office at R50 per ticket. As we are restricted with space, each family member is only allowed to buy 5 tickets. Due to this being a prestigious event please make every effort to find alternative arrangements for siblings under the age of 4 years. Refer to the letter sent home with your Gr R child for more information.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Join us on Friday, 5 December 2025 for our annual Carols by Candlelight. The gates will open at 18:00 and the performance will start at 18:45. Bring a picnic blanket, your camping chair and your own festive treats to enjoy while watching the show. Please note: no food or drinks will be on sale and **no alcohol or pets** will be permitted. Please also note that teachers on duty will only look after participants therefore parents must accompany all other minor children and are responsible to look after their own children on the evening. Entry is free however a donation of non-perishable items for our families in need will be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR INDIGENT FAMILIES

We ask any interested parents to send some form of non-perishable food (tins of food) to the class teachers. We will make hampers for our indigent children who have been on the school feeding scheme in order for them to at least have something on the table during the festive season when we all enjoy feasts and festivities with our families.

SCHOOL LEAVERS

Parents who have not yet advised the school that their children (Grade R – 6) will not be returning next year, must please do so in writing as soon as possible.

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.

Yours faithfully
H. THERON
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