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NEWSLETTER NO 2 OF 2026

Dear Parents,

"Today I choose life. Every morning when I wake-up, I can choose joy, happiness, negativity, pain ... To feel the freedom that comes from being able to continue to make mistakes and choices – Today, I choose to feel life, not to deny my humanity but embrace it."

Kevyn Aucoin

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING AND RINGING OF THE BELL CEREMONY

We had a very special celebration on Saturday. I want to thank all the parents that came through to support their children at our annual prize giving. The children were well dressed and were an absolute pleasure.

Thank-you to the staff that worked so hard and spent time with our parents after the event was over.

We also held parent-teacher briefing sessions for all new parents as well as our Grade 12 Parents. Again, I want to extend my thanks to those that attended. It was heart-warming to see the response, especially from our Grade 12 parents where we discussed this vitally important day and answered all your questions.

HEAD PREFECTS 2025/26

I am pleased to announce that our Head Prefects for the 2025/26 academic year are as follows:

Head Boy:	Angelo Camalando
Head Girl:	Peyton Raffle
Deputy Head Boy:	Quinton Mhlanga
Deputy Head Girl:	Serenity Brauns

I am more than certain that these four young ladies and gentlemen will execute their duties diligently and with perfection. I wish them well for their term in office.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

We also announced our house captains for 2026 at our prize giving ceremony:

Our house captains are Donch Kajimb and Angelo Camalando for Liddell and Tennessee Derbyshire and Emmanuel Issesa for Cairns. Congratulation!

SCHOOL CAMP

We are now at an advanced stage of booking to school camp. We expect to have this finalized by the end of this week and then we will send out information to our parents. The camp will work on an invitation basis. Children who missed school on Saturday, will automatically receive one strike, meaning, the next think they do incorrectly, will result in them not receiving an invitation to camp.

DEADLINE FOR WORKBOOKS, STATIONERY AND TEXTBOOKS

A reminder to all parents that we need your child to have all the applicable textbooks, workbooks and stationery at school by Monday the 2 February.

Children who do not have the applicable textbooks and workbooks will not be able to work in class. They also will not be able to study for cycle tests or class tests and consequently, will fall behind in their work.

Please check that your child has the correct books. There may still be second-hand books available from Mrs Byrne.

OFFICE HOURS

A reminder that Ms Ludolph starts working at 7:30 and therefore, the gate on 6th Avenue only opens from 7:30am. Mrs Ludolph is here until 15:00 Monday to Friday.

ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

Please note that if your child is absent from school **or has not reported** in at the register class to be marked as present, you will receive an SMS to notify you that your child is absent. Kindly take up the matter with you child and if they were not sick, ask them why did you receive an SMS. Some children fail to report in to their register teachers and then they are marked as absent. This is a huge problem as ultimately, if a learner exceeds 20 absentee days in a year, they will end up repeating the grade, so, it is in the learner's best interests to make sure they are marked as present.

SCHOOL FEES

A reminder to parents that school fees are due for payment before the 1st of each month. In terms of our debtor's policy, you will be charged a "Late payment fee" if school fees are paid after the 3rd of the month.



Please could we appeal to parents to place the four-digit account number from your school fee account into the payment reference on your banking app when making EFT payments.

ACADEMIC DETENTION

Our school has a policy that does not allow learners to obtain marks less than 40%. We believe that setting a high standard encourages children to reach higher academic levels and ultimately results in children who will obtain the necessary marks to pass each year comfortably and gain access to university.

If a learner does not obtain the minimum mark of 40% for any classwork or cycle test, they will be placed in Academic detention.

Ms McBride will inform parents, by the Monday of each week, whether your child is placed in academic detention.

Academic detention takes place on a Friday from 14:45 for the length of the test that they did not do well in. If a task is outstanding, a learner can also be placed in academic detention to force that child to complete their task so that they do not obtain a zero.

Academic detention is not a punishment: It is an opportunity for the learner who obtained less than 40% to rewrite the assessment so that they can receive a passing mark. The mark obtained from the rewrite will be added to the original mark and this will then be divided by 2 to calculate the final mark awarded to the child.

Children who miss an academic detention will end up doing the academic detention followed by a behaviour detention.

BEHAVIOUR DETENTION

Children who accumulate 3 demits will be placed on behaviour detention. This is meant to be an inconvenience to the child. Children who are placed in behaviour detention are expected to be at school from 14:45 until 16:30 on a Friday afternoon.

Children who miss a behaviour detention will be placed on Headmaster's detention. This will be a rather unpleasant experience and children are strongly advised not to get to this point of the discipline cycle.

CYCLE TEST SCHEDULE

Cycle tests are written each Wednesday at 7:50 until 09:00. Please do not schedule any appointments or other events during the cycle test period. Term 1 is a non-examination term which means that cycle tests are incredibly important for your child's term 1 mark. **A learner who misses a cycle test must produce a doctor's note in order to be allowed to write the cycle test. If there is no doctor's note, the learner will receive a zero for that test.**

This is a rule in terms of the IEB assessment policies. Children are expected to be well prepared for their cycle tests where the pass mark is no lower than 40%.

Please take note of the exams that will be written on the appropriate dates:

Date:	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
28 January	English	Maths	Business Studies/ Geography/ Physical Science	English	Afrikaans/ isiZulu
4 February	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	EMS: Business	Maths / Maths Literacy	Accounting / CAT	English
11 February	Maths	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Afrikaans / isiZulu	Maths/ Maths Literacy	History / Accounting / IT

18 February	NS: Science component	SS: History	Accounting	Life Sciences / IT / Art	Business Studies/ Physical Science
25 February	NS: Life Sciences component	EMS: Accounting	CAT / History / IT	Business Studies / Physical Science / History	Maths/Maths Literacy
4 March	Creative Arts	Natural Science	Life Sciences / Art	English	Life Sciences / CAT / Art
11 March	EMS: Accounting	Maths	Maths/ Maths Literacy	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	History / Accounting / IT
18 March	EMS: Business Studies	CAT and CAR	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Maths/ Maths Literacy	English
25 March	Life Orientation	SS: Geography	Business Studies/ Geography/ Physical Science	Accounting / CAT	Afrikaans/ isiZulu
1 April	CAT and CAR	Creative Arts	English	Life Sciences / IT (Theory) / Art	Business Studies/ Physical Science
8 April	School Camp				

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

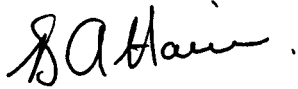
Please could parents take note of the following important dates for the remainder of this term:

DATE & TIME	EVENT	WHO SHOULD ATTEND
26 JAN - 13 FEB	Valentine's Fundraiser	Grade 12
30 JAN	Absolute final date for all learners to have all textbook and stationery items	All learners and parents with learners in gr 8 - 12
30 JAN	IEB Exams: First Entry Return. No grade 12 corrections allowed after this date.	Grade 12s / Mr Harris/ Ms McBride
6 FEB	School photo day	All learners from Gr R to 12
13 FEB	Valentine's Day - Civvies Day	All College Learners
19 FEB	Civvies day Progress Letters sent out to parents. School closes at 12:00 for Mid-Term	All Learners All Grade 8 to 12 Parents & learners

20 FEB TO 23 FEB	Mid-term break	Grade 8-12 Learners Teaching Staff
24 FEB	Learners return to school for the second half of the term	All Learners

We trust that your child is settling in well at school. Please remember that we are here to support you and your child in their education.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Harris
Executive Headmaster