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Dear Parents,

"The successful man will profit from his mistakes and try again in a different way."

Dale Carnegie

As we approach mid-term, I would like to take this opportunity to provide a general update of the programme that lies from now towards the end of this term. A reminder that our school programme is packed with activities and it is important that you keep yourself up-to-date with the events taking place. There are also some important matters that I need to report back to the parents on, and the details are listed below in this newsletter.

TEXTBOOKS

Teachers are reporting to me that there are still learners without the required textbooks for effective learning and teaching to take place. This is not acceptable as children cannot work without the required books.

Teachers and learners become frustrated if the prescribed books are not available. If your child does not have the required textbook, a letter will be sent home with your child. Please consider this as serious. We will keep a list of learners who do not have the textbook and if academic progress is not as required, then we will hold the parent concerned accountable as it is the duty of the parent to ensure that children have the required textbooks.

I remind parents that the list of books is available from the school's website which you can access on www.randschools.co.za.

MID-TERM PROGRESS REPORTS

The school issued mid-term progress reports to all parents yesterday. We emailed these to parents, as well as handed out hard copies to each child. Your child should have given this to you yesterday.

We expect all parents to sign and return the Mid-Term Reports to school by Tuesday next week.

SCHOOL CAMP

Invitations for camp will be sent out to qualifying Grade 11 and 12 learners early next week. To qualify for camp, the expectation is that the child must have a good behaviour record.

Children who are not going on camp will be expected to be at school for the 4 days that the other children are at camp. Work will be assigned for these children and classes along with assessments will need to be completed. Under no circumstances may a child take an early holiday.

WATER SUPPLY ISSUES

Similar to many parts of Johannesburg, the school has also been affected by the lack of water supply from the City of Johannesburg. The situation becomes quite serious as hygiene may be compromised and toilets cannot be flushed. Children cannot wash hands as well, and I am very concerned that this basic human right is not being met by the City of Johannesburg.

We had a geotechnical engineer on the school site this week and he identified two possible places where we could sink a borehole. The survey reveals that we have a strong underground river running through the school. I am proceeding with the drilling of a borehole, and later, we hope to install tanks which we will connect to the toilet water system.

We cannot compromise on Education due to the lack of water. Similar to solar electrical installations, and sadly, because our local council lacks the ability to provide for its citizens, we have to find alternatives to meet the basic needs of our learners and staff.

SCHOOL FEES

A reminder to parents that school fees are due for payment before the 1st of each month. For our school to continue to perform well, we need to meet our financial obligations timeously, and we depend on our parents to meet theirs so we can do what we need to do on our end.

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.

CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM

During the first week of March, the school will begin the roll-out of a new administrative program. We have taken the decision to revert to Ed-Admin as it provides far better structures and D6, and is more suited to our needs as a school.

Parents will soon receive an invitation to install the Parent App. Children will also receive their own Student App. Both Parent and Learner will be able to track academic performance, school fees, newsletters and receive communication from the school, using this new app.

Please keep an eye out for further information.

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 your 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.

CYCLE TEST SCHEDULE AND SPORTS DAY

As we draw nearer to the mid-term break, we have decided to move the cycle test scheduled for 18 February to the 19th February. The children will also participate in interhouse sports on the morning of the 19th, after they have written their cycle tests.

A reminder that 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
19 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				

SANBS BLOOD DRIVE

The South African Nation Blood Service will be at our school on Friday, 13 March to take donations of blood from our learners.

To qualify, a learner must be aged at least 16 years of age, weigh 50 kg or more and be in good health.

Donations of blood will be acknowledged and children will receive community service points for their donations.

A single unit of blood donated can save the lives of up to 5 people.

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
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 Gideon's to hand out Bibles	All Learners All new learners
24 FEBRUARY	Learners to hand in Mid-Term Reports after parents sign them.	All Learners and Parents
13 MARCH	SANBS Blood Drive	All Parents and Learners
24 MARCH	Rocking Future Career Day	Grade 11 & 12 Learners
3 APRIL	Good Friday	All Parents, learners and Staff
6 APRIL	Family Day	All Parents, learners and Staff
7 APRIL	Learners leave for school camp	All Learners, staff and parents
10 APRIL	End of Term 1: School closes at 11:00 Term 1 reports issued All campers return from camp	All learners and Staff
7 MAY	Second term commences	All learners and Staff

MID-TERM BREAK

Today sees the start of our Mid-Term break. School will close at 12:00 today and a reminder that there will not be waiting class. We will be closed for the Mid-Term Break tomorrow, 20 February up to Monday the 23 February. School will reopen on the 24th February.

I would like to extend my best wishes to the Learners, Staff and Parents as we have a little rest. We will return on Tuesday next week to tackle the second half of the term revitalised and ready to work.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Harris
Executive Headmaster