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Dear Parents,

"If the ladder is not leaning against the right wall, every step we take just gets us to the wrong place, faster."

Stephen Covey

The end of the first term is approaching and we have just short of 3 weeks of school left before the holidays. There are a number of public holidays coming up as well, which will shorten the amount of time left. Please see the details of this newsletter which, as usual, contains important information for you to take note of.

MIGRATION TO ED-ADMIN

We have successfully, migrated all parent and learner data to Ed-Admin. Our next major task will be to migrate the financial information from D6 to Ed-Admin. This is scheduled for the first week of May. Once that is completed, we will cease to use D6 and focus fully on Ed-Admin.

Marks are being captured by the staff on Ed-Admin. If you have installed the Ed-Admin Multi-Portal App on your phone, you will be able to track your child's academic progress in real-time. You will also be able to see your child's attendance as well as all Merits and Demerits that have been awarded to your child. We will also send notifications of an urgent nature, directly to your app so you will see these.

In addition, Ed-Admin allows us to send e-mails and SMSs directly to you. The great thing about Ed-Admin is that it tracks all communication we send, so we can see the exact time and date when you open our emails and SMSs.

Please could I urge you to install the Multi-portal app on your phone as soon as possible. Our end of term reports will also be pushed to your App so that you can access them from there.

SCHOOL CAMP

The school camp, which will take place from 7th to 10th April has been confirmed and all bookings finalized. I have emailed all children and parents with the camp list requirements as well as sent out indemnity forms and food requirement forms.

Please must these be returned to the office by the 27th March.

CHILDREN NOT GOING ON CAMP

If your child is not going on camp, they are still required to attend school from the 7th to 10th April.

I will be monitoring attendance. All non-camping children will be required to complete activities that will be assessed and will contribute towards their term mark. Work will be left by staff going on camp and we will ensure that this work is completed by the 10th April.

SPORT RESULTS

I am very pleased with the attendance and participation of learners in our various sporting codes. While our first Netball match only took place yesterday, our boys have been playing a number of soccer matches.

The results for our soccer matches are as follows:

4th March: Rand vs Maryvale - Open drew 3:3
- Under 15 lost 2:1

13 March: Rand vs The King's school Robin Hills
- Open drew 3:3
- Under 15 won 2:1

This Friday we will be playing against Eden College. We wish our boys all the best for their games. Congratulations on the results above!

The Netball girls played against Kensington Secondary School yesterday. Unfortunately, some of the games could not be completed as their conduct made it near impossible to play in the spirit of good sportsmanship. Fortunately, the Opens won their match 8:5. Congratulations!

Despite this negative start, our young ladies looked stunning in their Netball kit. Please see the photographs below. I also wish our girls all the best for the forthcoming matches.





LATE ARRIVALS

I notice that some of our learners arrive late for school each day. This is not good, as learners miss the start of lessons which is often the most important part of a lesson. If the traffic is delaying you, please consider leaving 5 to 10 minutes earlier so that your child arrives at school on time. We would appreciate your assistance with getting your child to school by 7:50.

LEARNERS NOT LEAVING AFTER SCHOOL

We have also noticed a trend that some of our children do not leave school after school ends. If children are participating in extra-mural activities or attending extra lessons, they are welcome to remain to participate, however, some children just remain for no reason. We will place these children into the waiting classes where they can do homework or study.

A reminder that children must be fetched from school by 17:00. We have had one or two incidents where children have been left at school as late as 19:00 which is not acceptable.

ROCKING FUTURE ROADSHOW

The Grade 11 and 12 learners will attend the Rocking Future Roadshow on Tuesday, 24 March from 08:00. This is a display and presentation of information from non-governmental organisations that provide Tertiary education. There are many Colleges and Institutions that provide alternatives to the traditional degree courses offered by universities. At this event, learners will be allowed to ask questions and receive information on options for Tertiary study that may not be covered by traditional university courses. An example of this is animation design. We hope our learners will find the visit beneficial.

BLOOD BANK DONATIONS

The SANBS was here on Friday, 13 March. We were able to collect 11 units of blood from our parents, staff and learners. Each unit of blood can save up to 5 lives so while our unit count was low, the impact is huge. I'd like to encourage learners who qualify, to consider donating next time. Let's see if we can increase our units donated to over 20.

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.

RAMADAN AND EASTER

According to the information on the internet, the sighting of the new moon is expected tonight. We wish our Muslim parents and learners well as the fast ends and they celebrate this religious time in their calendar.

Our Christian parents, learners and staff will celebrate Easter from the 3rd to the 6th April. We wish our Christian families a peaceful and introspective time while we contemplate the sacrifice that Jesus made for all of us.

CYCLE TEST SCHEDULE AND SPORTS DAY

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
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
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
9 May (Saturday)	Academic Feedback Parent-Teacher- Student meetings	All Learners, Parents and Staff

END OF TERM

Please take note that school will be closed for Good Friday on the 3rd April as well as on the 6th April which is Family Day.

The children on camp, will leave for camp on the 7th April return to school by 11:00 on the 10th April.

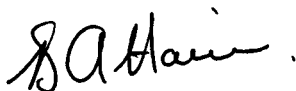
Children not on camp will continue with block-teaching and activities from the 7th April up to 11:00 on the 7th April.

All learners will then be dismissed at 11:00 for the first term holidays. Reports will be issued on the Ed-Admin App and will also be emailed to parents on the 10th April.

School reopens on the 7th May for the second term. We will have a parent-teacher-student feedback session on the 9th May – this is an opportunity to receive feedback from the teachers on your child's academic progress.

I would like to end off this newsletter by wishing all our Muslim parents and learners well for Eid-ul-Fitr tonight, and our Christian parents and learners, a Blessed Easter.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Harris
Executive Headmaster