

09th December 2024



## **NEWSLETTER # 10 2024**



**“One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child—Maria Montessori.**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been an incredibly busy year, filled with challenges and opportunities for growth. I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you—our invaluable partners in education—for your support in making this year a success. The collective efforts of our dedicated teachers, hardworking staff, and engaged parents have all played essential roles in creating a nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

The teachers have dedicated their time and energy to creating a safe and supportive learning environment for students. They have worked tirelessly to develop engaging lesson plans and provide individualised attention. This commitment fosters a love of learning and encourages students to reach their full potential, which is what makes MLP a special place. Building strong relationships is also a key aspect of their approach.

Ground staff members, often working behind the scenes, have also been instrumental in maintaining the smooth operation of our school. They manage a range of essential services—from keeping our classrooms and facilities clean and safe to handling various administrative tasks crucial for our school's daily functioning. Their hard work and dedication ensure that our students have a positive and well-organized learning environment.

Equally important are our parents, who have truly been vital partners in this educational journey. Your involvement has taken many forms, from volunteering in classrooms and supporting school events to attending parent-teacher conferences and advocating for your children's needs. This level of engagement has strengthened our school community and reinforced to our children the importance of education and support.

As we look back on this year, I want to thank each of you for contributing to our school community. Our collective efforts create a positive and impactful educational experience for our children. I am excited for what the future holds.

As we move forward, our priority remains your child's well-being and success in every aspect of their education. We are dedicated to providing a high-quality educational experience that prepares our students for a bright future. We truly appreciate all your support this year and are excited about continuing our partnership in the years ahead.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent school plays, "ANNIE" and "The SOUND OF MUSIC." All proceeds generated from ticket sales will be allocated to the drama department. This funding will help support various initiatives, including production costs, set design, costumes, and educational programs for students involved in drama and music. Your purchase not only grants you access to a fantastic performance but also contributes to enriching our school's dramatic offerings. Thank you for your support! The performances showcased the remarkable talent of our students and fill us with joy to witness their achievements! In the coming days, we will share a link to the photos from both evenings on our Facebook page. A special thank you goes to Leah Conti for capturing such beautiful moments. In addition, a recording of the event will become available, and a notice will be sent out in this regard. We are also grateful to Waterford Kamhlaba for allowing us to use their theatre hall and buses, enabling these wonderful performances.

If you have any costumes from the play that do not belong to you, please help us by returning them to school. We also ask that all sports uniforms be returned. Thank you for your cooperation! The school office is open this week.

As we say goodbye to our graduating seventh graders and some of our sixth graders advancing to high school, we want to celebrate their leadership and achievements. While we will miss them, we are confident they will continue to excel in their future journeys. We also want to express our appreciation to all the other children who are leaving; the joy and positivity you've brought to our community will be greatly missed. We wish you and your families all the best as you take on new adventures. Below is the list of schools where our graduates have been accepted; we are proud of their accomplishments.

Waterford - 16  
Usutu-4  
Sifundzani -1  
Sisekelo- 2  
St Marks – 1  
Lilima – 2  
Piet Retief – 1  
Other countries - 1  
Enjabulweni – 3  
Ermelo – 1  
Online Learning – 1  
Kobe - 1



### **Home Classes for 2025**

Class 1 (LE Grades 1-3) – Ms Teresa, Ms Phumie, Class Assistant Ms Hlobi  
Class 2 (LE Grades 1-3) – Ms Rochelle, Ms Meghan, Class Assistant Ms Eden  
Class 3 (LE Grades 1-3) – Ms Londiwe (LP), Ms Ellen, Class Assistant Ms Anna  
Class 4 (UE Grades 4&5) – Coach Gerard and Ms Chembo, Class Assistant Ms Ashlee  
Class 5 (UE Grades 4&5) – Ms Beverley and Ms Bridget, Class Assistant Ms Lelo  
Class 6 (UE Grades 6&7) – Ms Riette, Class Assistant Mr Colani  
Class 7 (UE Grades 6&7) – Mr Earl and Ms Maria



## Extra-Curricular Teachers for 2025

Chess- Mr Joshua  
Robotics and Computers – Mr Jose  
Music and Drama – Mr Mxolisi and Mr Joshua  
SiSwati – Ms Nokwanda  
French – Ms Noreen  
Physical Education – Coach Delisa  
(External coaches for some sports)

## Admin Staff 2025

Administrator – Ms Alicia Thring  
Bursar and HR – Ms Dudu Maziya  
Deputy – Ms Zulmira Craigie/ Pastoral  
Principal- Ms Thea Rudd Vila Pouca



## Security Grant

We are excited to announce that the school has been awarded another security grant from the United States Embassy. The school will install two security guard houses, new gates, a diesel generator, solar panels with backup batteries, and external backup lighting. We look to commence some work in December 2024 or early January 2025.

## First two weeks of Term 1 2025

For the first two weeks of the term, there will be no afternoon or extracurricular activities. Sports and class schedules will be sent out in the first week of school.

## PTA

A big thank you to all the PTA members for all their hard work this year. Please see the attached letter from the PTA.

## School Fees Payments

The school relies entirely on fee income, making timely payments essential for smooth operations and maintaining financial sustainability. We want to remind parents with outstanding fees to settle their accounts promptly. All school fees and any additional amounts due must be cleared by December 20, 2024. Please be advised that students with outstanding balances from the previous year will not be eligible for enrollment in January 2025. Furthermore, termly reports have only been issued upon receipt of full payment. For any inquiries, please consult the School Bursar.

December office hours:  
9th – 13th December 8 am – 2 pm.

## Dates to remember:

### January

Monday 13th – 17th School office is open from 8-2 pm  
Monday 20th onwards School office is open from 8 am -4 pm  
**Wednesday 22nd – School Starts**

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday!

Kind regards

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