

23 September 2026



NEWSLETTER 6 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Term Three is in full swing, and it is always a busy and exciting term. We look forward to a happy, productive and fulfilling term together.

Please see below for the latest school updates and important upcoming dates.

Upcoming Events:

September

Thur 24th and Fri 25th – U13 Girls and Boys Soccer Camp @ UFSI

Fri 25th – Productions 2000

Tues 29th and Wed 30th – School Photos

October

Sat 3rd – School Market Day

Wed 7th – G1 & G2 Soccer and Netball festival @ Hlanganani

Thurs 15th – Close Mid-term break at 12 o'clock

Tue 20th – Open Mid- term

Wed 21st – G1 & G2 Girls and Boys Cricket @ Enjabulweni

Tuesday 27th – IBT English

Wednesday 28th – IBT Science

Thursday 29th – IBT Math

November

9th-13th – Upper Elementary -Konka Trip

Fri 13th – Movie Night

Wed 18th – Orientation Day new learners 2027

Fri 20th – Last day of sports

Fri 20th – ABC Drop off

Fri – 27th – G6 & 7 Market Day



IEB -IBT Exams

We will write the annual IBT – International Benchmark Tests, administered by the IEB (Independent Examinations Board).

The Independent Examinations Board (IEB) offers the International Benchmark Tests (IBT) in partnership with the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) for learners in Grades 3 to 10. Montessori participates in the Grade 4–7 assessments.

These skills-based diagnostic assessments include English, Mathematics and Science assessments and are evaluated against international standards. Having the assessments externally administered and analysed provides valuable information for both learners and teachers. It enables teachers to identify areas of strength and areas where further support may be beneficial, while giving learners the opportunity to participate in an internationally benchmarked assessment and understand how their performance compares within a broader international context.

The assessments provide useful information about learners' knowledge and skills and support their ongoing academic development.

The IBTs also give learners valuable experience of more formalised assessment structures, helping them become familiar with the types of testing environments they may encounter when applying to high schools and writing future entrance and school examinations.

Teachers and learners prepare for the assessments throughout the year, with the examinations written in October.

For further information about the IBT assessments, please visit the **IEB website**.

Staff Update

We are delighted to welcome **Ms Ellen** back to school following her maternity leave. It is wonderful to have her back with us, and we look forward to having her with us for the remainder of the year.

We share mixed emotions, as this will also be Ms Ellen's final term at Montessori Life Primary, as she will leave at the end of the year, to focus on being a full-time mum. We are very grateful for all that she has contributed to the school and wish her every happiness, as she begins this new chapter.

We will also be saying goodbye to **Ms Gemma** at the end of the year. Gemma will be joining Enjabulweni as their new Deputy Head. We congratulate her on this wonderful opportunity and wish her every success in her new role.

To both of you, thank you for all that you have contributed to Montessori Life Primary. We wish you a wonderful final term with us and all the very best for the future.

We are currently interviewing for these positions, and we will share further announcements in the coming weeks.

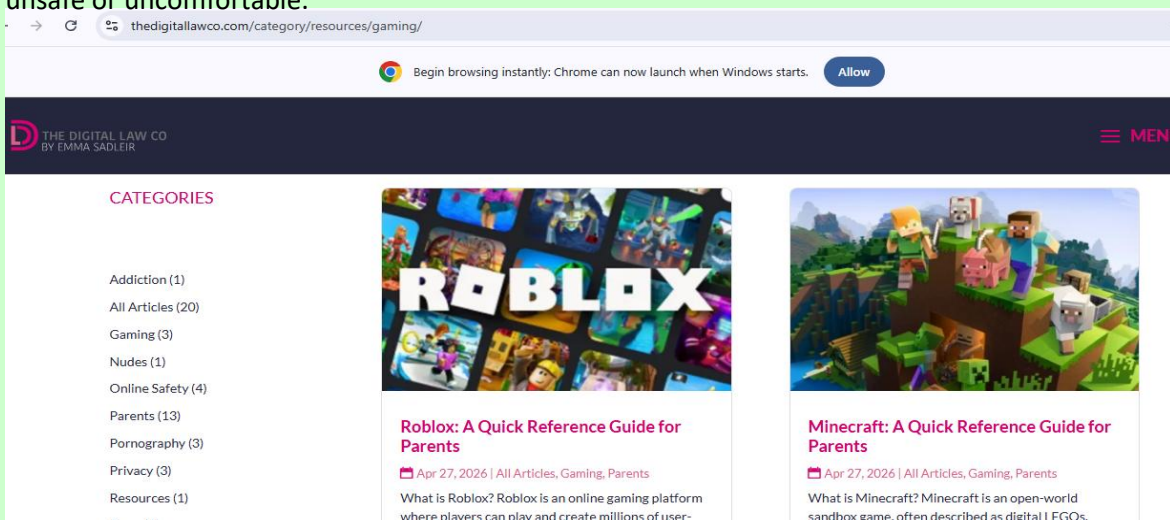
Digital Wellness

As a school, we encourage and promote digital wellness and responsible engagement with technology.

We encourage parents to make use of the resources provided by **The Digital Law Company**, founded by Emma Sadleir, a South African social media law expert, public speaker, media lawyer, author and thought leader. The website includes a section dedicated to resources that assist parents in navigating the content their children may encounter, as well as the games and social media applications they may be using.

We strongly encourage parents to make use of these resources to help themselves and their children develop an understanding of what they may be exposed to online, and how to engage safely and responsibly with digital spaces.

We also remind parents to check their children's devices regularly, where appropriate, and to ensure that children feel comfortable talking to a trusted adult and reporting anything they encounter on their devices that makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.



The screenshot shows the website of The Digital Law Company, founded by Emma Sadleir. The browser address bar displays the URL thedigitallawco.com/category/resources/gaming/. A notification bar at the top indicates that Chrome can now launch when Windows starts, with an 'Allow' button. The website header features the company logo and a 'MENU' button. The main content area is titled 'CATEGORIES' and lists various topics: Addiction (1), All Articles (20), Gaming (3), Nudes (1), Online Safety (4), Parents (13), Pornography (3), Privacy (3), and Resources (1). Two featured articles are displayed: 'Roblox: A Quick Reference Guide for Parents' and 'Minecraft: A Quick Reference Guide for Parents'. Both articles are dated April 27, 2026, and are categorized under All Articles, Gaming, and Parents. The Roblox article includes a brief description: 'What is Roblox? Roblox is an online gaming platform where players can play and create millions of user-generated games.'

Sport Term 3

Please see the sports schedule for this term's sports:



TERM 3 SPORTS SCHEDULE 2026

LOWER ELEMENTARY (Grade 2&3) 13h00-14h00

TERM 3	GROUP	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
	GIRLS	CRICKET	SOCCER
	BOYS	SOCCER	CRICKET

- GRADE 1&2 SOCCER FESTIVAL 7 OCTOBER @ HLANGANANI
- GRADE 1&2 NETBALL FESTIVAL 7 OCTOBER @ HLANGANANI
- GRADE 1&2 CRICKET FESTIVAL 21 OCTOBER @ ENJABULWENI

UPPER ELEMENTARY intermediates (Grade 4&5) 14h00-15h00

TERM 1	GROUP	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
1 st HALF 21 Sept – 14 Oct	GIRLS	BASKETBALL GR 4s & 5s	SOCCER	CRICKET
	BOYS	BASKETBALL GR 4s & 5s	CRICKET	CRICKET
2 nd HALF 20 Oct – 19 Nov	GIRLS	BASKETBALL GR 4s & 5s	SOCCER	CRICKET
	BOYS	BASKETBALL GR 4s & 5s	CRICKET	SOCCER

- U11 BOYS CRICKET FESTIVAL DATE: TBC @ MALKERNS

UPPER ELEMENTARY senior (Grade 6&7) 14h00-15h00

TERM 1	GROUP	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1 st HALF 21 Sept – 14 Oct	GIRLS	SOCCER	BASKETBALL GR 6s & 7s	CRICKET
	BOYS	CRICKET	BASKETBALL GR 6s & 7s	CRICKET
2 nd HALF 20 Oct – 19 Nov	GIRLS	SOCCER	BASKETBALL GR 6s & 7s	CRICKET
	BOYS	CRICKET	BASKETBALL GR 6s & 7s	SOCCER

- U13 BOYS CRICKET FESTIVAL DATE: TBC @ ENJABULWENI



Upper Elementary School Trip

The Upper Elementary Classes will be visiting Konka, between Magaliesberg and Rustenburg.

Due to the change in dates associated with the upcoming elections in South Africa, we will resend the indemnity form this week. Please complete and return it to your child's teacher.

We will also host a brief WhatsApp video call next week to discuss the trip. This will give us an opportunity to meet with parents, answer any questions they may have, and support our application to the Ministry of Education for a cross-border letter of permission.

Fees

We kindly remind parents with outstanding school fees to please settle their accounts promptly.

Termly payers should ensure that their accounts are up to date. Monthly payers are reminded that payments should be made before the 7th of each month to avoid disruption to learning.

We currently have a number of learners with outstanding balances and, as we approach the end of the school year, we will adhere strictly to the school's fee policy to recover outstanding debt. Where accounts remain unpaid, and no payment arrangement has been made with the school, learners may unfortunately be required to remain at home until an arrangement has been put in place.

Annual Abandoned Babies for Christ Ministries (ABC) Drive

We would like to remind parents about our annual ABC Drive. Our drop-off date will be **20 November**. Our Grade 6 and 7 leavers will visit the home and deliver the collected donations.

At Montessori Life Primary, we believe that education extends beyond the classroom. One of the most important lessons we can help our children develop is an understanding that their actions can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

The home provides love, safety and care for some of our community's most vulnerable children. The home currently cares for 13 children, including 9 babies, each with their own unique story and journey.

Every donation, no matter how small, helps to provide essential items such as food, toiletries, clothing and other everyday necessities for the children in the home's care.

More importantly, this is an opportunity for our learners to experience what it means to show kindness, generosity and compassion. Through small acts of service, we can help our children understand that they have the ability to contribute positively to the lives of others and to their wider community.

Thank you for partnering with us as we nurture not only curious minds, but also compassionate hearts.

We have been sharing the ABC Newsletter at our bottom gate and will continue to make this available for parents who would like to read the latest news from the home.

Suggested Donations:

An accurate list of the items currently needed is attached at the end of this newsletter.

We encourage families to take this opportunity to clear out cupboards and pass on gently used clothing and toys that can be enjoyed by others. Monetary donations can also be made directly to the home. If you would like their banking details, these can be arranged through the school.

Together, small acts of kindness can create lasting change.

Please drop off items in the school office or with class teachers.



School Plays

Lower Elementary will be performing – Peter Pan

Upper Elementary will be performing – Madagascar

Auditions have taken place, and students are excited and are focusing on the plays in Music and Drama classes.

Please feel free to contact the school team via the channels available if needed. Open communication between home and school helps nurture a strong partnership and a supportive school environment for the children.

Kind regards

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ABC MINISTRY HOME SUPPLY NEEDS

ABC Baby House drive

BABY MILKS:

Infacare No. 2 & 3

BABY SUPPLIES:

Baby Sunlight bath soap

Aqueous Cream

Disposable nappies: mainly sizes 2,3 or M, 4 or L & 5 or XL

LAUNDRY ITEMS:

Washing powder: Sunlight Hand washing

Sunlight green bar

Bleach (Jik)

FOOD:

Peanut butter Fruit: Apples & Bananas

Mealie meal Vegetables: Potatoes, carrots & Butternut

Mabele porridge

Rice

Morvite

Weetabix

Sugar

Rooibos tea

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