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NEWSLETTER # 7 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to Term Three. Term Three is our busiest term, with loads of end-of-year prep taking place and our end-of-year productions in full preparation. We look forward to a happy and fulfilling term together.

Please see the newsletter for the latest updates.

Upcoming Events:

October
Wednesday 9th – G1 and G2 Grassroots Soccer @ Malkerns
Thursday 10th – Orientation Day @ MLP
Saturday 12th – U11 Girls Soccer @ MLP
Wednesday 11th – U9 Girls Soccer @ MLP
Thursday 23rd – G1 and G2 Cricket @ Enjabulweni
Thursday 24th – Info evening Drakensberg Boys Choir School @ MLP
Saturday 26th – MLP Golf Day
Tuesday 29th – IBT English
Wednesday 30th- IBT Science
Thursday 31st – IBT Math & close Mid-term break at 12 o'clock

November
Tuesday 5th – Open Mid-term
Wednesday 6th – Friday 8th November Grade 4 and 5 Class Trip
Friday 15th – PTA Movie Night

December
Tuesday 3rd -LE Play 5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday 4th – UE Matinee 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Thursday 5th – UE Play 5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Friday 6th – Close Term 3 at 11 a.m.

ABC Ministry – A Safe Haven for Children.
Thank you to all those who sent items to be delivered to ABC Ministry. The ministry deeply touched the students who participated in the drop-off.

Sports and Extra-curricular Activities
A big WELL DONE to the soccer team representing the school in Piet Retief. The team played brilliantly and placed 8th overall out of 10 schools! Well done, boys! We also commend our chess team, which represented the school last weekend.

Trips

Upper Elementary went on their school trip in Term 2 to Hlane, Mbuluzi, Luphohlo, and Malolotja Nature Reserve. Their trip was based on team building, leadership, and outdoor adventure. The students got to see the lions and rhinos at Hlane, camped for a night at Mbuluzi, slept in the classes for a night, did team-building and leadership activities at Jabula camp at Luphuhlo, and ended the trip doing the zip-line at Malolotja Nature Reserve. The trip was wonderful, and I saw many students pushing themselves out of their comfort zones. Well done, Grade 6 and 7 students!

The Grade 4 and 5 students will be going on their class trip in Term 3. They will visit: Hlane, Mbuluzi Game Reserve, Jabula Camp at Luphohl o and Sibebe Resort. They will camp at Mbuluzi and have a one-night sleepover at school in their classrooms. This trip will also focus on outdoor activities, leadership and teamwork. We trust that this trip will be as fulfilling as the Grade 6 and 7 trip.

Astronomy Evening

Class 6 and 7 had an Astronomy Evening hosted by Debbie Love on August 14th. The group spent time learning about the stars, and looking at the moon and constellations. A big thank you to Debbie and Quintan for sharing their knowledge and time with us.

Orientation Day

We will be hosting our annual orientation day on the 10th of October. Existing students will be moving on to their new classes. New students will be in their new classrooms and leavers will be placed with extra curricular teachers for the morning. This is always an exciting day filled with thoughts of the changes to come. We look forward to having our new students on campus.

IEB -IBT Exams

Grades 4-7 will be writing the annual IBT - International Bench Mark Test run by the IEB- International Examination Board. The IBT is internationally recognised and gives the school an international benchmark with multiple schools worldwide. These exams are well recognised and highly recommended in aiding students in preparing for the formalised testing structures of entrance tests and high school testing situations. Teachers and students prepare for the exams from the beginning of the year. The exams are written in October of each year. The exams are marked in Australia, and the results will be released in March/April of 2025. Please go on to the IEB website for further information on the IBT exams.

Exam Dates:

Tuesday 29th October - English
Wednesday 30th October – Science
Thursday 31st October - Math

School Plays

Lower Elementary will be doing – Annie
Upper Elementary will be doing – The Sound of Music

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

Lost and Found Items

We have a number of items going home with the wrong students. Could parents please assist us in checking labels on clothing items? Please ensure that items that do not belong to your child are returned to school.

Fees

We remind parents with outstanding fees to please settle their accounts in a timely manner. Termly payers should have settled their accounts. Monthly payers, please make payment before the 7th of each month to avoid disruption to learning. Learners with outstanding amounts and no current payment plan or communication with the school will face disruption to learning.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office should you need to.

Kind regards

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