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### **NEWSLETTER #1 2021**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a restful holiday. There have been many families that have been personally affected by the pandemic and experienced the subsequent passing of a family member, colleague or friend. Our condolences go out to all.

#### **Opening of school 2021**

The Government has not given permission for schools to open in January, 2021. We continue to be hopeful that we will get the necessary permission in the coming weeks. Montessori Life Primary will, however, be opening, online, as of the 20<sup>th</sup> of January. We had great success with Google Classroom in 2020 and have made the decision to continue using this platform. We will utilize the platform for Grade 1 – Grade 7. Children will be given email addresses by the school to use on the platform. All information will be emailed to parents or shared on groups. Please open the email to activate it, and please reset the password. Instruction videos will be shared in the coming week via the class groups. Teacher Thape and Teacher Delisa will be overseeing the platform and can be contacted if you need any assistance. Please contact them as follows: Thape: 76039500, Delisa: 76511101 or 79511101. I can assure parents that Google Classroom is a user-friendly platform which is being used by schools successfully across the globe. Please take the time to set yourself up by going through Google Classroom with your child. Once set up it is easy to navigate! We aim to make the platform interactive and engaging. Time tables will be sent out to parents and posted on the groups for children to follow. We ask that children are on time for sessions and that students are set up in a quiet work area.

We will continue to give out study packs to learners who are unable to go online. Packs will be going out the day before we open, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January.

Please note that teachers will be using additional resources to aid children wherever possible.

#### **Stationery**

Please can parents drop off the copy paper that was listed in the stationery packs. All other stationery can be kept at home to use on the online program.

#### **School Uniform**

May I remind parents that school uniforms do not need to be purchased just yet. Learners will not be using them when they return to school. This is to minimize any health and safety risks.

#### **School Fees- Term 1**

The School Board is in the process of discussing a reduction in school fees for Term 1 due to the fact that we are continuing online. I will share this information with you later in the week.

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

Kind regards

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