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Dear Parents and Guardians,

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

Upcoming Events:

October

Wed 14th – G1 & G2 Soccer and Netball festival @ Hlanganani
Thurs 15th – Close Mid-term break at 12 o'clock & Civvies Day to raise money for Penryn Tour, E10
Sat 17th – U14 Cricket @ Enjabulweni
Tue 20th – Open Midterm
Wed 21st – G1 & G2 Girls and Boys Cricket @ Enjabulweni
Thur 22nd – HPV Vaccine Girls 9 and older
Tuesday 27th – IBT English
Wednesday 28th- IBT Science
Thursday 29th – IBT Math
Fri- 31st – U11 Cricket @ Malkerns



November

Wed 4th – Hot dog day, raising funds for Penryn Tour
9th-13th – Upper Elementary -Konka Trip
Fri 13th – Movie Night
Wed 18th – Orientation Day new learners 2027
Fri 20th – Last day of sports
Sat 21st – Penryn Sports Tour – U13 Cricket, U9 Cricket & Netball, U11 Boys Hockey, U14 Girls and Boys Basketball
Fri 20th – ABC Drop-off
Fri – 27th – G6 &7 Market Day

December

Tue 1st - LE School Play @ Waterford Kamhlaba 6 pm start
Wed 2nd – UE Matinee @ Waterford Kamhlaba 12 o'clock start
Thur 3rd – UE School Play Evening Show @ Waterford Kamhlaba 6 pm start
Fri 4th – Close Term 3 @ 11am



School News and Reminders

IEB – International Benchmark Tests (IBT)

Sports will continue as usual during the week of the IBT examinations; however, as per our school ethos and policies, participation is not compulsory and will continue to be optional for learners in Grades 4–7, especially during the exams.

Staff Update

We are delighted to welcome our new intern, **Ms Lilly Machel**, to campus.

Lilly brings one year of experience as a teaching assistant in the Lower Elementary at Bulembu Christian Academy, where she also supported teachers with Art, Social Studies and Siswati lessons. In addition, she has worked as a Youth Leader within the community. We look forward to welcoming her to our school community and supporting her professional growth in a Montessori, ISASA, IEB school.

Interviews for our advertised positions have begun. We will announce the successful candidates as soon as the appointments have been finalised.

School Plays

- **Lower Elementary:** *Peter Pan*
- **Upper Elementary:** *Madagascar*

Excitement is building as we get closer to our much anticipated school plays! Music and Drama lessons are becoming increasingly focused on the productions, and learners and teachers are already working on costumes, backdrops and props. It is all becoming very exciting!

Many families will have noticed that costume slips have been sent home. We kindly ask parents to assist by providing the requested items within the specified timeframes and ensuring that all items are clearly labelled.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in helping us make our productions the spectacular shows they are known to be. We truly appreciate your partnership in bringing these performances to life!

School Fees

We kindly remind parents with outstanding school fees to settle their accounts as soon as possible. Termly payers are requested to ensure that their accounts are up to date. Monthly payers are reminded that payments are due **before the 7th of each month** to avoid any disruption to learning.

As we approach the end of the school year, we have a number of learners with outstanding balances. The school will therefore be adhering strictly to its fee policy in recovering outstanding debt.

Where accounts remain unpaid, and no payment arrangement has been made with the school, learners will unfortunately be required to remain at home until a suitable arrangement has been agreed upon.

If you are experiencing difficulties or need to discuss your account, please contact the school team through the usual communication channels. We encourage parents to communicate with us proactively so that any concerns can be addressed as early as possible.







Sports

We would like to commend our U14 Soccer teams, who proudly represented Montessori Life Primary at UFSI.

Our girls received the **Fair Play Award**, recognising their excellent sportsmanship, respect, discipline and resilience throughout the tournament. Well done, girls! This award beautifully reflects the Montessori spirit, and we are incredibly proud of you!

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Our boys brought home the gold, winning the tournament after competing against five schools, including Uplands from Nelspruit. Congratulations, boys, on this fantastic achievement!

We often remind our learners that sport is not just about winning; it is about how we work together, support one another and conduct ourselves as a team. Throughout the year, we have seen these values demonstrated time and time again, both on and off the field. Our U14 teams have made us proud, not only through their achievements but also through the way they have represented our school.

In the coming weeks, we will take a team of players to Penryn, Nelspruit. It promises to be a long day, filled with opportunities, challenges and maybe even some victories. While some matches may be tough, we know that it is often through these challenging moments that our learners develop resilience, learn valuable lessons and grow into stronger, more compassionate individuals.

At Montessori Life Primary, we celebrate not only the victories, but also the character, teamwork and determination that our learners demonstrate along the way. Well done to all our boys and girls for representing MLP with such pride!

Annual Abandoned Babies for Christ Ministries (ABC) Drive

Drop-off date: 20 November

Our Grade 6 and 7 leavers will visit Abandoned Babies for Christ Ministries to deliver the donations collected through our annual ABC Drive.

To date, we have received very few donations, and we would like to encourage all families to support this worthwhile initiative.

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

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

More importantly, this initiative provides our learners with an opportunity to experience the value of kindness, generosity and compassion. Through small acts of service, we can help our children understand that they have the power to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in 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 copies available for parents who would like to keep up to date with the latest news from the home.

Suggested Donations

An up-to-date list of the items currently needed is attached at the end of this newsletter.

We encourage families to take this opportunity to clear out their cupboards and donate gently used clothing and toys that can be enjoyed by others. Monetary donations may also be made directly to the home. Should you require the home's banking details, please contact the school office for assistance or the home directly.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office or handed to class teachers.

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Together, our small acts of kindness can make a meaningful and lasting difference. Thank you for your generosity and support!



Market Day 2026

Thank you to everyone who attended the Market Day, it was a lovely day!

Car Park - Security Guards and Parking Assistants

We kindly ask all parents to show respect and consideration towards our parking attendants, security officers and teachers who assist in the parking areas. They play an important role in keeping traffic flowing smoothly, and most importantly, ensuring the safety of our learners.

Please observe all traffic signs, use the correct gates and park only in the designated parking areas. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and orderly environment for everyone on campus.

We also ask parents not to ask security guards to collect items for their children. Doing so takes them away from their designated posts and compromises campus security. Our security team has been instructed not to assist with these requests so that they can remain focused on their primary responsibility of keeping our school safe.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and continued support in helping us keep Montessori Life Primary safe for all.

We remind our parent community that open and honest communication between home and school is essential in maintaining a strong partnership and ensuring a supportive learning environment for all our children.

Kind regards,

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ABC MINISTRY HOME SUPPLY NEEDS

BABY MILKS:

Infacare No. 1, 2 & 3
Nespray Nido for 1-3 year olds

BABY SUPPLIES:

Baby Sunlight bath soap
Aqueous Cream
Disposable nappies: All Sizes welcome

LAUNDRY ITEMS:

Washing powder: Sunlight handwashing
Sunlight green bar
Bleach (Jik)

FOOD:

Peanut butter
Mealie meal
Mabele porridge
Rice
Morvite
Weetabix
Sugar
Rooibos tea

Fruit: Apples & Bananas
Vegetables: Potatoes, carrots & Butternut



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