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NEWSLETTER # 1 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians

It is wonderful seeing all the children settle into the new year. We look forward to a great and happy year together. Please see below for the latest updates.

Upcoming Events:

Parents of selected players are encouraged to attend events where possible. Indemnities will be sent home to selected participants. Please sign and return them as soon as you receive them.

February

Wed 7th – U14 Cricket MLP vs Enjabulweni @ Enjabulweni,

U14 Girls Soccer MLP vs Enjabulweni @ MLP,

U9 Cricket MLP vs Enjabulweni @ MLP

Wed 14th – U11 Cricket MLP vs Enjabulweni @ Enjabulweni,

U14 Girls soccer MLP vs Premier @ MLP

U9 Girls Soccer MLP vs Premier @ MLP

Wed 21st – U11 Cricket MLP vs Sifu and Usutu @ Usutu

U14 Girls Soccer MLP vs Usutu and Sifu @ MLP

U9 Cricket MLP vs Sifu @ Sifu

Sat 24th - U14 Girls soccer festival @ MLP

U11 Boys Cricket Festival @ Usutu

Wed 28th – U9 Cricket Festival @ Enjabulweni

U14 Cricket MLP vs Usutu @ Usutu

Thurs 29th – **Close at 12 o'clock for Mid – Term break, no afternoon activities**

March

Tues 5th – Open Mid- Term break

Wed 6th – U14 Cricket MLP vs Sifu @ Malkerns Club

Sat 9th – U14 Cricket Festival @ Usutu

Sports

The children will be engaged in the following sports for the first half of Term 1: Soccer for Girls and Cricket for boys. After the Mid-Term, it will be Hockey for Girls and Boys. It is a rule that all children playing Hockey wear mouthguards and shin pads. These can be obtained in most sports shops, as well as Makro in South Africa.

Car Park

As a reminder:

Lower Car Park: Classes 1, 2, 3, and 4 will utilise this car park in the morning and afternoon. Siblings can use the bottom car park.

Top Car Park: Classes 5, 6 and 7 will utilise this car park in the morning and afternoon. Siblings can use the bottom car park for all drop-offs.



We ask parents to please respect the parking attendants, security officers and teachers who assist in the parking areas; they are there to assist you, keep the traffic flowing and keep the learners safe. Please respect the traffic signs, use the correct gates and park in the allocated parking. Thank you for respecting these rules.

Class Porches

Please wait for your children at the gates; parents on the porches can be very distracting to students.

Class WhatsApp groups

Parents have been added to class WhatsApp groups. All relevant information will be shared via these groups. These groups only allow administrators to post information on them. This is to keep group chatter to a minimum. If you would like to communicate with a teacher, please message them privately, use your child's school Communication Book or book an appointment via the school office. Teachers value their communication with parents, but kindly request that parents be mindful of their presence in the classroom. During morning teaching hours, teachers focus their attention on students and do not use their phones. If you have an emergency, please contact the school office for immediate assistance.

School Office Contact details:

Please use the following numbers and email addresses to contact us.

Landline: 34501938

Administrator (Alicia) – 7657 4566/79106450 admin@montessorilife.net

Bursar (Dudu) – 7631 7645 bursar@montessorilife.net

Deputy (Zulmira) – 76053430 deputy.principal@montessorilife.net

Principal (Thea) – 76362636 principal@montessorilife.net



Parents' Meetings

Thank you to all those parents who came to the Parents' Meetings. Teachers enjoyed meeting all the parents and look forward to working with you and your child. Should you need to meet class teachers or extra-curricular teachers, please do not hesitate to make an appointment via the school office, or by contacting the teacher directly. Communication is the key to any successful relationship.

Nutrition/Snack Time

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to pack a healthy and nutritious lunch and to include a fruit and water for snack time. We ask that NO sweets, chips, fizzy drinks or energy drinks be sent to school with your child. They will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

Sports Schedule:

Grade 1:

Tue: 13h00 to 14h00 (ABC Sport during school time)

Thu: 13h00 to 14h00 (ABC Sport during school time)

Grade 2 and 3

Mon: 13h00 to 14h00

Wed: 13h00 to 14h00

Upper Elementary

Mon – 14h00 to 15h00 (Grade 6 and 7)

Tue- 14h00 to 15h00 (Grade 4 and 5)

Wed- 14h00 to 15h00 (Grade 4,5,6 and7)

Thur- 14h00 – 15h00 (Grade 4 and 5 will alternate with Grade 6 and 7) Even weeks will be Grade 4 and 5, odd weeks will be Grade 6 and 7.



Hats

We remind parents to please send students to school with labelled hats. We will be enforcing our 'NO HAT, NO PLAY' rule.

Labels

Please label all items of clothing. We have an ever-growing pile of unclaimed clothing. Labelling ensures that we can allocate lost and found items.

High School Expo

Our annual High School Expo will happen on the 12th of March. We will share a roster with you as soon as we have a finalised one.

Grade 6 and 7 Parents and Guardians

We kindly remind Grade 7 parents to apply to multiple high schools early in the year to ensure options.

Book Donations

We continue to grow our library and would appreciate any donations. We have a donation box in the school office.

Exercise Books

If you or your child have old, unwanted exercise books that are not used or have a number of pages left in them, please send them to school. We are looking to recycle them.

Extra PAID Curricular Activities

Please be reminded that these activities are NOT run by the school and are paid for privately by parents. Please see the table below for the necessary information. The school bus does not wait for children who are booked in for extra paid activities.

EXTRA PAID CURRICULAR SPORTS 2024

	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Coach Number</u>
Monday	<u>Basketball</u>	<u>2pm to 3pm</u>	<u>Grade 4 and Grade 5</u>	<u>Delisa</u>	<u>7651 1101 / 7951 1101</u>
Tuesday	<u>Basketball</u>	<u>2pm to 3pm</u>	<u>Grade 6 and Grade 7</u>	<u>Delisa</u>	<u>7651 1101 / 7951 1101</u>
	<u>Gymnastics</u>	<u>2pm to 3pm</u>	<u>Grade 4, 5, 6 and Grade 7</u>	<u>Kim</u>	<u>7603 9099</u>
	<u>Robotics</u>	<u>2pm to 3pm</u>	<u>Grade 1 and Grade 3</u>	<u>Jose</u>	<u>76245200</u>
	<u>Art</u>	<u>2pm to 3pm</u>	<u>All Grades</u>	<u>Bridget</u>	<u>7822 2508</u>
	<u>Music Lessons</u>	<u>2pm to 3pm</u>	<u>All Grades</u>	<u>MX</u>	<u>7602 4550 / 7901 6575</u>
	<u>Taekwondo</u>	<u>2pm to 3pm</u>	<u>All Grades</u>	<u>Mchunu</u>	<u>7985 0133</u>
Thursday	<u>Sewing</u>	<u>2pm to 3pm</u>	<u>All Grades</u>	<u>Beverley</u>	<u>7818 5253</u>
	<u>Gymnastics</u>	<u>2pm to 3pm</u>	<u>Grade 2 and Grade 3</u>	<u>Kim</u>	<u>7603 9099</u>
Friday	<u>Judo</u>	<u>1pm to 2pm</u>	<u>All Grades</u>	<u>Tertius</u>	<u>7686 3678</u>
	<u>Cricket</u>	<u>1pm to 2pm</u>	<u>All Grades</u>	<u>Delisa</u>	<u>7651 1101 / 7951 1101</u>
	<u>Taekwondo</u>	<u>1pm to 2pm</u>	<u>All Grades</u>	<u>Mchunu</u>	<u>7985 0133</u>
	<u>Soccer</u>	<u>2pm to 3pm</u>	<u>All Grades</u>	<u>Gerard</u>	<u>7644 8087 / 7964 8087</u>

Bus

Should your child's paid activity finish later than their scheduled bus departure, please arrange to fetch them from school. We thank parents for their patience while we set up the bus route.

School Uniform

All students must wear school uniform daily. Girls are allowed to wear tights, shorts, tracksuit pants, or jeans (no ripped or skinny jeans) with the school golfer and school tracksuit top. Boys can wear shorts, tracksuit pants, or jeans with the school golfer and tracksuit top. There are no specific days for wearing the orange or lime-coloured golfers. If



your child is selected for sports events, they will receive a specific sports kit sold in our school office. You will be invoiced for the kit accordingly. Children may wear sports kits to school as part of their uniform. Jewellery is not allowed at school.

We will have stock of school tracksuits and golf shirts for sale in the school office and will inform parents when new stock arrives.

Tracksuits: E650 Should be in stock soon

Golf Shirts: E220

Shorts: 180

Staff 2024

We sadly say goodbye to Ms Sandra, Class 6 Assistant. Sandra, thank you for all your efforts while working at Montessori Life Primary. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours. We welcome Ms Nomvuselelo (Lelo) to the team, Lelo will be an assistant in Class 4.

Home Classes for 2024

Class 1 (LE Grades 1-3) – Ms Teresa, Ms Londiwe (LP), Class Assistant Ms Anna

Class 2 (LE Grades 1-3) – Ms Phumi and Ms Meghan, Class Assistant Ms Eden

Class 3 (LE Grades 1-3) – Ms Ellen and Ms Rochelle, Class Assistant Ms Hlobi

Class 4 (UE Grades 4&5) – Coach Gerard and Ms Chembo, Class Assistant Ms Lelo

Class 5 (UE Grades 4&5) – Ms Beverley and Ms Bridget, Class Assistant Ms Londiwe (Lindi)

Class 6 (UE Grades 6&7) – Ms Riette, Class Assistant Ms Nicole

Class 7 (UE Grades 6&7) – Mr Earl and Ms Maria

Extra-Curricular Teachers for 2024

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 2024

Administrator – Ms Alicia Thring

Bursar and HR – Ms Dudu Maziya

Deputy and Counsellor – Ms Zulmira Craigie

Principal- Ms Thea Rudd Vila Pouca

Groundsmen and women

Musa Zulu- Head of Maintenance and Groundsmen

Nhlanhla Ginindza – Driver and maintenance (Electric)

Phumzile Thwala – Head Cleaner

Zodwa Tembe - Cleaner

Delisile Gumedze - Cleaner

Jabulani Hlophe – Groundsman

Haleluya Tembe -Groundsman

Bonisile Nhlabatsi - Cleaner

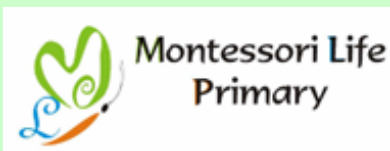
Sifiso Mkhonta – Groundsmen

Bongimusa Manana – Groundsmen



Security

We continue to work with Buffalo Soldiers and have day and night guards on the premises.



Fees

We remind parents with outstanding fees to please settle timeously. 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 to the school, will face disruption to learning.

We look forward to a productive year together. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office should you need to.

Kind regards

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