

22 January 2026



### **NEWSLETTER # 1 2026**

Dear Parents and Guardians

It is wonderful having our school filled with the sound of children again. We look forward to a happy and productive year together. Please see below for the latest updates.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

##### **January**

Wed 28th – Class 1 Parents Meeting 1 pm – 2 pm in Class 1

Class 6 and 7 Parents meeting 2 pm – 3 pm in Class 6

Thur 29th – Class 2 Parents Meeting 1 pm – 2 pm in Class 2

Class 3 from 2 pm – 3 pm in Class 3

Fri 30th – Class 4 and 5 Parents Meeting 1 pm – 2 pm in Class 5

##### **February**

Fri 13th – Friendship day assembly and celebrations – Students only

Sat 21st - U14 Boys Cricket Festival @ Enjabulweni

Sat 21st - U14 Girls Soccer Festival @ MLP

Thurs 26th – **Close at 12 o'clock for Mid-Term break, with no afternoon activities**

##### **March**

Tues 4th – Open Mid- Term break

Sat 7th – 1st Waterford Kamhlaba Entrance Test

Sat 14th – U11 Boys Cricket Festival @ Malkerns

Sat 14th - U11 Girls Soccer Festival @ PCA

Sat 14th – Second Waterford Kamhlaba Entrance Test



##### **Sports**

Sporting activities for the first half of Term 1 are as follows: Soccer for girls and Cricket for boys. After the mid-term, there will be Hockey for girls and boys. All children playing hockey must wear mouthguards and shin pads. These can be obtained at most sports shops and at Makro in South Africa. We are also very excited to have introduced Basketball as a school sport. Please see the sports schedule included.

##### **Car Park**

**Lower Car Park: Classes 1, 2, and 3,** will utilise this car park in the morning and afternoon.

**Top Car Park: Classes 4, 5, 6 and 7** will utilise this car park in the morning and afternoon.

Please use the upper car parks if you have children in both lower and upper grades, and are dropping off or collecting them at the same time.

**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. Your assistance is appreciated.**

### **Class Porches**

Parents are asked to please wait for their children at the gates, and not on the porches.

### **Class WhatsApp groups**

Parents have been added to class WhatsApp groups. Relevant information will be shared via these groups. These groups allow only administrators to post information on them. Should you want to communicate with a teacher, please use your child's school Communication Book, message the teacher directly, or book an appointment via the school office. Teachers value their communication with parents, but during teaching hours, they 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](mailto:admin@montessorilife.net)

Bursar (Dudu) – 7631 7645 [bursar@montessorilife.net](mailto:bursar@montessorilife.net)

Deputy (Zulmira) – 76053430 [deputy.principal@montessorilife.net](mailto:deputy.principal@montessorilife.net)

Principal (Thea) – 76362636 [principal@montessorilife.net](mailto:principal@montessorilife.net)



### **Parents' Meetings**

We look forward to seeing parents at our upcoming meetings. Should you need to meet class teachers or extra-curricular teachers privately at any time throughout the year, 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 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.

### **Sports Schedule:**

#### **Lower Elementary Grade 1:**

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

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

#### **Lower Elementary Grades 2 and 3**

Mon: 13h00 to 14h00

Wed: 13h00 to 14h00

#### **Upper Elementary Grade 4 and 5**

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

Thurs: 14h00 to 15h00 (Grade 4 and 5)

#### **Upper Elementary Grade 6 and 7**

Mon: 14h00 to 15h00 (Grade 6 and 7)

Wed: 14h00 to 15h00 (Grade 6 and 7)



For a more in-depth look, please see the Term 1 Sports Schedule below:

## 1<sup>st</sup> TERM SPORTS SCHEDULE 2026

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

TERM 1	GROUP	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
1 <sup>st</sup> Half 26 Jan – 25 Feb	GIRLS	SOCCER	SOCCER
	BOYS	CRICKET	CRICKET
2 <sup>nd</sup> HALF 4 Mar – 15 Apr	ALL	HOCKEY	HOCKEY

- U9 BOYS CRICKET FESTIVAL 25 FEBRUARY @ UFSI
- U9 GIRLS SOCCER FESTIVAL 25 FEBRUARY @ UFSI
- U8-U14 SWIMMING A GALA 27 MARCH @ ENJABULWENI
- U8-U14 SWIMMING B GALA 1 APRIL @ SIFUNDZANI

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

TERM 1	GROUP	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
1 <sup>st</sup> Half 26 Jan – 25 Feb	GIRLS	BASKETBALL GR 4s ODD WEEKS	SOCCER	SOCCER
	BOYS	BASKETBALL GR 5s EVEN WEEKS	CRICKET	CRICKET
2 <sup>nd</sup> HALF 4 Mar – 15 Apr	ALL	BASKETBALL	HOCKEY	HOCKEY

- U11 BOYS CRICKET FESTIVAL 14 MARCH @ MALKERNS
- U11 GIRLS SOCCER FESTIVAL 21 FEBRUARY @ THEMBELISHA
- U8-U14 SWIMMING A GALA 27 MARCH @ ENJABULWENI
- U8-U14 SWIMMING B GALA 1 APRIL @ SIFUNDZANI

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

TERM 1	GROUP	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1 <sup>st</sup> Half 26 Jan – 25 Feb	GIRLS	SOCCER	BASKETBALL GR 6s ODD WEEKS	SOCCER
	BOYS	CRICKET	BASKETBALL GR 7s EVEN WEEKS	CRICKET
2 <sup>nd</sup> HALF 4 Mar – 15 Apr	ALL	HOCKEY	BASKETBALL	HOCKEY

- U14 BOYS CRICKET FESTIVAL 21 FEBRUARY @ ENJABULWENI
- U14 GIRLS SOCCER FESTIVAL 14 MARCH @ P.C.A
- U8-U14 SWIMMING A GALA 27 MARCH @ ENJABULWENI
- U8-U14 SWIMMING B GALA 1 APRIL @ SIFUNDZANI

### Hats

We remind parents to please send students to school with labelled hats.

### 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 is scheduled for the 12th of March. We will share a roster with you as soon as one is finalised.

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.

### 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 booked in for extra paid activities that finish after 3 pm.**

### **EXTRA MURAL PAID ACTIVITIES 2026**

	Sport	Time	Grades	Coach	Coach Number
<b>MONDAY</b>	Sewing	2 pm to 3 pm	All Grades	Beverly	78185253
	Robotics	2 pm to 3 pm	Grade 4, 5, 6 & 7	Jose	76245200
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Gymnastics	2 pm to 3 pm	Grade 4, 5, 6 & 7	Kim	76039099
	Robotics	2 pm to 3 pm	Grade 1, 2 & 3	Jose	76245200
	Art	2 pm to 3 pm	All Grades	Bridget	78222508
	Taekwondo	2 pm to 3 pm	All Grades	Mchunu	79850133
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Gymnastics	2 pm to 3 pm	Grade 1, 2 & 3	Kim	76039099
	Piano & Guitar	2 pm to 3 pm	All Grades	Josh	78049507
	Karate	2 pm to 3 pm	All Grades	Wandile	76275838
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Judo	1 pm to 2 pm	All Grades	Tertius	76863678
	Cricket	1 pm to 2 pm	All Grades	Delisa	76511101
	Taekwondo	1 pm to 2 pm	All Grades	Mchunu	79850133
	Soccer	2 to 3:30 pm	All Grades	Delisa	76511101
	Be Hold Dance Studio	1 pm to 2 pm	All Grades	Seipati	78619007
	Netball	1 to 2:30 pm	All Grades	Nkabinde	76674522
	Cooking Club	1 pm to 3 pm	All Grades	Ash-lee & Lelo	78630418 / 78243983

### Bus

Should your child's paid activity finish after their scheduled bus departure, please arrange to pick them up from school.

### School Uniform

All students must wear the school uniform daily. Girls may wear tights, shorts, tracksuit pants, or jeans (no ripped or skinny jeans) with the school golfer and the school tracksuit top. Boys may wear shorts, tracksuit pants, or jeans with

the school golfer, tracksuit top, or hoodie. There are no specific days for wearing orange or lime golfers. If your child is selected for sports events, they will receive a specific sports kit, available from our school office. Parents will be invoiced accordingly for the kit. Children may wear sports kits to school as part of their uniform. Jewellery is not allowed at school.

Please purchase uniforms from our suppliers, Ulusikids and Competitive Sports.

### **Groundsmen and women**

Musa Zulu- Head of Maintenance and Groundsmen  
Senzo Matse – Driver  
Justice Dlamini- Driver  
Phumzile Thwala – Head Cleaner  
Zodwa Tembe - Cleaner  
Delisile Gumedze – Cleaner  
Jabulani Hlophe – Groundsman  
Halleluya Tembe -Groundsman  
Bonisile Nhlabatsi - Cleaner  
Sifiso Mkhonta – Groundsman  
Bongimusa Manana – Groundsman



### **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 their accounts promptly. 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 if needed.

Kind regards

Thea

