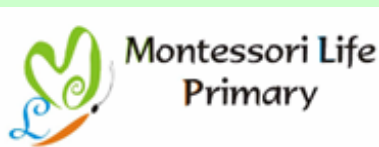


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NEWSLETTER # 9 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians

Please see the newsletter for the latest updates.

Upcoming Events:

October

Wed 8th – G1 and G2 Netball and Soccer Festival @ Hlanganani

Wed 8th – Girls U9, U11 Soccer @ Sifu, Girls U13 Soccer @ MLP

Wed 15th – U9 Cricket @ MLP, U11 Cricket @ Malkerns

Thursday, 16th – Close for Midterm break at 12:00. No sports or extracurricular activities.

Tue 21st – Open after Midterm

Wed 22nd – Grade 1 & 2 Cricket @ Enjabulweni

27th -29th – IBT Exams Grade 4- Grade 7

Fri 31st – ABC Civvies Donation Day

November

Thur 13th – Orientation Day

Fri 21st – Last day of sports

Thur 27th – ABC Drop off

December

Tue 2nd Dec - LE Play @ Waterford Kamhlaba

Wed 3rd Dec – UE Matinee @ Waterford Kamhlaba

Thur 4th Dec – UE Play @ Waterford Kamhlaba

Sports

Please see the sports schedule for this term's sports:

We congratulate our U14 Soccer players who travelled to Piet Retief during the holidays to represent the school. Well done, boys.

Digital Wellness

Montessori Life is a phone-free campus for its learners. Members of staff regularly attend Emma Sadleir's talks (a social media expert) and find them highly informative. She has represented many students and families in South Africa and internationally. Please see the information below for one of her masterclasses,



3RD TERM SPORTS SCHEDULE 2025

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

TERM 3	GROUP	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
22 Sept – 16 Oct	GIRLS	SOCCER	NETBALL
	BOYS	CRICKET	SOCCER
2 nd HALF 21 Oct – 20 Nov	GIRLS	SOCCER	CRICKET
	BOYS	CRICKET	SOCCER

• GR 1&2 BOYS	SOCCER	FESTIVAL	8 OCTOBER	@ HLANGANANI
• GR 1&2 GIRLS	NETBALL	FESTIVAL	8 OCTOBER	@ HLANGANANI
➤ GR 1&2 BOYS	CRICKET	FESTIVAL	22 OCTOBER	@ ENJABULWENI
➤ GR 1&2 GIRLS	CRICKET	FESTIVAL	22 OCTOBER	@ ENJABULWENI

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

TERM 3	GROUP	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
22 Sept – 20 Nov	GIRLS	SOCCER	CRICKET
	BOYS	CRICKET	SOCCER

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

TERM 3	GROUP	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
22 Sept – 20 Nov	GIRLS	SOCCER	CRICKET
	BOYS	CRICKET	SOCCER

and a talk by her colleague Rorke Wilson. I strongly encourage all parents and young tweens who can attend these talks to attend them; they are a serious eye-opener.



By The Digital Law Co <https://www.thedigitallawco.com/>

Length: 1Hour, 53 Minutes

Available: 17 September - 18 October 2025

In this powerful and practical masterclass, Emma Sadleir, South Africa's leading expert on social media and digital law, provides parents with a wake-up call. Drawing on real cases, legal insights and years of experience, she unpacks the digital risks faced by every child with access to the internet and empowers parents with the tools to respond.

Real Case Highlight: Emma vs Meta Platforms

In a first-of-its-kind legal victory, Emma Sadleir and The Digital Law Company forced Meta (owner of Instagram and WhatsApp) to hand over the identities behind more than 30 accounts distributing explicit content involving South African schoolchildren.

This urgent court application resulted in Meta formally accepting South African jurisdiction, disclosing user data, and committing to removing over 60 accounts. A direct hotline was also established between Emma's legal team and Meta for rapid reporting of future threats.

This case highlights the terrifying speed at which inappropriate content can spread and the importance of early intervention and strong parenting.

Who Should Attend

This session is for every parent whose child has access to a phone, tablet, laptop or gaming console. Whether your child is 10 or 17, this masterclass gives you the clarity and confidence to start the conversations that matter.

The recording will be available from 17 September - 18 October 2025, please be mindful of this when purchasing your ticket. COST E195 per ticket.



This fast-paced and practical webinar with digital law expert Rorke Wilson is designed for teens and tweens who want to stay smart, safe and out of trouble online. Packed with real-life examples, legal insights and clear advice, this session helps young people understand how their digital choices can shape their futures. For better or worse.

What we'll cover:

- ? The South African social media landscape, trends and risks
- ? The apps — the good, the bad and the ugly
- ? How legal capacity works for minors, both criminal and civil

- ? ?Laws and cases involving defamation, privacy, hate speech, fake news, crimen injuria, harassment, intellectual property, data protection, fraud, incitement and image-based violence
- ? ?Cyberbullying and what to do about it
- ? ?Cancel culture and the legal line
- ? ?Sexting and pornography offences
- ? ?AI, deep fakes and digital manipulation
- ? ?School disciplinary action and your digital footprint
- ? ?How posts and profiles can affect scholarships, university offers and job opportunities
- ? ?Managing privacy in a world that watches everything
- ? ?Good digital citizenship and digital hygiene — including strong password habits
- ? ?Catfishing, online predators and staying safe in chats and DMs
- ? ?Simple tips to stay in control of your online life
- ? ?The tattoo effect — why nothing online ever really disappears
- ? ?How to avoid being blamed for other people's content
- ? ?Mental health online — covering anxiety, addiction, depression and sleep



Every teen needs to hear this. Every parent will wish they had. Cost E195 per ticket. Please book online.

Annual Abandoned Babies for Christ (ABC) Drive

We are excited to announce our annual *Abandoned Babies for Christ (ABC) Drive*. This year, we will be combining the drive with a Civvies Day on the 31st of October. Each child is encouraged to bring along an item in support of ABC and children are welcome to wear civvies on that Friday.

A list of suggested items will be shared through the class groups. We will also share the latest ABC Newsletter. We encourage families to take this opportunity to clear out closets for gently used clothing and to pass along toys that can be recycled and enjoyed by others.

We believe that charity starts at home. By involving our children in this initiative, we are helping them recognise the importance of generosity and the happiness that accompanies giving.

Solar Energy School

We are pleased to inform our school community that, as of 17th September, our campus is now powered by solar energy. On sunny days, the school operates fully off-grid, with stored solar power providing electricity throughout the night. To ensure uninterrupted learning and safety, a diesel generator has also been installed as an additional backup in case both solar and EEC supplies are unavailable. Alongside the 48 solar panels now in place, 35 independent backup lights have been fitted to keep our campus well-lit after dark.

This grant has supported our commitment to sustainability, energy independence, and providing a secure and sustainable environment for our children.

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 with the school, will face disruption to learning.

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

Kind regards

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