



10 September 2020

Dear Parents

With the current water and electricity crises we can report that having planned well in advance we managed to get all in place to ensure we could stay open safely with all bathrooms working at full capacity. Although electricity still provides a few challenges, we are able to manage. Our thanks to the SGB for supporting us and always looking to the best interest of our children and staff. COVID-19 has thrown a few challenges at us and we comply in the interest of our learners and staff. Yes, even we get frustrated sometimes.

Although some rules might seem "simple" they should be dealt with in a positive way. We can never act based on the belief that COVID-19 does not pose a threat. Let us stay positive, calm and try to understand why we have to comply. We are close to full capacity due to the positive side of keeping within the regulations.

It is heart warming to get calls from members of the public to thank our children, staff and parents for being so positive. Thank you for supporting the drop off zones, for being on time for school and for dealing with the disruptions in your daily lives.

In the past we have undertaken huge projects, for example all our inside toilets were upgraded. Mums have brought to our attention that the Gymnasium toilets are in a bad state. With the kind support of our Family Club we are now renovating them and ensuring they are upgraded and what our children deserve.

There are structural problems with our swimming pool pump house and the unstable cement steps/seating and we have managed to incorporate the repair work with a possible clothing shop. While planning we could see the potential to combine the project to also include a drama and dance facility. This will generate funds in the future to support our Cultural Department and we are in the process of finalizing this project to incorporate the current use of our facility with it. This will be to the benefit of all our learners as it will be used during school hours and support us after hours. We will also re negotiate our current fee structure for the private use of the facility for dancing.

As our tuckshop was always in use we could not do the appropriate repairs and maintenance nor attempt proper renovations. This is, however, now possible and we will use this opportunity to renovate the tuckshop so that it is ready when we can open again.

These are big projects but other large projects such as the classrooms and sport pavilion have currently been placed on hold which we believe is in line with the current financial climate and challenges. The other projects will support our children and the day to day management of the school.

We are positive that 2021 will be a normal year, should we define normal, and that we will be able to receive all learners back on a daily basis. Please support us and our children to work through the challenges and to create opportunities beyond 2020.

Sunshine greetings

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Geagte Ouers

In die lig van die huidige water- en elektrisiteitskrisis kan ons meld dat ons deeglik beplan het en in staat is om al ons badkamers veilig oop te hou. Hoewel elektrisiteit steeds 'n paar uitdagings bied, hou ons kop bo water. Ons hartlike dank aan die SBL vir hul ondersteuning en dat hulle altyd ons kinders en personeel se beste belange op die hart dra. COVID-19 het 'n paar struikelblokke oor ons pad gebring, maar ons spreek dit aan in die belang van ons leerlinge en personeel. Ja, daar is soms frustrasies, maar ons laat ons nie onderkry nie.

Hoewel dit lyk of sommige reëls nie sin maak nie, moet dit op 'n positiewe wyse benader word. Ons kan nooit voorgee dat COVID-19 nie 'n bedreiging is nie. Kom ons bly positief en kalm en probeer begryp waarom die regulasies van toepassing is. Omdat ons positief bly en aan die regulasies voldoen, is ons skool naby aan volle kapasiteit.

Dit is 'n riem onder die hart om terugvoer van die publiek te kry wat ons kinders, personeel en ouers bedank vir hul positiewe ingesteldheid. Dankie dat u die aflaaiplekke respekteer, betyds vir skool opdaag en die daaglikse ontwrigting die hoof bied.

Ons het in die verlede groot projekte van stapel gestuur, al ons binnetoilette is byvoorbeeld opgeknep. Dit is ook deur ouers onder ons aandag gebring dat die gimnasiumtoilette veel te wense oorlaat. Met die ondersteuning van die Familieklub word hierdie badkamers nou in belang van ons kinders behoorlik opgeknep.

Met die struktuurprobleme by ons swembadpompstasie en die wankelmoedige trappies/sitplekke, was ons in staat om die herstelwerk met 'n moontlike klerewinkel te kombineer. Gedurende die beplanning was dit duidelik dat daar ook die potensiaal is om 'n drama- en dansfasiliteit by die projek in te sluit. Dit sal in die toekoms fondse vir ons Kultuurdepartement inbring en ons is besig met die finalisering van die projek en om die huidige gebruik van ons fasiliteit daarby te inkorporeer. Dit sal al ons leerlinge tot voordeel strek, want die fasiliteit sal gedurende skoolure gebruik word en ná ure kan dit fondse inbring. Ons sal ons huidige finansiële struktuur vir privaatgebruik van die dansfasiliteit hersien.

Aangesien ons snoepie voortdurend in gebruik was, kon ons nooit die nodige herstel- en instandhoudingswerk doen nie en van opknapping was daar geen sprake nie. Daar is nou geleentheid vir opknapping en ons sal seker maak dat alles in plek is wanneer die snoepie heropen.

Hierdie is ook groot projekte, maar die ander projekte soos klaskamers en die sportpawiljoen is voorlopig op die lange baan geskuif a.g.v. die heersende finansiële klimaat en ander uitdagings. Ons gaan voort met die huidige projekte ter ondersteuning van ons kinders en die daaglikse bestuur van die skool.

Ons is vol vertroue dat ons in 2021 na 'n sekere definisie van normaal kan terugkeer en dat ons in staat sal wees om leerlinge weer op 'n daaglikse basis te ontvang. Help ons en ons kinders asseblief om die struikelblokke te bowe te kom en om geleenthede ná 2020 te skep.

Sonskyngroete

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Skoolhoof



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STAFF MEMBER: *Heidi Sampson*

EARLY LIFE: I was born and raised in Port Elizabeth and I have two older siblings - I am the "laat lammetjie". I went to Mount Pleasant Primary School and attended Linkside High School.

FAMILY LIFE: I met my husband when I was in Grade 11 and after 8 years he asked me to marry him. We got married in 2013 and we have two beautiful daughters, Paxton is 4 years old and Presley just celebrated her first birthday.

CAREER LIFE: I studied Musical Theatre under Marlene Pieterse at Stageworld Theatre School where I later became the Dance lecturer. I have my Associate Diploma in Musical Theatre from the Trinity school of London and I am currently studying towards my BeD Foundation Phase teaching degree. I am also a qualified dance teacher in Dance Educators South Africa (DESA).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: I received my SA colours in Performing Arts and took part in The World Championships in Los Angeles in July 2011. I won a year Scholarships to dance at the world famous Millennium Dance Complex in Los Angeles California. I have represented South Africa in Sweden, Portugal, Los Angeles and most recently Croatia. I have entered learners into various competitions and festivals in both dance and drama and they achieved top results.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOURSELF: I stayed in Los Angeles, California for 4 months. I started dancing when I was 4 years old and own Defying Gravity Dance Studio with my best friend and dance partner Lauren McCarthy. I can speak like Donald Duck.

Please answer the following five questions:

1. **WHAT DO YOU MISS THE MOST AS AN ADULT?** I miss being able to take an afternoon nap, I never appreciated afternoon naps as a child. I definitely should have listened to my mom when she told me to enjoy it while I can.
2. **WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU ATE?** Delicious Banana bread.
3. **WHAT DO YOU PREFER: SUMMER OR WINTER?** I don't mind the winter but I definitely prefer summer.
4. **WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE DESSERT?** Carrot cake and baked caramel cheese cake mmmm.....
5. **WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SPORTS TO WATCH?** I love watching dancers perform and dance their hearts out. It's such a beautiful sport with many possibilities.



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Oktober 2020 Skoolgebaseerde Toetsreeks

Dag	Graad	Vak		Graad	Vak	
Woensdag 30 Sept	Gr 4	Sessie 1	Eksamenreëls	Gr 7	Sessie 1	Afrikaans Literatuur (30)
		Sessie 2	Aardrykskunde (25)		Sessie 2	Aardrykskunde (50)
Donderdag 1 Oktober	Gr 5	Sessie 1	Eksamenreëls	Gr 6	Sessie 1	Eksamenreëls
		Sessie 2	Aardrykskunde (30)		Sessie 2	Aardrykskunde (40)
Vrydag 2 Oktober	Gr 4	Sessie 1	Afrikaans (40)	Gr 7	Sessie 1	Tegnologie (70)
		Sessie 2	Lewensvaardighede (50)		Sessie 2	Wiskunde Onderzoek (40)
Maandag 5 Oktober	Gr 5	Sessie 1	Afrikaans (40)	Gr 6	Sessie 1	Afrikaans (50)
		Sessie 2	Lewensvaardighede (50)		Sessie 2	Lewensvaardighede (50)
Dinsdag 6 Oktober	Gr 4	Sessie 1	Engels (40)	Gr 7	Sessie 1	Engels Literatuur (30)
		Sessie 2	Geskiedenis (25)		Sessie 2	Natuurwetenskappe (60)
Woensdag 7 Oktober	Gr 5	Sessie 1	Engels (40)	Gr 6	Sessie 1	Engels (50)
		Sessie 2	Geskiedenis (30)		Sessie 2	Geskiedenis (40)
Donderdag 8 Oktober	Gr 4	Sessie 1	Wiskunde (25)	Gr 7	Sessie 1	Wiskundetoets (40)
		Sessie 2	Natuurwetenskappe (30)		Sessie 2	Geskiedenis (50)
Vrydag 9 Oktober	Gr 5	Sessie 1	Wiskunde (30)	Gr 6	Sessie 1	Wiskunde (40)
		Sessie 2	Natuurwetenskappe (30)		Sessie 2	Natuurwetenskappe (40)

Formele assesserings afgehandel voor die toetsreeks

Tale	Graad 6 Graad 6	Transaksionele Teks (10) Opstel (20)
	Graad 4, 5 en 6 Graad 4, 5 en 6	Visuele Teks (10) Opsomming (5)
LO	Graad 7	(Projek) Inhandigingsdatum 25 September 2020 (100)
EBW	Graad 7	(Projek) Inhandigingsdatum 25 September 2020 (50)
KK	Graad 7	(Projekte) Foto's en video teen 25 September 2020 (100)

October 2020 School Based Test Series

Day	Grade	Subject		Grade	Subject	
Wednesday 30 Sept	Gr 4	Session 1	Exam rules	Gr 7	Session 1	Afrikaans Literature (30)
		Session 2	Geography (25)		Session 2	Geography (50)
Thursday 1 October	Gr 5	Session 1	Exam rules	Gr 6	Session 1	Exam rules
		Session 2	Geography (30)		Session 2	Geography (40)
Friday 2 October	Gr 4	Session 1	Afrikaans (40)	Gr 7	Session 1	Technology (70)
		Session 2	Life Skills (50)		Session 2	Maths: Investigation (40)
Monday 5 October	Gr 5	Session 1	Afrikaans (40)	Gr 6	Session 1	Afrikaans (50)
		Session 2	Life Skills (50)		Session 2	Life Skills (50)
Tuesday 6 October	Gr 4	Session 1	English (40)	Gr 7	Session 1	English Literature (30)
		Session 2	History (25)		Session 2	Natural Sciences (60)
Wednesday 7 October	Gr 5	Session 1	English (40)	Gr 6	Session 1	English (50)
		Session 2	History (30)		Session 2	History (40)
Thursday 8 October	Gr 4	Session 1	Maths (25)	Gr 7	Session 1	Maths Test (40)
		Session 2	Natural Sciences (30)		Session 2	History (50)
Friday 9 October	Gr 5	Session 1	Maths (30)	Gr 6	Session 1	Maths (40)
		Session 2	Natural Sciences (30)		Session 2	Natural Sciences (40)

Formal assessments completed before test series

Languages	Grade 6 Grade 6	Transactional Text (10) Composition(20)
	Grade 4, 5 & 6 Grade 4, 5 & 6	Visual Text (10) Summary (5)
LO	Grade 7	(Project) Submission date 25 September 2020 (100)
EMS	Grade 7	(Project) Submission date 25 September 2020 (50)
CC	Grade 7	(Projects) Photos and video by 25 September 2020 (100)

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