



Dear Parents

As management we are just as surprised as you are that our name was in the News24 headlines for the Eastern Cape. Since our last newsletter it is only parents who have tested positive that has increased. Surely not something we can control or be accountable for.

How this information was communicated is very sinister; we complete daily stats for the Department of Education and these stats only reflect on staff and learners who test positive. We are aware of other schools with way more than the 6 positive children and staff we have!

Yes, we are aware that this may escalate due to so many families testing positive but we have managed to keep the school open and keep learners and staff as safe as we can. We have, more than once, been praised by the Departments of Education and Health for our pro-active and decisive measures as these have saved us from being worse off.

The fact that staff come into contact with learners, from families who are positive, is a given. Each time a child or teacher in a grade has tested positive we have asked for that grade to stay home, we deep clean and follow procedures to open the classes ASAP. The parents who need to be informed are always informed. We then get a few nasty comments because we dare to call a parent to inform him/her and they become keyboard warriors in attacking us.

We are required to keep high moral standards, we do not retaliate and we do not have the luxury to lash out on social media about what we know.

With the number of families dealing with positive cases, together with the 6 known positive cases already dealt with, we acted responsibly and deep cleaned the entire school. We played our part and the information in the news article is way out of line as it paints a totally different picture.

Someone or somebody is hiding information and not providing accurate STATS. We know, and have confirmation, that there are schools with way more positive cases than Sunridge. The information is available but it is also true that some schools are hiding information and not making it available.

There are schools dealing with up to four times more positive cases than we are and schools closing sections down for way more than the 1 day we did - some even in the Nelson Mandela Metro. We are convinced that a massive STATS deadlock exists, putting Education in South Africa at risk.

In our case, the reality is that more and more Sunridge families are testing positive. We can also say that we will be seriously compromised should the number of infected families continue to increase. Too many sick children are being sent to school - today alone, we had to send five children home. The test series is not worth the risk - if your child is ill, please keep them at home and take him/ her to the doctor. Please help us and do not send your child to school, even with one symptom.

STATS of this nature are however not communicated to the Department of Education.

Please refrain from being pulled into this trap based on disinformation as you become part of the problem and not the solution.

Sunshine greetings
M DE VRIES
Principal

Geagte Ouers

Ons as bestuur was net so verbaas soos u oor ons naam in die hoofberig van News24 vir die Oos-Kaap. Sedert ons laaste nuusbrieff is dit net die getalle van ouers wat positief getoets het, wat toegeneem het. Dit is beslis buite ons beheer en iets waarvoor ons nie aanspreeklik gehou kan word nie.

Dit is vir ons duister waar hierdie inligting vandaan kom. Ons voltooi daaglikse statistieke vir die Departement van Onderwys en hierdie statistieke het net betrekking op personeel en leerlinge wat positief toets. Ons is bewus van baie ander skole met heelwat meer as die ses positiewe kinders en personeel wat ons het!

Ja, ons is wel daarvan bewus dat getalle mag toeneem as gevolg van soveel gesinne wat positief toets, maar ons het daarin geslaag om die skool oop te hou en leerlinge en personeel so veilig as moontlik te hou. Ons is by meer as een geleentheid deur die Departement van Onderwys lof toegeswaai oor ons pro-aktiewe en daadwerklike maatreëls wat ons redding was.

Dit is 'n uitgemaakte saak dat personeel in aanraking kom met leerlinge uit gesinne wat positief getoets het. Wanneer 'n leerling of onderwyser ook al positief getoets het, is die graad gevra om tuis te bly, dan het ons gediepreinig en die korrekte prosedure gevolg om klasse so spoedig moontlik te hervat. Die ouers wat in kennis gestel moes word, is daarvan verwittig. Ons kry dan te doen met geniepsige aanmerkings omdat ons durf waag om ouers in kennis te stel en hulle word sleutelbordvegters wat ons aanval.

Daar word van ons verwag om die stilswye te handhaaf, ons kan onself nie verdedig nie en dit is ons nie veroorloof om ons kennis op sosiale media te deel nie.

Met die aantal gesinne waar positiewe gevalle voorgekom het, asook die ses bekende positiewe gevalle, het ons verantwoordelik opgetree en die hele skool gediepreinig. Ons het ons kant gebring en die inligting in die nuusberig is uiters onverantwoordelik, aangesien dit 'n heel ander verhaal vertel.

Iemand of iets steek inligting weg en verstrek nie akkurate statistieke nie. Ons weet, en het bevestiging, dat daar heelwat meer skole met veel meer positiewe gevalle as Sunridge bestaan. Die inligting is beskikbaar, maar dit is ook so dat sommige skole die inligting verswyg en nie beskikbaar stel nie.

Daar is skole met tot vier keer meer positiewe gevalle as ons, daar is skole wat hele afdelings vir veel langer as een dag sluit, sommige van hulle selfs in die Nelson Mandela Metro. Ons is daarvan oortuig dat 'n massiewe statistieke-dooiepunt bestaan, wat die onderwys in Suid-Afrika in gevaar stel.

In ons geval is die realiteit dat al hoe meer Sunridge-gesinne positief toets. Indien die huidige tendens van gesinne wat positief toets, voortduur, word ons beslis in gevaar gestel. Te veel siek kinders word skool toe gestuur. Vandag moes ons vyf kinders huis toe stuur. Moenie dat die toetsreeks u besluite beïnvloed nie - hou liever u kind tuis indien hy/sy siek is. Neem u kind dokter toe, maar moet die kind nie skool toe stuur nie, selfs al is daar net een simptoom.

Statistieke van hierdie aard word egter nie aan die Departement van Onderwys oorgedra nie.

Moet asseblief nie deur hierdie verkeerde inligting om die bos gelei word nie, dan word u deel van die probleem en nie die oplossing nie.

Sonskyngroete
M DE VRIES
Skoolhoof



LEARNER ACHIEVEMENTS / LEERDERPRESTASIES

*If not a school event, official results must be emailed to wendy@sunridge.co.za within one week of the event.
Indien nie 'n skoolaktiwiteit nie, moet uitslae binne een week na wendy@sunridge.co.za gestuur word.*

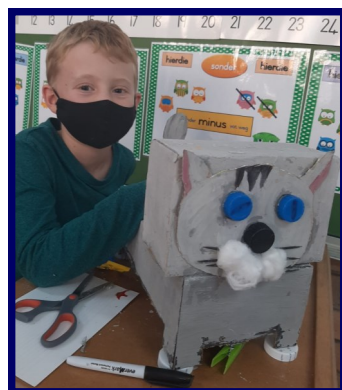
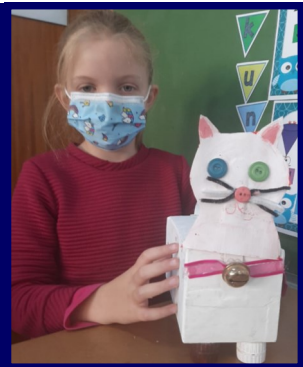
DANCING: Lianie Grobler (Gr 2S) took part in the Friendly City Dance Festival and a received Gold medal for her ballet Novice Demi Char Solo performance.

KUNS: Elle Roth(Gr 3 M) het vir die 'For the Youth by the Youth' Jeugdag-kunskompetisie ingeskryf en het 'n eerste plek behaal.

RADIKALE REDENAARSFEES: Congratulations to the following learners - Jacques Hedderwick & Makayla de Lange (Gr 1); Brendon Wright, Anrich van der Westhuizen, Jana Ehlers, Lianie Grobler Reghardt van Zyl & Harper Zehmke (Gr 2); Elle Roth, Amalia van der Westhuizen & Carli de Kock (Gr 3); Ivané van der Westhuizen, Marlien Grobler, Arin Coetzer & Abbygail de Lange (Gr 4); Minette van Zyl, Adriaan Ehlers, Karlie Janse van Rensburg, Amélie Vlok & Leah Hedderwick (Gr 5); Marcelle de Kock (Gr 6). The following learners have qualified for the National Final - Christiaan Swart & Arin Trenerry (Gr 1); Amalia van der Westhuizen (Gr 3); Marlien Grobler & Danté Fourie (Gr 4); Minette van Zyl (Gr 5)



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GEWYSIG AMENDED

<i>Sunridge Primêre Skool</i> Kwartaal 2 2021 Eksamen						
DATUM	GRAAD	SESSIE	VAK	GRAAD	SESSIE	VAK
Vrydag 18 Junie	Gr 4	Sessie 1	Lewensvaardighede	Gr 7	Sessie 1	EBW
					Sessie 2	Tegnologie
Maandag 21 Junie	Gr 5	Sessie 1	Lewensvaardighede	Gr 6	Sessie 1	Lewensvaardighede
Dinsdag, 22 Junie	Gr 4	Sessie 1	Aardrykskunde	Gr 7	Sessie 1	Aardrykskunde
Woensdag 23 Junie	Gr 5	Sessie 1	Aardrykskunde	Gr 6	Sessie 1	Aardrykskunde
Donderdag, 24 Junie	Gr 4	Sessie 1	Afrikaans	Gr 7	Sessie 1	Afrikaans
					Sessie 2	Lewensorientering
Vrydag, 25 Junie	Gr 5	Sessie 1	Afrikaans	Gr 6	Sessie 1	Afrikaans
Maandag 28 Junie	Gr 4	Sessie 1	Geskiedenis	Gr 7	Sessie 1	Geskiedenis
		Sessie 2	Visual and Summary (Eng)		Sessie 2	Visual and Summary (Eng)
<i>Sunridge Primary School</i> Term 2 2021 Examination						
DATE	GRADE	SESSION	SUBJECT	GRADE	SESSION	SUBJECT
Friday, 18 June	Gr 4	Session 1	Life Skills	Gr 7	Session 1	EMS
					Session 2	Technology
Monday, 21 June	Gr 5	Session 1	Life Skills	Gr 6	Session 1	Life Skills
Tuesday, 22 June	Gr 4	Session 1	Geography	Gr 7	Session 1	Geography
Wednesday 23 June	Gr 5	Session 1	Geography	Gr 6	Session 1	Geography
Thursday, 24 June	Gr 4	Session 1	Afrikaans	Gr 7	Session 1	Afrikaans
					Session 2	Life Orientation
Friday, 25 June	Gr 5	Session 1	Afrikaans	Gr 6	Session 1	Afrikaans
Monday, 28 June	Gr 4	Session 1	History	Gr 7	Session 1	History
		Session 2	Visual and Summary (Eng)		Session 2	Visual and Summary (Eng)

