
MULBARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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“There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have altered.” Nelson Mandela – “A Long Walk to Freedom”

From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome back to the new academic school year. I trust that you all had a great festive season and a restful holiday. 2019 is certainly going to be another exciting and eventful year!

We would like to welcome back Mrs. Thobejane, Mrs. Dawood and Ms. Rehr. Congratulations to Ms Essa who got married during the holidays. She is now Mrs. Mather. We pray God’s richest blessings and all the happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Mather in the years ahead.

Extra murals will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, commencing tomorrow, 15 January. Athletics practices have started from last Thursday – this will be held during school time. Your child can come to school dressed in their black & teal PT uniforms. Please ensure that your child carries a cap, sunscreen and a water bottle as the weather is extremely hot. The Sports Houses are Bishop (red), Kingfisher (blue), Starling (green) and Weaver (yellow). This coming Tuesday and Wednesday’s extra mural will be athletics training only.

Our inter-house field and track events will take place on 17 and 18 January respectively. Parents are welcome to come and support their children on 18 January 2019 for the track events. Please ensure that your child has a ‘house’ colour T-shirt on – either red/yellow/blue/red – please check with your child which house s/he belongs to. School will be dismissed at 13h00 this Friday, 18 January. The tuckshop will be open for parents to purchase food and cold drinks.

The Grade R sports will also take place on Thursday, 17 January 2019 between 8am and 10am where they will participate in various races.

Parent information evenings will take place at the school on the following dates. Please note that all meetings will start at 18h30.

- 15 January 2019: Foundation Phase (Grades R – 3) – in the respective teachers’ classrooms.

- 16 January 2019: Intermediate Phase (Grades 4 – 6) – in the school hall.
- 17 January 2019: Senior Phase (Grade 7) – in the school hall.

It is crucial that parents attend these important meetings in order to be kept up to date and be better able to assist your child. Learners (whose parents attend the information evenings) will be issued with 3 merits as an incentive.

The holidays are now behind us and we now have to focus towards the term ahead. Parents, please note that good discipline on the part of your child is an extremely crucial aspect of education. Let's work together to ensure that we instill good habits and behaviour in our children from the very beginning, such as correct stationery and books, school uniform, school shoes and correct hair styles (NO highlights, streaks, wedges, etc.). Children with incorrect hair styles will be sent home. Also note that cellphones are NOT ALLOWED at school. If cellphones or any other electronic devices are brought to school, they will be confiscated, and a fine of R200 will be levied for its return.

Please note as well that school starts promptly at 07h45. Please ensure that your child is at school at least 10 minutes before the bell goes. Late-coming stamps will be issued to children arriving late (this will be recorded in their diaries). Also, please fetch your child on time after school. Sometimes children are left at school until late in the evening to fend for themselves. Inculcating positive habits, like punctuality, in our children will stand them in good stead when they are adults. Please note that we will be continuing with break detention this year.

School closing times:

Grade R-2	13:30	Monday – Thursday
Grade 3	14:00	Monday – Thursday
Grade 4-7	14:30	Monday & Thursday
	14:00	Tuesday & Wednesday

Please note that the whole school dismisses at 13:30 on Fridays.

All learners from Grade R – 7 have been issued with school diaries. Please ensure that your child carries this to school every day as this is the first means of communication between parent and teacher. If diaries are lost, the cost of replacement is R80,00. All learners' stationery should have been purchased by now. Children coming to school without the required books and stationery fall behind in their classwork and this negatively affects their progress and performance in class.

If your child is not well, please keep him/her at home until s/he is well enough to return to school (a doctor's note or a note in the diary is required). It will be much appreciated if parents could please send an ice cream tub with cotton wool, plasters, small Dettol, Mercurochrome and a box of tissues.

Parents are not allowed on the school premises without signing in at the office and receiving a visitor's badge. No parents are allowed to go to teachers' classrooms in the mornings or during teaching time. This precaution is for the safety of your child as

strangers could enter the school premises. It also disrupts the teachers' lessons if done during teaching time. Please make an appointment to see a particular teacher. A concession was made last week for our new grade 1 learners – however, this will no longer be allowed. Please remain in the waiting area in the afternoons when waiting to fetch your child after school.

All new learners in Grades 2 – 7 must please hand in their Transfer cards and December 2018 report cards to the office urgently.

Please note: Archibald Avenue is to be treated as a one-way street from east to west at peak times (from 07h00 to 08h00 and from 13h00 to 15h00). We have parents stopping directly in front of our car park driveway to offload their children, then opening the car boot so their children can retrieve their school bags. This is inconsiderate and causes traffic congestion. Please refrain from this – there are ample parking bays that can be utilized.

Parents, please encourage your children to keep our school, the park across the school and our surrounding streets clean from all rubbish and litter. The litter around the school is not only an eye-sore which makes the streets and pavements look disgusting but is also endangering local plants and animals. We all need to work together in this on-going venture.

With regards to school fee payments, please see attached letter regarding resolutions/decisions taken by majority of our schools' parents at our last AGM. This is binding on all parents. Please ensure that your school fee payments are up to date to avoid penalties against you. Full, partial or conditional exemption from school fee payment will only be granted to parents that meet all the necessary criteria. School fee exemption forms are available from our school bursar.

Parents, please note that if you had paid any of the amounts below by credit card on the 27 November 2018, please contact the bursar's office urgently:

R2668.00 ; R1250.00 ; R2056.00 ; R1130.00

2019 School Calendar

Term 1	9 January – 15 March
Term 2	2 April – 14 June
Term 3	9 July – 20 September
Term 4	1 October – 4 December

Parents, please make any holiday bookings, doctors' appointments for your children, etc strictly during school holidays or after school times.

Please work with the school as far as the above aspects are concerned. I would like to wish you all a successful term and year ahead.

L. Kistadoo
Principal

Reminders

- **School Shop (for uniform) is open Monday & Friday from 07h30 – 09h00**
- Please download the School Communicator onto your PC, laptop or mobile phone for school info and news www.school-communicator.com
- Our banking details are: **NEDBANK BOOYSENS 198005 A/C # 1980316023.**
- **No cell phones, tablets or any other electronic devices are allowed at school** – If you are caught with these items, it will be confiscated and a penalty fee of R200.00 will be charged to get it back.
- **Left behind** - We are appealing to parents not to deliver items that your child has left behind or the parent has gone early morning shopping to bring to the learner – food; money; projects; sports kit; clothes; house keys; etc. What is left behind stays behind! Parents, children will never learn responsibility if you keep running after them. Please instill in them the habit of packing their bags and getting ready for school the night before! This also disrupts classes and lessons when children are constantly called up to the office.
- **Lost and found** - Parents, please insert a clear label with your child's name, surname & grade on all your child's uniform items (this applies to all learners in Grade R–7). We have a large number of uniform items in the Lost & Found container *without* labels, and we find that learners (and sometimes even parents) claim uniform items that do not even belong to them. Please note that all lost uniform items without labels will be washed and sent to our uniform shop for resale.