
MULBARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"A peoples' relationship to their heritage is the same as the relationship of a child to its mother." ~ John H. Clarke

From the Principal's Desk

We are excited to announce the Head Prefects for 2020. Head Prefect: Tohfa Mulenga; Deputy Head Prefect: Mutali Luvhengo; Deputy Head Prefect: Ntokozo Twala; Deputy Head Prefect: Chioma Musa. Congratulations to these prefects on their achievement. Well done! We wish them well in the service of others.

Congratulations to Mr Masoko and Miss Viljoen (now Mrs. Pepper) who got married. We pray God's richest blessings and all the happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Masoko and to Mr. & Mrs. Pepper in the years ahead.

We also want to welcome Ms Z. Magwaza who will be teaching Social Sciences to the Grade 6 & 7 classes when Mrs. Francisco goes on maternity leave. We wish her an enjoyable stay at our school.

Please note that Heritage Day is on Thursday, 24 September, which is a public holiday and Friday, 25 September is an approved school closure – school will be closed on these two days. Class 2 will therefore return on Monday, 28 September. Please see the attached new amended calendar roster.

To commemorate Heritage Day, learners will be allowed to come dressed in traditional/cultural attire on Tuesday & Wednesday, 22 & 23 September respectively. Please note that children must be dressed conservatively. There will be no cost for this.

Please note that we are now in Level 1 Lockdown. However, the Covid-19 procedures below will continue. We are still strictly adhering to social distancing, wearing of masks and washing/sanitizing of hands.

Covid-19 Procedure for Grades R-7 Learners:

- MASKS ARE COMPULSARY. If your child has no mask – children will NOT be allowed to enter the school premises. Please ensure that your children's masks are clearly labelled with their name, surname and grade.
- There are three entrances to the school for learners – 2 on ARCHIBALD AVENUE (1 for Grade R and 1 for Grades for 1-3) and 1 on Dalbini Road (for Grades 4-7). No parents will be allowed to enter onto the school premises.
- When learners arrive at school their temperature will be taken by staff members as learners enter the school.

- On days when there is inclement weather, learners will go directly to class where screening will take place.
- If children's temperatures are above 38°C, the secretary will telephone parents to fetch the learners. However we impress upon parents/guardians/drivers to wait outside the school until their children have passed the screening process. Please educate your child on the various screening questions that they will be asked by the educators at the screening tables so that children are not confused by these questions.
- Learners who have a high temperature during the day will be taken to an **isolation area** where staff members will be supervising. Parents are advised to take such children for an immediate check-up to their doctor.
- Strict social distancing will be observed (use red markers on the ground) – while queuing, while walking as well as while lining up in the line-up area.
- Learners will not move from class to class for change-over of subjects – teachers will move.
- Each class has a section in the school where they will be sitting during lunch breaks. Social distancing will be followed during breaks. Unfortunately, playing and interacting together during lunch breaks will not be permitted.
- At break learners will be fetched from the classroom and returned to the class by their register teacher or a youth brigade.
- After first break temperatures will be taken again when learners get back to class and it will be recorded on a class list.
- Hand sanitizers will be available at the entrance of every classroom. Children are welcome to carry their own hand sanitizers as well.
- There will be no hugging, no handshakes, no touching, such as fist pumps, high 5's – all direct contact to be avoided.
- Tissues are to be used correctly and to be disposed of in an appropriate manner, coughing or sneezing should also be done in an appropriate manner.
- No child is allowed to share stationery, lunch, snacks, cold drinks, water, etc.
- Please note that Aftercare is still closed.
- Please ensure all uniforms are washed daily. All learners to now be in full summer uniform. We will be alternating formal summer uniform with the summer PT uniform on alternate days. Correct hair styles, hair bands, earrings, etc. to be worn.
- Please note that normal school rules will apply eg. merits, demerits, break detentions, etc. We aim to get our children back to some sense of "normality".
- Grades R-2 learners will be dismissed at 13h30 daily. Grades 3-7 learners will be dismissed at 2pm from Monday to Thursday and at 13h30 on Friday. School starts at 07h45 and learners should NOT be late.
- There will be no extra murals – all learners to be fetched immediately after school. ***NO child should be waiting after school until late to be fetched! No Child is allowed to play in park or go to the shops!***
- It is parents' responsibility to ensure that the correct safety protocols are adhered to in their children's transport.
- Please work with us in educating your children on the new social distancing norms and correct safety measures.

- Learners will be given sufficient work for them to complete for their day at home – parents to please assist in ensuring that this takes place at home. This will be checked by their teachers when they return on the following day.
- Please ensure that your child has all the required books and stationery at school as no sharing or borrowing is allowed

Please be patient with us as we may revise plans and procedures continuously as new information comes to light.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Stay safe.

L. Kistadoo
Principal

Reminders

- 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.