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“God didn’t make you to be average. God created you to excel, and He’s given you ability, insight, talent, wisdom and His supernatural power to do so. You have everything you need right now to fulfill your God-given destiny.” ~ Joel Osteen

From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome back to the fourth term. This is going to be a short and busy term. All learners have to work extremely hard in all their assessments in order to progress to the next grade. To the Grade 7’s, this is going to be the final “hurdle” in their primary school race – so only your best is required! Hard work, a positive attitude and good discipline will be the key ingredients for a successful finish!

Please note that ***Class 1 attends school today and Class 2 tomorrow, 12 October – please check the rotational calendar sent home.*** All learners must come to school in full summer uniform. Correct hair styles for both boys and girls must be adhered to. Late-coming to school must be curbed.

Thank you to all those parents who have fully settled their school fees. For those parents who have not, please ensure that your school fees are fully settled by the end of October 2021. All 2022 stationery packs must be ordered and paid for. Please contact the Finance office.

Please note – if your child is transferring from Mulbarton Primary at the end of the year (excluding Grade 7), please send a letter to the school requesting a Transfer Card which will be issued in December 2021. We have an extensive waiting list of new children wishing to enter our school so please don’t hesitate if you know that your family will be relocating.

Also note that educators will be under immense pressure to cover as much work as possible to complete the required sections of the curriculum for the remainder of the year. Please note that educators **DO NOT** have time to deal with discipline issues. Please speak to your child to be focused and disciplined at school and **NOT** to fool around, be disruptive or engage in arguments/fights with other learners in the classroom. This simply wastes time and takes up far too much of the educator’s teaching time. Also, please ensure that your children attend school on the days they should be attending as they will fall behind if they miss out on teaching and are unable to complete their work the next day. The day at home is **NOT** a free day – learners must complete all their work issued by their subject teachers!

Please note that Mulbarton Primary is looking to upgrade some of the staff laptops. The school is looking to obtain quotations based on particular specifications. Please contact the school for further information in this regard,

Covid-19 Procedure for Grades R-7 Learners:

- MASKS ARE COMPULSORY. 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. No buffs to be worn. Disposable masks will be sold at a cost of R10.
- 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.
- If children's temperatures are above 38°C, the secretary will telephone parents to fetch the learners. Please educate your child on the various screening questions that they will be asked by the educators 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**. 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 school assistant.
- 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. Learners may change over to full summer uniform from 6 September. 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 the 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 work with the school as far as the above aspects are concerned. Please be patient with us as we may revise plans and procedures continuously as new information comes to light.

Looking forward to your support and co-operation in the term ahead.

Stay safe.

L. Kistadoo
Principal

Reminders

- **School Shop (for uniform) is open Tuesday and Friday from 08h00 – 09h30**
- 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.