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“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.” ~ Pelé, Brazilian footballer

From the Principal's Desk

Parents, please note that the final assessments in this term are extremely important and should be treated as a final examination. Please see final assessment/exam time table below. Please encourage your child to work hard and prepare thoroughly for all formal assessments. Learners will be advised as to which sections of work will be assessed. Furthermore, some children seem to have a care free attitude and have forgotten their manners and sense of respect for their peers in class and for adults as well. Parents, we are appealing to you to work with the school in instilling good discipline in our learners. Please speak to your child about conforming to the rules and regulations of our school, and to respect the dignity of other learners, staff and parents as well.

Please note all learners should be dressed in full summer uniform. Girls – summer dress, Boys – open neck white shirt (with the school badge on the pocket) and grey shorts (only the Grade 7 boys are allowed to wear long grey pants the whole year). Formal and PT uniform can be worn on alternating days – NO mixing of uniform please. Correct hairstyles, correct hair bands and earrings for girls, correct socks and shoes must be adhered to. We want our children looking neat and smart. Also, please note that on days where learners have earned their merits civvies – learners to be dressed appropriately and conservatively – eg. NO short shorts or revealing clothes for girls.

We also find that there are an increasing number of learners who are coming to school without masks. These learners should actually be sent back home. However, these learners cannot miss school. Therefore, children who come to school without a mask will be issued a mask at a cost of R10 payable at the office.

There are far too many children arriving late to school. Parents please ensure that your child's transport is getting your child to school on time as you may not be aware of this – please check with your child as your child is the one who is receiving the demerits for late coming. Rushing through the gate as the school bell goes does not mean that your child is early for school. Your co-operation in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Please note that 4 & 5 November is Diwali (religious leave) for 8 staff members who will not be at school.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

L. Kistadoo
Principal

A few suggestions to bear in mind when preparing for exams or tests :

- **No late nights [preferably in bed by 20h30 (Grades 4&5) and 21h30 (Grades 6&7) – for study purposes].**
- **Studying should take place in a quiet place. Television and music should be switched off.**
- **S/he should sit at a comfortable table or desk when studying – not on the bed.**
- **S/he should study for 20 minutes at a time with a break of 5–10 minutes between each session – longer study sessions for older children. Draw up a study time-table for your child – allocate more time to weaker subjects.**
- **It is better to spend a short period of time each day revising well before the time, rather than cramming all the work in the night before.**
- **Your child needs to be fetched/go home as soon as school ends each day in order to go home and prepare for the following days exams.**
- **Please ensure that your child has a healthy breakfast each morning so that s/he is alert.**
- **Please check that your child has all the necessary stationery for exams or tests, as no borrowing will be allowed – 2 blue pens, 2 sharpened pencils, ruler, eraser, and any other special equipment required for specific subjects eg. Maths set or coloured pencils, etc. – children to please check with relevant teachers.**
- **Please check exam time table carefully to avoid unnecessary errors.**
- **Please support and assist your child in preparing for their tests or exams – test your children yourself by setting your own questions/tests that your child could answer under a set time limit. Spelling is extremely important in all exams – please emphasize this to your child.**
- **Please note that normal school rules apply during and after the exams. Pupils caught cheating during an exam will be given a zero for that subject and could be suspended for future exams. Cellphones are NOT ALLOWED at school and will be confiscated if discovered.**