MULBARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 01 of 2026

19 January 2026

"Let go of yesterday. Let today be a new beginning and be the best that you can, and you'll get to where God wants you to be."
~ Joel Osteen

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. 2026 is certainly going to be another exciting and eventful year! Please note that only this first newsletter will be a hard copy – thereafter all our newsletters will be uploaded electronically onto the school communicator and school website.

Please note that NOT all our parents are using the D6 school communicator, a convenient app on their mobile smart phones & desktops. There are approximately 1500 parents, so usage is low. Please download the School Communicator onto your PC, laptop or mobile phone for school info and news – **www.school-communicator.com**. If you have an android device, you can download using the Google Play store, or if you have an apple device, you can download using the iStore. Steps to download the school communicator are indicated on the school website. We are finding that we are printing 1200 hard copies of the newsletter and this is not even reaching majority of the parents. This is a wastage of ink and paper. There will be NO hard copies sent home after this first one – please access the newsletter on the school communicator as well as on the school website.

We would like to welcome Miss. A. Gaertz who will be teaching the Grade 2B class and Miss A. Jonkers who will be taking over the media centre and teaching Life Skills to Grade 1C and 2A classes. We wish them everything of the best and a fruitful stay at our school.

Extra murals will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, commencing tomorrow, 20 January. Athletics practices have started from last Thursday – this is held during school time. 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 22 and 23 January respectively. Parents are welcome to come and support their children on 23 January for the track events. The stands closest to the Grade R is the designated seating area for parents – parents are

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Principal

not allowed to sit with their children and children are not allowed to go to the parents seating area. 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 on Friday, 23 January. The tuckshop will be open for parents to purchase food and cold drinks.

Parent information evenings will take place at the school on the following dates. Please note that all meetings will start at 18h00 and end at 19h00. A handout will be sent out as a refresher for all information discussed.

- 27 January 2026: Foundation Phase (Grades R – 3) – in the school hall.
- 28 January 2026: Intersen Phase (Grades 4 – 7) – in the school hall.

It is crucial that parents attend these important meetings in order to be kept up to date and to be better able to assist your child. Learners (whose parents attend the information evenings) will be issued with 2 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 steps, 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 R250 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 late section of the diaries) and they would have to attend a week's break detention after 5 demerits. 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.

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 as lack of books and stationery hinders your

child's progress in class. Lost textbooks should be replaced or paid for immediately and not at the end of the year. The cost of lost textbooks is R200.

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 cotton wool, plasters, small Dettol 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 outside the school gate 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 2025 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. Also, parents please note that when you park your car outside the school, please lock your car properly and conceal all valuables inside your car, as incidents have occurred where vehicles were accessed (possibly car jamming) and valuables stolen.

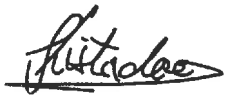
With regards to school fee payments, please see attached letter regarding resolutions/decisions taken by majority of our schools' parents at our last AGM. This is binding on all parents. Please ensure that your school fee payments are up to date to avoid penalties against you. Full, partial or conditional 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.

2026 School Calendar:

Term 1	14 January – 27 March
Term 2	8 April – 26 June
Term 3	21 July – 23 September
Term 4	6 October – 9 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.



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Reminders

- **School Shop (for uniform) is open Friday from 07h40 – 08h10**

- 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 R250.00 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.

- **Absent from School** – If your child is not at school for 1 or 2 days, kindly write a note in the diary to the educator and if necessary supply the sick note. If your child is off longer than 2 days – Kindly notify the school, write a note in the diary and you will need to supply a sick note.

- **School Times –**
  Grade R – 2 = Monday to Friday 13h30
  Grade 3 = Monday to Thursday = 14h00 and Friday = 13h30
  Grade 4 – 7 = Monday and Thursday = 14h30 Tuesday and Wednesday = 14h00 and Friday 13h30
  (Tuesday and Wednesday is Extral Murals which finishes at 14h45)
  School starts = 07h45

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10 November 2025

Dear Parents,

The AGM/Budget Meeting was held in the school hall on Thursday, 6 November 2025 at 18h00 to all those parents in attendance. The huge attendance by parents was overwhelming. The School Governing Body presented the Annual Budget for 2026.

The increase of 7,28% in school fees and the school fee amount for 2026 were voted in and adopted by a majority vote of parents present. The parents present adopted the following resolutions in accordance with Section 39 of the South African Schools Act 84 of 1996 as amended:

1. Mulbarton Primary School is a fee-paying school. The payment of school fees is compulsory at Mulbarton Primary School as it is a quintile 5 school and has Section 21 status.
2. To increase school fees by 7,28% for the 2026 academic year as proposed by the school governing body (SGB) and approved by the majority of parents.
3. The school fees shall be regulated and determined as follows: Yearly school fees for each learner (Grade R-7) shall be an amount of R14 300 (New Amount Adopted) which shall be payable in 10 equal monthly instalments of R1 430 commencing in January 2026 terminating in October 2026.
4. The last date for submission of applications for exemption from the payment of school fees by parents in terms of Regulations published in the Government Gazette Nr 29311, Vol 496, of 18 October 2006 [**Regulations in connection with the Exemption from the payment of school fees by parents in Pubic Ordinary Schools**] will be 30 June 2026.
5. As referred to in the SASA Act, staff can be rewarded for hard work and long service.
6. To maintain a money market (investment) account as approved by the GDE for surplus funds.

We appeal to parents who have any difficulty in paying the school fees to approach the school to discuss the matter. The School Governing Body shall, upon application for exemption from payment of school fees, apply the formula in its determination of such application in accordance with the Regulations published in the Government Gazette Nr 29311, Vol 496, of 18 October 2006 [regulations in connection with the Exemption from the payment of school fees by parents in Public Ordinary Schools].

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Please note the following important information:
If school fees are settled in full by 31 March 2026 there will be a 10% rebate. Sibling discounts are as follows: Child (1) R14 300.00; Child (2) R13 800.00; Child (3) R13 300.00.

A huge thank you to the parents who were present at the AGM for their commitment to Mulbarton Primary School. You have the best interest of the school at heart and together we can do so much more.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. V. Ngubshana
SGB Chairperson

Mr. E. Ngomane
Treasurer

Reply Slip

I/We, _____ the parents of _____, in Grade/s _____ have taken note of the AGM/Budget Outcome letter dated 10th November 2025.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

MULBARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL – TERM 1 EXTRA MURALS – 2026

ACTIVITY	*DAY*	*EDUCATORS*	*AGE GROUP*
TENNIS	MONDAY/THURSDAY	E. DE WET	ALL AGES
		CRISTOVAO	
SOCCER	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	TWALA	10 YEARS
		PHEWA	11 YEARS
		MASOKO	12 YEARS
		MLATHA	13 YEARS
GIRLS SOCCER	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	JONKERS	GRADE 6-7
MINI SOCCER	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	MTHEMBU	7-9 YEARS
		MADONDO	7-9 YEARS
DRAMA	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	MOSEKILLI	GR 1-3
		VAUGHAN	GR 4-7
CHESS	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	MAHOMED	GR 1-3
		GAERTZ	GR 4-7
ART	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	RAMPARSAD V	GR 1-3
		FRANCISCO	GR 4-7
EISTEDFODD	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	CAMERON	GR 1-3
		SUBAYA	GR 4-7
REMEDIAL ENGLISH	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	DU PREEZ	GR 4/5
		NUNDLAL	GR 6/7
REMEDIAL MATHS	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	FOX	GR 3/4
REMEDIAL ENGLISH	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	RAMPARSAD R	GR 3
COMPUTERS	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	MUTEMA	GR 1-7
REMEDIAL MATHS	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY		
		BABA	GR 5-7
REMEDIAL AFRIKAANS	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	FRANCIS	GR 4/5
		MORAR-HARI	GR 6/7
MINI NETBALL	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	KNIGHT	7-9 YEARS
		HAINES	7-9 YEARS
NETBALL	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	MAKHUBO	10 YEARS
		MOTAUNG	11 YEARS
		MAYEKISO	12 YEARS
		VAN VUUREN	13 YEARS
CHOIR	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	BOOYSENS	ALL LEARNERS
		MYBURGH	

19th January

Time Out Tuckshop @MPS

A full tummy is a happy tummy

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Order in morning and collect at break to have a good meal
G4-G7 only from 7am-7:35
R-3 orders are taken in class with their teacher and collect.

Any dietary, allergy or enquires the window is open.

No Sweets or Fizzy Coldrinks will be sold in school hours only after school, by request from Principal and Staff.

Breakfast

Muesli & Yoghurt **V**	R20
Overnight Oats **V**	R18

Budget Breakfast

Assorted Fruit	R7
Yogurt	R10
PB & J Sarmie	R10
Marmite Sarmie **V**	R10

Add on extras

Cheese	R8
Jalapeño	R8
Ham/Bacon	R8
Egg	R10
Roll/Bread	R5
Spoons/Forks	R1
Cups	R1

Afterschool Cravings

Chocolates	R10 to R17
Sweets from	R1 to R5
Slush Puppies	R15
Ice-Cream	R10 to R15

Please order 2nd break

Frappe/Ice-Coffee	R35
Boba	R30

Small Stationery from R6
Hair Ties R3

Thirst Quencher

Still/ Sparkling	R12
Still Water 2lt	R25
Flavored Water	R12
Juice Box	R10
Mr. Orange	R10
Ice Tea	R16
Cranberry Juice	R17
Smoothies	R17
Isorade	R17
ABI Drinks 300ml	R15
ABI Drinks 440ml	R20

Snack Attack

Twiggles	R3
Fritos	R7
Cheezy Bites	R7
Caramel Pops	R10
Lays/Simba	R12
Foxis	R10
Foxi Pops	R12
Popcorn	R10 to R12
Biltong Wheel	R10
Biltong/Wors	R22 to R25

2nd Break YUMYUM

Cookies	R12
Brownies	R12
Dry Fruit Sticks	R8
Biscuits	R5
Fresh Bake	R10 to R15

Weekly Menu

Monday

Chicken Hotdogs	R18
T Cheese **V**	R20
T Ham and Cheese	R27
Bacon Egg & Cheese Wrap	R35
Fresh Foods	**R20 to R35**

Tuesday

Chicken Hotdogs	R18
T Cheese **V**	R20
T Cheese & Tomato **V**	R27
Chicken Mayo Wrap	R35
Fresh Foods	**R20 to R35**

Wednesday

T Cheese **V**	R20
Veg Fry's Hotdogs **V**	R20
Chicken Hotdogs	R18
Jumbo Hotdogs	R25
Assorted Pies	R30

Thursday

T Cheese **V**	R20
Chicken Hotdog	R18
School Boy	R30
Russian Wrap	R35
Fresh Foods	**R20 to R35**

Fridays

Chicken Hotdog	R18
T Cheese **V**	R20
T Ham & Cheese	R27
T Chicken Wrap	R35
Beef Burger	**R35 Cheese R40**
Chick Burge	**R35 Cheese R40**
T Oko Beef Burger	R48

Vegetarian meal need to be ordered in the morning