

Rosebank School



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Newsletter #2

WELCOME



Welcome to the 2022 school academic year. We are pleased to announce that Rosebank Primary School had a successful first week back. Our staff and learners have all returned, energised and ready to take on the new year. The 2022 School Terms are as follows:

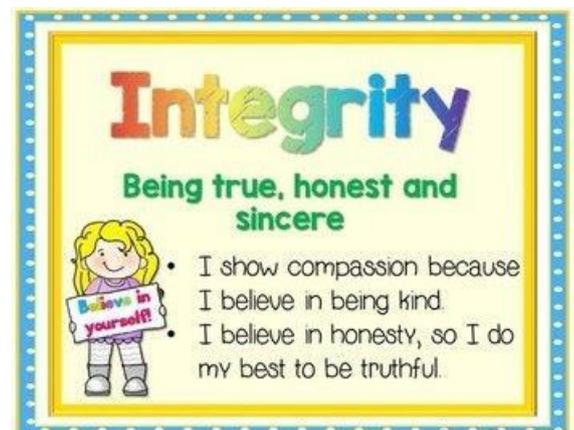
<u>Term</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Weeks</u>
1	(10) 12 January – 17 March 2022	10 weeks
2	5 April – 24 June 2022	12 weeks
3	19 July – 30 Sept 2022	11 weeks
4	11 Oct – 14 (15) Dec 2022	10 weeks

The full academic calendar is now available on the new school website.

We are implementing a few changes this year; more information will follow at the Parent Meetings on the 27th January 2022.

Some changes include:

- Early Departure Policy
- Updated Late Coming Policy
- Detentions
- EDUPAC Parent Portal (we are attending training on Wednesday, 19th January 2022, after which we will be able to provide more information).
- Updated School Website, which will be used for communication (e.g. refer to the Calendar / Events)



Building an educational foundation for future leaders



- A focus on core values, so that we can “build an educational foundation for future leaders”. Some of the core values include respect, integrity, co-operation, communication, consideration and honesty.

We look forward to the positive impact that we hope that these changes will bring, encouraging pride in our school.

SCHOOL TIMES

All learners will return to a normal 5-day attendance, as we did last year. Rosebank Primary School has gone to great lengths to ensure that we adhere to the regulations and protocols regarding COVID-19. We are ready for our learners for the 2022 academic year.



There are new finishing times for Grade 3 learners from this year. Please see finishing times for each grade as follows:

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Grade R- 2	13h30	13h30	13h30	13h30	13h30
Grade 3 – 7	14h00	14h00	13h30	13h30	13h30
Extra mural times for all learners	14h15-15h15	14h15-15h15	13h45-14h45	13h45-14h45	No extra murals on a Friday.

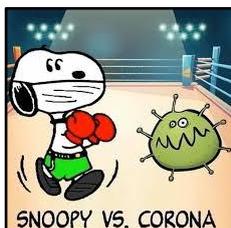
Parents are to ensure that they drop off and pick up their children timeously each school day. Please speak to your transport drivers to also be at the school timeously.

- Late coming will not be tolerated. Children miss out on important announcements at the start of the day, lessons in class and possible assessments written in the morning lessons of the day. It is also very disruptive for the rest of the class.

If a child is not in an extra mural, they must go home immediately unless enrolled at the aftercare facility with Sherpa Kids. Any child left waiting for transport after school finishing times will be taken to the aftercare facility and the cost of this care will be sent to their parent/guardian.

- Children who take public transport must leave immediately after school and **NOT** wait with their friend until he/she is collected.

COVID PROTOCOLS



- All learners and parents are implored to strictly comply with all protocols and regulations related to Covid-19.

- Learners will not be allowed to enter the school premises without wearing a facemask. The school is unable to provide facemasks should learners forget their masks at home.
- We advise that extra masks be brought to school as a precaution. These must be marked and kept in their school bags for use in an emergency.
- Learners who display flu-like symptoms should remain at home and parents should seek urgent medical attention.
- Please do not send your child to school if they are in any way unwell. It adds unnecessary risk to the whole school community. Please be considerate of other's health and safety.

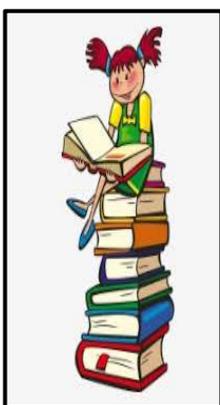
During screening, any learner who presents flu-like symptoms will be sent home. Their parents will be contacted to fetch them immediately. We remind everyone to constantly sanitize or wash their hands with soap and water and to observe social distancing.

EARLY DEPARTURE FOR LEARNERS

All requests for early leave must be made in writing by parents/guardians. Such requests must be made to the principal's office. **No other staff member** is authorised to give permission for leave.



- Parents/Guardians will need to complete a control form at the front office.
- A copy of positive identification will be taken (Driver's license / ID), this will be attached to the control forms and filed safely for the school's records by the admin secretary.
- The admin secretary will not hand out a gate pass to any parent/guardian without positive identification.
- Once everything is in order, the parent/guardian will receive a Gate Pass that will need to be presented to the security guard on exiting the school, at which point the child will be released into their care.



LTSM LOAN FORMS

LTSM refers to Learner, Teacher Support Materials and covers a wide range of teaching and learning resources used to educate your child. These include textbooks, posters, readers, Natural Science apparatus, Physical Education equipment and so on.

- Parents will receive an LTSM loan form at the Parent Meeting this week.
- This **must** be completed by parents and returned to the class teacher by learners.
- Parents must thoroughly check learners' textbooks to ensure that the correct information is recorded about the condition of the textbooks.
- Parents will be liable to pay a minimum fee of R200 per textbook (depending on the replacement cost which will include delivery costs) if textbooks are lost or damaged.
- As per policy, textbooks will be taken away from learners who do not submit their loan form to the class teacher.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Learners must be attired in the correct and full school uniform daily.
- We expect our learners to be neatly always groomed and presentable.
- The Dri-Mac is no longer part of the Rosebank school uniform and **MAY NOT** be worn.
- Items from the winter uniform may not be worn in conjunction with items from the summer uniform.
- Only the Grd 7 boys are permitted to wear the long navy school pants all year round, but please note that school pants **MAY NOT** be altered to be “skinny” leg pants. We are a school and not a fashion parade.

PE and Extra Mural Swimming

- ONLY** a black or navy swimming costume may be worn.
- The school cap in the colour of your allocated School House must be worn as well. (We are aware that some parents may have already bought yellow caps. This is acceptable, but when replacing, please replace with the house colour cap).
- Please can all learners carry their own swimming towel to be used after swimming. Learners may not borrow or share towels during Covid times.
- If your child does not bring all three items for their PE lesson and for extra mural swimming, they will unfortunately **not** be allowed to participate in any PE or extra mural swimming that week.
- All learners are to change back into their school uniform after extra mural swimming. It is not appropriate to travel home in a costume – especially when using public transport.
- A reminder that PE forms part of the Life Skills Curriculum and just as your child needs pens, pencils, exercise books for their other lessons, the PE uniform is a compulsory requirement for the PE curriculum. Children are assessed during their PE lessons and the results impact on the overall Life Skills mark.



A child wearing the correct, neat uniform every day shows their pride in their school. An untidy appearance tells people a lot about how you view yourself. When you look good, you feel good, and this will lead to doing well at school. Wearing a neat, clean and correct uniform shows that you respect yourself and others around you.

Let's show our *respect* for others and ourselves.

AFTERCARE



No child will be permitted to be unsupervised after school. If your child is not participating in an Extra Mural activity and not collected straight after school, they will be escorted to Aftercare (SHERPA KIDS), and you will be charged an ad hoc fee for those afternoons.

TUCKSHOP

Thrups will continue to provide their service to the school ensuring that we have a good range of lunch choices as well as other food and drink items. They are linked to ALLXS and therefore lunch can be pre-ordered.



SCHOOL FEES for 2022

Thank you to all our parents who have paid their school & LAF fees timeously, your support is greatly appreciated.

A quick reminder to all parents that school fees are due on the 1st day of each month. Banking details are attached in the newsletter, please always use your child's account number as a reference.



Rosebank Primary School fee for 2022 is R20 000.

Without the steady income of school fees, the school is unable to operate effectively. We rely greatly on school fees to ensure that the environment in which teaching, and learning takes place is a conducive one. Kindly do the right thing by ensuring that you up to date with payments.

We urge parents to take advantage of the discounts offered if full fees are settled early. All parents are requested to ensure that their school fees account is up to date. School fees can be paid at the school's finance office using a debit or credit card, via the Karri App or by direct deposit into the school's bank account. No cash will be accepted for school fees. Please use the correct references when making deposits, as we are unable to correctly allocate funds received if the reference is not clear.

SCHOOL BANK DETAILS:

BANK: **NEDBANK**

BRANCH: **THE MALL, ROSEBANK**

ACC. NO: **1977009042**

CODE: **197705**

TYPE: **CURRENT**

REF: **USE YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT NUMBER** (alternatively, use your child's name & surname and 2022 class)

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



School photos will be taken on Friday, 28th January 2022. However, if there are children who have not yet paid LAF, they will **NOT** receive their photographs. Please ensure that your child is at school and that their LAF (Learner Affiliation Fee) for 2022 is paid in full.

The photographer will return on Monday, 31st January 2022 for photographs of any children who may have been absent on the Friday.

Please also ensure that your child is dressed in proper **full school uniform** for the photo.

WEBSITE

We are very excited to announce that our school website has been upgraded. This went live on 17 January 2022. To find out more about our lovely school, you may visit the website. (www.rosebankprimary.co.za).

Look out for our newsletters, in the news, the calendar of events and much more...

DEPARTMENTAL HEADS' REPORTS

SBST DEPARTMENTAL HEAD – Mrs Jugdav:

The first week of school

The first week of school went well. We had 1 Grade R learner who took until first break to settle in after crying for his mum. The teachers welcomed all the new learners. Newzroom Afrika, Channel 405 did an interview with the SBST co-ordinator regarding school wellness, and they were impressed with the Covid protocols that are currently in place at Rosebank Primary. Other members of staff were also interviewed by the news crew. All in all it was a busy week for both teachers, parents and learners.

FOUNDATION PHASE DEPARTMENTAL HEAD – Mrs Barnard:

Welcome to all the new and existing Foundation Phase parents of Rosebank Primary School, compliments of the season and we hope you had a good break. We have hit the floor running with regards to the 2022 academic year. The children were all sorted into their new classes and have met their new class teachers. Teaching and learning has started this week with Baseline Assessments. PE will be swimming from this week and extra murals have begun. Wishing all the Learners a successful and happy year ahead.

INTESEN PHASE DEPARTMENTAL HEAD – Miss Modibedi:

Rosebank Primary School would like to welcome each learner to the new academic year of 2022. It is the aim of the school to provide ongoing efforts to ensure that every learner in every classroom obtain quality education. For this to happen parental support, encouragement and involvement is essential in every grade. This is especially true during the challenging time we now find ourselves in.



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Our children require the support of their teachers and their school, and encouragement from their parents more than ever. Please do not underestimate your role at home. As a parent you are their role model and help to shape their opinions, values, attitudes, and approach towards learning and life in general.

We will be holding our parent information evening next week, and I encourage each and every parent to attend this important meeting. We all need to work together to ensure that our children reach their full potential.

We started off the year on a very happy note. All the learners were happy to be back at school to see their teachers and friends. Everything ran smoothly and children were in class quickly and getting ready for the year.

Please encourage your child to work hard and prepare for their weekly Cycle Tests which will be written each Wednesday morning. Please see attached timetable below.



Cycle Test Term 1

Grade 4-7

Dates	Subject
19 th January 2022	English
26 th January 2022	FAL
2 nd February 2022	Mathematics
9 th February 2022	Natural Science
16 th February 2022	Geography
23 rd February 2022	PSW (Grade 4-6) Life Orientation (Grade 7)
2 nd March 2022	History
9 th March 2022	Art (Grade 4-6) EMS (Grade 7)
16 th March 2022	English (Grade 4-6) Technology (Grade 7)

- Grade 7 Art Cycle Test to be completed during class time.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS



- There will be Parent Information Meetings taking place on **Thursday, 27 January 2022** at **17H30**.
- Each teacher will host the Face-to-Face meeting in their **OWN classroom** due to social distancing.
- This is a very important meeting, and all parents are required to attend.

- It is very important to build a good relationship with your child's teacher to work in the best interest of the child.
- **The venue for each class is as follows:**

Reception Year:

Grd R	Miss J Taylor	Room 28
Grd R	Miss V Redman	Room 29

Foundation Phase:

Grd 1	Miss KL Illman	Room 4
Grd 1	Mrs V Blackie	Room 5
Grd 1	Mrs D Barnard	Room 6
Grd 2	Mrs J Wilson	Room 3
Grd 2	Miss A De Necker	Room 2
Grd 2	Mrs L Locker	Room 1
Grd 3	Mrs M Fox	Room 7
Grd 3	Mrs T Gilles	Room 8
Grd 3	Miss L Yates	Room 13

Intersen Phase:

<u>Departmental Head (Grd 4, 5, 6 & 7):</u>	Miss Motheo Modibedi	Room 14
Grd 4	Mrs O Buthelezi	Science Lab
Grd 4	Mrs L Mokhampanyane	Room 17
Grd 4	Miss M Goliath	Room 18
Grd 5	Mr J Wagner	Room 21
Grd 5	Miss P Wilson	Room 22
Grd 5	Miss E Pillay	Room 23
Grd 6	Mrs A Carruthers	Room 11
Grd 6	Miss I Loubser	Room 12
Grd 6	Miss K Wagner	Room 16
Grd 7	Mrs M Eid	Room 19
Grd 7	Miss A Phungula	Room 20
Grd 7	Mr A Kiefer	Technology Room

We look forward to meeting you.



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STAFF NEWS

Miss J Taylor is currently away on leave. She will return to school on the 26th January 2022. Due to the small classes, we have currently combined her class with Miss Redman's class, they are in good hands and doing well.

MOTIVATION FOR THE WEEK

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.”

Henry David Thoreau

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