

ROSEBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

WELCOME TO THE 2024 SCHOOL ACADEMIC YEAR

We hope this newsletter finds you well and filled with excitement as we embark on a brand-new academic year! Welcome back to school, and a warm welcome to all our new learners and teachers joining our educational family.

To our returning learners, we extend a heartfelt welcome back. We've missed your energy, curiosity, and enthusiasm, and we're eager to embark on another year of growth, learning, and achievement together. Your dedication to education is truly inspiring, and we look forward to witnessing your continued success.

A special welcome goes out to our new learners, who are embarking on an exciting educational journey with us. We are thrilled to have you as part of our community, and we are committed to providing you with a supportive and engaging learning environment. Your unique perspectives and talents will undoubtedly contribute to the vibrancy of our school community.

To the parents and guardians, we extend our appreciation for your continued support. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and we look forward to partnering with you throughout the year to ensure the success and well-being of your children.

To our new teachers, Mrs. Steyn and Ms. Mthiyane, welcome aboard! Your enthusiasm, fresh ideas, and dedication to education are valuable assets to our school. We are confident that you will make a positive impact on the lives of our learners, and we look forward to seeing the

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innovative and inspiring ways you will contribute to our learning community.

As we begin this academic year, let us embrace the opportunities for growth, collaboration, and success that lie ahead. Together, we can create an environment where everyone feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Wishing everyone a fantastic start to the 2024 academic year! Let's make it a year of learning, laughter, and lasting memories.

2024 CHANGES

As we begin the new school year, there are some updates to the school program that we'd like to remind you of. Please take note of the revised **school times** outlined in the table below:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Grade R</u>	<u>Grade 1 - 3</u>	<u>Grade 4 - 6</u>	<u>Grade 7</u>
Monday	07h30 - 13h45	07h30 - 13h45	07h30 - 13h45	07h30 - 13h45
Tuesday	07h30 - 13h45	07h30 - 13h45	07h30 - 13h45	07h30 - 13h45
Wednesday	07h30 - 13h15	07h30 - 13h15	07h30 - 13h15	07h30 - 13h45
Thursday	07h30 - 13h15	07h30 - 13h15	07h30 - 13h15	07h30 - 13h45
Friday	07h30 - 13h15	07h30 - 13h15	07h30 - 13h15	07h30 - 13h15

Notably, Grade 7 learners will now have an extended school day on Wednesdays and Thursdays. To accommodate this change, the Extra Mural program is now set for one hour on both Mondays and Tuesdays and 45 minutes on Wednesdays and Thursdays for the Grade 7s. Grade 7 learners will join in the Extra Mural activities 15 minutes after the Grade R to 6 learners have commenced their activities.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement these adjustments to enhance the overall learning experience for our learners.

Please refer to the attached Term 1 Extra Mural Timetable for more information.

2024 Changes:

- School times.
- Grd 7 Extra Mural Programme



Extra Mural Times:

DAY	GRD R - 6	GRD 7
MONDAY	14H00 - 15H00	14H00 - 15H00
TUESDAY	14H00 - 15H00	14H00 - 15H00
WEDNESDAY	13H30 - 14H30	13H45 - 14H30
THURSDAY	13H30 - 14H30	13H45 - 14H30

The **Rosebank Scholar Transport** will leave at 15h00 on a Monday and Tuesday, 14h30 on a Wednesday and Thursday and 13h30 on a Friday. Any learner who is using this method of transport is expected to attend an extra mural while waiting for the transport to leave.

It is mandatory for any learner present on the school premises at the start of the Extra Mural programme to participate in an activity.

BIRTHDAYS (1ST -19TH JANUARY)

LEARNERS:

NO	NAME	SURNAME	BIRTHDAY	CLASS
1	Kunashe	Nengomasha	01 January	Grade 1/DB
2	Olesego	Kgakatsi	03 January	Grade 1/JT
3	La vida	Ndlovu	03 January	Grade 6/KW
4	Oratile	Kgaladi	04 January	Grade 7/MM
5	Nqobani	Sibisi	04 January	Grade 5/GS
6	Byron	Manamela	05 January	Grade 7/AK
7	Pearl	Phogole	05 January	Grade 2/MF
8	Riola	Cross	06 January	Grade 2/SA
9	Phakathwayo	Gumede	06 January	Grade 5/EP
10	Anopa	Mangezi	06 January	Grade 4/LM
11	Mikateko	Mkansi	07 January	Grade 4/LM
12	Thato	Mabena	07 January	Grade 3/TG
13	Amogelang	Merementsi	07 January	Grade 3/LY
14	Lokulunga	Nombewu	08 January	Grade 4/CJ
15	Amanda	Davhana	08 January	Grade 1/JT
16	Buhle	Mncolwane	09 January	Grade 4/OB
17	Andzani	Sithonga	09 January	Grade R/VR
18	Itshepang	Mmutle	10 January	Grade 1/AT
19	Nomaqhawe	Manyi	10 January	Grade 3/TG
20	Kamogelo	Ralethe	11 January	Grade 3/LY
21	Liyonakha	Nombewu	11 January	Grade 6/KW
22	Akuzike	Chongo	11 January	Grade 7/MM
23	Ontakadzaho	Lukoto	12 January	Grade 1/AT
24	Lorraine	Masina	12 January	Grade 3/LY
25	Keziah	Wax	12 January	Grade 4/CJ
26	Anathi	Valashiya	13 January	Grade 7/AK
27	Oreratile	Kekana	13 January	Grade 3/LY
28	Tithe	Mogagabe	13 January	Grade 3/TG
29	Lehlohonolo	Malekele	14 January	Grade 5/GS
30	Ntando	Mzanywa	15 January	Grade 4/CJ
31	Nkosi	Manyoni	16 January	Grade 2/JW
32	Ntando	Ndlovu	18 January	Grade 7/ME
33	Bukhosi	Masuku	18 January	Grade 2/SA
34	Kearabilwe	Baloyi	19 January	Grade 4/LM
35	Amahle	Cebekhulu	19 January	Grade 7/MM



Happy Birthday! 🎂 🎉
Wishing you a day as
special and bright as you
are! ✨ ✨



Happy, Happy Birthday to every one of you superstars who are celebrating your special day from January 1st to January 19th, 2024!



Another year older, wiser, and ready for more adventures. May your day be filled with laughter and giggles! Your birthdays add a burst of joy and excitement to our school, and we want to make sure you feel the love. So, here's a big, cheerful shout-out to all the January birthday legends.

SCHOOL STATIONERY & RESOURCE FEE

Kindly support our teachers by ensuring the purchase of all the stationery items listed on the **Stationery List**. This will guarantee the smooth and effective functioning of the educational process as your child cannot engage effectively in lessons without possessing all the required stationery and exercise books.

The **Resource Fee** ought to be settled by now. However, if you haven't had the chance to do so, please ensure payment is made by 26 January 2024, to guarantee your child receives all required workbooks and supplementary learning materials.

GENERAL OPERATIONS AND LEARNER SAFETY

1. Collect and drop-off learners at the gate and not in front of their individual classes. This measure is to limit the movement of visitors/adults onto the premises and also serves as a safety measure. Remember, the safety of all learners from Grade R to Grade 7 is our primary task and responsibility.
2. Upon entering the school premises, all visitors, including parents, are required to check in at the Front Office. Parents visiting for



Stationery is the basic requirement for learning. Without it, learners are incapable of writing down the notes, drawing as well as doing assessments.



school uniform purchases may proceed directly to the School Shop. When leaving, visitors must ensure their slips bear one of two stamps: **Front Office** or **School Shop**. This measure is in place to restrict unanticipated adult movement across the school premises.

3. Schedule an **appointment** to discuss matters with the class teacher **after school hours**. During contact time, parents are not permitted to meet with teachers. In case of emergencies, parents are encouraged to communicate directly with the Front Office.
4. Please make sure that learners arrive at school promptly. Teaching punctuality as a life skill is extremely important.
 - a. Any learner not present in class by 07:30 will be marked as absent, regardless of whether they arrive at school later. As per the policy, learners who are not in school during the register-taking period must be recorded as absent.
5. Schools function as organisations, emphasizing the utmost importance of planning. Parents are requested to contact the school and **schedule an appointment** to meet with the principal or teachers. Alternatively, a written note sent in the FP Message Book or the IP Homework Diary, or an email is also considered an acceptable means of communication. Any Grade WHATSAPP groups will serve as a platform for teachers to communicate information strictly related to academics. Any individual cases or challenges should be addressed either through the message book or privately via email with the teacher. Communication is to be built on the **foundation of civility and decency** at all times.



Children who are regularly late can never recover certain essential parts of their school day.

Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child because it makes them feel awkward, especially when the lesson has to stop for them to enter. It causes unnecessary stress and discomfort that can affect them emotionally and socially.

A child's success in school and ultimately in life, depends on having a solid educational background, one that is gained through punctuality and regular school attendance.



SCHOOL FEES

- We would like to bring to parents' attention that the school fee for 2024 is set at **R23 600 for Grades 1 to 7** and **R30 000 for Grade R**.
- This amount is payable over 10 months via **debit order**, as decided during the AGM held in October 2023.

- A **5% discount** is applicable if the full 2024 school fee is paid by 31 January 2024.
- Additionally, a **5% sibling discount** will be granted in October 2024 for those who maintain up-to-date monthly school fee payments.
- The SGB will offer a **3% discount** in October 2024 for parents with a single child enrolled in the school who keep their monthly payments current.
- Subsidy forms will be available shortly.

SCHOOL FEES

HOW DO SCHOOL FEES IN SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC SCHOOL WORK?

NO FEE SCHOOLS
 These schools are not allowed to charge school fees. They are fully subsidised but they can also raise money through voluntary donations.
QUINTILE 1-3

FEE PAYING SCHOOLS
 Although they are partially subsidised, these schools raise funds mainly through school fees.
QUINTILE 4-5



- School Fees are supported through Fundraising.
- Fundraising activities play a crucial role in supplementing the current annual school fee, preventing the need for a higher fee.
- School Governing Bodies (SGBs) bear the responsibility of enhancing the school's income through fundraising initiatives.
- **The school warmly welcomes and greatly appreciates any donations from individuals or companies.**



ATTACHMENTS

Kindly review the attached documents accompanying this newsletter to stay updated on the school's activities:

- 1) Calendar of Events (complete Year Plan, but subject to change).
- 2) Extra Mural Timetable (Term 1 sporting codes and cultural activities).
- 3) Fundraising (A detailed list of all planned fundraising activities is provided to assist in planning).
- 4) Staff Email Addresses.
- 5) Fundraising Poster (Pizzas and Civvies Day – **26th January 2024**)
- 6) Lost Property Policy