

ROSEBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL



PJ & PIZZA DAY

Thank you to all our parents who supported our fundraising initiative on Friday 2nd June 2023. The learners looked cozy and warm in their pyjamas and enjoyed fresh, hot pizzas for lunch.



STAFF BIRTHDAYS

- ❖ *Ms. M. Khumalo* will be celebrating her birthday on Thursday, 8th June 2023. We wish her a wonderful day filled with lively and lovely memories to treasure forever. Happy Birthday and enjoy your day.



LEARNERS' BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

The following learners celebrate their birthdays this week. We wish them a 'Happy Birthday,' good wishes and happiness.

06/05 Mon	Tshimologo KALA	Grade 7 ME
06/06 Tue	Khumo MOTHIBI	Grade 1 JT
06/06 Tue	Nonjabulo THUSI	Grade 6 KW
06/07 Wed	Tshiamo MALULEKA	Grade 7 ME
06/07 Wed	Hlelo SAMBO	Grade 6 KW

30 May 2023

Term 2

Newsletter No 7

GDE Online Admissions

❖ All current Grd R & Grd 7 learners' parents to register online.

❖ www.gdeadmissions.gov.za

❖ Admissions open on **15 June 2023** and close on **14 July 2023**.



06/08 Thu	Rorisang MATJILA	Grade 1 KI
06/10 Sat	Samkelo MABASO	Grade 1 DB
06/10 Sat	Atang MOKHESENG	Grade 2 SA
06/11 Sun	Tokollo NKUMANA	Grade 6 KW
06/11 Sun	Inam RAMOELETSI	Grade 3 MF

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Redman will be attending Grade R Maths Training at Marlboro Combined School on Saturday, 10th June 2023 from 08h30 to 16h00.

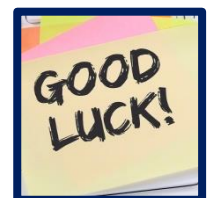
Mathematics
Teacher
Training

JUNE CONTROLLED TESTS

Please note that the June Controlled tests have begun for the Grade 7 learners, who started on Friday, 2nd June 2023.

We hope that all our Intersen Phase learners have adequately prepared for their Controlled Tests that will be written from the 2nd - 9th June 2023. These Controlled Tests are written in the same format as "exams" and form a large part of the Term 2 Assessment marks for the end-of-term Progress Report. Please refer to the timetable that was sent with the previous two newsletters and displayed on Page 3 of this newsletter for your easy reference.

School will end at 13h00 for all learners for the week of the 5th – 8th June 2023, so that learners can go straight home to prepare for the next day's tests. Friday's times will remain at 12h00.



There will be no extra-murals during this week due to the Controlled Tests. All learners are to be fetched promptly at

June Controlled Tests



13h00. A doctor's note is required if an assessment, exam or controlled test is missed.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Session 1</u>	<u>Session 2</u>
02 June 2023 Friday	7	07h45-09h45 Life Orientation	
05 June 2023 Monday	7	07h45-09h45 English	10h00-12h00 EMS
06 June 2023 Tuesday	4	08h00-10h00 NS	11h00-13h00 Mathematics
	5	08h00-10h00 Geography	11h00-13h00 FAL
	6	08h00-10h00 English	11h00-13h00 Geography
	7	08h00-10h00 NS	11h00-13h00 Art
07 June 2023 Wednesday	4	08h00-10h00 Geography	11h00-13h00 PSW
	5	08h00-10h00 NS	11h00-13h00 PSW
	6	08h00-10h00 History	11h00-13h00 PSW
	7	08h00-10h00 Geography	11h00-13h00 Technology



08 June 2023 Thursday	4	08h00-10h00 English	11h00-13h00 History
	5	08h00-10h00 English	11h00-13h00 History
	6	08h00-10h00 NS	11h00-13h00 FAL
	7	08h00-10h00 Mathematics	11h00-13h00 History
09 June 2023 Friday	4	08h00-10h00 FAL	
	5	08h00-10h00 Mathematics	
	6	08h00-10h00 Mathematics	
	7	08h00-10h00 FAL	



GRADE R ORAL PRESENTATION

On Thursday, 8th June 2023, there will be an oral presentation in the hall from 08h00 to 12h00 at Rosebank Primary School.

Rosebank Primary will be represented by Thubelihle Madune in Grade R VR. The topic is "Born Free". The oral presentation is at District Level. We wish Thubelihle the best of luck.

FOUNDATION PHASE READING INDABA



There will be a F.P. Reading Indaba on Friday, 9th June 2023 at Norwood Primary School from 08h30 to 12h30. Miss De Necker will be representing Rosebank

Primary School.

READING AND COUNTING SKILLS

The results of the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) confirm that learning losses caused by the Covid-19 pandemic are severe across South Africa.

South Africa's average PIRLS score dropped from 320 in 2016, to 288 in 2021, a drop of 32 points on the scale.

The results show that **81% of South African pupils in Grade 4** cannot read for meaning in any language. This means that while a child may be able to read the literal text, s/he cannot interpret the text into context for meaning. The problem is not only in reading, but it also exists in Maths and Science. Considering the drop in reading, it is plausible to conclude that those trends are also true in Maths and Science performance. We need to have over 80% of our learners reading at the intermediate level and to do that we need to make urgent interventions.

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/opinionista/2023-05-22-pirls-results-a-blaring-fire-alarm-for-south-african-society/>

Here are some key numbers coming out of the results:

- Only 19% of South African Grade 4 children could read for meaning in any language in 2021 - this after all 11 languages were assessed.
- Of the 1 127 877 Grade 4 pupils in 2021, 914 000 could not read for meaning in any language.
- South Africa's PIRLS score dropped from 320 points in 2016 to 288 in 2021. This is far lower than the PIRLS average of 500 points.
- South Africa has essentially lost a decade of progress in reading with meaning.

Reading to Understand

Reading takes lots of thinking. You should think before, during, and after reading.

Think Before Reading

LOOK over your reading.

- Check the title.
- Look at the pictures.

PREDICT what will be in the reading.



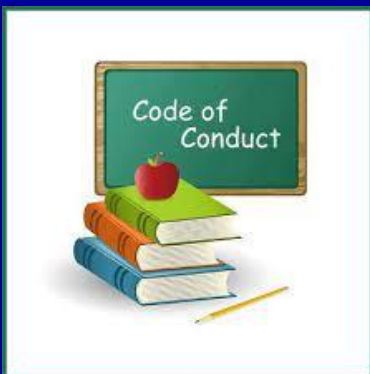
We are deeply concerned about the state of reading in South Africa. There is no single solution to solving this crisis. We are appealing to all parents to please do what they can at home with their children to improve reading with understanding.

Strategies could include:

- 1) Ensuring that reading is happening at home. Buy books for your child to read and ask them to retell the story in their own words.
- 2) Model a positive reading experience.
- 3) Set aside designated reading-together time.
- 4) Fill your home with books.
- 5) Support and encourage the learning process.
- 6) Make reading part of daily life.
- 7) Put the sub-titles on your TV and get your child to read the dialogue rather than listen.
- 8) Limit the time spent on the play station, iPad, tablets.

SMT DETENTION THIS WEEK

On Friday, 9th June 2023. there will be a two-hour SMT Detention after school. The detention will start at 12h15 and end at 14h15. Kindly make the necessary transport arrangements if your child is on detention on Friday.



SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

We remind parents and learners that the school has a Code of Conduct, which governs how the school is managed.

We have updated the Code of Conduct for parents and learners



to refresh their memories on the rules and regulations that govern the school. This will be sent during the course of the week.

Any contravention that goes against a rule in the Code of Conduct will be dealt with by the class teacher, Grade Leader, SMT and / SGB.

Please take the time to familiarise yourself and your child with the Code of Conduct.

Please complete the linked Google Form, indicating that you and your child have read and understood the school's Code of Conduct.

<https://forms.gle/zH5sR1naCEX6f2526>

(Please note that not returning reply slips is a violation of the school's Code of Conduct).

U13 SOCCER CAMP (BILL STEWART SOCCER TOURNAMENT) FUNDRAISER

Civvies Day

- ❖ R20
- ❖ 9 June 2023
- ❖ Donations to The Bill Stewart Soccer Tournament
- ❖ Trevor Dube & Ntabiso Dube (Grd 7)



A reminder about the Fundraiser on **9th June 2023** to help Trevor Dube and Ntabiso Dube raise funds to be able to attend the Bill Stewart Soccer Tournament in the school holidays. The cost of the Civvies Day is **R20** and the theme of the Civvies Day is "**Your Sports' Icon**".



If there is anyone who would like to donate towards the cost of the camp, please contact Ms Shaw-Taylor or the Front Office. The boys and their families are greatly appreciative of the support from our school community.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Friday, 16th June 2023, is Youth Day so there is no school on that day.

A reminder that all learners are by law required to be at school on time and in the classroom for all stipulated calendar school days.

Teachers still have content from the Term 2 curriculum that needs to be completed and they continue with normal lessons right up until the end of term.

Please do not keep your child at home unless he/she is sick. Compulsory school attendance is a Department of Education requirement and not attending school jeopardises the learner's understanding of the concepts that they missed. It is also unfair to expect the teacher to catch up on the work when a learner and his/her parent/s decided to take a longer holiday.

ABSENTEEISM

While we are requesting that any sick children stay at home, we are also experiencing situations where children are staying at home without a valid reason.

As per SASA 1996 (Act 84 of 1996) attendance is compulsory for all children of school going age. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that their children attend school.

If a child is absent, it is the child's and the parents'

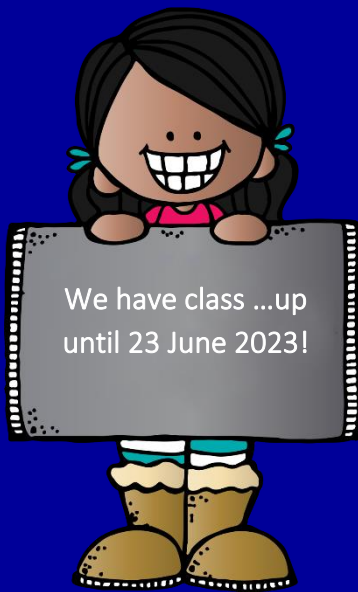


responsibility to ensure that any missed work is caught up.

The class and subject teachers have work plans and curriculums received from the Department of Education that they need to adhere to. When a learner is away from school without a valid reason, it puts undue pressure on the learner and the teacher. Unless a learner is absent for a valid reason, the teacher is not expected to reteach the content of the day/s missed. This then becomes the learner's and the parents' responsibility. Even one half an hour lesson missed puts the learner at a disadvantage, as work covered in a lesson builds on the content from the previous days. Lessons are very rarely stand-alone lessons and missing a lesson or a day of school is detrimental to the learner.

Learner absenteeism is one of the major precursors to poor academic performance. If learners miss school, they do not learn as they lose out of the teaching and learning opportunities of that day.

Your adherence to this policy is appreciated.



School Fees

- ❖ Please ensure that your school fees are up to date.
- ❖ A reminder that school fees are due on the 1st of each month (and not at the end of the month).



MASKS

We have unfortunately had our first case of COVID for 2023.

Please consider wearing masks to school for the rest of this term, to protect yourselves and those around you.

Everyone is reminded that we are still required to follow COVID protocols, namely:

- 1) Frequent Handwashing (minimum 20 seconds)
- 2) Sanitising hands.



- 3) Coughing and/or sneezing into a bent elbow.
- 4) Keep a physical distance between yourself and others.
- 5) If you display any symptoms, please stay at home and consult your doctor if necessary.

The symptoms for COVID, flu and mumps are very similar. We again plead with parents to please not send their children to school if they display any symptoms of being unwell.

If it is a day where the Grd 4 to 7s are writing exams / Controlled Tests, please send a doctor's note and an alternative arrangement will be made for your child to write.

Please read the attached important Circulars from the Department of Education, which contains information about communicable diseases.

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