

# ROSEBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL



Grd 1 JT Assembly from 14 August 2023

## SGB MEETING ( 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023)

The SGB held a meeting at Rosebank Primary School on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

There were some serious concerns raised at this meeting.

***Please read this newsletter very carefully and reflect on where you as a parent stand regarding the concerns raised.***

## ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION

The Assembly this week was presented by Mr. Baxter and Mr. Wagner on **Emergency Procedures**. We had "Fireman Chris" and Officer Ebrahim from the Rosebank Fire & Police Station visit us and his presentation to the school was very informative.

In case of an Emergency and the need to evacuate the classrooms, learners are reminded to:

- 1) Stay calm and listen to their teacher!
- 2) Make their way to the closest field (which will either be the top or bottom field).
- 3) If it is a fire evacuation, take their bags with them and classroom windows and doors must be closed.
- 4) If it is a bomb evacuation, bags are left in the classroom and windows and doors are left open.



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- 5) For Stranger Danger, move against the wall of the room where you are and remain out of sight. The teacher will lock the door and close the windows.

## SCHOOL FEES

**The school only operates optimally if school fees are paid.**

Over the last few years, we have picked up a trend showing a huge decline in the payment of school fees after the July school holidays.

We are currently sitting at approximately a 50% payment of school fees.

Imagine if we could only teach 50% of the school. Which group would your child fall into? The 50% payment group or the 50% non-payment group?

**Would you accept going to work every workday for the month and not being paid at the end of that month? Would you be happy to work for free?**

**Would you go grocery shopping and then expect not to pay for your groceries as you leave the shop?**

**Would you go to a restaurant or a takeaway shop, order food, eat it, and then expect not to pay for your order?**

**If you drive a vehicle, would you go to the petrol station, fill it up and then just drive away without paying?**

**Would you drop your child off at a Section 21 fee-paying school, and expect your child to be educated and supervised without paying?**

We are at the stage of the year where we are looking at the 2024 Budget. The high percentage of non-payment of school fees is very concerning, and it is going to affect the planning and budget for 2024.

**Is it fair to expect that the 50% of our parents who are religiously paying their school fees, to also pay for your child's education?**



**This a friendly reminder to ensure that school fees are up to date.**



Your non-payment of school fees increases the amount that other parents need to pay in school fees.

Please adhere to the **South African Schools Act** and pay your school fees. We do offer a certain sum of money for subsidies, but these subsidies are paid by the parents and not the government, which again means an increase in the amount the paying parents must pay for your child to be educated and it is a limited sum of money.

### **Is it fair for you to drop your child off at school and not pay a Section 21 school for the services that are being offered?**

Please study your school fee statements and ensure that you have followed the law and paid your fees. If we do not receive your outstanding fee in the next few weeks, it is going to seriously impact 2024 planning, which will in turn have an impact on all learners and staff.

“The failure to pay school fees also has implications for a person’s credit score, which adds even more to the cost of borrowing. Worse still, it also has the potential to impact their child’s education.”

*(<https://apbsa.co.za/school-fee-warning-for-south-africa/>)*



## **Interschool Athletics**

Trinity, Glenvista

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
August 2023



## **SPORTS**

### **INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS**

On Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023, the Athletics Team will be running in an Athletics Meeting at Trinity, Glenvista.

We wish our athletics team the best of luck! This is a far venue from Rosebank, so athletes are asked to change at second break and to meet Mr. Baxter and his team at the bus at 13h15.

## **OLYMPIADS**

We have some Grade 7 learners participating in the Cluster Level EMS Olympiad at Bramley Primary on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023.

We wish them all the best and know that they will do Rosebank Primary proud.

## 2024 APPLICATIONS

Applications for 2024 for the internal Grds 2- 7 are open. If any parent is interested or knows of any parents who would like to apply for a place at Rosebank Primary School for 2024, please contact Mrs. Melissa Zagwazatha ([mzagwazatha@rosebankprimary.co.za](mailto:mzagwazatha@rosebankprimary.co.za)).

We are keen to open the second Grd R class again, so please help us to advertise that we have space available. We also have available space in the internal grades, especially in our Foundation Phase.

As you are aware, applications for Grd 1 are online and we are in the process of reviewing the Waiting Lists.

## ROAD SAFETY



**Bath Ave  
& Sturdee Ave  
are one-way roads**



We remind all parents and transport drivers that the roads around the school (Bath Ave, Christopherson and Sturdee Ave) are all **ONE-WAY** roads. We are currently experiencing many parents and drivers accessing the roads from the wrong side to drop off the learners.

A motor vehicle can be a dangerous and deadly object in the hands of a negligent driver. It is the responsibility of all road users to ensure that all roads are safe for other road users and pedestrians, protecting other motorists and **our learners** by adhering to the rules as set out in the Traffic Laws.

Failure to disobey traffic rules is a serious criminal offence that can result in the person being found guilty in a Court of Law and subsequently fined, having their licence suspended, or even imprisonment in severe cases. It is very important to obey traffic road



rules, not only to spare yourself from having a criminal record, but most importantly to save the lives of other road users (whether they are other motorists, pedestrians, or cyclists).

We were shocked to hear of a parent driving recklessly while following the school bus after last week's Interschool Athletics. This parent reportedly wanted the bus to pull over on William Nicol, which is a very busy road, especially from around 16h00, because he/she did not want to have to drive back to the school to fetch his/her child.

While the bus did pull over as the driver and teacher were concerned that this parent was going to cause an accident, this will not be accepted. This reckless driving put the Rosebank learners, parents and other road users at risk.

## AFTERCARE & AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION

It is the responsibility of a parent to ensure that they have made suitable arrangements for their own child after school hours.

We remind parents that the official school hours are 07h00 – 14h15, Monday to Thursday, and 07h00 – 12h00 on Fridays. There is also the option of attending an extramural activity from 14h15 – 15h00 (Monday to Thursday).

The SGB has made provision for an Aftercare to be run on school property for parents to use if they are unable to collect their child or make transport arrangements by 14h30. Currently, Aftercare has an enrolment of 25 learners, while there are continuously over 100 learners left unsupervised on school property.

For those parents who choose not to use the Aftercare Facility, transport arrangements must be made to collect your child from school by 14h30 or 15h15 if attending an extra mural.

The resolution that was agreed upon at last year's AGM where an ad hoc fee will be charged if learners are not collected from school on time, is not being adhered to. We therefore must look for alternatives.



**Make appropriate plans for after-school hours**

### **School hours:**

**Monday - Thursday**

07h00 – 14h15

**Friday**

07h00 – 12h00





We cannot continue to ignore the safety issues that come into play when a learner is not supervised after school hours. Believing that your child is safe just because they are on school property is negligent. Teaching Staff are on duty from 07h00 to 14h15. They are contractually obligated to work a 7-hour school day.

Aftercare Staff are on duty at Aftercare until 17h30. Aftercare is private and is the only place where after-school supervision is provided. The ground staff has afternoon duties and responsibilities that do not include the supervision of children.

Chapter 20 of the Children's Act, "**Enforcement of the Act**" makes it an offense to neglect or abandon a child, a fact that seems to elude some parents.

If appropriate arrangements are not made, the school and SGB will be forced to act, which may include reporting the situation to the Rosebank Police or Social Services for neglect.

We are also experiencing problems with the transport drivers. Last Friday afternoon at 13h30, the drivers were sitting in their vehicles and the learners were left unsupervised on the road. Due to the nature of children, they began to play soccer on Bath Ave, where cars were driving on the road. This is a serious concern. Parents need to speak to the drivers that they have contracted to transport their children about the safety and security of the learners when in their care.

No learner will be allowed to wait on the pavement for their transport – whether it is private transport or scholar transport. Any learner left on school property during the extramural programme is expected to join an activity. Any learner left on school property after extra murals are expected to be enrolled in Aftercare.

We implore parents to acknowledge their responsibility and organise



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appropriate after-school arrangements.

There are **only two options:**

- 1) Enrol your child in Aftercare**
- 2) Fetch your child at the end of the school day.**

## SCHOOL POLICIES

We have also picked up that there are parents who feel that they can amend the school's documentation to suit their needs/situations. Here, we are referring specifically to the re-registration forms for 2024. There have been some parents who have added an addendum to the re-registration form.

Unfortunately, these addendums cannot be accommodated.

All school policies are drawn up in consultation with the SGB and the Department of Education and pertain to the best interests of the children enrolled in the school. There cannot be separate clauses pertaining to individual parents'/guardians' requests.

If any parent does not agree with a school policy, they are welcome to email the SGB ([sgb@rosebankprimary.co.za](mailto:sgb@rosebankprimary.co.za)) to notify them of their concern or request but cannot simply amend a form and send it back to the school.

Policies can only be amended after proper consultation. If you do not agree with the policy and refuse to sign, then you are welcome to find an alternative school.



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**Changes to the Extra Mural Programme**



## CHANGE TO THE EXTRA-MURAL PROGRAMME

Please note that we will no longer be escorting learners who have not been collected at the end of the school day (14h15) or who are not attending an extra mural to the hall.

This is not working, as there are too many learners and the two teachers on duty are unable to monitor the variety of grades and homework that should be taking place. Many learners are not working quietly and the hall is not the right space for any learner to focus n their homework.

The English Skills extra mural is also not feasible, as no learners have been attending these Foundation Phase and Intersen Phase activities.

The following will be replacing “Homework” and “English Skills”:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Foundation Phase</b>	Art (Mrs. Gilles) Reading Club (Ms. Yates)
	<b>Intersen Phase</b>	Yoga (Mrs. Eid & Ms. Pillay) General Knowledge Club (Mrs. Jugdav)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Foundation Phase</b>	Aerobics / Movement Classes (Mrs. Buthelezi & Mrs Fox)
	<b>Intersen Phase</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Foundation Phase</b>	Media/Reading (Mrs. Barnard & Mrs. Fox)
	<b>Intersen Phase</b>	Fitness (Mrs. Mokhampanyane & Mrs. Mannering)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Foundation Phase</b>	Movement & Games (Ms. Nxumalo)
	<b>Intersen Phase</b>	Fitness (Ms. Sosibo)

Please note that PE clothes will need to be worn for Fitness, Aerobics and Yoga.

**All learners must either:**

- 1) Attend an extra mural from 14h15 to 15h00**
- 2) Go home at 14h15 or**
- 3) Be enrolled in Aftercare.**

## GRD R GRADUATION PHOTOS

The photographer is coming on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023, to take Graduation Photos of our Grd R learners. Miss Redman and Mrs. Barnard have been in contact with our Grd R parents.



**Grd R Graduation Photos**





# BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

## LEARNERS

The following learners celebrate their birthdays this week. We hope they embark on a magical journey filled with wonder, laughter, and the sweetest treats! Happy birthday! 🎂

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Phetogo Gonondo	22 August	Grade 3LY
Roxy Molokomme	23 August	Grade 4LM
Amogetsoe Mokgosi	23 August	Grade 6TJ
Zenani Kgopa	24 August	Grade 1KI
Londiwe Pitso	25 August	Grade 6AC
Karabo Letsoalo	25 August	Grade 6KW
Lethabo Ntsewa	26 August	Grade 3TG
Lebogang Msimango	27 August	Grade 5EP



We wish you a super-duper, fantastic, hilarious, enjoyable, gigantic, funny HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDING</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
2023-08-24	Grd R Cluster Meeting	Rosebank	14h00 – 15h30
2023-08-24	Training – Support & Intervention Strategies	Online	14h00- 16h00
2023-08-25	General Staff Meeting (SBST)	Rosebank	12h15 - 13h15

## FUNDRAISING

To support the Rugby World Cup, for a cost of R5 for each Friday, learners can come to school every Friday for the duration of the World Cup, wearing a **South African sports top** (rugby jersey, cricket shirt, etc) or a top with the South African colours.

Please note that this is not compulsory.



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