

ROSEBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL



FREQUENT ABSENTEEISM, LATE COMING AND EARLY DEPARTURE

Enrolling in a school requires a commitment for learners to attend promptly and regularly, barring valid reasons for absence. A learner is considered absent if not present in class or engaged in a school activity during attendance marking. Per the Gauteng Department School Attendance Policy, valid reasons for absenteeism include:

- a) study leave for Grade 12 learners.
- b) physical or psychological illness (requiring communication from parents or written confirmation by a registered medical practitioner for illnesses lasting over three days).
- c) religious or cultural observances approved by the Governing Body.
- d) death of a family member.
- e) appointments at court or other official agencies (requiring documentary proof).
- f) suspension by the School Management Team (SMT) or School Governing Body (SGB).
- g) acts of nature, and exceptional circumstances where temporary absence is in the learner's best interest or unavoidable.

Learners are responsible for punctual and regular attendance, and

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Attendance Matters



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

The issue of absenteeism raises significant concerns.



parents must ensure that their child **attends daily, on time, and for the full school day** unless there's a valid reason for absence. Parents should not withdraw learners from school without a valid reason (family holidays are not considered valid). They are required to inform the school office, principal, or class teacher of any absences or expected lateness with a valid reason and assist learners in making up for lost time. **Absence without a valid reason is deemed unacceptable.** Class teachers must report cases of repeated absences to the School Management Team for parental follow-up.

The daily register is marked at 07:45, and learners not present during the Registration Period are **marked absent**, regardless of their arrival time after 07:45. Parents are reminded of their legal obligation under Section 3 of SASA to ensure their child's daily and punctual attendance.

According to the Department of Basic Education **NOTICE 361 OF 2010**, learners can be **charged with a breach** of the school's Code of Conduct or have their registration at the school canceled if absent for 10 consecutive school days. De-registration after 10 consecutive days is an administrative, not disciplinary action. The school informs the district office of the date and reason for cancellation for learners of compulsory school-going age.

Parents and learners are reminded to adhere to the official school calendar, attending every indicated school day which for 2023 is until **13 December 2023** for all Grade R to 7.

Transport and holidays are not valid reasons for absenteeism. Parents are requested to book medical appointments during non-school hours.

In recent months, numerous parents have been seeking permission for their child/ren to leave school early and show frustration and

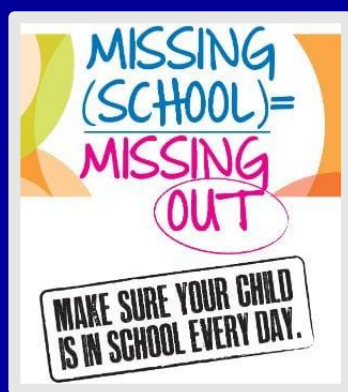


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heightened emotions when this is not approved. Late arrivals and daily or extended absenteeism are also significant concerns. In exceptional circumstances, approval may be granted to excuse a learner from school. Nevertheless, parents are required to provide the school with ample notice to facilitate necessary arrangements with the teachers. Merely notifying the school on the day via email or phone call is not considered adequate notice. Parents are kindly urged not to disregard the decision of the School Management Team (SMT) and remove the learner from school without granted permission. Such actions will be regarded as a violation of the School's Code of Conduct.

We urge everyone to strictly follow the Department and School Code of Conduct regarding school attendance. Your compliance is appreciated as it aligns with your legal obligation to ensure compulsory school attendance for learners of specific ages and schools are obliged to show zero tolerance for unexcused absences.



... unless sick.



Nicotine can harm the developing adolescent brain. The brain keeps developing until about age 25. Using nicotine in adolescence can harm the parts of the brain that control attention, learning, mood, and impulse control.



VAPING

We feel it is crucial to bring to your attention a concerning issue that has come to our notice - instances of vaping amongst some of our learners.

Vaping poses serious health risks, especially for young, developing bodies. We urge you to have an open and honest conversation with your children about the dangers of vaping. Emphasize the potential health consequences and the importance of making informed, healthy choices.

As a school, we are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all our learners. We kindly request your support in reinforcing the message about the dangers of vaping (and smoking) at home.

2024 OFFICIAL SCHOOL HOURS

We remind you of the updated school hours for the 2024 school year. Kindly make the necessary preparations for the new school times for the upcoming academic year.

Day	Grade R	Grade 1 - 3	Grade 4 - 6	Grade 7
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
No of Lessons	52	52	52	54

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK

LEARNERS:

Happy Birthday to our fantastic Intersen Phase learners celebrating their special days in the week of November 13th to 19th! 🎂 🎉

Your presence brings joy to our school community, and we hope your birthdays are filled with laughter, love, and wonderful memories. May the year ahead be a journey of growth, learning, and exciting adventures. Enjoy every moment, and know that you are valued members of our school family. "Here's to another year of success and happiness! 🌟 🌟 " 🌟 🌟



Have a wonderful day on this special occasion! Let it be full of joy and happiness!

NO	NAME	SURNAME	BIRTHDAY	CLASS
1	Tlhago	Mboweni	14 November	Grd 4 LM
2	Lebogang	Sabasaba	17 November	Grd 5 GS
3	Miriam	Maholwana	17 November	Grd 7 ME
4	Blessing	Mvelase	19 November	Grd 7 ME

STAFF:

Wishing an incredible birthday to an extraordinary Grade 5 class teacher, who not only imparts knowledge in English but also sparks creativity through Art!

TITLE	SURNAME	BIRTHDAY
Ms	Pillay	18 November



🎨🧠 Your dedication to nurturing young minds and fostering a love for both language and artistry is truly inspiring. May your day be filled with the same vibrancy and creativity you bring to our classroom. Here's to a year ahead filled with joy, success, and countless artistic masterpieces! Happy Birthday!

EXTRA MURALS – SPORT

As our Grade 4 to 7 learners begin their End-of-Year Controlled Tests this week, we mark the conclusion of the Commonwealth and Ter Horst cricket season. Nevertheless, the **U9 team** will engage in their final match against Delta Park at Delta Park this Thursday, and the **KFC Mini Cricket** matches will be played at Rosebank Primary. Best of luck to our budding cricketers in their last match of 2023! 🏏🌟

END OF EXTRA MURAL PROGRAMME

Parents and learners, please be reminded that the Extra Mural programme has concluded. We strongly encourage all learners to promptly head home when the school bell rings after the last lesson of the day. Learners need to be at home, dedicating ample time to study and prepare for the upcoming end-of-year assessments and tests.

END OF YEAR GROUND STAFF GROCERIES COLLECTION

A heartfelt appreciation to all parents and learners who have generously donated non-perishable food items for our PS staff. For those who haven't had the opportunity yet and plan to contribute, kindly ensure that these items are handed to the class teacher by December 1, 2023. Thank you for your support!



**Grocery Hamper
Collection for our
Ground Staff**



Grd 7: 13 – 24 Nov

Grd 4 – 6: 16 – 24 Nov

(1 X Controlled Test a day, then normal timetable)

FP: Weekly assessments



END-OF-YEAR CONTROLLED TESTS & ASSESSMENTS

The Intersen Phase commences their end-of-year controlled tests this week, with Grade 7s having already started yesterday and Grade 4 to 6 learners scheduled to begin on Thursday. We extend our best wishes to them as they undertake their final assessments for 2023.

It's important to note that while these exams are ongoing, curriculum coverage is still underway in various subjects. Therefore, learners will write from 08:00 to 10:00 each morning, and after first break, the normal timetable will resume. School closing times remain unchanged.

Following the conclusion of the controlled tests on 24 November 2023, normal timetable will resume from November 27 to December 11, 2023, with allowances for other planned school activities.

School will close at 10:00 on 13 December 2023.

FINAL ASSEMBLY

The Final Assembly for our Grade R to 5 learners is scheduled for 12 December 2023, at 12:00, and for our Grade 6 to 7 learners, it will be held at 18:00. All learners must attend the Final Assembly, dressed neatly in the complete summer school uniform. This assembly is a requirement as we acknowledge and celebrate the academic and sporting accomplishments of our learners throughout 2023.



7th December 2023

R50 per ticket



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TERM 4 FUNDRAISING

INFLATABLES



SENIORS

- 1 x Mini Giant Slide: 23m long with water
- 3 x Water Slides
- 1 x Inflatable Soccer field
- 2 x Assorted Jumping Castles
- 1 x Chill Pool

30th November
R 130 per learner
(includes civvies)

JUNIORS

- 1 x Mini Giant Slide: 23m Long with Water
- 2 x Water Slides
- 1 x Inflatable Soccer - Large
- 1 x Mini Gladiator Slide & pond
- 1 x Chill Pool

- **Thursday, 30th November 2023.**
- **R130 per learner (Karri App, EFT, Cash at the Front Office)**

Get ready for an exhilarating day of laughter and excitement at our **Term 4 Inflatables Fundraiser** on Thursday, 30 November 2023! Don't forget to pack your costumes and sunscreen for a day filled with thrilling adventures. From a giant slide to water slides, jumping castles, an inflatable soccer field, chill pool, and even a gladiator slide, there's something for everyone. Join us in raising funds while having a blast - it's a fun-filled day you won't want to miss!