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Dear Rosebank Parents.

RE: Maintenance of Swimming Pool

One of the extraordinary projects that has been on the Improvement Plan for Rosebank Primary School is the upgrading of the school's swimming pool. We are sure that you will agree that the ability to swim is an essential life skill and Rosebank Primary School is very fortunate to have a swimming pool.

The maintenance on the pool has been scheduled to be completed before Term 4 when all learners are required to swim during their PE lessons and we offer swimming as part of the extramural programme.

You may have noticed that the water has already been drained from the pool so that this maintenance can be carried out. Unfortunately, the company has identified problems with the pool floor surface that were not visible when the water was in the pool. The approved quote has increased from R25 000 to R65 000 because:

- 1) The entire floor surface of the pool needs to be redone.
- 2) The grouting between the tiles needs to be redone.
- 3) Many cracked and broken tiles need to be replaced.
(Please refer to the photos below).
- 4) We would also like to have the lines painted onto the pool floor.
- 5) The maintenance of the pool surface was last completed in 2007 and on average, pools need resurfacing every 8 to 10 years.

With the water already drained from the pool, it makes sense to have the work completed now, as it will be an additional cost to fill the pool. We are trying to avoid the situation where the learners and teachers are cutting their feet and hands on the flaking floor surface and sides of the pool when swimming.

We are therefore appealing to our parent body for donations to put towards this project. We need to raise the extra R45 000 to help pay for this maintenance work. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

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Alternatively, as with the grandstands, if any parent/s work for a company who would be prepared to donate towards or sponsor this project, please could they let the school know. We would be prepared to display the company's / companies' logos on the pool side of the Jellicoe Ave wall.

Our future goal is to investigate the possibility of installing heating pumps so that we can offer swimming for most of the school year (if any company is able to assist with this, please also let the school know). If we are able to do this, we could investigate opening a swim school in the afternoons, which will generate additional revenue for the school and we could offer the lessons to our current learners at a discounted cost.

We thank you in advance for any donations/contributions towards this extraordinary project, which will allow our qualified swim instructor teachers to teach your children the very vital life skill of swimming. "In the water, we're weightless, free, and capable of anything." (Katie Ledecky). Let's teach our learners that they are capable of anything.



Cracked Tiles.



Peeling and flaking plaster on pool surface floor and walls.



Grouting is needed between tiles.

Yours faithfully


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(SGB CHAIRPERSON)


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