

Welcome back to all our parents, we trust you had an amazing holiday over the Christmas period.

A big welcome to our new parents and children, we hope you will have a long and happy memorable time at our school.

The new children are busy settling in after the holidays and the teachers are busy working very hard with your children.

## CLASS TIME

All children should be in their classes no later than 7:55am. The school opens for early drop off at 7:00am, the children go to their classes at 7:30am and start work as soon as they go into their classrooms. They all have a three-hour work period and it is important that they are on time always.

## SUNBLOCK & SUNHATS

Please apply sunblock before school and send sun hats to school, please make sure these are marked with your child's name.

## PARENT HANDBOOKS

We have a parent handbook for all new parents with all the policies and rules of the school. If you do not have a copy yet, please ask the office to send one to you. Please read through this handbook and hand in the last page with your signature, indicating you have read the handbook and understand the policies and rules.

## WATER & HAND SANITIZER

We are still saving water. Learners may bring 2-5L bottles of water to school for drinking purposes.



We see quite a few learners who do not bring water bottles/juice bottles to school daily. It is imperative that all learners bring juice or water to school every day.

We do use hand sanitizer in all the classes, parents may send a bottle of sanitizer that can also be used in the classroom.

Learners may bring their grey water to school every Wednesday, we will return bottles home after we have used the water.

## GET TO KNOW YOU – Class Parent Evenings

Each class has a date and time for discussing the rules of the classroom. Parents will also get to meet the teachers in that class, and other parents of the class.

The teachers will go through any questions you may have, they will also go through the equipment, rules of the class and explain the three-year cycle in each class.

Meetings will start at 18:30pm in the respective classes

The dates are:

Lieza & Jocasta (3-6)	31 January 2019
Toddlers	05 February 2019
Carissa & Tara (Gr1-3)	05 February 2019
Lucinda & Dominique (Gr1-3)	05 February 2019
Monique & Bernice (3-6)	06 February 2019
Leonore & Monique (Gr1-7)	06 February 2019
Michelle & Natasha (3-6)	07 February 2019

## OUTREACH

We have decided to donate to the Fire department for the month of Feb in support of our brave firefighters. We have been in contact with the fire department and are waiting for a list of what we can donate. More information will be send out soon.

## EXTRA MURALS

All extra murals have done demos at the beginning of the term and the enrolment forms have been sent out via the message books. Your child will not be able to attend unless the extra mural teacher has received a completed enrolment form and the fees before starting the extra mural. Please make sure that payments are made before or on the second lesson or your child might not be included for that session. All dates and times have been confirmed and posted on the D6.

## STOP AND DROP/CAR PARK

The car park is a one-way system; please follow the correct way in and out of the car park.

We have three members of staff on duty to open the car door so that your child can walk with his/her schoolbag into the school safely.

Please remember to drive slowly in the car park as children are sometimes climbing out of cars from both sides of a car.

Please remember not to park in front of the school gate as this will cause a long line of traffic into the street. This is especially for Primary parents collecting at 14:00.

**All** preschool and primary children must use the stop and drop system at our school.

## **UNIFORMS (Primary)**

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform, that it is clean and does not have holes in any part of the uniform. Also make sure all clothing has your **child's name** on.

All children need to have a complete set of spare clothing that is season appropriate. We have a clothing bank if you are looking for spare clothing, where we sell used uniforms at a discounted price. Learners are also allowed to have their camp T-shirt as a spare in their bag.

## **PRESCHOOL/TODDLERS**

Do not put your child in their best clothes for school. All children need to have a complete set of spare clothing that is season appropriate.

## **SCHOOL GATE**

For security purposes, the main gate may NOT be left open at any time.

## **VISITORS**

Please report to the office immediately, if your child needs to go to an appointment the secretary will fetch the child from the class.

## **SICK CHILDREN**

Please call the office before 8:30 am if your child is sick. Please let us know what illness your child has especially if it is contagious so we can notify the other parents. By law, we are not allowed to administer medicines to your child, if your child is on antibiotics they should be at home resting.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Please do not Whatsapp any of the staff during school time as they are not allowed to keep their cell phones on during the school day. All communication should be done through the office only, even if there is an urgent message.

## **PROVISIONS FOR TERM 1**

### **TODDLERS & PRE-SCHOOL**

X2 Packet Provita's (500g)  
X1 spread of either cheese spread, bovril, honey or nut butter (check for class peanut allergy first)  
X3 toilet rolls  
X1 tissues box (200's)  
**\*Aftercare children to bring an extra:**  
x1 Provita  
x1 Toilet Roll

### **PRIMARY CHILDREN - GRADE 1-7**

3 x toilet rolls  
1 x box of tissues  
**\*Aftercare Children to bring an extra:**  
1 x toilet roll

## **VALENTINE'S DAY**

We will be having a Valentine's Day Raffle on the 14th February 2019.

We are asking parents to please send items to school for us to make up gift hampers.

Items we will be looking for: wine/champagne/ non-alcoholic sparkling wine/ juice, chocolates, nuts, gift vouchers, body lotions, nail products, grooming sets, slippers, a night out for 2 or anything else you can think of.

The raffle draw will be taking place on Valentine's Day - Wednesday 14th February. Please send items to school by Monday 11th February 2019.

Raffle Tickets will be given to all children on Friday 01<sup>st</sup> February 2019.

All learners may wear red, white or pink on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

## **PTC MEETING**

We are looking for 1 more person to join the Parent – Teacher Council. If you are interested, please contact the office.

## **STAFF**

All our new staff members have settled in nicely and are happy and enthusiastic about the year ahead.

Natasha (3-6) will be going on maternity leave from the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. We are currently in the process of employing someone to take over from her.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**



Rainbow Montessori was represented by Blake Birk ( a grade 3 learner, at the 1st SANESA Qualifier this past weekend. Blake Birk and African Sky Blue:  
Working Hunter (level 1 – 60cm) – 2nd  
Show Jumping (level 2 – 60cm Accumulator) – 5th  
Show Jumping (level 2 – 60cm Competition) – unfortunate elimination  
Equitation (level 2 – 60cm) – 4th



07 February 2019 – PTC meeting  
14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Valentine's Day  
08<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Sports Day 8:30am – 11:30/12pm  
15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – School Closes Term 1  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 – Public Holiday -Human Rights Day



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#### **TERM DATES 2019**

Term 1 – 15th January – 15th March  
Term 2 – 2nd April – 14th June  
Term 3 – 9th July – 20th September  
Term 4 – 1st October – 4th December

#### **SCHOOLS HOLIDAYS – No Aftercare**

21<sup>st</sup> March 2019  
19<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019  
01<sup>st</sup> May 2019  
17<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
9<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2019



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