



To the stars.....



ORION PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

March 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents

We have had an exciting and eventful first term so far, with the exciting move into our new buildings and grounds.

The **swimming gala** was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents for coming along and joining in on the day. The **Afrikaans Day** also went really well. It was particularly good to share in the day with the High School teachers and learners and watch their performances. Well done to all the learners for their first class singing and performing. We have some very talented individuals in our school and some very creative teachers. Thanks to all who were involved. The **Valentine's Day picnic** was also a fabulous, fun-filled day, with everyone sharing and showing each other they care.

This term, some of our Skills learners have taken up the opportunity of having therapeutic horse riding with **SARDA** at the **Earth Centre**, which is going very well. More news on this at the end of term.

Our **playground equipment** has finally been installed and the grass on our field is growing well. The next stage will be the preparation of the sports field, hopefully in time for Term 2's sports to kick off. All we need is for the rain to keep falling to help the grass along.

On that note, while we have been enjoying the summer rains, our thoughts go out to those in Cape Town who are still waiting for the rains to come. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the **'Water for Cape Town'** drive. Every little bit helps.

We are planning many other fundraising and charitable events this year, starting with the **Barnyard Theatre evening** on 16 March. If you haven't already ordered tickets to this event then please do so. I would also like to remind parents about using their Makro and My School cards for Orion.

March is the month of **thoughtfulness**. We are looking at this in terms of using our thinking skills to solve problems. This is also the month of class tests and assessments. Please make sure they have a quiet study space at home and encourage them to put in the time they need to in order to be prepared.

Trips will also be taking place in March, so there is still some fun to look forward to this term. Auditions for **Orion's Got Talent** will also take place. Watch this space for dates and times.

Staff news: We would like to welcome Mrs Monya Oosthuysen to the Orion family. She will be teaching the FPPV class. Also, welcome back to Mrs Harris after her maternity leave and a big thank you to Mrs Taylor for standing in to teach the Grade 1 class. Mrs Taylor truly made an impact and staff and pupils alike will miss her. This month we also welcome back Mrs Hallam who will be returning to her post as Grade 4 teacher in the middle of March. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Toinette Edwards and Ms Anna Meeding for covering for Mrs Hallam while she was away on maternity leave.



FINANCE

LATE PAYMENTS:

Should a parent fail to comply with the regulations regarding the payment of tuition fees, the school will implement the following procedure:-



NOTICE PERIOD:

Please note that a full term's notice (or at least three months' notice) must be given to us in writing.

- **one month in arrears;** you will receive notice for outstanding amount;
- **two months in arrears;** your child will be suspended;
- **three months in arrears;** the contract between yourselves and the school will be terminated and your account will be handed over for collection

THANK YOU

FROM RONEL AND
MIKE

UPCOMING EVENTS & DIARY DATES FOR MARCH 2018

MARCH

- 16th AUDITIONS – Orion's Got Talent – 1.30 to 3pm – school hall
16th Extra murals finish for the term at the end of this week.
19th to 23rd **CYCLE TEST WEEK- Intermediate Phase**
20th Art Competition – more details to follow.
21st **PUBLIC HOLIDAY – school is NOT closed on Thurs 22nd & Fri 23rd March**
28th End of term – school closes at 12noon

Language Day 2018



This year was the 5th year that Orion College celebrated language day. This is the day when take time to display our skills in Afrikaans and isiZulu, the two first additional languages offered by Orion College.

Every single learner took part in the singing, dancing, poetry and acting performances. After the activities in the Hall, we had a fun day on the field. We took part in different games. Luckily the rain did not stop us from having fun.

The language day celebration was the first activity where both the primary and high schools were in the Hall at the same time.



Inter - House Gala

On the 16th February the war cries of **Gladiators**, **Spartans** and **Titans** could once again be heard echoing through the school building as the Primary School held their annual Inter-house gala. Great fun was had by all during the exciting class races before the children who were capable of swimming the strokes competed against each other in proper races. **Gladiators** proved strongest on the day winning **1st** place with **Spartans 2nd** and **Titans 3rd**. **Spartans** won the Spirit cup.



Our Teachers and Therapists are looking out for learners who demonstrate our **January & February** value of **POSITIVE ATTITUDE**, as well as **March's** value of **THOUGHTFULNESS**



HOLLY BESWICK
ROBYN LOUW
MICHAEL GEOGHEGAN
KAYLEIGH WILLIS

If spotted, the learners' name(s) goes into our **VALUES BOX** and a lucky winner is chosen each week in Assembly. **You've gotta be in it to win it!**



THE THERAPY ZONE

FROM THE EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS



Three questions to ask your child instead of

"How was your day?"

- ★ What was your favourite part of the day?
- ★ What new fact did you learn today?
- ★ What challenged you today?



THE HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME

THE GREATEST MUSIC FROM
THE GREATEST MOVIES

DATE: 16 March 2018
TIME: 19:00
CONTACT: Orion

FUNDRAISER IN AID OF: School Facilities PRICE: R165-

SILVERSTAR
THE BARNYARD THEATRE

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, 24th August 2018
Orion College Golf Day 2018

Tee off time: 11:00 am
Jackal Creek Golf Course
Snacks and Prize giving

4 Ball package R2 800-00
4 Ball / Sponsor Package R4 600-00
4 Ball package R2 800-00
Hole sponsor R2 400-00



A LOOK INSIDE THE CLASSROOM.....



By Mrs S Ngwenya

Another year has started and the IsiZulu lessons are being conducted with grade ones and twos. Since they have had more contact with the language, the grade two class was asked to present a poem about the sea during Language Day. The poem spoke about what the sea is, where it is found and what it does. Well done!

Grade R

Jennifer Botha



The Grade R's have had a wonderful first term so far. They have done well getting to know each other and are learning their way around the new school. They have especially enjoyed running on the new field playing touches. Their favourite day is definitely Friday where we make



our delicious baking.

Grade 1

Kathleen Taylor



On Afrikaans Day we acted out "Vyf Klein Eendjies".



They have also played a fishing game to learn the number names.

The Grade 1 class have had a lot of fun tracing their letters in chalk and then removing the chalk with water pistols

We have had a very busy term. Well done Grade 1's!



Grade 2

Lesley Wilson

The grade 2's have been working very hard over the last few weeks. After consolidating the grade 1 spelling, they have moved onto **the sh, ch, th, wh, oo and ee sounds**, and have begun to make their own sentences.

In Mathematics we have been revising adding and subtracting and counting forward and backward in various denominations. The learners are also learning about the place value of digits and recognising and writing number names.

During Life Skills the grade 2's have been exploring our environment and learning about the importance of clean air, sunlight, water and the different types of food for healthy living. Look at the lovely hot air balloons they made.



Grade3

Sylvia Murray



Welcome to the Grade 3 class of 2018. We have had a good start to the year with the Grade 3's making Valentine sun catchers for their family for Valentine's Day. They also celebrated Valentine's Day with a picnic on the school field, enjoying their basket of goodies with a friend from Grade 5. Each child made a friendship hand to give to their Grade 5 friend.



Foundation Phase Pre-Vocational Class (F.P.P.V.)

Monya Oosthysen



The FPPV class has had loads of fun building sentences on given topics. We have been getting familiar with nouns and broadening our way in which we express our views on what we see with describing objects in more detail. This has given us a great way to get to know each other and our likes and dislikes. Thank you boys and girls!



Foundation Phase Skills (SCJ)

Tricia Sanssoucie



In celebration of Valentine's Day, we wanted everyone at Orion to know that we can love one another as friends, so learners were paired with a "Valentine Friend". Each Valentine friend was treated to a special gift handmade with love, and a treat from their friend's basket. Children came dressed in red, white and pink, the colours of love. Our picnic was held under the gazebos on our new field. Lots of fun, laughter and special treats were had by all, including the teachers.

Intermediate Phase Skills (I.P. Skills.)

Carlie Grobler



The children have settled well into intermediate phase, they have already matured in accepting the rules that go with intermediate children. Work pressure has increased and the response from the children has been to continue to give of their best.

We have had an exciting few weeks, learning about our body, beginning with the skeleton and learning that there are 206 bones in our body and 12 pairs of ribs, not to mention the hammer, stirrup and drum in our ears! One of the activities related to this, was to draw your buddies portrait, a few photos attached.

We have had several cooking Fridays, from the way the food was eaten, I am sure the children enjoyed this little venture.



Our Friday swimming is coming along nicely, most of the children have gained confidence and look forward to the next Friday.

We visited the horse riding venue with a few of the children. This will be a super therapeutic lesson and is definitely encouraged. We also had our Valentine morning, children were paired up with a buddy and learnt what their buddy enjoys, with this information valentine cards were made. The morning was a great success.

We look forward to the last few weeks of the term, our theme will be **NUTRITION**



Intermediate Phase Pre-Vocational Class (I.P.P.V.)

Sandy-Lee Wouda



The start of the new year flew past as we worked hard getting into routines and new class timetables. In Maths we revised the concepts of before/after, place value and addition and subtraction sums. We worked through patterns and patterning and then made our own bingo for time. We learnt 2D shapes by making up polygon towns and people. In English we explored writing our own Acrostic poem and revised the concepts of adjectives and nouns. We discovered different landmarks in Gauteng and presented our speech on the timeline of our life, showing that

History can be learnt by talking to people and through photographs. We participated in Afrikaans day by saying a poem about a chicken.

Grade 4

Jodi Hallam

The Grade 4's started the year with lots of playing and having fun in Maths!! Patterns and Shapes work so well together and some of us even had a chance to make beautiful pictures with 2D shapes.



Grade 5

Nicky Oswald



In amongst a host of other things, we have been learning about skeletons, and have been amazed at the different structures found in vertebrates. Many interesting facts emerged during our studies, for example, we found out that the **blue whale has 356 bones**, as opposed to the **206 in a human adult**. Mr Bones was in our classroom to help us understand the topic in a more practical way.



Grade 6

Ivan Hague

A new year and the Sixes are in the full swing of their new Grade. We have settled in and are learning new work. We are also having fun, a Valentine's Day picnic and a gala are already under our belts.

The Sixes took the little ones under their wing for Valentine's Day, having made cards for their buddies, and then spending some time with them during the picnic. They also showed us their leadership during the gala, taking over the cheer-leading with what can only be described as volume!! WOW!

Friendships have been formed; the social dynamics of the class is fantastic and we are now ready for the rest of the year.



The Grade 6 Spartan Cheer-leaders



School Prayer

Help me, Lord, to learn at school,
To listen well, not play the fool.
To read and spell and learn to write,
To do my maths with all my might.

Although the work is sometimes tough,
I'll do my best, its good enough.
Please help me try, and try some more
Until I know more than before.

To play with others and to be kind,
To show I care and friends to find.
Please help me, Lord, with all these things
To learn from what the school day brings.

AMEN



EMPTY LASER CARTRIDGES

Bring these to the Orion office for recycling. A green bin is in reception. The school will receive money for them.

Cartridges that can be recycled: Brother, Canon, HP, Kyocera, Ricoh, Lexmark, Samsung and OKI

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

JANUARY & FEBRUARY are **ATTITUDE & MARCH** is **THOUGHTFULNESS** months. We encourage our learners to think about **ATTITUDE** and to be **POSITIVE** and take **PLEASURE** in everything that they do and in every interaction they have at school and at home.

What does the dictionary say?



- ★ A settled way of thinking or feeling about something;
- ★ A position of the body indicating a particular mental state.



- ★ the state of being absorbed in thought
- ★ consideration for the needs of other people
- ★ using thinking skills to solve problems

Barbra Robinson and the Primary School staff





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Should I plan my estate as a young adult?

It is very important for you to plan your estate, which could include a living will, a last will and a living trust. This can help families prepare for difficult times when you are no longer around to assist or advise them. Our lives get busier and more complicated by the day, so estate planning for young and old becomes increasingly important. Young people should consider preparing certain estate planning documents ...

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Antenuptial contracts: With or without the accrual system?

If you don't have an ANC, you are automatically married in community of property. This means that there is one estate between a husband and a wife. Everything is shared equally between spouses, which includes debts. However, with an antenuptial contract, the estates of each spouse remain separate. The difference ...

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Fearing Foreclosure: What are your rights as the homeowner?

The recent junk status announcement has shaken us into a quick action of tightening our belts and letting go of luxuries to afford our day to day expenses. This financial condition inhibits the possibility of purchasing a new house, let alone affording your current home. Have you thought about what you would do if your ...

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Customary marriages in South Africa

In South Africa, there are various forms of marriage, which includes Civil Marriage, Customary Marriage and Civil Union. For a long time, customary unions (marriages) did not have the same full legal status as civil marriages (e.g. magistrate's court marriages) had in South African law. This was unfair discrimination and also made women in customary marriages vulnerable. The Recognition of Customar ...

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