



# PRIMARY NEWS

Dear Parents

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### MARCH

15<sup>th</sup> : Extra murals end Term 1  
20<sup>th</sup> : End of Term  
School closes at 12pm

### APRIL

8<sup>th</sup> : Staff training day  
9<sup>th</sup> : Back to school for learners  
15<sup>th</sup> : Extra murals begin Term 2  
19<sup>th</sup> : Good Friday  
(school closed)  
22<sup>nd</sup> : Family Day  
(school closed)

### MAY

1<sup>st</sup> : Worker's Day – no school  
11<sup>th</sup> : Soap Box Derby and Potjiekos Day  
24<sup>th</sup> : Cricket World Cup  
Fundraiser TBC

## TERM OUTINGS

Outings for both phases are taking place on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. The Foundation Phase are going to see **Seussical** at The Children's Theatre. The Intermediate Phase are going to the **Transport Museum**. Please return the permission slips and indemnity forms straight away. Learners must wear school uniform for the trips.

## D6 COMMUNICATOR

We are in the process of moving over to the **D6 communicator system**. An initial invitation has already been sent out and some parents have already registered for the APP. There will be a relaunch for parents who have not yet registered. Please keep a look out for your invitation and note that the **tokens will only be valid for 1 day**. When you receive the invitation please follow the prompts to register. We need all parents on this communicator system to make it effective.

## VALUE OF THE MONTH

March is the month of **ATTITUDE and GRATITUDE**. We will be discussing these values in assemblies and the classroom. Please support us by reinforcing and discussing our values at home. Thank you.

We are fast approaching the end of this term. The full newsletter with a look back at the events of the term and a '**glimpse inside the classroom**' will come out at the end of term. School closes on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at **12pm**. Please arrange to have your child collected on time that day.

## EXTRA MURALS

Extra murals **end** for the term this **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March** and will commence again next term on **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April**. A new programme of extra mural activities will be going out at the start of Term 2. Please encourage your child to join as much as possible.

## INTERSCHOOL GALA v CANTERBURY

To end the term's sport off we are having a friendly gala against Canterbury Prep on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm – 1.15pm**. Permission letters for those swimming in the gala have gone out. Please make sure the reply slips are returned asap. Family and friends are welcome to come along to support our swimmers.

## STAFF NEWS

We have now formally appointed a new Occupational Therapist, **Mrs Juanne De Vries**, who will be starting full time with Orion in Term 2. We welcome her to the Orion family and wish her many happy years here.

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

Thank you to all the families who supported our fundraiser at the Barnyard Theatre on Friday night. It was a massive success. Keep a look out for news on the **Soap Box Derby and Potjiekos Day** coming up in May.

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

*'As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.'* Nelson Mandela

Barbra Robinson (Principal) – and the PS Staff