



# PRIMARY NEWS

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### APRIL

- 8<sup>th</sup> : Staff training day  
9<sup>th</sup> : School starts (Learners)  
15<sup>th</sup> : Extra murals begin Term 2  
18<sup>th</sup> : **Easter Bonnet Competition and Parade**  
**Language Day 9-11am**  
**Civvies Day**  
**Early close at 11am**  
**No extra murals today**  
19<sup>th</sup> : Good Friday  
(school closed)  
22<sup>nd</sup> : Family Day  
(school closed)

### MAY

- 1<sup>st</sup> : Worker's Day  
(school closed)  
8<sup>th</sup> : **Voting Day**  
11<sup>th</sup> : Soap Box Derby (Sat)  
23<sup>rd</sup> : IP exams start  
**Extra murals end (all)**  
24<sup>th</sup> : Cricket World Cup  
Gr 6 Fundraiser TBC  
27<sup>th</sup> : FP formal assessments start  
28<sup>th</sup> : **Early close at 1pm**  
**until 7<sup>th</sup> June**

### JUNE

- 7<sup>th</sup> : IP exams end.  
Last day of early close at 1pm.  
10<sup>th</sup> : **School closes at normal time until end of term**  
16<sup>th</sup> : Youth Day (Sun)  
17<sup>th</sup> : Public Holiday (no school)  
21<sup>st</sup> : Break up Day  
School closes at 12pm

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2. Thank you to all the parents who attended last night's Parent's Evening to discuss the Term 1 reports and progress. Please take note of the following events and upcoming activities for this term, particularly the **changes to the calendar** in **bold**. There are several public holidays this term. Please note the dates.

### EXTRA MURALS

Extra murals **start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** and will end **on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** when the IP exams begin. The new programme of extra mural activities has gone out and children have been signing up to the various clubs. Please note that due to the early close for the long weekend, there will be **no extra murals next Thursday (18<sup>th</sup> April)**.

### EXTRA LESSONS

We are introducing **extra lessons** for identified learners this term. If your child has been signed up for an extra lesson, this will take place after school during the extra mural time and takes precedence over any other activity that day. Please ensure they attend.

### EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

On the **18<sup>th</sup> April** we are having an Easter Bonnet Competition and Parade. All participants will have an opportunity to show off their creativity and winners will receive prizes. Please let your child participate and come to school with a fancy Easter style hat on the day. Children may wear civvies at no charge.

### LANGUAGE DAY

Our annual Language Day will also be taking place on the **18<sup>th</sup> April** between **9 and 11am**. Children may wear civvies at no charge. The classes are busy preparing items for the show. Parents are welcome to attend. **School will be closing at 11am on this day**, for the long weekend. Please arrange to have your child collected on time. Children who are not collected early will be taken to Aftercare until the usual end of day. *Please notify your child's teacher if you are not able to arrange an early collection.*

### D6 COMMUNICATOR

Please can everyone make sure that they have registered and activated the **D6 APP** on their devices. Please contact the office for support if you are having trouble doing so.

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

The **Soap Box Derby** will be taking place on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. This is a compulsory school day and registers will be taken. The day will run from 9am to 1pm and all learners will be expected to be present for the day. The event is not just for learners but for parents, friends and family too. Please come along to support us

and to join in the many fun activities that are planned. This year there will be a range of other activities taking place in and around the Soap Box Derby. More information on this to follow in due course, but in the meantime please diarise this date.

### IP EXAMS and early close of school

Please note that the Intermediate Phase will be writing exams this term. Exams start on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> May and end on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. From **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May until the 7<sup>th</sup> June the whole Primary school will close at 1pm**. Please arrange to have your child collected on time during this period.

Exam schedule below.

Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	English Creative Writing	<i>No early close</i>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Afrikaans Kreatiewe Skryf	<i>No early close</i>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	No exam	<i>No early close</i>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	History	School closes at 1pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Afrikaans Begrip en Taal	School closes at 1pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Geography	School closes at 1pm
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	English	School closes at 1pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	No exam	School closes at 1pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Maths	School closes at 1pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	PSW	School closes at 1pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Art	School closes at 1pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Natural Science and Technology	School closes at 1pm

### CHARITY DRIVE – DORCAS AID

The High School Skills learners are running a charity drive for DORCAS AID as part of their ASDAN learning programme. They are collecting **tinned foods, packet soups as well as clothing and blankets** (in good condition). Thank you to all the families who have already donated items towards this cause. It is much appreciated. The **final date for donations is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**, in order that delivery can take place before the Easter weekend. Please keep sending items in next week. Thanks.

### VALUE OF THE MONTH

April is the month of **FORGIVENESS and UNDERSTANDING**. We have been discussing these values in assemblies and the classroom. The Grade 3 and FPPV class led an activity in today's assembly on the difference between forgiveness and understanding and how they work together. Please support us by reinforcing and discussing our values at home. Thank you.

### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

*"You are not here to make others understand you. You are here to understand yourself."* Kristen Butler

Barbra Robinson (Principal) – and the PS Staff