



# PRIMARY NEWS

Dear Parents

## 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**  
(school closed)  
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

## EXTRA MURALS CHANGE – PLEASE NOTE

As of next Tuesday (24 April), **Monday and Tuesdays extra murals will swap days**, as we have a new soccer coach who is only available on Monday afternoons. Some of the boys and girls are playing both soccer and netball, which is why we are trying to accommodate them to do both and not disrupt the cultural activities. This means that all the Monday extra murals will move to Tuesday and Tuesday's activities will move to Mondays.

## EXTRA LESSONS

**Mathletics** will now be offered as part of the extra mural schedule. This will be for select learners only. Parents and learners will be informed in due course.

## EASTER BONNET COMPETITION and LANGUAGE DAY

Thank you to the staff and learners for contributing to today's Language Day and congratulations to the winners of the Easter Bonnet competition. We had some fabulous bonnets! Well done to everyone who participated!

### Foundation Phase Winners:

- First: Sibusiso Ngugama  
Second: Hihlurile Mainganya  
Third: Samuel Lengert

### Intermediate Phase Winners:

- First: Jessica Pretorius  
Second: Tumiso Molefe  
Third: Bakang Matlala

## WINTER UNIFORM

The weather is getting colder in the mornings so please make sure your child has their jersey and jacket. For the rest of April and first week of May, learners may choose to wear either summer or winter uniform, depending on the weather that day, however from **Monday 6th May**, all learners must be in full winter uniform, please. Please see the flyer for **Honeydew SchoolWear**. *Please make sure your child's clothing, especially their jacket, is labelled.*

## VOTING DAY – 8<sup>th</sup> MAY

Please note that the **school will be closed on the 8<sup>th</sup> May** due to voting.

## D6 COMMUNICATOR

Just a reminder to please all register for and download the **D6 APP** on your devices. We will be starting to use this means of communication soon, but we need all parents to register first.

## CHARITY DRIVE – DORCAS AID

Thank you to everyone for the support with the HS Skills Department Charity drive. It was a huge success for a very worthy cause.

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. Sponsorship forms will be going home next week. The day will run from **9am to 1pm** and we would like to encourage parents, friends and family to join us on the day for a small entrance fee of R10 (Orion learners do not have to pay). The entrance fee will get adults a cup of tea and non-Orion children a free jump on the jumping castle. We are planning lots of fun activities, such as a jumping castle, dance competition, face painting, target shooting and more. Food will also be available from stalls and the tuckshop. More information on this to follow in the weeks to come, but in the meantime please diarise this date.

### **IP EXAMS and early close of school**

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. Please refer to Newsletter 5 for the exam schedule.

### **VALUE OF THE MONTH**

April is the month of **FORGIVENESS and UNDERSTANDING**. With this in mind we wish you all a blessed Easter.

### **QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

*"If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive."* Mother Teresa

Barbra Robinson (Principal) – and the PS Staff