



ORION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Learners

PARENT-TEACHER FEEDBACK (TERM 1)

Reports have been sent home. Parent- teacher meetings will be held on the following days:

Primary School – register teachers will arrange appointments

High School – Monday 20th April – school hall from 17h00

OISESA VISIT – 22nd – 24th APRIL

OISESA will be visiting ORION from Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th. Please expect the school and staff to be tied up for these 3 days.



School
Communicator

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION – D6 has been launched!

Please download the APP!

Orion is transitioning over to the **D6 school communicator** this month - for both parents and learners. **Parents and learners** will be required to **download the D6 app**. Homework, newsletters and calendar dates will be posted onto the D6 platform. WhatsApp groups will be phased out.

UPCOMING EVENTS and FUN-RAISING TERM 2:

There's lots to look forward to in Term 2 and many ways to support our fun-raising ventures.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS WEEK 20th – 24th APRIL

Next week, we will be focusing on raising awareness about the environment and exploring practical ways we can all make a positive difference.

Although Earth Day falls on Wednesday, 22nd April, we will be observing an **hour without lights or electronics** on Tuesday, 21st April, due to the OISESA visit scheduled from Wednesday. This will give learners an opportunity to reflect on energy use and sustainability.

On Friday, learners will take part in creating a "**Promise Tree**" (in honour of Arbor Day), where each learner will make a personal environmental commitment to display on the tree.

We are also excited to launch a **new vegetable garden initiative** at Orion as part of our ongoing commitment to environmental education. More information will be shared soon. **On Friday 24th – learners may come to school dressed in Earth Coloured Civvies.**

CALENDAR	
APRIL	
Mon 13 th	Start of Term 2 for staff
Tue 14 th	Start of Term 2 for learners
Sat 18 th	Grade 11 and 12 trip to GUVON Academy
Mon 20 th	HS soccer and netball fixtures start this week
Mon 20 th	PS Extra murals start
Mon 20 th	HS Parent evening 5pm to 7:30pm
21 st to 24 th	ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS WEEK
Wed 22 nd	OISESA VISIT (until 24 th)
Thu 23 rd	World Book character Dress up Day Primary School only (R20)
Fri 24 th	WORLD ARBOR DAY All learners may dress in Earth colours civvies
Mon 27 th	FREEDOM DAY – no school
Wed 29 th	Grade 7 Workshop 2:15pm
MAY	
Fri 1 st	WORKER'S DAY – no school
Wed 13 th	Parent CYBER SAFETY online evening talk (Dr John Buswell) Save the date
Wed 20 th	Grade 7 Workshop 2:15pm
Fri 29 th	IP exams start until 11 June. 12 pm finish for IP during exams.
Fri 29 th	PJ and Slipper Day (charity drive)

WORLD BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY – THURSDAY 23rd APRIL – PRIMARY SCHOOL

Plan your costumes now! For only R20, the Primary School learners can come dressed up as their favourite book character.

MOTHER'S DAY – FRIDAY 8th MAY

Plans for our annual Mother's Day celebrations are underway. More information will be sent out soon.

RESTAURANT EVENING – THURSDAY 28th MAY

Join us for some entertainment and a taste of home-made cuisine, served by our Hospitality and Consumer Studies learners. See advert below.

PYJAMA and SLIPPER DAY - FRIDAY 29th MAY

Foundation Phase learners will be able to come to school dressed in their favourite winter pyjamas (R20). All learners may come in their favourite slippers to support the Slipper Day charity. They must purchase a Slipper Day sticker (R30) at local stores.

BARNYARD FUN-RAISER - FRIDAY 26th JUNE **BOOK NOW**

Join us for this end of Term 2 fun-raiser at the Barnyard Theatre Silverstar Casino. Tickets are now on sale. We are not only raising FUN but raising funds for our **Class of 2026 farewell**.



UNIFORM

We would like our learners to be dressed neatly, according to the uniform policy. **Please check the learner planner for uniform requirements.** Old uniforms can be donated to the **second-hand shop**. Please drop these off at reception. Learners in the **FET Phase** are required to wear a **tie and blazer all year round**. Communication was sent

home at the end of last year regarding this. They are our school role models, and we expect them to represent the school with pride. During May we will be transitioning to the winter uniform. Please use the April break to make sure your child has all the correct winter uniform requirements.

SCHOOL FEES

Please remember that fees are due **in advance** starting in January until November. Prompt payment and communication with the finance department is appreciated.

CELL PHONE POLICY



Please remember that only Grade 10, 11 and 12 learners are allowed to have their cell phones on their person during the school day. ALL other grades are expected to hand their cell phones in first thing in the morning or leave them at home. **Cell phones will not be released to pay for food at the tuckshop during break times. Learners must please use alternative payment methods.** **If cell phones are brought to school – it is the learner's responsibility.** The school will not take responsibility for cell phones or any other electronic or personal item that is lost, stolen or damaged.

Learners who use **reading apps**, such as **Natural Reader**, to support them with reading during class, are allowed to have them on their person, but they must obtain permission to do so, and they must bring their own headphones.



LATE COLLECTION OF LEARNERS

We are still dealing with learners being collected late. While we understand that there are sometimes circumstances outside of our control which cause delays, it is important for parents to note that there is **NO FORMAL SUPERVISION** for learners after the collection times. If you are running late, it is imperative that you communicate with your child's teacher and, if necessary, book your child into the **AFTERCARE** service on an ad hoc basis. Ad hoc aftercare does carry a cost, which parents will be expected to pay, but it is better to pay for an hour of supervision that leave your child unattended, unsupervised and potentially at risk.



MORNING PUNCTUALITY

Punctuality in the mornings remains a concern, with several learners arriving after classes have begun. Late arrival impacts negatively on learning and causes disruption to lessons already underway. Please make sure that your child arrives **ON TIME** for school and is in lessons, ready to learn at **07h30**.

APEX BLAZE SHUTTLE SERVICE – exclusive to Orion - see advert below

Apex Blaze are working closely with Orion to help Orion families get their children safely to school and back. If you are struggling with transport, please contact them.



INTERMEDIATE PHASE *and* HIGH SCHOOL CAMPS

We ended the Term 1 with a bang – with two very successful camps.



The [High School](#) went to ATKV Klein-Kariba. They had three jam packed days of abseiling, team building activities, paint balling and leadership development.



The [Intermediate Phase](#) went to Deals Rock in Buffelspoort. Once again, the focus was on team building and leadership development – and, of course, having fun!



For more photos follow us on Instagram or Facebook.

Warm regards, Mrs Robinson and the Orion College staff.

Restaurant Evening

Thursday 28 May

Join us for a truly special evening where you'll be treated to the finest cuisine prepared by our talented FET Consumer Studies learners. Trust us, you're in for a treat. Mrs. van Schalkwyk and Mrs. Hilderbrand will assist our aspiring chefs in the kitchen.

But that's not all... you'll also be entertained by some of our school's most gifted performers.

Entertainment

Selected learners will proudly showcase what they've been mastering in Creative Arts and Dramatic Arts.

We know they're going to wow you.

Please note: Seating is limited to only 60 guests, so be sure to book your spot as soon as you know your child will be performing. You don't want to miss out on this intimate and memorable evening!

Cost for a 3-course meal with 2 glasses of cooldrink per person and a jug of lemon water per table. No corkage charge – Bring your own wine or alcohol.



Ticket prices

R300 per person **intermediate** or **senior learner** (Grade 4 – 12) or **adult** ticket

R250 per person for a **junior ticket** (Grade R – Grade 3 learners)

Barnyard

Friday 26 June

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BARNYARD FUNDRAISER
★ Show: THE FINAL COUNTDOWN ★

FUNDRAISER FOR GRADE 7 & GRADE 12 FAREWELL

📍 BARNYARD THEATRE, SILVERSTAR CASINO

FRIDAY, 26 JUNE · 7PM

TICKET PRICE: R250 pp

For more information contact:
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SCHOOL SHUTTLE EXCLUSIVE TO ORION COLLEGE

Apex Blaze now proudly transports learners to and from Orion College, offering more flexibility, better service, and peace of mind for every family.



WHY PARENTS ARE CHOOSING APEX BLAZE

- **Flexible Option:** Daily, part-time, or ad hoc trips, designed around your busy schedule.
- **Clear, Affordable Pricing:** Monthly payments (morning, afternoon, or return) with distance-based quotes or simply use on-demand and pay later.
- **You're Always Covered:** If traffic delays happen, we cover aftercare so your child is never left alone at school.
- **Comfort on Longer Routes:** Snacks and refreshments included for extended trips.

SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY

- Onboard cameras and real-time tracking
- Fully qualified drivers (PrDP, First Aid & Advanced Driving)
- Strict no-overloading policy
- Regular vehicle maintenance
- Backup vehicles available when needed

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