



ORION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Learners

MID-YEAR EXAMS

Mid-year exams are upon us. The exam timetables for each phase have been sent out and are also on the D6. Please create a quiet study space for your child at home and ensure that they are well prepared for each exam. No cell phones or smart watches are allowed into the exam venue.

WINTER UNIFORM

With the weather having turned chilly, we are now expecting all our learners to come to school in full winter uniform. **Please check the learner planner for uniform requirements. School ties** are a requirement from Grade 7 to 12 in winter. Regular uniform checks will be carried out.

Old uniforms can be donated to the **second-hand shop**. Please drop these off at reception.

MORNING PUNCTUALITY

We are really struggling with poor punctuality in the mornings, which affects not only the learner who is late, but the teaching of the class. 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**.



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 than leave your child unattended, unsupervised and potentially at risk.

APEX BLAZE SHUTTLE SERVICE – Transport service exclusive to Orion!

If you are struggling with transport or getting your child to school on time or collected on time in the afternoons, please consider using Apex Blaze Shuttle Service. They are working exclusively with Orion and our families to ensure

CALENDAR	
MAY	
Fri 1 st	WORKER'S DAY – no school
Wed 13 th	Parent CYBER SAFETY online evening talk (Dr John Buswell) Save the date
Thu 14 th	Business Studies Trip to van Gaalen's cheese farm
Wed 20 th	Grade 7 Workshop 2:15pm
Mon 25 th	Grade 10, 11 and 12 exams start
Wed 17 th	Grade 7 Workshop
Thu 28 th	Restaurant Evening
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)
JUNE	
Mon 1 st	Grade 8, 9 and TOC exams start
Fri 12 th	Teacher/Learner dress swap (for Youth Day)
Mon 15 th	Special School Holiday- no school
Tues 16 th	YOUTH DAY – no school
Tues 23 rd	FET Post school study options – EMERIS etc...
Wed 24 th	World Blood Donor Day – come donate blood with SANBS
Thu 25 th	Civvies Day R20
Fri 26 th	Break-up day Barnyard Fundraiser

learners get safely to and from school. They have 4 shuttles coming from different areas in the mornings, including Ruimsig and Florida. See advert for more information. **Please note that only Apex vehicles may park inside the staff parking area in the afternoons as they are collecting many learners. Please do not drive through or park in the staff parking area to collect your child. Thank you.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

RESTAURANT EVENING – THURSDAY 28th MAY

There are still a few spaces left for our annual Restaurant Evening. Join us for some entertainment by our Dramatic Arts learners and a taste of home-made cuisine, served by our Hospitality and Consumer Studies learners. See advert below.

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 of senior learner** (Grade 4 – 12) or **adult** ticket

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



BARNYARD EVENING – FRIDAY 26th JUNE

Join us for a different way to count down and end the school term.





SCHOOL FEES

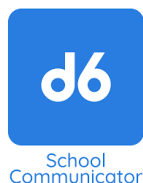
Please remember that fees are due **in advance** starting in January until November. Prompt payment and communication with the finance department is appreciated.

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 but no Air Pods or ear-phones are allowed.

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.



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.

For insight into what's been happening throughout the school, follow us on Instagram or Facebook.

Warm regards. Mrs Robinson and the Orion College staff.

Do you struggle with safe, reliable transport for your child to and from school? Call Apex Blaze Shuttle Service, for a quote. They work exclusively with the Orion Community.

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

Allen's Nek | Constantia Kloof | Fairland | Ferndale | Florida | Florida Glen | Fourways | JHB North | Krugersdorp (Ruimsig Country Estate, Featherbrook Estate & surroundings) | Little Falls | Northcliff | Northriding | Quellerina | Radiokop | Randburg | Randpark Ridge | Ruimsig | Sandton | Strubens Valley | Sundowner | Weltevreden Park | Wilgeheuwel

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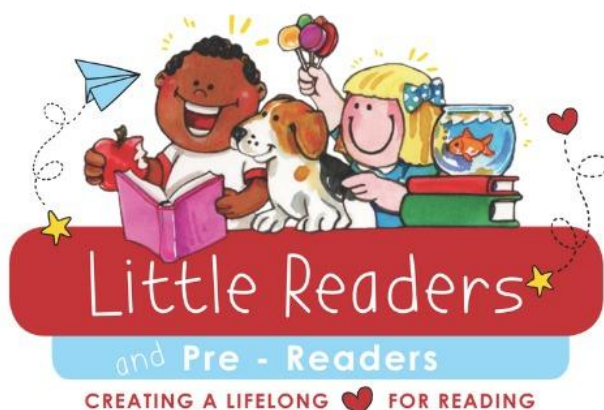
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Supporting Communities Together

Do you have a child who would benefit from extra reading classes? Offering classes from 3 years to 13 years, one of our teachers runs her own English and Afrikaans reading business afterhours and on weekends.

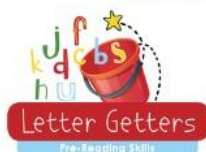


Reading
Support
7-13 years

Pro-active
reading
3-6 years

Through our fun,
**sensory-integrated
lessons**, we build a
strong reading
foundation that sets
the stage for **lifelong
reading enjoyment**
and **academic success**.

Meggan Tunley
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Afrikaans
/ English



www.littlereaders.co.za

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ROODEPOORT

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DELIVERY
FOR
PENSIONERS**



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EVERY THURSDAY**



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