

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff



We hope this newsletter finds you well! I also hope that the children are enjoying their holidays. As we approach Nelson Mandela Day on 18<sup>th</sup> July, I would like to explain why this day is so important to South Africans and how we can all participate in making a positive difference.

### Who Was Nelson Mandela?

Nelson Mandela dedicated his life to fighting for justice and equality for all South Africans. He spent 27 years in prison for standing up against a system that treated people unfairly based on the colour of their skin. Despite the hardships he faced, Mandela remained committed to his dream of a better, more equal society for everyone.

### What Is Nelson Mandela Day?

Nelson Mandela Day is celebrated every year on 18<sup>th</sup> July, Mandela's birthday. The day was established by the United Nations in 2009 to honour Mandela's legacy and to encourage people around the world to take action and inspire change.

### Why Is Nelson Mandela Day Important?

Nelson Mandela Day reminds us of the power of one person's courage and dedication to make the world a better place. Mandela believed in the importance of helping others and working together to overcome challenges. By celebrating this day, we remember his values and are inspired to make a difference in our communities.

### How Can We Celebrate Nelson Mandela Day?

This year, our junior school will raise funds to assist the community of Tongaat, who were badly affected by the severe storms in June. To support this cause, we will be hosting a Civvies Day next Friday, 19 July. On this day, children will be asked to contribute R10 for the fundraising effort.

Our goal is to raise R3000, which will be donated to the community of Tongaat, especially Seatides School which was badly damaged. By participating, children will be allowed to wear their civvies to school next Friday. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause.

Nelson Mandela Day is a special opportunity to reflect on the values of courage, kindness, and equality. By participating in this day, we honour Nelson Mandela's legacy and contribute to making the world a better place for everyone.



Best regards,

*Kamal Rugbar*

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Primary School)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Reopening of school** - School reopens for our girls and boys on Tuesday, 16 July 2024 and not tomorrow like our local Department of Education schools. All children are expected to be at school by 07h20.

**School uniforms and hair** - To ensure a positive and focused learning environment, we kindly remind parents that all children are required to adhere to our school's uniform and appearance guidelines. One specific reminder is regarding the school haircut policy. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your child arrives at school with the correct school haircut. Please note that the school haircut should be neat, with no lines on the hair and eyebrows. This policy is in place to maintain a uniform and distraction-free atmosphere, allowing our girls and boys to concentrate on their studies and foster a sense of unity within our school community.

**Drop-off and Pick-up points** - Children must be dropped off and picked up from the aftercare gate on Jabu Ndlovu Street and not in the school car park.

**Sport and Co-curricular Programme/Term 3 Calendar** - Our sport and co-curricular programme will commence on Wednesday, 17 July 2024. The school term three calendar and the sport and the co-curricular programme will be sent home next Tuesday for your reference. This term, our boys will be playing hockey and the girls will be playing soccer. If your son is going to play hockey, he must have his own hockey stick, shin pads and a gum guard.

**Lost Property** – The amount of lost property from last term has accumulated at an alarming rate. These lost uniform items have been washed and can be collected by Friday, 19 July. Unfortunately, any uncollected and unclaimed items will be disposed of after Friday, 19 July. Sadly, most of these lost property items are almost brand new.

**Outstanding School Fees (from term 2 of 2024)** - I am appealing to all parents to settle any outstanding school fees from terms one and two of this year before Tuesday, 16 July. The finance office is open on Monday, 15 July to assist you in this regard. Parents with outstanding school fees have been contacted to settle their school fees at the end of last term.

Regards



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