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Number 4

NEWSLETTER

10 March 2016

Dear Parents, Staff and Learners

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT SCHOOL:

- **THURSDAY 10TH MARCH: 18:30 – 19:30: OPEN DAY:** Our focus is placements for grade 8 for 2017. If you have friends or family who would like to see the school and find out more, please encourage them to attend.
- **FRI 11 MARCH – HOUSE PLAYS:**
Venue: NG Church Kloofendal, 19 Opal Avenue, Kloofendal.
Time: Food: 17:30 – 18:30
Show: 18:30 – 20:45 (Doors will open at 18:15)
Tickets cost R30.00 each, and these are available in the office (children under 4 do not need to purchase a ticket). There is a prize for the team that sells the most tickets so please invite your family and friends. Wors rolls and Chicken Prego rolls will be available for R 20.00 each; these should also be ordered and paid for in the office prior to the function. There will be a tuck shop for sweets and cold drinks available on the night.

The main characters in each play must be at the venue by 16:00 for final sound practices and costumes. All other learners should be at the venue by 17:30. Attendance at the concert is compulsory for all Gr 1 to Gr 12 learners as this is part of the Life Orientation/Life Skills curriculum.
- **THURS 17 MARCH: PARENTS EVENING AND REPORTS:** Reports will be given out from 17:30 – 19:00 for Grade R – 12 learners. The teachers will all be available to meet with parents to discuss reports. However please be aware that time is limited on the evening so teachers cannot always spend extended time with parents. If you have concerns, please make an appointment to meet with the teacher.
- **FRI 18 MARCH: BREAK-UP DAY:** School closes at 12:00. There will be no Aftercare that day. Please inform transport operators about the closing time. School reopens on Tuesday 12th April.
- **FOUNDATION PHASE: INCREMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AFRICAN LANGUAGE (IIAL): ADDITIONAL TEACHING TIME FOR GRADE 1 AND 2 AND THE INTRODUCTION OF SESOTHO**
As published in the Government Gazette No 39406, all schools are required to introduce a third language at grade 1 level in 2016. To allow for the extra teaching time required, all schools have been instructed to increase the school week for grades 1 and 2 by 1 hour. To comply with this, we have carefully considered our staff complement and we will be offering SeSotho from the second term to our grade 1 learners. **Grades 1 and 2 will finish school at 13:40 (instead of 13:10) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from the start of the second term.** Grade 1 and 2 will continue to finish at 13:10 on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. We are looking forward to implementing this new policy as a way of encouraging communication in our country. Please inform transport operators and those who fetch learners about the change in school times.

Finally, we wish all our families a blessed Easter as we celebrate our Lord's death and Resurrection.

Yours in Christ

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Principal