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Dear Parent / Geagte Ouer

I would like to start off by thanking the unsung heroes of this pandemic at our school, namely the estate manager, Mr Juan Neethling and his crew, Mr Johannes Williams, Jan Meyer, Thomas Lefata, Seun Motlhabane, Ms Francina Williams and Ms Lorraine Williams. They have worked exceedingly hard to sanitize and prepare the school for the return of our students and staff. They continue to sanitize classrooms and offices daily after use and it provides peace of mind to us all.

The Department of Basic Education is in the process of visiting schools in the Western Cape to verify compliance regarding COVID-19 procedures and sanitizing. We were visited yesterday and the official who did the investigation described our school's preparation as excellent. She visited a classroom and bathrooms, amongst others, and was visibly impressed. Once again, thank you to all parties for your cooperation in this regard.

We have requested that the school be deep cleaned by the department and this will take place tomorrow, Friday, 11 June 2020, therefore, the school will be closed and resume on Monday.

However, despite the above measures, parents of Grade 12 learners were informed that a student with a positive Covid-19 condition was identified 4 days after the student's last day of attendance at school. The student has since been isolated and all classrooms that were used by the student have been double-sanitized. The student will return to school after the isolation-period. All relevant authorities and the SGB have been informed about this case.

We have also just been informed of another positive Covid-19 case. This student last attended school on Tuesday, 2 June 2020, and the District office, staff and SGB have been informed. Luckily the parents did not send the student to school when the symptoms listed below were noticed. It again shows how important it is to take this disease seriously. I again urge parents not to send a child who displays these symptoms to school.

Maak asseblief dubbeld-seker dat u kind ten alle tye sosiale afstande handhaaf en 'n masker dra. Die gereelde handewas en of sanitasie van hande kan ook nie genoeg beklemtoon word nie. (Ensure that your

child washes or sanitizes his/her hands regularly, maintains social distancing at all times and wears a cloth mask at all times).

RETURN TO SCHOOL

I am glad to report that the first week with the Class of 2020 went very well and I would like to thank them for their excellent cooperation in these strange circumstances and times. We prefer to err on the safe side and for that reason students' temperatures are measured twice a day. I would once again like to stress to parents that it is of the utmost importance **NOT** to send students to school with the following symptoms:

- * high temperature
- * coughing
- * diarrhea
- * sore throat
- * shortness of breath
- * feeling weak and tired
- * not being able to smell and taste normally

They will, in any event, not be allowed on the premises. Please contact your local GP or clinic for advice should your child have any of the above symptoms. Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated.

Also, parents have only three options regarding the return of their children to school:

1. Students return on the date as gazetted and communicated by the school.
2. Students are withdrawn and deregistered from school and subsequently registered in a home school by parents.
3. Students with proven comorbidities are allowed to stay at home and will be assisted by the school regarding their academic programme.

You will find the relevant information in Government Gazette Vol. 659 of 29 May 2020.

Parents of Grade 12 learners must please note that Monday, 15 June 2020, is a school day. The day 6 timetable will be followed.

TERM ONE REPORTS

Most parents with a valid email address would have received their child's report by now. The Grade 12 learners have received original, hard copies of their reports. If you are aware of a parent with an email address who did not receive a copy of the report, please urge them to contact Ms Desire Swartz on 021 5581070 in order for her to update our database. Please note that the reports that were emailed are not for official use. At this stage, the reports of the Grade 9 to 11 learners, as well as the Grade 8A and B classes have been mailed to parents. The rest of the Grade 8 classes should follow today.

Me Roulene Daniels het die eposadresse gebruik wat op die bestaande databasis is en het die adresse ingesluit wat aan die einde van 2019 ontvang is met die uitgee van die rapporte. Die eposadresse wat ontvang is van ouers wat die aanlyn opname in verband met die noodnommers voltooi het, is ook gebruik. Ek wil net graag weereens vir ouers herinner aan hoe dringend noodsaaklik dit is vir ons om u korrekte

kontakbesonderhede te hê. Help ons asseblief in hierdie verband deur ons onmiddelik in kennis te stel indien u kontakbesonderhede verander.

Thank you again to Ms Daniels for taking on this mammoth task single-handedly. It is appreciated by us all.

CONGRATULATIONS

A few of our students who have written the 2019 NSC examinations, have had their scripts remarked. I am glad to report that the pass rate of the Class of 2019 can now be upwardly adjusted to 96,3%, which is somewhat better than the original 95,6%. Our pass rate has never been below 95,5% the last two decades. I still maintain that the Class of 2020 has an excellent chance of reaching a 100% pass rate at the end of the year, as their pass rate at the end of the first term was already higher than the classes of previous years. This is despite the unusual circumstances they are finding themselves in. I would like to believe that Cleo Warner and her fellow Knights are up to the challenge.

Also, congratulations to our Grade 8 to 11 top achievers of the first term! May your results not only inspire you, but also your classmates.

It seems there will only be one more examination before the final examination and one short holiday. I will communicate the dates as soon as I have received it. It does look certain, unless DBE changes the dates again, that schools will reopen on 6 July 2020 for Grade 10 and 11 and on 3 August 2020 for Grade 8 and 9. The latest school calendar as we have received it is attached to this issue of the Bostelegam. It has seemingly been approved by the DBE and has been gazetted.

Please note that schools will, according to the latest Gazette, run on approximately 50% functionality to ensure social distancing between students. Not all grades will therefore be at school at the same time and a form of "platooning" (students attending classes on alternative days, except for the Matrics) will be followed. The SMT is working on the details at this stage and we will keep you updated on the procedures that will be followed before the students' expected return.

Ek wil ook van die geleentheid gebruik maak om vir die Senior Bestuurspan (SMT) dankie te sê wat reeds 'n week voor die personeel skool toe gekom het en onder andere gesorg het vir die nuwe klasindelings, nuwe roosters, fisiese fasiliteite, afstandonderrig en beplanning vir die terugkeer van die personeel en leerders. Ek het baie positiewe kommentaar van die personeel ontvang vir die werk wat Mnr Donavan Dirks, Gerhard Rademeyer, Vivian Barnard, Me Tanja Vermeulen, Ralien Rabie en Kristen Coetzee verrig het die week voor die skool heropen het. Ons moet ook nie vergeet van die waardevolle insette van Mnr Clinton Barnes nie. Aan al bogenoemde dames en here, 'n opregte baie dankie.

I would also like to thank the chairperson of the SGB, Mr Mark Denton, for his unwavering support in these uncertain times as well as the other members of the SGB Exco, namely Ms Adèle Wakefield and Ms Marene Moore. It is truly appreciated.

Lastly, none of the above would have been possible without the parents who diligently kept paying their school fees and are still doing so. I can't thank you enough. To ensure that we maintain the academic standards of the school, it is imperative that all parents who can do so, make their contribution towards our school fees. If you have any queries in this regard, please contact Ms Delise Burger at the school number.

Yours sincerely

D.R. Human
Headmaster
11 June 2020

TOP ACHIEVERS

GRADE 8

1. MOLOANTOA, RENEILOE	82.2%	13. EZEIRU, VALERIE	71.0%
2. AKINYEMI, OLUWAFUNMILAYO	81.4%	13. LASKER, LORCIA	71.0%
3. ROSSOUW, TAMIA	78.8%	13. LLOYD, MAX	71.0%
4. CHAKARA, TANAKA	77.0%	14. STORIE, DOUGLAS	70.9%
5. COETZEE, ZOE	76.3%	15. MONI, XABISO	70.7%
6. RICHES, NICOLE	76.2%	16. HERMAN, MEGAN	70.6%
7. LASKER, CHELSIA	75.3%	17. GEDULT, LEA	70.4%
8. WAGNER, CHANTE	73.9%	17. LANGE, KYRA	70.4%
9. LINGOMBA, CALEB	73.4%	18. SALEH, ASUMINI	70.0%
10. RUDOLPH, ARNETTE	72.9%		
11. NATI, VUYOLWETHU	72.0%		
12. CHANZA, ILISO	71.6%		

GRADE 9

1. GRUNDMAN, MICHAELA	87.4%	11. LANGE, CATHRINE	75.8%
2. MAKWINJA, TASHENI	81.6%	12. WILLIAMS, STEPHANIE	75.3%
3. KAHZOZI NONGA, MICHELLE	80.7%	13. SCHARNECK, TRISTAN	73.8%
4. ZENGNI, AUDREY	79.7%	14. VUMAZONKE, LATHITHA	73.7%
5. VAN RHYN, CARLA	79.4%	15. PRINSLOO, KIARA	72.9%
6. MULUMBA, AUDREY	78.9%	16. JURD, ALEXANDRA	72.2%
7. BOTHMAN, TIMICA	78.4%	17. TEIXEIRA, ABIGAIL	72.0%
8. VAN DEVENTER, SEBASTIAN	77.2%	18. SIKHAHLA, LIYABONA	71.3%
9. MOSIA, LIMPHO	76.8%	19. JONAS, YONDISA	70.8%
10. MALOY, KIAH	76.6%		

GRADE 10

1. McMANUS, MACAYLA	86.4%	18. KUNZEKWEGUTA, TAWAKA	73.7%
2. MADZIWACHANDO, MANDIPA	86.1%	19. TOFFAR, SAMEENAH	73.2%
3. RUTUMHU, RURAMAI	82.5%	20. MAKHULENI, LINDI	73.2%
4. SALEH, SHEHA	82.1%	21. STEENKAMP, TIFFANY	73.1%
5. NKALA, JABULILE	81.5%	22. HEATH, EMILY	72.8%
6. ZATU, NTANDO	81.5%	23. BARRETT, PETER	72.8%
7. CHRISTENSEN, ILEANA	79.5%	24. KOM, MUSAWENKOSI	72.2%
8. BURROWS, NIKITA	79.2%	25. JOUBERT, SIMONé	72.2%
9. CHIRWA, IRVIN	79.2%	26. MAARMAN, NATHAN	72.1%

10. MUNAWA, ELIAS	78.0%	27. DUNJANA, LEAMA	72.1%
11. ISAACS, KEEYAN	77.5%	28. KIRKWOOD, TAMMY	71.7%
12. FINCH, MICHAELA	76.1%	29. SOLOMON, MICHAELA	71.0%
13. OLA IBITOYE, MOJISOLA	75.7%	30. DYOSI, MINENTLE	70.8%
14. JACOBS, CLE O	75.5%	31. OLIVER, GIA	70.5%
15. SAKURAI, HANAKO	74.7%	32. MEYER, JOSHUA	70.2%
16. SCHIPPERS, REAGAN	74.2%	33. BEUKES, SHA-LEIGH	70.2%
17. KAMOTO, TANYARADZWA	74.0%	34. HUMAN, JURGENS	70.1%

GRADE 11

1. RHODA, JENNA	89.1%	23. MTANA, MICHAEL	78.0%
2. WAKEFIELD, AMY	88.7%	24. GARVAS, CHIDI	77.1%
3. KANKU KANUAYI, BERNADETTE	87.8%	25. FRIESTE, ANELISA	76.2%
4. MOORE, AIDEN	86.1%	26. GOODWIN, MIA	76.0%
5. MSHUMPELA, YANGA	84.8%	27. CHINGONZO, SONIA	75.7%
6. SEBEELA, BOAMMARURI	84.7%	28. WAKABA, NJERI	75.1%
7. MAPONGA, KIMBERLY	84.5%	29. MUZAMBETA, SELINA	74.7%
8. MANYERE, LINDEL	84.2%	30. VAN SITTERT, DOMINIQUE	74.5%
9. OBIALLA, LYDIA	84.2%	31. BELU, ALUNGILE	74.2%
10. AKPAKA, ALUTHANDO	83.2%	32. MUKHERJEE, ATTMADIP	74.2%
11. MILLS, JADIN	82.7%	33. KNIPE, JORDAN	73.7%
12. GUNGULUZA, ASAKHANYA	82.7%	34. PRINS, ALEXANDRA	73.7%
13. ENGELBRECHT, DAMIAN	82.5%	35. PILLAY, SHRADHA	73.7%
14. SONDAY, ZAAKIRAH	82.1%	36. OBIALLA, VIVIAN	73.4%
15. MUZANENAMO, JESSE	82.0%	37. JASON, ALICIA	73.1%
16. CARELSE, CARYN	80.8%	38. HAVYARIMANA, FRANK	73.0%
17. KOTZE, CASSIDY	80.0%	39. QASHANI, RAMSEN	72.0%
18. HASSAN, ANGEL	79.7%	40. GCASAMBA, ZUSANGE	71.0%
19. BELU, BALUNGILE	79.4%	41. NONKONYANE, BOHLALE	70.5%
20. BAUER-SCHMIDT, KRISTEN	79.0%	42. WEST, ETHAN	70.0%
21. SWARTS, TASHIN	78.5%		
22. MOLEKWA, MPHO	78.2%		

GRADE 12

1. NAIDOO, ALICIA	85.5%	12. VAN STADEN, AIMEE	74.5%
2. KOBISON, CASEY	85.2%	13. SLEMMING, LEILA	74.2%
3. WARNER, CLEO	84.5%	14. MARIMANI, SINOXOLO	74.0%
4. MBAWA, BRIAN	81.7%	15. PHAKATHI, EYAMI	73.2%
5. SONDAY, AMMAARAH	79.5%	16. NEWIN, KATELYN	72.7%
6. DIXON, MICAH	78.7%	17. MUTEMA, MERCY	72.4%
7. TOEFY, YACHYAA	77.5%	18. OBASI, GREAT	72.0%
8. GROBLER, KATELINN	75.7%	19. JOSEPH, JOY	71.7%
9. JACK, ANGANATHI	75.7%	20. CARTER, CHRISTOPHER	71.4%
10. NICHOLAS, CAMERON	75.4%	21. JAFTHA, TAMIA	70.7%
11. OKAFOR, GINIKACHUKWU	74.7%	22. KYLE, SKYLA	70.0%

AMENDED 2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

January 2020						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2020						
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March 2020						
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April 2020						
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26	27	28	29	30		

May 2020						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

June 2020						
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July 2020						
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August 2020						
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30	31					

September 2020						
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October 2020						
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November 2020						
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December 2020						
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27	28	29	30	31		

KEY

	Weekends
	Days for administration
	School days
	Public holidays
	Revised School holidays

TERM	Duration	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
1	(13) 15 Jan – 18 March	10	(48) 46	00	(48) 46
2	(01 June) 08 June – 07 August	(10) 09	(50) 45	01	(49) 44
3	12 August – 23 September	07	31	00	31
4	05 October – 15 December	11	52	00	52
	Total	(38) 37	(181) 174	01	(180) 173

Public and School Holidays 2020	
01 January	New Year's Day
21 March	Human Rights Day
10 April	Good Friday
13 April	Family Day
27 April	Freedom Day
01 May	Workers' Day
16 June	Youth Day
09 August	National Women's Day
10 August	Public Holiday
24 September	Heritage Day
16 December	Day of Reconciliation
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Day of Goodwill