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Dear Parents



I have become more aware lately of the rubbish and litter, bags and trash strewn around the environment. This, even more so, after I overheard a conversation between a cashier and a pensioner at one of our mall shops at Columbine Square. To relate this to Psalm 24:1, which says, **The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;** Here is what I overheard:

While standing in the line I overheard the cashier remark to the elderly lady at the next till:

“you have to use your own shopping bags because plastic bags are not eco-friendly or good for the green environment!”

The conversation that followed was along these lines:

- “I don't know much about the eco-climate change and going green.”

- “This is our problem today, madam. Your generation didn't care enough about the environment.”

- “You're right - the lady replied. Our generation didn't care enough for the environment. Glass bottles for milk, Coke and other drinks were returned to the stores. The shop would return them back to the factory, where they were washed and sterilized before using them again and again.

-We really didn't care about the environment back in the day. We washed the baby nappies because there were no disposable ones. We dried them ourselves, not in electric dryers. Those nappies were really drying from the wind and sun.

-Back in my day we only had one radio in the house and TV only appeared around 1975. In the kitchen, we had to do everything by hand because there were no electrical appliances to do everything for us. When we mailed something fragile to pack, we used old newspapers, not nylon bubbles and Styrofoam balls that take 500 years to decompose.

Back in my day we didn't use petrol lawn mowers to mow the lawn, they were mechanical and we used our muscles to move them. The workouts were amazing and we didn't have to go to the gym to get fit.

You're right, we didn't worry about the environment in our days. We used to drink water straight from the tap, not from the plastic bottles and cups that now fill the oceans.

-There wasn't really a "green" concern in the old days - back then we all got on the tram or bus. Boys used bikes or walked to school instead of using their parents as a 24-hour taxi service.

-So isn't it amazing that the current generation talks so much about the "environment, but is unwilling to give anything up and thinks of living with little to meet their needs, as I did back in my day, as unthinkable!

-Lastly the old lady said, “Now you go ahead and enjoy your day dear, I'll be off with my bags”

Wow! What a lesson in caring for the environment. God gave us this world. We have to manage it as if we we're going to give it back to him. The question is, do we care enough to give it back clean?



## School Drop-off/Pickup and school Times - All Terms 2022

### Daily (Foundation Phase)

- Daily Pre Grade R & Gr R: 07:30-12:30
- Daily (Gr 1 – 2): 07:30 – 13:00
- Daily (Gr 3): 07:30 – 13:30

### Sport Times

Wed (1<sup>st</sup> two periods) – sport is practiced in-house during school hours.

- Afternoon sport: Tue/Wed/Thurs – when arranged by the sports coaches with individual children in preparation for upcoming events
- Afternoon sport hours: 14:00 - 15:00

### Raffle Tickets



Please support the Raffle ticket sales...Our learners will be at Thaba Trails where the runners and hikers will be starting on their run/hike. Books and tickets will on sale.

For Queries: (011) 683-3390 Office hours.

### Transport

Buses will run according to the following programme with starting points as follows:

- Orange farm                      Driver: Bafana
- Ennerdale                         Driver: Phumlani
- Alberton                         Driver: Danie
- Eden Park (Wheelchair bus)      Driver: Thulani

The bus drivers will contact parents regarding learners and allocated space or seats on the various buses. Please note that filling-in an application does not imply that transport will be provided immediately. All learners using bus transport must be in possession of a mask and sanitise on bus entry. Please do not send your child to school if he/she shows any signs of being sick or has a temperature.

### Uniform

The school has a second-hand uniform shop where the learners may be clothed and extra clothing purchased from. Should you be missing or out of uniform and in need of some uniform, please contact the school to look at what is available to meet your needs.

### Other Grades/Phases

**Daily (Gr 4 – 9): 07:30 - 13:45**

**Daily (L1 - L4): 07:30 – 13:45**

**Daily (DCaps/Special Phase): 07:30 –**

- Gr R – ends at 12:00
- Gr 1,2,3 – ends at 12:30
- Gr 4.5 – ends at 13:45



## Sports Day

Last Friday saw the children and staff battle it out on the sprints, high jump, long jump, shot put and club throws. What an amazing day...what amazing athletes we have. We look forward to seeing them compete at the inter-school on 10 Feb 2022 at Sasolburg Athletics Stadium





### **Parents Meetings**

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the various meetings over the past two weeks. Judging by the turnout, we will need to consider the next meeting taking place on a Saturday morning, as many folk could not attend due to transport and work constraints. You will be kept up-to-date regarding the dates and times of the next meeting.



### **Feeding Scheme Bank**

You are encouraged to share from your groceries, a tinned product or non-perishable product that could be used to add to the food parcels for the needy. Should you be in a position to assist, please drop-off nay donation at the front office of the school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **Daily work Check-up**

Please check your child's diary and work on a daily basis in order to keep yourself informed of what your child is busy with in class, any tasks and homework that must be completed, which tests are in the pipeline and what assessments are coming up. Remember, you are an integral part of your child's schooling....stay with it!

I trust you will enjoy the weekend and I look forward to exploring all the possibilities and avenues regarding your child's education with you as we go through the year.

Every blessing

*Mark Lynch*

