



NEWSLETTER 01

14 January 2019

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Always be a first-rate version of yourself,
Instead of a second-rate version of somebody else."

~Judy Garland~



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK ...

As we welcome each of you to Helderberg Primary School, we wish you a year in which your problems become creative opportunities.

Life is short and we often feel the pressure to make the most of our time on earth before it slips away. But what does that really mean?

King Solomon offered two recommendations:

1. We are to live in the most meaningful way we can.
2. Diligent work. Life is full of opportunities and there is always more work to be done. We are to take advantage of the opportunities God gives us, seeking His wisdom on how to prioritize work and play in a way that uses our gifting to serve Him.

Life is a wonderful gift from the Lord. We honor Him when we take pleasure both in His daily blessings and in meaningful service.

May God bless each one of you during 2019.

Helderberg Greetings

**W M SPARROW
PRINCIPAL**

PERSONAL DETAILS

Please remember to inform the school immediately should your contact details change at any stage during the course of the year.

INDEMNITY & CONTACT INFORMATION FORMS

An indemnity and contact information form is attached hereto for your urgent attention.

Kindly complete this document and return it to your child's teacher by Tuesday, 15 January.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photos for Grade R and 1 will be taken on Friday, 25 January 2019.

Grades 2 – 7 photos will be taken on Friday, 1 February 2019.

Proofs will be sent home with various packages to choose from. Indicate preferred package, include **correct** amount in sealed envelope and return to school.

PTA AGM

The relevant documentation for the PTA AGM is attached for your attention. Please plan to attend this meeting.

'MY SCHOOL' PROGRAMME

Should you not have completed a 'My School' supporter card application form yet, please would you consider doing so. By joining the programme, Helderberg Primary School benefits every time you make a purchase and swipe your card. Get your card at:

1. Any Woolworths store.
2. Apply online at www.myschool.co.za.
3. Call Woolworths on 0860 100 445.

ABSENCE OF TEACHERS

Helderberg Primary School is committed to providing every learner with quality education. Unfortunately there are times when, due to unforeseen illness, teachers are unable to attend school. This situation is unavoidable. If you are in a position to assist the school by taking care of your child's class or another class, should the need arise, kindly fill in the reply slip and return it to the school. We thank you for being willing to assist us.

AFTERCARE

Should you wish to enrol your child for the Aftercare service being offered at school, kindly complete the application form which is obtainable either from the office or from our website at www.helderberggps.co.za. Mrs Marie Antoinette Fouché is managing the Aftercare Centre.

EXTRA-MURAL PROGRAMME

1st Term 2019

Attached hereto please find the extra-mural programme for the first term of 2019. Please encourage your child to participate in at least one extra-mural activity per term.

Please complete the attached 'Extra-mural Activity Form' and return it to your child's teacher by 15 January 2019.

STAFF BIRTHDAYS



Mr A Nokwela	19 January
Mrs D du Plessis	01 February
Mrs M Meyer	06 February
Mrs G Loveland	01 March
Mrs M A Fouché	19 March
Ms A Fletcher	29 March

ACCOUNTS

Please note that the first period's School fees were due on 9 January. A detailed account will follow before the end of the month and will include period 1 and 2's school fees, capital working fund, as well as any uniform purchases.

Please note that for those parents who would like to pay the full year/half year school fees in advance and receive discounts, the payment should be done by 31 JANUARY 2019. The second half year payments should be paid by 30 JUNE 2019.

Please contact the finance office for the amount payable after discount on (021) 850 7687.

WORKING CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Working Capital Development Fund is an endeavour which we initiated which is an annual charge on the account of all parents. The reason for the name Capital is that the intention is that the funds be **utilised for capital improvements** in the school.

The Working Capital Development Fund amount is R460 for 2019. This amount will appear on your January statement.

CASH DEPOSIT FEE

Kindly be advised that all charges associated with cash deposits, including the purchasing of school uniform on a cash basis, will be debited to your school account. The preferred method of payment is the use of EFT's or stop orders. Kindly note that stop orders need to be initiated by the parent, not the school.

Always remember to use your account number as the reference.

SCHOOL ORIENTATION MEETING

Grade 4-7 parents are urged to attend the school orientation meeting on Monday, 14 January 2019. The meeting will commence at 19h00 in the school hall, where the Principal will share important information with you regarding the school and its programme, as well as important information to ensure that your child is successful at school this year. After the Principal has concluded with general school matters, parents will split into groups and meet with the various teachers in their classes from 19h30 – 20h30. You are requested to please prioritize this meeting.

CAR DISCS 2019

Please complete the attached application form for a Car Disc to allow you to enter the College premises without signing in. The completed form can be dropped off at the gate and you can collect the disc from them.

FIRST DAY 2019



IMPORTANT DATES

1ST TERM 2019

January

- 14 Grade 4-7 Parent Orientation Meeting
- 16 Grade 6 & 7 Camp at Soetwater Environmental Education Centre
- 24 PTA AGM @ 19h00
- 25 Grade R & 1 School Photos
- 29 Spur Fundraiser Evening

February

- 01 Grade 2 to 7 School Photos
- 12 Endurance Swim (08h00 – 10h00)
- 14 Fun Gala (grade 1-3)
- 20/02
to Formal Assessment Tests
- 05/03
- 22 Sport Gala

March

- 01 Women's World Day of Prayer
- 12 Parent Appointment Afternoon
- 15 School Closes at 11h00 for First Term
Civvies Day (R7 payable)

E-MAILING OF NEWSLETTER

NAME AND SURNAME OF LEARNER _____ GR _____

Please send me newsletters by e-mail.

E-mail address : _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

I understand that I needn't return the reply slip.

Please send me a photocopied newsletter.

I will have to return the reply slip.



REPLY SLIP _____

CLASS CARE

NAME AND SURNAME OF PARENT _____

I will be willing to assist the school by taking care of my child's class or another class should the need arise.
Grade _____



REPLY SLIP _____

Please sign Newsletter **1** and return to teacher.

Name of Learner _____ Signature of Parent _____