



NEWSLETTER 02

20 February 2019

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"The person who removes a mountain begins
by carrying away small stones."

~Japanese Proverb~



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK ...

I trust that by this stage your child has adapted to his/her new class and that they are happy. Please remember that should you have any issue or concern regarding your child, that you should address this concern with the teacher directly. Confidential or sensitive information should never be written in your child's homework book, but rather on paper, sealed in an envelope.

Alternatively, you may send confidential or sensitive information to the School Secretary, Ms C Möller.

Her email address is hpsadmin@hbc.ac.za .

In conclusion, please ensure that your child gets sufficient sleep at night. This is essential, especially during times when assessments are being written.

Wishing you all a blessed week.

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.

'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.

SPUR FUNDRAISER EVENING

Thank you to all who supported our Spur Fund-raiser Evening on 29 January 2019. R2800 was raised during this evening and this will be used to purchase good quality reading material for the Intersen Phase.

PTA COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2019

At the PTA AGM held on Thursday, 24 January 2019, the following parents were elected to serve on the PTA Committee for this year:

NAME	CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
<i>Mr Combrinck (Chairperson)</i>	1
<i>Mrs Combrinck (Secretary)</i>	1
Mrs Pani	R
Mrs Benjamin	R
Mr Mdaka	1
Mr Shumba	1
Mr Mofokeng	2
Mrs Mofokeng	2
Mr Pani	4
Mrs Faria	7

Please support them as they serve the school.



Our annual swimming gala will take place at the College Swimming Pool on Friday, 22 February from 08h00. Please be sure to spend the morning with us.

PROGRAMME

- 07h30** **Worship in classes**
Line up; go to pool
- 08h00** **Gala commences**
- 13h00** **Learners may go home**
AFTER gala.
PTA Tuckshop available

LEARNERS

- ☞ Come in P T clothes.
- ☞ Please ensure that all towels, costumes, caps etc. are clearly marked.
- ☞ Bring snack and something to drink during the gala. (Parents, please support us by **NOT** giving food to your child(ren) over the fence during the gala).
- ☞ Snacks may **NOT** be purchased by learners during the break.
- ☞ Bring tracksuits to put on after swimming.
- ☞ Please bring 2 towels – one to dry yourself with and one to cover yourself with.
- ☞ School costume and cap must be worn.
- ☞ Please apply suntan lotion.
- ☞ No suitcases should be brought to school.
- ☞ Learners who are unable to participate in the swimming gala on 22 February must please bring a letter, giving reasons as to why they cannot participate. Letters are to be submitted to the principal as soon as possible. Many hours have been spent in compiling the swimming lists in order to 'balance' the two teams. Your co-operation in this matter would thus be appreciated.

PARENTS

All parents assisting at the gala are asked to meet with Mr Roodt at the pool at 07h30.

TEAM CAPTAINS

Blue Dolphins: Linamandla Sulumane
 Season Wildschut

Silver Sharks: Ethan Classen
Haley Gallant

FORMAL ASSESSMENT WEEK

Parents of grade 4 – 7 learners are reminded of the fact that formal assessments will be taking place between *20 February to 05 March 2019*. Please ensure that your child is at school during this time. Assessments which are missed during this time period cannot be made up at a later stage.



ACCOUNTS

Thank you to all parents who faithfully pay their school accounts.

Statements for March P#3 will be sent home this week.

Please take care that your account is kept up to date.

ENDURANCE SWIM & GRADES 1 – 3 FUN GALA

Thank you to all parents, relatives and friends of the school who supported our learners who participated in the endurance swim and the grade 1 – 3 fun gala.

SWIMMING POOL

Parents, please remind your children that under no circumstances are they allowed to go down to the pool after school in the afternoon.



PATCH FUNDRAISER

Patch would like to thank all parents and learners who supported them with sales at Diploma Evening last year, as well as for purchasing the glow-in-the-dark bracelets. R1486 was raised for them. Your support has enabled them to continue to provide healing to victims of sexual abuse in the Helderberg area.

WCED SYSTEMIC TEST RESULTS 2018

We have recently received the school's results from the WCED Systemic Tests which were written in October last year by the grade 3 and 6 classes. The purpose of these tests is to monitor the performance of WCED learners in the subjects Home Language and Mathematics and to inform the relevant bodies of intervention strategies for these two subjects. The pass mark for these tests is 50%. The results below indicate the percentage of learners who have achieved the pass mark of 50% or more and is not to be confused as being a class average.

Herewith a brief analysis of the results:

Grade 3 Mathematics: 94.4% (HPS)
Province: 56.6%

Grade 3 English HL: 88.9% (HPS)
Province: 45.8%

As regards the Grade 6 results, herewith a brief breakdown:

Grade 6 Mathematics: 100% (HPS)
Province: 42.4%

Grade 6 English HL: 100% (HPS)
Province: 38.5%

It is mandatory for state-subsidised independent schools to participate in the WCED Systemic Tests. The school benefits from writing these tests as we are able to see how our standard of education compares to the others in the province. We do acknowledge that these results are a team effort from all of the staff who have prepared these learners to be at the level on which they are at present and we thank each one of them for their dedication and hard work.

GRADE 6 AND 7 CAMP

Our grade 6 and 7 class went on a 3 day camp from 16 to 18 January 2019 to Kommetjie, together with their respective teachers. All of them returned exhausted but filled with memories to carry with them for the rest of their lives.

MEMORIES OF GRADE 6 & 7 CAMP

