



SEA POINT PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

Be kind to the planet, be kind to the animals, be kind to each other.

February 2024

Dear Parents

We have reached the middle of the term already! A lot has happened and is happening and we report as such.

KARRI PAYMENT APP

We encourage parents to download this APP for making incidental payments – it will help make payments easier as well as assist the teacher and the bursar in allocating funds correctly. So far 70% of our parents are using this app for payments and it has made a world of difference in our strive to become cashless.

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE

- 11 March – High School admissions open
- 19 March – SGB Elections
- 19 March – Report Collection
- 20 March – School closes for term 1
- 3 April – School re-opens for 2nd term

ANNUAL FUN WALK – 24 FEBRUARY

This is the first PTA fundraiser of the year. Notices have gone out and children are busy collecting sponsors (please remember all forms MUST be returned).

What a fantastic day, the weather was great for walking and everyone had a super time! The children were so excited for the lucky draw prizes and spending



time with family and friends. Please keep supporting our school with our fundraising endeavours – it all helps to make our school a better place for all our children. Next term's fundraiser is our Annual Readathon.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct winter uniform from next term: khaki pants, white long sleeve school shirt and red sweater with black school shoes and skorts for girls (if you prefer). Our children are little ambassadors for our school and we like them to look neat and tidy going to and from school. Children may also wear the school beanie together with the red school scarf and black gloves on colder days. If you have a problem with uniform, please send a note with your child.

PTA COMMITTEE

Congratulations to our newly elected PTA parents. We thank you for involving yourself in fundraising at our school. Please contact the Chairperson Zahra Manan on zahra.manan@yahoo.com if you are able to assist in any way. We have such superstar parents!!

LIBRARY ASSISTANCE

Mrs Dean is calling any parents, grandparents or aunts and uncles who are willing to offer a couple of hours a week to assist in the school library. She especially needs help in covering and refurbishing books.

Mrs Dean is busy accessioning tons of lovely new books and children are so excited to read them.

ANNUAL LEARNING MATERIAL FEE

The deadline for the learning material fee to be paid is 10 March. If you are not using Karri, please make an EFT

payment with your child's name as the beneficiary or pay cash at the bursar's office. This is a compulsory fee and does not form part of any exemption or concession and needs to be paid immediately. Please make sure your reference for payment includes your child's name.

We can only allocate payments to the correct account if we have the beneficiary reference ("school fees" is not a reference, we need the child's name).

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS

We will have our SGB Elections to elect new members. Nomination forms will be available for you to nominate anyone you might consider appropriate to assist in the smooth running of our school. The Governing Body is responsible for the following:

- Deciding on the Admission, Language and Religious Policies
- Adopting a Code of Conduct and Constitution
- Administering and controlling property and budgets
- Supporting the Principal and teachers to ensure quality education.

We urge parents to fully participate in the nomination of members.

GRADE 5 GIRLS HPV IMMUNISATION

HPV Vaccines for Grade 5 girls (age 9 years and older) administered by the Department of Health will take place on 7 March.

TRANSPORT

Parents whose children make use of taxis, public or private transport, please ensure the driver has a valid PDP licence and a Road Safety Certificate. Please also check that the driver does not overload



the vehicle and collects your child on time after school.

SCHOOL FEES

We would like to say a big thank you to those parents who keep their fees up to date and thereby help with the daily running of the school. It is always appreciated. To those

parents that are struggling, but still manage to keep their fees up to date, we take our hats off to you and a big thank you to you as well. There are a handful of parents that do not bother to pay fees and this is quite disturbing as their children are getting all the benefits at school and their parents don't even make an extra effort to pay fees. If your school fees are not up to date, Aftercare is not an option. This is not negotiable. If you send in money to pay for your Aftercare fees and your school fees are in arrears, this money will go towards school fees first. Please remember that all fees must be up to date at all times. We are a compulsory fee-paying school. Only monthly school fees are payable on Karri App. If you still choose to pay via EFT, please dismiss yourself from the Karri School Fee Collection.

SPORT PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Be a good sport. Play for enjoyment. Strive for personal excellence. Work hard for your team as well as yourself. Treat all team mates and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself. Play by the rules. Co-operate with team and game officials. Control your behaviour on and off the field. Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement.

SPORTS REPORT

Athletics

We had our Inter-house Athletics meeting on Friday, 9 February 2024 at Symmonds Field (Camps Bay Primary Sports Facilities). The day was crunched for time as the Foundation Phase (Grade R-3) were

included in the programme. This was a wonderful opportunity for the juniors to experience an Athletics event on that scale and their participation in their respective races.

The Interschools Athletics Meeting was held on Tuesday, 6 February 2024 at Jan van Riebeeck's High School Fields and hosted by Jan van Riebeeck Primary. We had 27 athletes scheduled to compete. Unfortunately, some withdrew. Our athletes encountered, and experienced fierce competition. Plenty of positives were taken from the day.

We had three (3) athletes qualify for the Zonal Meeting at Vygieskraal, Athlone.

Amir Ahmad (Boys 12) – 100m
Hamilton Mhango (Boys 10) – 100m
Linathi Manakaza (Boys 13) – Long Jump

This is an amazing achievement!
Congratulations to these athletes.

Cricket

The u9 group have played against two opponents thus far, namely Herzlia Weizmann (13 February) and Jan van Riebeeck (20 February).

They are scheduled to still play Camps Bay (29 February) and Hout Bay International (5 March).

The match against Kronendal was postponed as we could not get the venue at Green Point Cricket Club. The match is still pencilled in to be played before the end of the term.

The senior group (u10-u13) played their first match (combined team) against Llandudno Primary at Green Point Cricket Club on Thursday, 22 February 2024.

Swimming

On Friday, 2 February 2024, we had our InterSen Phase Gala event here at school. It was a wonderful day, with beautiful



weather and the learners thoroughly enjoyed themselves with cheering and participation.

SPPS participated in their first League Gala event on Friday, 16 February at Jan van Riebeeck Primary School. The

next event was held at Herzlia Weizmann, and thereafter it will be held at Camps Bay Primary (1 March). We wish all of our swimmers all of the best!

We wish to extend a massive “thank you” to all teachers\coaches involved.

RELIEF/SUBSTITUTE TEACHING

We are constantly on the lookout for substitute teachers for when one of our class teachers is not able to come to work. Please, if you know of any qualified teachers willing to do substitute teaching, contact the office with details.

REGISTRATIONS & ADMISSIONS FOR 2025 (11 March – 12 April)

Please be reminded that enrolment is managed by the Education Department and no applications for admission are accepted at school level. Apply online by visiting: wcedonline.westerncape.gov.za This applies to our Grade 7 parents as well. You are reminded to register online for High School for next year. You will require your child's Grade 6 report for admittance to High School.

DISCIPLINE AT SPPS

We insist on, and expect children to display good manners, treat teachers and each other with respect, have a good attitude towards their work and to behave like ladies and gentlemen. We cannot succeed in our endeavours without your support and the reinforcement of these very important aspects of life at home as well.

NO HAT NO PLAY

It is imperative that every child in our school owns and wears a school cap during break, before and after school. Please ensure that your child's hat is clearly marked with his/her full name on the inside. No writing on the outside of school caps, please.

TEACHER NEWS

We welcome Ms Bronwyn Capes as our new Art Teacher. She has fitted in well and we hope to see some fabulous artwork coming out of the Art Department !

We also recently hosted 6 student teachers from Switzerland who were doing their teaching practical at our school.

We say congratulations to our Computer Teacher, Mr Chisholm. Mr Chisholm and his wife welcomed their first child together, a baby boy named Ethan.

CHARITY DRIVES

We will once again collect Easter eggs as part of the Lion's Club project but this year we will also collect for the St Joseph's Special School Easter Egg Hunt.

We will see whose class collects the most eggs and they will be given a treat.

Next term we will be collecting pet food for an animal charity organisation in Napier. These animal welfare volunteers distribute pet food to the local townships and also help with taking care of the animals with sterilisations and vaccinations.

Thank you for supporting us in our charitable endeavours and "paying it forward"!

VALENTINE'S DAY

Children dressed up in red and pink and white for Valentine's Day and had a

special cake sale as part of the Grade 7 farewell fundraiser. Children were encouraged to write letters and post it in our special red post box. Grade R's hosted grandparents and loved ones who spent time with them and shared a morning of games, art activities, puzzles and reading.

REPORT COLLECTION DAY & MEET THE TEACHER

Report collection will take place on Tuesday 19 March. Please make an appointment with your child's teacher to collect the report as well as sign the register. It is vital that parents peruse the report and discuss any issues with the teacher. School closes on Wednesday 20 March at 11am and re-opens on Wednesday 3 April.

TEACHING YOUR CHILD

Please lead by example and teach your child to cross the road at the traffic light or at the pedestrian crossing. Please tell your child to rather be late or miss the bus or taxi than being injured or not arrive at all. Please teach your child to clean their hands after using the toilet. It is the hygienic thing to do. Please reinforce manners at home. Teach your child never to push anyone out of the way and remember to say excuse me. Speak nicely using appropriate words and do not use slang or speak disrespectfully. Always say please and thank you. Keep quiet when others are talking. Greet each other in a nice manner. Stand up when being spoken to by an adult. Please teach your child to throw their rubbish into a dustbin or to keep it until they can find a bin, never throw anything out of the car, bus, or taxi windows.

CLASS HAPPENINGS

Grade R's have settled in beautifully to the routine of being in "big school". They have started the R-Maths program, the Stellar



Language programme as well as Jolly Phonics. So many new things to learn!

Grade 1's are learning to read and write for the first time. They will go for a ride on the Blue Train in Mouille Point on 14 March. Exciting!

Grade 2's went to Intaka Island. They had a boat ride, an island tour and an educational activity. Such lucky children!

Grade 3's went to the 2 Ocean's Aquarium. The highlights were watching the penguins being fed, the lesson on sharks and then seeing the actual sharks in the enormous tank. It was so exciting to see all the sea life being taken care of so well. They also participated in their first ever Sports Day!

Grade 4's are working on a History project learning about on how to gather information and present it. They are learning so much with all the new subjects such as Science and Social Science in the Intermediate Phase.

Grade 5's are going to the "Khwatvu" Nature Reserve as part of their History curriculum – learning about the San and the Khoi. They are also busy constructing animal skeletons in Natural Science & Technology. They have been learning about structures and joints.

Grade 6's will go on camp from 6 – 8 March to Simonsberg Camp & Outdoor Centre near Stellenbosch.

Grade 7's visited Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens to learn about the different plants, ecosystems and habitats. What a beautiful experience for all. With all that in mind, they are growing beans as their Natural Science project. They have to keep track of the growth rate of their seedling to plant.



SUPER STAR CHILDREN - SUPER SEAPOINTERS!

Qaanit Douthie was named Driver of the Day out of over 100 racers at a recent Go-Karting event.

Saahib Isaacs bowled a hat-trick for UNITED u13 Cricket against Bellville Academy.

Daniel Terblanche achieved his Seaman's Cadet Rank in the Navy Cadets.

Shawn Malata, Yaqeen Davids, Raaid Samsodien and Tinevimbo Nduna were chosen for the u9 Cricket team, they are only in Grade 2!

ASSEMBLIES

We have assembly on a Tuesday every week. Children learn a different value each week and we also focus on good manners and academic and merit awards. Children receive certificates for being sent to the Principal for good work, the neatest classroom of the week and also House Points are awarded for bringing in forms, doing good work, etc.

We will focus on the following values: perseverance, integrity, inspiration, innovation, trustworthiness, caring, diversity and courage.

We also have a word of the week and last week's word was "bibliophilist" (this means: someone who reads in bed)

SCHOOL ROAD TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Please be considerate when you drop or fetch your child (please also tell your driver if you use transport). Please do not park in driveways and please do not use abusive language or gestures when our neighbours get irate due to the traffic congestion. Let's be exceptionally nice to each other !!