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17 March 2023 Circular 4/2023

Dear Parents

Term 1 is coming to an end and I am happy to announce that we have finalised the last assessments today!

UPCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Please remember that 20 March is a special school holiday and we will not be open. Tuesday 21 March 2023 is Human Rights Day and a public holiday, meaning we will be back at school on 22 March 2023.

Please note, since we are done with the assessments, you are welcome to allow your child to stay home next week as we will only keep them busy with revision.

School officially closes on 24 March 2023 at 10:00 for the school holiday and we will reopen on 12 April 2023.

REPORT CARDS AND UPCOMING PARENT TEACHER MEETING

We will be capturing all the marks next week and report cards will be sent home on 14 April 2023. Our parent teacher meeting is scheduled for 18 and 19 April 2023 from 16:00 to 18:30. Our educators will be available on both nights to speak to parents regarding their child's progress. Please make yourself available to see the educator on one of these two days as there is enough time to arrange accordingly with your employer.

DEBT COLLECTION

We implemented a new debtor collection system and SMS messages will be sent to you if your account is in arrears, as a reminder to settle the fees due or outstanding. The system works according to collection steps, and if your account is three (3) months in arrears, you will be blacklisted as a bad payer.

Our collection partner reports your credit record to all the major credit bureaus which all the retail and financial companies use to do a credit check when you apply for credit. If your account is in good standing order, your credit score will increase, but this also means that if you have a poor payment record, you will not be able to open a clothing account, buy a new car, etc.

ARREAR ACCOUNTS

A substantial number of <u>existing and new</u> parents are not making any effort to pay the required monthly installments or get their account up to date. This places us under unnecessary financial pressure, and we cannot operate optimally, and you are unnecessarily jeopardising your credit record.

You chose to enrol your child at a private school, and therefore, you have a contractual obligation to pay the agreed fee for our service. In terms of this contract, you undertook to pay the school fees in advance, before or on the 1st day of the month, for that respective month. This means that you pay 1 January for January, 1 February for February, and so forth, until 1 December for December.

Please ensure that your account is up to date by 31 March 2023.

An account will be sent home today if your account is in arrears. If you made a payment from 14 March 2023 if won't reflect on the statement yet as there is a delay between the bank and the D6 system of 3-5 days.

ACCOUNT REFERENCE NUMBER Parents are still using the incorrect reference number.

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UPCOMING SCHOOL TRIPS

GRADE R AND GRADE 1

We planned a school trip for our grade R and our grade 1 learners on <u>17 May 2023</u>. The total fee is <u>R200 per learner</u> and includes the bus trip to Wag-'n-bietjie farm, as well as lunch at the venue. More information will follow in April. You are however welcome to make the payment towards the trip now. Please use your child's reference number when making payments. <u>Please pay this separately from the school fees for easier allocation.</u>

GRADE 2 AND GRADE 3

We also planned a school trip for our grade 2 and our grade 3 learners on <u>24 May 2023</u> to the Elephant Sanctuary in Hartbeespoort. The <u>fee is R350 per learner</u> and includes the bus trip, interaction with elephants as well as lunch. More information will follow in April. You are however welcome to make the payment towards the trip now, or even over 2 or 3 installments. Please use your child's reference number when making payments. <u>Please pay this separately from the school fees for easier allocation.</u>

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact us on 012 561 3007 if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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