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June Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians

As this busy term draws to an end, we wish to share some news and highlights.

Staffing:

Mrs O'Reilly is congratulated on her appointment as the new DH for Grade R and Foundation Phase Afrikaans and Life Skills.

Miss Rametsi resigned recently. Mrs S Faul replaces her. We look forward to the balance this will bring to our grade one group for the second half of the year.

We welcome Miss Nkomo, who is in the grade 7 group, assisting with the teaching of EMS and SS. We thank Mrs Cox, who has been in Mrs Ncube's place while she is on maternity leave, and Mrs Coetzee, who has assisted in Grade 6 while Mrs Nicholas has been on maternity leave.

Discipline:

We are still struggling with the lack of discipline among learners at the pick up point. If it is possible, refrain from leaving your child there for long periods. Also, learners may not leave the pickup point to watch soccer or netball matches. They become unruly and get up to mischief, often disrupting the matches.

We are experiencing issues with learners who are shaving line-ups into their eyebrows. It seems that barber shops offer this as part of the haircut. Unfortunately, this has led to a situation where the learners who cannot go to a barber are bringing razor blades to school and shaving lines into each other's eyebrows. This is not only a contravention of our Code of Conduct, as a blade is a dangerous weapon in the wrong hands, it is also a dangerous activity. Recently, we had a situation where a learner's hand was sliced open when he was approached by a learner who wanted to shave his eyebrow. The fact is it could have been his face or eye that was cut. Please speak to your children and ban this activity. Any learner who is caught with a razor blade at school will be dealt with according to our Code of Conduct. Parents please be aware that these "fancy" or "cool" looks exclude children who cannot afford the same.

SGB and discipline training

Thank you to the SGB members who attended the recent discipline training at the Glen High School.

The Formal Assessments ended on Friday, 13 June, **BUT SCHOOL CONTINUES UNTIL THE END OF THE TERM!** Please ensure that your child/children attend school daily. The teachers continue with their Annual Teaching Plans until reports are handed out. The work being done at the end of this term will be assessed

next term, and children who miss the work will be at a disadvantage. Please ensure regular attendance until the end of the term.

Report collection

Reports will be available for collection on the 26th of June from 7:15 until 9:00 in the school hall. For those of you who are unable to fetch them, your child will be issued with it at the end of the day on the 26th and they are available electronically on D6. We trust that all our learners have achieved the results they deserve.

Early release during school hours

PRIOR communication is essential. Please send an email to info@lrpschool.co.za and also include the relevant Register Teacher's email address so that all are properly informed. The request should be addressed to the PRINCIPAL, who is the responsible and accountable person to give permission for the early release. A reason should be stated. Collection should be by the parent/guardian. Where another responsible person needs to collect your child on your behalf, please give their ID number as this may be requested as a safety measure. Please do not request that the school releases your child to an E-taxi service. This will not be allowed.

Child Protection Week

Our SBST team recently celebrated Child Protection Week through an awareness campaign. Several trees around the school were clad in white cloth, on which learners were invited to write messages. They are still visible around the school now. CMR was also invited to visit the school and avail themselves to the learners during break times. Thank you, Ms Baloyi, Ms Zibula and Mr Lekhanya, together with those who supported them to get this done.

Core values project

Mrs Marks has been the driving force behind this initiative. Every week in assembly, we learn about a core value. The learners are then challenged to send an email to her recounting which values were taught in the term. They are rewarded with 10 merits for getting it correct. She also prompted the family values project, where learners were requested to make a poster detailing the value that they and their family think is the most important to them. They were extremely creative and paraded their posters proudly. We saw such amazing buy-in from our families and learners. Thank you to all who took part. Thank you, Mrs Marks.

Hat parade for recycling

We also held the big paper recycling drive, where learners were encouraged to make a hat out of recyclable materials. Once again, they were extremely creative. Thank you to all the learners for the masses of paper brought on the day, and for taking part in the hat parade. Thank you to Mrs Forrest and her committee for the arrangements.

Youth Day Soccer Festival

We are looking forward to our Annual 7-aside Soccer Festival on Saturday, 21 June. All are welcome to come and enjoy the day in the winter sun, we hope, and we wish all the participants a great day!

School closes on 27th **June at 10:00**. Please note there will be no aftercare on this day. We return to school on **the 22nd of July**.

We are extremely proud of our grade 7 learners, Limpho Mokhele, who entered the HMC Mathematics challenge and came 26th and Dhiren Nair, who came 35th out of over 6000 participants.

Limpho was also invited to write an entrance exam at Star College, which she did so well in, and she has been offered a 100% scholarship for high school. Congratulations Limpho. We are extremely proud of you!

Mohau Nage has also passed her entrance exam at Star College and been offered a scholarship. Well done!

Term 2 sports report

Soccer

Congratulations to our u12A+B as well as the u13B teams who ended 1st in our league. As only the A-teams then move through to play offs against other league winners, our u12A's played against Springvale Primary and unfortunately did not win.

Congratulations to the following boys who made the Northerns' teams; **Tefelo Mohlahlana, Siyanda Ngcaku and Lesedi Shane.** They will be playing in the Bill Stewart Tournament at Pietermaritzburg in the school holidays.

Netball

Our netball teams did very well this season, we won most of our league matches. We attended the Rietondale Winter sports day and had the following results:

U13 came 3rd

U12 came 2nd

U11 came 3rd

U10 came 1st.

<u>The tuckshop tender</u> process has been concluded, and we are happy to announce the successful group is Ntiyiso Catering. They will be starting in the 3rd term. More news on this to follow.

I wish to thank the **School Governing Body members** for their support through the first quarter of this year. Thank you for tirelessly contributing to our school's good governance.

We wish all our staff, learners, and their families a safe holiday. Take care if you are travelling.

Yours Sincerely

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