

Newsletter

Head of Primary School Address

Dear Parents and Guardians,

For today's newsletter article, I have turned to an old colleague and friend of mine. She has travelled the world looking for inventive ways on how to get the best out of our children. Ann is the Principal at Pinelands North Primary School in Cape Town and she shares her experiences, findings and insight with all those who want to learn.

Who teaches ethics in our unethical society? – Ann Morton

In a country where many of our senior leaders flout the law every day, it is difficult to teach children to be law-abiding and to perform their civic duty. Many parents are absent from their children's lives or both parents are outsourcing the parenting to others; grandparents, au pairs or family members, to work full time. This means that teachers are increasingly becoming the sole educators of good citizenship and values.

We regularly discuss the attributes of good citizenship in assemblies and newsletters, predominantly to encourage parents to teach their children how to negotiate an often-negative world.

Here are a few tips to use at home:

- Have a conversation with your children about when/if it is a good time to 'tell tales'. Re-enforce for them that they are not 'squealing' – they have the right to be 'righteously indignant' if other children offend them by the way they behave, by the words they use, etc. Discuss the kind of things that are wiser for adults to know about – that by 'looking the other way' they can be hurt or implicated in the act. If all children demanded fairness, many others would be protected.
- Have a discussion with your children about the need to be honest with their peers and with the adults who care for them. Often when dealing with issues in which children put themselves at risk, schools find that the children's friends knew what was going on but didn't tell anybody. Sometimes this can result in serious consequences, like death.

Protect your children from the 'laissez-faire' attitude within society today as you don't want your family to be affected by the culture of not caring.

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Insist on:

1. sending an email if your child is ill;
2. that your child be involved in the extramural programme and remains committed for the term;
3. that your child leaves home in the full, correct school uniform,
4. on homework/projects being completed by the due date;
5. that work done at home, is neatly presented and written;
6. that all books are covered and treated 'gently'.

The newspapers are filled with articles about parents and children "at war" with opposing teams in school sports' matches.

Continue to insist on good sportsmanship behaviour like:

1. enjoying the game and not winning at all costs;
2. having a good attitude and don't retaliate when other teams get physical;
3. applauding all goals, whether your own or the opposing team's;
4. congratulating and thanking the other team at the end;

When driving in traffic, remember that your attitude to other drivers and your adherence to traffic rules is continually watched by your children.

Set an example of good citizenry by:

1. obeying traffic signs and speeds;
2. wearing your seat belts every time you drive;

3. stop at stop streets and in time at red traffic lights;

Beware of what your children are watching or seeing. Obviously things are far more explicit in the world out there so keep checking:

1. the programmes, shows and movies your children watch on television;
2. the sites your children visit on their cell phones, tablets and computers, and what the sites are, as some 'cool' sounding ones show the most terrible things;
3. that your "Parental Guidance" is still active on your computer with the necessary passwords to prevent children from accessing unsuitable sites.

If all partners in the schooling system play their parts in moulding children, despite the reality of the world we live in, then our children are going to be positive role models in society themselves, and hopefully, they will continue the process with their children in the future. The world we live in is too important for us to give up on Join the good citizen crusade!

I hope you find these tips useful and that you join forces with the school in the best interest of our learners.

Kind regards,

Leroy M. Botha

Head of Primary School





From the Sport Office

Inter-Curro Gala:

On Saturday, 8 February we hosted the Inter Curro Swimming Gala for the first time. There were many swimmers taking part from three other Curro schools namely Waterfall, Sagewood, and Klerksdorp. The day started off well with us leading on points; while our swimmers swam their hearts out and secured our victory by the end of the gala, by over 200 points. We are so proud of our swimmers and would like to thank all our parents for their continued support.

Primary School Galas:

This season was a disappointing one for our swimmers due to the weather not playing its part and causing two galas being cancelled. However, the other galas we competed in were a major success for our swimmers. They have applied themselves in each event that they took part in, resulting in us finishing a few points below first place at every gala we have competed at. We are ending our season off with one last gala next week Friday and we hope to end the season on a high.





Primary School Assessments

Our end of term formal assessments for Grades 5 to 7 will be written in designated test venues between 07:30 and 09:30 on the mornings. Please ensure that your child is equipped with the necessary stationery and at school well before 07:30 to avoid causing any anxiety due to being late for the start of the tests.

During this period there will be no sports or cultural activities presented by the school. Paid for activities presented by outside service providers should, however, continue as per normal.

Demarcations for Gr.5-7 were sent out two weeks ago. It serves as a study guide to highlight the various topics, concepts or pages that will be covered in the End of Term Assessments. Subject specific revision will be done in class time leading up to the test.

Date	Day	Subject	Grade
3 March	Tuesday	Technology	7
4 March	Wednesday	Economic Management Science	7
5 March	Thursday	Natural Science	5 - 7
6 March	Friday	Mathematics	5 - 7
9 March	Monday	FAL: Afrikaans or IsiZulu	5 - 7
10 March	Tuesday	Social Science: Geography and History	5 - 7
11 March	Wednesday	English	5 - 7

Our Grade 4 learners will be joining the rest of the Intersen Phase formal assessments and exams in Term 2.



Outreach club

Thank you for everyone's support on Valentine's Day. It was a successful day of fundraising for the Outreach club and we managed to raise R3000 for charity!



Announcements

Music lessons

Did you know? We offer instrumental lessons in the following instruments:

- Piano
- Guitar
- Drum kit
- Cello
- Violin
- Clarinet
- Flute
- Oboe
- Saxophone

Please note that these lessons are an extra expense as we have professionals teaching the lessons. Your child will be learning an invaluable life-long skill. One on one lessons are offered as well as group classes, depending on availability.

For guitar lessons, please register online: <https://www.guitarexcellence.co.za/guitar-lessons-at-curro/>. If you are interested in any of the other instruments please complete the application form and return it to Ms S.Green.

Enroll your child now for term 2.

Music education can help spark a child's imagination or ignite a lifetime of passion. When you provide a child with new worlds to explore and challenges to tackle, the possibilities are endless. Music education should not be a privilege for a lucky few, it should be a part of every child's world of possibility.

Hillary Clinton

Some people think music education is a privilege, but I think it's essential to being human.

Jewel





From the PTA

Newsletter Classifieds

The 2020 PTA is launching the Classifieds section of the Newsletters. The first Issue of Classifieds will run on Thursday, 27 February.

Any person who is interested in advertising in our Castle and Primary/High School Newsletter can do so by following this process:

- 1) Send a request to Mrs Natasja Kruger (natasja.kruger@gmail.com) with the preferred sizing of your ad.
- 2) Specify the Newsletter/s you want your ad to run in (Primary/High School newsletters are issued every two
- 3) Confirm the number of issues in which you want your ad to run.
- 4) Make the relevant payment into the school's bank account with the reference "YOUR NAME-PTA NEWS".
- 5) Send the proof of payment as well as your artwork through to Mrs Kruger no later than 3 days before the next issue.
- 6) Mrs Kruger will forward you a copy of the Newsletter once it has been sent out.

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