



## Scottsville Primary School

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The School that Cares

Newsletter: 1 of Term 2

28 April 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome back after a busy start to Term 2. This an important term for our Gr 4-7 pupils as they write their half-year exams later this term. It is important that the children start the term well in preparation for their exams. Their Term 1 tests and their half-year exam marks will be combined to produce a half-year mark that will be reflected in their half year reports.

- **Robbery at School**

I wish to report that we are back on track after the devastating robbery we had at the beginning of the year. I would like to commend our insurance brokers Marsh and our insurers Santam for the amazing support and service they have rendered to us. They have honoured our claims and we have been able to have the damage repaired and stolen items relaced.

- **Staffing**

We would like to welcome the following Staff Member to our Scottsville Family:

- Mrs Cathy Purchase                      Gr 1P

- **Children arriving early and being left late.**

Although the school gates in the front of the school are opened at 06:45 no teachers are on duty until 07:10. Any child who enters the school premises before 07:10 enters at his/her own risk as there are no teachers available to supervise. Children who are left on the Deck after 16:15, after the

teacher on duty has left, are also left entirely at their own risk. Aftercare is available to children who are left late, however **only children Registered at Aftercare are permitted to attend Aftercare.**

I am concerned about the increasing number of Gr R, Gr 1 and Gr 2 children who are not collected when school finishes for them at 12:30. Again, there is no supervision for these children. They are expected to sit on the brick-paved area near the junior primary gate until 14:00 after which they are taken to the Deck. Aftercare is available for them, however they need to be **registered** before they may attend.

Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.     – Helen Keller

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**Theme for 2016: Alive With Possibility.**

Incorporating:   Scottsville Gardens Pre-Primary School;   Scottsville Junior Primary School;   Scottsville Senior Primary School

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- **Cellphones**

I have noticed that several children are bringing cellphones to school. Please be advised that under no circumstances will any child be granted permission to bring a cellphone to school. They are a temptation to others and it puts our children at risk when travelling to and from school. We have had children mugged on their way home from school. Should any child be found with a cellphone at school:

- it will be confiscated for a three month period;
- it will be confiscated for six months should it happen again;
- there will be no investigation should the cellphone be stolen.

- **Exam Timetable**

Date	Papers	
	1st Session (8-10am)	2nd Session (10:30-12:30 pm)
<b>Tues-Wed</b> <b>17-18 May</b>	Eng Essay (4-7)	Afrik/IsiZulu Paragraph (7)
<b>Friday</b> <b>27 May</b>	(Gr 7)Afrik/IsiZulu (7) Spelling and Dictation	Maths III (Mental) (4-7)
<b>Monday</b> <b>30 May</b>	Maths II (Problem-solving) (4-7)	Technology (7) Afrik/IsiZulu (4-5) Spelling and Dictation
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>31 May</b>	Maths I (Mechanical) (4-7)	Afrik/IsiZulu Comprehension & Lang (4&7)
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>1 June</b>	Natural Science & Tech (4-6) Natural Science (7)	Arts & Culture (7) Afrik/IsiZulu Comprehension & Lang (5)
<b>Thursday</b> <b>2 June</b>	Eng Comprehension & Lang (4-7)	Life Skills (4-6) Life Orientation (7)
<b>Friday</b> <b>3 June</b>	Social Sciences (4-6) Geography (7)	History (7) Afrik/IsiZulu Comprehension & Lang (6)
<b>Monday</b> <b>6 June</b>	EMS (7) Afrik/IsiZulu (6) Spelling and Dictation	English Spelling and Dictation (4-7)

- **Safety and Security.**

Thank you to all our parents who have respected our request not to enter the school buildings before, during and after school hours. This has helped us tremendously in our quest to provide a more secure environment for our staff and children.

- **Cashless Fee Collection.**

Thank you so much to all our parents for supporting our policy to reduce the amount of cash received at school. We have now managed to cut out all cash payments for school fees, limiting our collections to outings and fundraising.

- **Term 2 Dates to Note.**

- 28 & 29 Apr: 1<sup>st</sup> Team Soccer and Netball Tour
- 29 Apr: Mid -term Break (School closes at 12:30)
- 2 May: Public Holiday: Workers' Day.
- 3 & 4 May: Gr 7 Market Day
- 18 May: Gr 5 Cake Sale
- 17-18 May: Exams
- 27 May – 6 June: Exams
- 3 Jun: Mini Comrades
- 15 Jun: Barefoot Day
- 16 Jun: Public Holiday – YOUTH DAY
- 17 Jun: School Holiday
- 22Jun: Gr 4 Cake Sale
- 24 Jun: Break-up Day (School closes at 11:00)
- 18 Jul: School reopens for Term 3

- **Lost Property and Unmarked Clothing**

This continues to pose a problem. Again I request that parents ensure that all clothing brought to school is marked. Every morning I walk past the room where Lost Property is stored and there is a pile of clothing collected from around the school.

- **Absentee Letters**

When any child has been absent, it is a legal requirement for parents to furnish the school with an *absentee letter* on the day the child returns to school explaining why the child was absent. Many parents do so but there are an increasing number of parents who do not. Please assist us by supplying an absentee letter every time your child is absent.

- **Mothers Who Care**

Mothers Who Care (MWC) is a non-denominational Christian prayer group that meets monthly to pray for the school, pupils and staff. The purpose is to provide a safe space for mothers to come together, where all prayer requests are kept confidential and no one is forced to pray out aloud. Any moms from Grade RR to Grade 7 are welcome to join! If you would like to find out more about MWC or join the weekly prayer meetings on Tuesdays at 07:45, please contact Simone Job on 033 342 5881.

- **Public Holidays Remaining**

1 May	Workers' Day	9 Aug	National Women's Day
2 May	Public Holiday	24 Sep	Heritage Day
16 Jun	Youth Day	16 Dec	Day of Reconciliation
17 Jun	School Holiday	25 Dec	Christmas Day
8 Aug	School Holiday	26 Dec	Day of Goodwill

- **Planning Ahead**

Please help your child be organised in the mornings before coming to school. Trying to accommodate children who have left sports kit, books and lunches behind places an unnecessary burden on our receptionist. Please assist by ensuring your child has everything ready the night before school.

- **Finally**  
**Something Interesting!**

According to scientists bumblebees shouldn't be able to fly. The bumblebee's body is too heavy and its wing span too small. Aerodynamically, the bumblebee cannot fly. But the bumblebee doesn't know that and it keeps flying.

So often we believe we, and others, are not capable of doing things because of the limitations we place on ourselves and others. We do not see *possibility* in ourselves and others. Limitations are self-imposed! God gives us possibility, the possibility to see ourselves as He sees us. It is called FAITH.

I hope you and your family have a good term.

God bless

RD Nefdt  
Headmaster