



# STRUBENVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We extend a warm welcome to all our learners and parents. We hope that you had a restful holiday and are ready to face the new and exciting challenges during 2019. To our new learners we extend a special word of welcome and wish you all a successful and happy stay at our school.

Our "open door" policy encourages *good communication* between the home and the school. Please ensure that you read all newsletters and diarise important events. Sign your child's homework diaries on a daily basis. Please ensure that your contact numbers are written in your child's diaries in case of an emergency and keep the school updated of any changes.

The school day starts at 07:40 and we expect all learners to be at school on time. Names of late comers are entered on a register and sent to the Department weekly for their attention. Late comers do not only fall behind with their work but have a negative impact in the quality of teaching and learning in the classroom. Please ensure that drivers are reliable and have the safety of the children at heart.

Please note that appointments to see teachers must be done through the office (011 812 1632/3). Teachers can only see parents before or after school.

## **STAFF:**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing on of two of our General Assistants at the end of 2018. We would like to convey our sincere condolences to the Hlongwa and Mdibe families. Michael and Esther were part of our "Strubie" family and will be greatly missed.

On a happier note, we congratulate Mr Theron on his appointment as Head of Department (senior phase). We wish him well and may he have great success in this new challenging position.

Mrs Greyvensteyn is still on maternity leave and will be back at the beginning of Term 2. Mrs van Heerden (Grade 3) is back after her maternity leave and will be replacing Mrs Nel who was her substitute while she was on leave.

### **SCHOOL FINANCE:**

Strubenvale Primary is a Section 21 School, which means that we rely heavily on school fees to be able to offer quality teaching and learning. We encourage parents to make direct payments to the following account number: FNB Selcourt – Strubenvale School Fund – Branch No. 253742 – Account No. 62074114259. We thank those parents who pay their school fees timeously.

The 'option of payment' form needs to be completed and returned to the class teacher as soon as possible. Please contact Mrs Botha (bursar) if you require further information.

Grade 'R' fees for 2019 are R818-00 per month over a period of 11 months or R8998 -00 per annum.

The Grade 1 to 7 fees for 2019 are R796-00 per month over a period of 10 months or R7960 per annum.

Please note that parents/guardians (Grade 1 to 7) who pay their school fees in full before the end of January will receive a 10% discount. Those parents who pay in full before the end of February will receive a 5% discount

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM:**

Please ensure that your child is correctly dressed for school in their summer uniform. Most of our uniform can be bought at any clothing outlet. For specialised items you can contact "*Jill's School Uniform*" - 011 818 3278 or "*Springs Shopping Centre*" -011 811 1867

**Boy's Uniform (Grade 1 to 7):** White short sleeved shirts, with school badge on pocket. Grey shorts or long pants and grey socks and black school shoes. Brown school jersey or Dri-mac may be worn in cold weather.

**Girl's Uniform (Grade v1 to 7):** Brown culottes, short white sleeved shirts with badge on pocket, white ankle socks and black school shoes. Brown school jersey or Dri-mac may be worn in cold weather.

Badges for the shirts are available from the school office at very reasonable prices. Coloured House shirts and white golf shirts are also available from school. These shirts are to be worn for Physical education periods. Please make sure that all your clothing items are marked clearly with your child's name.

### **Physical Education clothing:**

- Physical Education clothes and white takkies are to be worn to school by learners from *Grade 1 to Grade 4* on the days when they are involved with PE activities.
- Grade 5 to 7 learners are to bring their PE clothes in a bag and change at school before the PE period.

Please remember that **NO** jewellery may be worn at school except for watches. Only girls may wear earrings if they have pierced ears but these must be plain gold studs or thin small sleepers.

Hair must always look neat and tidy. No exotic hairstyles are permitted.

A summarized version of the Code of Conduct will be sent home for your signature and a copy will be posted on the website.

### **SWOP SHOP:**

A few clothing items are available at school at affordable prices. The swop shop is opened once a week on a Thursday from 12:00 to 13:00.

### **STATIONERY:**

All learners must be equipped with the required stationery. Stationery lists were issued to all learners at the end of last year and all orders have been delivered. Please ensure that all books are neatly covered with the learner's name and subject details. Use good quality paper and plastic when covering all books.

### **TEXT BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS:**

Please ensure that all textbooks are well looked after and covered neatly in plastic. Lost or damaged textbooks will be replaced and paid for by the parents. No textbooks will be issued to learners until lost books and damaged textbooks from the previous year are paid for. Learners are encouraged to take out library books on condition that these are well looked after and returned timeously. No new books will be issued until the previous books have been returned.

### **SCHOLAR PATROL:**

All learners must cross at the scholar patrol points. We request parents and drivers to obey traffic rules. Please remember that Athlone Avenue is a one-way road in the early morning and afternoon. You are encouraged to use the small gate in Sutherland Avenue as it is not so busy.

### **TUCKSHOP:**

The tuckshop has been requested to sell healthy and nutritious food on a daily basis at affordable prices. Please encourage your children to buy from school instead of other private tuckshops which have opened near the school. Safety and health regulations are extremely important when dealing with food.

### **CELL PHONE POLICY:**

The school cannot accept responsibility for the loss or damage of cell phones at school. Learners who bring cell phones to school must ensure that they are off at all times during school time or they will risk these being confiscated. Confiscated phones may only be collected by parents/guardians from the office.

Please ensure that your child has sufficient air-time. Only emergency calls will be made from the office. No phone calls will be made for items and lunch that has been forgotten at home. Foundation Phase learners are discouraged from having phones at school. Parents are to refrain from bringing lunch and other forgotten items to the secretaries to hand out. Learners need to learn to be responsible and plan ahead.

### **FUND RAISING:**

Please assist the school by acquiring and using “*My School Card*” when shopping at participating stores e.g. Woolworth and Spur. It will cost you absolutely nothing and you will be supporting your child’s school and education. Family members can also apply for a card. Forms will be issued at our office upon your request.

We have established a partnership with “*John Dory’s*” at Springs Mall. The school gets back 10% on your total amount spent. Please don’t forget to place your slip into our Strubenvale box on the counter. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

We also *collect paper* and cardboard through our *MPACT RECYCLING* project. This brings in much needed funds for our school. Please support!

### **SPORT:**

During Term1 the main sporting activity is *Athletics*.

Please assist the school by ensuring that the children are dressed correctly when attending practices and that transport arrangements are made timeously. There will be sports practise on Thursday and Friday (10 & 11 January) as we will be having our inter-house on Monday. Please make sure your child is in the correct PT clothes.

This year we will be competing in a new format which includes some Afrikaans schools namely Laerskool Selection Park and Laerskool Christiaan Beyers.

Weather permitting our Inter house will take place on *Monday 15 January 2019*.

**SCHOOL TOURS – 2019:**

Grade 6 Tours - Information was sent out last year. A reminder that only 60 learners can be accommodated per grade. It works on a ‘first come, first served basis’. Only learners who have paid in full will be accommodated. Payments must be made to the bursar.

Mrs Barber will be sending out more details soon.

**PREFECT CAMP:**

Once again payment must be made in full before learners can be accommodated.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Inter-house Athletics meeting at school – Monday 14 January 2019 at 9 am.
- Grade 7 Leadership Camp (By invitation only) – 28 February 2019 to 3 March 2019
- Term 1 ends on the 15 March 2019.

Mr C.F. Ramos

Principal