



# STRUBENVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to all staff and learners after a most welcome holiday. Term 2 is upon us and it is of utmost importance that learners apply themselves to all class and homework tasks and that these are completed to the best of their ability. Please check books regularly and sign homework diaries.

### **ADMISSIONS:**

According to information received, the *tentative date* for Admission period to commence is the *13<sup>th</sup> May 2019*. We will notify all parents immediately once we are absolutely sure about the admissions date for the on-line registrations. The on-line registrations applies to learners in Grade R and Grade 7 learners. Learners who are currently at our school (Grade 1 to 6) will receive registration forms that need to be filled in correctly and returned to school to ensure a place in 2020. Please do not delay these processes to avoid disappointment. Please remember, "*First come first serve*".

### **PARENTS' MEETING:**

During Term 2, parents of learners who are not meeting promotion requirements or/and are facing learning challenges will be called to discuss ways in which to assist their children. It is important for parents to take these calls seriously and to please respond promptly.

### **UNIFORM:**

We will still be wearing summer uniform until the end of April. The first two weeks in May will be a transitional period between summer and winter uniform. During this period all learners must wear either summer or winter uniform and not a combination of both. From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 all learners must wear the correct winter uniform. We have a number of suppliers and you are welcome to phone the school for more details and assistance.

These are the following **winter uniform** items:

**BOYS:** Long grey pants, grey school socks, black school shoes, long sleeved shirt with school tie, brown school jersey and Dri- Mac. Full school tracksuits may also be worn with a white school golf shirt. The grey pants must be worn with the white cotton button up shirt and not the white golf shirt.

**GIRLS:** Brown school culotte, black tights, black school shoes, white long sleeved shirt with school tie, brown school jersey and Dri- Mac. Brown pants are now also available. Full school tracksuits may also be worn with a white school golf shirt. Many girls have outgrown their culottes and they are far too short. The correct length is four fingers above the knee. No ski-pants are to be worn under the culottes.

**NB.** School ties, tracksuits & golf shirts may be purchased from the school office. School blazers are only compulsory for school leaders (prefects). Learners (Grade 1 to 4) who have physical education (PT) on specific days must wear the full school tracksuit over their PT clothes.

Grade 5, 6 and 7 learners are to bring their PE clothes to school and change at school for PE period.

### **SWOP SHOP:**

School uniform items are available from the swop shop. These items are still in good condition and can be purchased at very reasonable prices. The swop shop is open every Thursday from 12:00 to 13:30.

### **SPORT:**

The soccer & netball leagues will start this term. Team managers will notify parents of venues and times. Learners need to wear the correct clothing to all practices and matches. Please ensure that transport arrangements are made for after practices and matches as your child's safety is of paramount importance. Contact numbers must be correct and written in your child's diary. Phone calls made with regards to collecting learners will be charged at R5. Congratulations to Nomhle Xaba in Grade 6, for being selected to participate in the Gauteng Netball trials. Learners who do not have transport may not participate in sport.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:**

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Please ensure that children are dressed neatly in their summer uniform. No P.T. clothes or tracksuits are to be worn on that day.

### **TRAFFIC:**

Traffic is becoming a problem in the afternoon. There are too many drivers who do not abide by the rules and put the learner's safety at risk. Please remember that *Athlone Avenue* is a *one – way* road during weekdays from 13:00 to 14:30. To make traffic flow easier parents and drivers are encouraged to make use of *Sutherland Avenue* in the afternoons i.e. the back of the school.

Sutherland Avenue is not a one way. We request that those using *Sutherland Avenue* not to *double – park and to only park on the left side* as it makes traffic flow very difficult and may result in unnecessary accidents and people getting hurt.

### **EXTERNAL WHOLE SCHOOL EVALUATION:**

Our school is one of many schools to be visited by the department between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 for school evaluation. Please ensure that learners are at school on time i.e. by 07:40 and picked up promptly in the afternoon.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

When sending cake to school please note cupcakes are preferred. Teachers do not have the means or time to cut cake and there are approximately 40 learners in a class and it is very difficult to share a small cake.

### **GENERAL**

Too many parents are bringing tuck money, lunch or clothing that has been forgotten at home to the office and this places too much and unnecessary stress on the office staff. Learners must learn to take responsibility.

Mr C.F. Ramos

Principal