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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 essential that learners apply themselves to all class and homework tasks and that these are completed to the best of their ability. This term, the learners will be writing internal as well as external Provincial exams. An exam time-table will be sent home in due course.

PARENT'S MEETING:

A "*BY INVITATION ONLY*" meeting for parents, will be held on Thursday 20 April 2017 from 17:00 to 18:00. Parents who have been invited, would have received an invitation letter together with the report card at the end of Term 1. These parents are **urged** to attend the requested meeting with the respective teachers. This meeting is of utmost importance and it has been planned to inform and assist parents in overcoming learning barriers which may exist with their child.

SURVEY (2017):

Thank you to the large number of parents who filled in the Survey forms. Your positive comments are much appreciated and your contribution will assist us achieving our mission statement, which is to provide quality teaching and learning.

Concerns most evident in the survey related to teaching of Afrikaans and Zulu.

We acknowledge these concerns and would like to give you an insight as to why these choices have been made.

- Afrikaans is our current First Additional Language as well as that of our feeder secondary schools in Springs. The discontinuation of Afrikaans teaching at our school would place our learners at a disadvantage when applying for admission to these High Schools. Our learners would not cope and therefore would not meet the progression requirements as they stand at the moment.
- With the introduction of a third language at public schools, as advocated by the Department of Education, Strubenvale Primary school was selected as a pilot school to teach Zulu in 2016. According to our Annual Survey, the majority of our parents are Zulu speaking and therefore an obvious choice. Unfortunately, at this stage, we do not have the financial means to provide the necessary manpower and infrastructure to accommodate other language preferences.

We thank you for your understanding and hope that our relationship may grow from strength to strength for the benefit of learners and school in general.

ADMISSIONS:

The Admissions period for 2018 'learner intake' is scheduled to commence with applications on the 2nd May 2017.

The on-line registrations and applications will apply to Grade R's registering for Grade 1 and Grade 7's registering for Grade 8.

New grade R's and learners between grade 2 and grade 6 will have to collect forms from the Admin office and be placed on a waiting list.

Learners who are currently at our school (Gr.1 – Gr.6) will receive a letter that needs to be filled in correctly and returned to their register teacher.

P.S. Please do not delay the process to avoid disappointment. **This applies in particular to our current grade R's as we cannot guarantee that they will automatically be place in our grade 1 classes.** *Registration must be done on line.* The Department has once again implemented a 'first come, first served' procedure.

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.

From Monday 15th 2017, all learners must wear the correct winter uniform.

The following uniform should be worn (grade 1 to grade 7)

Boys: Long grey pants, grey school socks, black school shoes.
White long-sleeved shirt with school tie, brown school jersey and Dri-Mac or,
A full school tracksuit may also be worn with a white school Golf shirt and black shoes. (NO TAKKIES)

Girls: Brown school culotte, black tights, black school shoes, white long-sleeved shirt with school tie, brown school jersey and Dri-Mac. Brown pants may also be worn instead of the culotte (purchased at Jill's Uniform) or,
A full school tracksuit may also be worn with a white school Golf shirt and black shoes. (NO TAKKIES)

School ties, tracksuits and gold shirts may be purchased from the school office.

School blazers are only compulsory for school leaders (prefects and monitors). Learners from grade 1 to grade 4 who have physical education (P.T.) on specific days, must wear the full tracksuit over their P.T. clothes.

SPORT:

The soccer, rugby and 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 all practices and matches as your child's safety is of paramount importance. Contact numbers must be correct and written in your child's diary in case of emergency.

PHOTO DAY:

Please take note that, due to the Leadership Camp, the photographs will now be taken on MONDAY 8TH MAY 2017 and not this Friday.

The Grade 6's who are going on camp until 5th May, are to make sure they return to school on Monday 8th in full school uniform for photographs to be taken.

Mr. C F Ramos
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| 20 APRIL | - Parent Meeting – ‘By invitation only’ |
| 21-23 APRIL | - Grade 7 Leadership Camp |
| 27 APRIL | - Public Holiday |
| 28 APRIL | - School Holiday |
| 01 MAY | - Public Holiday |
| 01-5 MAY | - Grade 6 – Natal Tour |
| 02 MAY | - 2018 Admissions ‘on-line’ Applications begin
for Gr 1’s and Gr 8’s. |
| 08 MAY | - School Photographs |
| 7 – 14 JUNE | - Internal Exam Week |
| 30 JUNE | - End of Term 2 |