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Newsletter 6/2017

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Dear Parents

We extend a warm welcome to all our learners and parents and hope that Term 3 will be successful and productive for everybody.

We welcome Mrs. Smith to our Grade R team and wish her well for the rest of the year.

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.

SCHOOL FINANCES:

A new bursar (Mrs. Botha) has been appointed at our school. Please review your statements regularly to ensure that all payments have been reflected. Any discrepancies should be reported to the school’s accounts office as soon as possible.

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. Please fax proof of payment to the school not forgetting to include the child’s name, surname and class as a reference. We thank those parents who have paid their school fees timeously.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Please ensure that your child is correctly dressed for school in their winter uniform. We will keep you informed as to when we will change over to summer uniform.

Physical Education clothing:

- Physical Education clothes 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 during

break before the PE period. Gr. 5 – 7's may NOT wear 'tekkies' or casual shoes to school on the days they do PE.

SWOP SHOP:

A few clothing items are available at school at affordable prices. The swop shop is opened once a week on a Wednesday from 12:00 to 13:45.

STATIONERY:

All learners must be equipped with the required stationery. It is of concern that there are still learners who are coming to school without the essential stationery. This has a negative impact on the child's education. It is the parent's responsibility to replace exercise books that are lost or full.

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. Parents parking on the wrong side of the road are causing unnecessary congestion.

TUCKSHOP:

The tuck shop is under new management and 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 tuck shops which have opened near the school. Safety and health regulations are extremely important when dealing with food.

VISION AND AUDIOLOGY (hearing) SCREENING:

Vision screening will take place at school on the *31st August 2017* at a cost of R70 per learner.

Audiology screening will take place on the *5th September 2017* at a cost of R130 per learner. Permission slips are obtainable from the office.

Money is payable to your child's class teacher not later than Wednesday 30 August.

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. Foundation Phase learners are discouraged from having phones at school.

FUND RAISING:

Please assist the school by acquiring and using “*My School Card*” when shopping at participating stores eg. 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 also *collect paper* and cardboard through our *MPACT RECYCLING* project. This brings in much needed funds for our school. ***Please support! Schools competing in the paper recycling competition stand a chance of winning R10 000-00.***

SPORT:

- Currently, we are busy with *Cricket league matches* i.e. mini-cricket, U/11 and U/13.
- We are also busy with the *cross-country league*. Meetings take place every Wednesday afternoon.
- On Saturday 12 August 2017 we participated in the Annual *Foundation Phase soccer and netball tournament* which took place at Selcourt Primary. Our learners did extremely well and the results were very pleasing. Thank you to all parents who attended this event and supported our teams. Photos of this event have been posted on the school’s Face Book.
- *Tennis* practices will take place at school on Mondays from 14:00 to 15:00. Practice sessions are organised by a private coach at a cost of R100 per month.

Please assist the school by ensuring that the children are dressed correctly when attending practices (P.T. Clothing) and that transport arrangements are made timeously. Far too many children are having to phone for transport after activities.

GENERAL:

- The *Springs Art and Speech Festival* is once again taking place at our school. Many of our learners are participating in English and Afrikaans poetry. We are very proud of them and wish them well. Please ensure that your child does not miss his or her performance by reminding them of the date and making the necessary transport arrangements.
- *Thank you to all the Grade R and Grade 1 parents who attended the meeting at school on Saturday 29th July 2017. It was well attended and parents were in agreement that it was a worthwhile educational experience.*
- Congratulations to *Lindokhule Sidu* in Grade 6 for winning the Cluster group *Spelling Bee* competition.
- Congratulations to *Riordan Duncan* Grade 7 for coming 3rd in the District *Technology Olympiad*. 120 schools participated. Well done!
- “Always “ will be visiting our school on the 15th August 2017 to talk to the Grade 6 girls.

- We once again, kindly request parents to refrain from bringing items that learners have forgotten at home, to school. It is time consuming for our administration staff who are extremely busy during the day performing a variety of school tasks. They cannot be held responsible for forgetting to hand these out to the learners.
Learners will not be allowed to phone home requesting parents to bring items or clothing to school that has been forgotten. Encourage your children to be responsible and to plan for the day.

- *Dance classes are also offered at school by a private dance company. If you are interested please contact Nicole (082 5781518) or Laura (076 302 2087) for more information.*

- Grade 7 Market Day. This will be held on Friday 8 September 2017. There will be a variety of stalls with lots of things to buy, both food and goodies.
Please support the Grade 7's and bring money to spend.
The whole school may wear 'civvies' on that day at a cost of R5-00, to be paid to the register teacher.

- *The SICK Room. Please parents, the sick room is not to be treated as a hospital. **If your child is sick please do not send them to school.** We only have two beds and they are to be used for children who fall sick here at school until the parents arrive to fetch them. We cannot allow them to lie in the sickroom all day.*

Mr C.F. Ramos
Principal