



ZULULAND REMEDIAL CENTRE

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APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

Message from Principal...

With the start of the new academic year, we can take pride in the fact that all our learners have been issued with the necessary textbooks as well as exercise books to ensure that no time was wasted due to poor administration and planning.

We welcome Ms S Stewart and Ms S Mingay to the Zululand Remedial family.

With strict SOP's and planning ZRC's educators welcomed all learners back to school. The school started with the Bi-weekly programme and full return was on 1 March 2021.

Thank you to all staff for your hard work, dedication, and perseverance!

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SICK LEARNERS AT SCHOOL:

Parents need to ensure that learners are taken care of before sending them to school. The school cannot take responsibility for administering medication to sick learners who come to school. Parents will be contacted to collect sick children at the discretion of the educator/staff involved.

Please do not tell your child in the morning that if they feel sick the office needs to phone the parents. These incidents disrupt the class and office constantly; often when learners are not sick enough to go home.

PARENT MEETINGS / UNSCHEDULED VISITS TO CLASSROOMS:

Please take note that NO educator will be allowed to leave the class, nor take a call during teaching time. Parents need to make scheduled appointments with the educator, in advance. Any parent/visitor to school needs to report to the office and obtain permission to enter the school

SCHOOL TIMES

Gr 1 – 7 : Mon–Thurs: 07:30-13:45

Gr 1 – 7 : Fridays: 07:30 – 12:45

IMPORTANT DATES:

SCHOOL OPENS:

3 May 2021

SGB Meeting

30 June 2021

SCHOOL CLOSSES

9 July 2021

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

16 June – Youth day

ABSENTEEISM:

The high absenteeism rate is a serious matter of concern. It's every child's constitutional right to be in a school and education cannot be withheld from them. Continuous absenteeism is now infringing on the right of children to have education.

MEDICATION:

If you should need some of your child's medication for home use, we would like you to collect and sign for it from the educators personally.

No medication may be forwarded to the school, without it being in the sealed envelope, provided by the office

Parents to ensure that the educator is informed of any new changes to medication.

academic area during the academic day. Parents/Visitors need to respect the professionalism of the educator and we need to safeguard our learners and educators.

LITTERING:

This is becoming a major problem at school. Learners are reprimanded, but we would appreciate your co-operation by making your child aware of this problem, e.g. at home, while travelling/walking/jogging etc.

DONATION OF SCHOOL CLOTHES:

We make an appeal to parents to assist with donating school uniform items, if your child has outgrown them or if your child is leaving ZRC. This enables us to run a Thrift Shop and also assist learners in need.

LOST CLOTHING / PROPERTY:

Please mark every item of clothing, shoes and stationery clearly. We have lots of "lost property" which we could return to the learners if items were marked.

BUS:

At the moment our ZRC School bus is full. We have learners on our bus waiting list who are using the Ikhwezi School Bus or private transport. This bus was organized to transport our learners together with Empangeni High's learners to school and back every day.

Please contact Ikhwezi Transport directly when buying your bus tickets or with queries:

R.Bay: 035 797 6200 or Empangeni:
035 787 1564

TOILETRIES:

A small contribution = a saving for all. Another item we don't have to buy – ensuring a minimal raise in school fees.

Toilet Paper: Gr 1 – 4/Int Phase GM & DL
Tissues/ Photocopy paper : Gr 5-7 / Int Phase DR



SCHOOL PHOTOS:

- Photo day was on Thursday, **15 April 2021**.
- You will receive a proof photo and an order envelope on **03/05/2021**.
- Every envelope needs to be returned, whether you are placing an order or not.
- Photo orders returned to school, **13/05/21**.
- Final date for ordering will be **31/05/2021**. If you miss this date you will have to place your order directly with Exclusive Shots.
- Please ensure that the correct amount is placed into the envelope before sealing it.
- These envelopes will be forwarded to Exclusive Shots without being checked by our finance officer.

SCHOOL FEES:

School fees need to be placed at the top of your budget! Educators need to be paid monthly. The normal running expenses of the school must also be paid.

DEBIT ORDER SYSTEM / CARD SYSTEM:

This new payment method is now available at school for your convenience. Parents who would like to use it can request a form and return their completed debit order form to the school. Debit orders run on 1st, 15th and 25th of each month. We also offer a Credit/Debit card option at the Financial Secretary's office.

SCHOOL FURNITURE:

Please take note that if your child damages a school desk, chair, any furniture, or any educational & Therapy equipment, the replacement or cost of repairs will be forwarded to the parent for settlement.

EARLY DEPARTURE REGISTER:

Please phone the office, send a message in the Homework/ Communication book if you need to collect your child early.

NO LEARNER will be allowed off the premises without the parent collecting him/her from the office and signing them out in the Early Departure Register.

PARENT INFORMATION:

We have forwarded these forms to each of the 'old' parents to assist us in updating our database. Please complete (even with no changes) and return to school a.s.a.p. This way we can ensure that you will receive all text messages and also that you can be contacted in a case of emergency.

PARKING AREA:

We have clearly demarcated parking bays for parents, taxis, etc. for dropping off or collecting children.

Please use them as marked – and do not park/stop on the yellow lines or in front of the staff entrance.

We have complaints daily from parents and staff not being able to get through the parking area. The RTI will be phoned for assistance with parents/taxis not adhering to what is known as normal traffic rules.

SPCA MONTH



SPCA in dire straits & ZRC's act of love

Zululand Remedial Centre makes helping the community a priority and one of the biggest drives we have is the SPCA drive.

We normally have the drive in February, seen as the month of acting out of love, but due to schools starting later, we had the drive in March.

Both learners and staff were encouraged to help with donations for this very special cause and with great surprise, hundreds of donations flooded the school stage.

We were unaware of the state the SPCA was in. When they arrived that morning unaware of how big the donation was, they told us that they only had one bag of dog food left that morning and were trying to make a plan to get more food. The moment Mandla (SPCA assistant) walked into the school hall he was overwhelmed with the huge donation that awaited them. That food will last the SPCA between 3 – 4 months.

Zululand Remedial Centre has been donating the biggest amounts of donations to the SPCA as a school. We thank all our parents, learners, and staff for supporting this important cause. With everyone's help we were able to help a part of our community.

2021 Terms

Term 1: 15/02 – 23/04

Term 2: 03/05 – 09/07

Term 3: 26/07 – 01/10

Term 4: 11/10 – 15/12

LATE ARRIVALS:

We have continuous problems with learners arriving late. This has a negative impact on academics. Thank you to those parents who have made an effort to end late arrivals.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Girls: Grey skirt and maroon golf shirt

Boys: Grey school shorts and maroon golf shirt

PE: Black quick dry shorts (compulsory) and PE vest.

Uniforms are available from Kenart Stationers.

BIRTHDAYS:

Please note that learners are allowed to wear civvies on their birthdays. If the birthday falls on a Civvies Day, weekend or holiday, they may wear their 'civvies' on the Monday or Friday. Civvies must be sensible and modest.

(Girls – no high heels, strappy tops, and hair must still be neatly tied back)