

MARCH NEWSLETTER 2024

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SCHOOL TIMES

Gr 1 – 7 : Mon–Thurs: 07:30-13:45
Gr 1 – 7 : Fridays: 07:30 – 12:45

IMPORTANT DATES: **SCHOOL OPENS:**

3 April 2024

Photo Day
16 April 2024

Optometrist at school
9 May 2024

Election Day
29 May 2024

Raffle Draw
5 June 2024

School Closes
14 June 2024

****FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: ****

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 text books as well as exercise books to ensure that no time was wasted due to poor administration and planning.

Welcome to all the new staff members at Zululand Remedial Centre, Miss N Govender, Miss C Capper, Miss M Huisamen and Miss Z Maloney.

Congratulations to the following staff member that got Promoted: Mrs N Morton –Departmental Head,

Miss L Eybers will be leaving us at the end of April.

We trust that the new staff members will find their stay at ZRC most enjoyable.

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

D. Millin

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.

All parents to ensure that the office and Educators of the learners have their full Medical Information as requested by the school.

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 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.

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.

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.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

AQUATHON: 1ST TERM

A heartfelt thanks to all Parents, guardians and sponsors for making this day such a special fundraiser.

We raised **R40 123.00**. Thank you and well done to all the learners.

Top Fundraisers:

1. Ruan Eksteen (3EvdW)
2. Eshle Manzini (2CB)
3. Sabelo Qwabe (4RM)

Top 2 Classes:

1. JP – 3 EvdW
2. SP – 5 NG

FUNDRAISER FOR TERM 2:

Lucky Draw Raffle:

Starts – 8 April 2024
Draw – 5 June 2024

Please support our fundraising efforts as they contribute towards improvements made to your child's educational environment.

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

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.

*This is to safeguard us,
your child
and you...*

*Education breeds Confidence
Confidence breeds Hope
Hope breeds Peace
Confucius*

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 1-3 & BC: GM & LdB

Tissues: Gr 4-7 & BC ZM

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

- Photo day will be on Tuesday, **16 April 2024**
- You will receive a proof photo and an order envelope on **6 May 2024**.
- Every envelope needs to be returned, whether you are placing an order or not.
- The final date for ordering will be **31 May 2024**.
- Date for receiving photos will be announced.
- Please ensure that the correct amount is placed into the envelope before sealing it.

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 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.

PARENT MEETINGS:

Please make every effort to attend these meetings. It is very necessary for you to meet and work together with your child's educator to ensure that their full potential is reached.

EISTEDDFOD:

We are excited to announce that the Zululand Eisteddfod will take place this year. All learners will participate in class groups or as individuals. Any individual entries will be paid for by parents. All group and class entries will be paid for by the school.

ATTENDANCE DURING FORMAL ASSESSMENTS/EXAMS:

High learner absenteeism rate noted during Formal Control Tests. All parents received in advance notice of the tests timetable. Learners who do not write tests will be given zero without valid proof of absenteeism.

2024 Terms

Term 2: 3/04/24–14/06/24

Term 3: 9/07/24–20/09/24

Term 4: 1/10/24–11/12/24

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

May 1 – Workers' Day

29 May – Election Day

LATE ARRIVALS:

We have continuous problems with learners arriving late. This has a negative impact on academics. Thank you to those parents who have tried 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)

WHAT HAPPENED THIS TERM?

SPCA Month in February!

ZRC had a successful SPCA food drive. A huge thank you to our dedicated learners for their contributions and heartfelt gratitude to the community members and businesses who joined forces with us to make this endeavor a triumph. Your support is making a positive impact!



GIRLS CLUB:

Girls Club recently held a session centered on embracing self-love and recognizing self-worth. They delivered into the importance of appreciating their unique qualities and differences.



SCOUTS:

The scouts group marked Founder's Day with a fantastic celebration. They enjoyed a range of games and delicious cake and cold drinks.



MORNÉ COERTSE:

A huge congratulations to Morné for clinching 3rd place in his hotrods quarter cars on the oval track for the past 2 years!

Well done Morné!



Mr & Miss Valentine:

Congratulations to our winners for the best dressed on Valentine's Day in both the Senior & Junior Phases.

Senior Phase: Isabella Mthethwa and Okuhle Ngwazi &

Junior Phase: Sobethu Biyela and Malibongwe Mbuyazi



"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

Malcolm X