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MARCH 2023 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.

As a school we have been hard at work ensuring we maintain a good balance with the Concert of 2023 and 35-year Birthday celebrations. We are requesting parents to support our learners and assist them with the learning of their words. Share their excitement as we continue the high standard set at ZRC.

We say goodbye to Mrs A Rosin (Occupational Therapist) who will be leaving at the end of this term. We wish her all the best and trust she will have the impact she had at ZRC at her new venture.

Thank you 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.

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

SCHOOL OPENS:
12 April 2023

Photo Day
17 May 2023

Raffle Draw
14 June 2023

SGB Meeting
14 June 2023

SCHOOL CLOSES
23 June 2023

SCHOOL/PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

7 April - Good Friday
10 April - Family Day
27 April - Freedom Day
28 April - Special School holiday
1 May - Workers Day
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.

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.

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 1-3 & Int Phase 1 & 2

Tissues/Photocopy paper: Gr 4-7 & Int Phase 3

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.

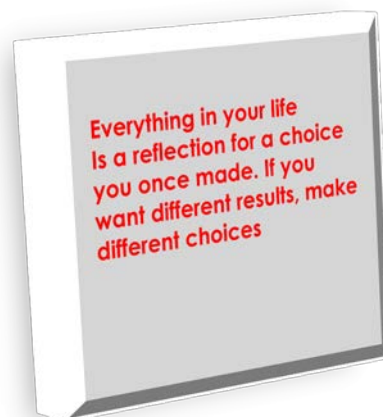
SCHOOL FURNITURE:

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.



SCHOOL PHOTOS:

- Photo day **17 May 2023**.
- Photo orders no 1 to office **31/05/2023**.
- Photo order no 2 to office **19/06/2023**.
- Photo order collection **22/06/2023**

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.

DEBTORS & CREDITORS

Mrs de Villiers is appointed as Financial Supervisor at ZRC in our Financial Office.

Ms Kok manages the Debtors and School fees accounts.

Please contact our Finance office Mrs de Villiers or Ms Kok regarding any financial matters.

CONCERT 2023:

ZRC will be staging another concert in October 2023 together with our 35-year birthday celebrations!

Please take note of the following dates:

- 16/10/23 – Day show – Senior citizens at 9:00 am
 - 17/10/23 – Evening show at 19:00
 - 18/10/23 – Evening show
 - 19/10/23 – Evening show
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- Cost per learner R180 each towards the concert.
 - Tickets will be available from Term 2 and more information will follow in Term 2.

2023 Terms

Term 1: 18/01 – 31/03
Term 2: 12/04 – 23/06
Term 3: 18/07 – 29/09
Term 4: 10/10 – 13/12

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: Maroon 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)

TERM 1 ACTIVITIES:

SPCA MONTH



Zululand Remedial Centre committed to making a donation to Empangeni SPCA each February.

Although we were aware of the SPCA's dire need for sustenance, we were unaware of the extent of that need.

ZRC supports teaching

students about SPCA, resources for helping animals. As a tiny gesture of appreciation, the students were urged to contribute to the SPCA. The 900kg of dry food and 200 tins of food were donated to the SPCA. Don Nsele arrived to pick up the enormous gift from the school. ZRC is grateful for each, and every contribution made to the SPCA. **THANK YOU, PARENTS, LEARNERS, EDUCATORS AND THE COMMUNITY!**

VALENTINE'S DAY:

Our Mr and Miss Valentine's Day Junior & Senior winners:

Lubanzi Zungu(Jnr), Asemahle Khumalo (Jnr), Emily van Zyl (snr), Okuhle Mafu (Snr). Well done to the learners.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH NURSES:

The Department of Health nurses had a successful visit at our school and injected the learners against measles.



GIRLS CLUB:

The Girls Club made cupcakes for last lesson of Term 1. They learnt how to make icing and used different techniques to decorate their own cupcakes.

ZRC's local snake catcher been busy this term. Mr Ferreira caught two big spitting cobras from people's homes and a python from a settlement outside town, and place them in a safer environment. This gave him a chance to educate learners more about snakes and allow them to touch the python too. Very careful safety precautions were taken during the interaction with the learners.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS – TERM 1

AQUATHON



ZRC had a very successful fundraising on Friday and the learners enjoyed themselves!

A Total of **R44 000** was raised! Well done ZRC!

Aquathon prize winners 2023:

1st: Aliyah Murugan 6NM R1500

2nd: Tristan Mclean 7VM R700

Esihle Manzini 2MV R700

Staff member: Mrs L Sables

ZRC BI-ELECTIONS

Bi elections were held on 16 March 2023. Congratulations to the three new parents joining the SGB:

1. Mrs S Smit
2. Mrs S van Zyl
3. Mr L van Zyl

FUNDRAISER FOR TERM 2

Lucky draw Raffle:

Raffle forms out: 17 April 2023

Draw: 14 June 2023

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