

ZULULAND REMEDIAL CENTRE

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

Half of the academic year is behind us, and I would like to thank all the parents, stakeholders and the community for their loyal support to ZRC. The SGB of ZRC, your guidance is of great value to our school. The learners have worked hard and through work and play ZRC is like home to many.

We say goodbye to Mrs T van Niekerk, who is relocating to the Western Cape, and we wish her everything of the best with her new endeavours.

We congratulate the following staff members:

Mr V Mthembu completed his Degree in education with UNISA as well as Mrs R Mariah who

completed her Degree in Education through Northwest University.

It has been a very challenging term but we as school were still able to maintain high levels of support to all our learners and parents.

To all our valuable parents, learners and staff may you have a wonderful holiday and I encourage you to make use of every moment to ensure a quality 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 receive 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 to educators.

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

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 learners are not sick enough to go home.

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. Please contact Mrs de Villiers and Mrs Pretorius for any queries regarding outstanding fees.

DEBIT ORDER SYSTEM:

This payment method is available at school for your convenience. Parents who would like to use it must contact the office. We also offer a Credit/Debit card option at the Financial Secretary's Office.

UNABRIDGED BIRTH CERTIFICATES:

The decision by the SGB of ZRC to have your child's unabridged birth certificate at school is now a compulsory enrolment document. All learners at ZRC need to have an unabridged birth certificate.

Parents are reminded that a certified copy of the unabridged certificate must be sent to school.

SCHOOL FURNITURE:

Please take note that if your child damages a school desk, chair, or any furniture, or any educational & therapy equipment, the replacement or cost of repairs will be forwarded to the parent for settlement. It is also with great sadness and disappointment to note that we have learners who do not respect the property of the school.

ZRC SCHOOL BUS:

Please note that the ZRC School bus is a privilege and not a right. We are very fortunate to have a fully subsidized bus, but in a case of re-registration etc., we need to remind you that it's the parent's or guardian's responsibility to get your child to school.

Note: Please ensure that bus learners adhere to the school discipline code. Bus learners who do not adhere to this school discipline code will have to sit detention on a Friday, from 12:45-14:00, which means that alternative transport arrangements will be the responsibility of the parents.

IKHWEZI BUS: (PUBLIC TRANSPORT)

We have the use of an Ikhwezi school bus. There is one bus that departs from John Ross College at 06:30 and one which departs at 06:55 Mon to Friday. Tickets available from Ikhwezi ticket office: 035 7976200. Ensure that you monitor your child's behaviour on this public transport. There is a CCTV camera system on the buses. Learners who misbehave will be identified and asked to find alternative transport by the Ikhwezi bus company.

BIRTHDAYS:

Learners are allowed to wear civvies on their Birthday. If the birthday falls on 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, miniskirts, skimpy shorts, strappy tops, halter necks, dangly earrings etc. Hair must still be neatly tied back).



PARENT MEETINGS/UNSCHEDULED VISITS TO CLASSROOMS:

Parents, please make every effort to attend your appointments made with the educators. It is very important for you to meet and work together with your child's educator to ensure full potential is reached.

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 at 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.

LITTER:

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 assist learners in need.

NEW UNIFORM:

Available from Kenarts Stationers, Union Street Empangeni (Gems School wear).
Contact no 035-7721921

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.

LATE COMERS:

Learners coming late – 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 starts at 7:30 am. Please be on time.

COLLECTION OF LEARNERS:

Please ensure that your child is collected by 14:00, after which the gates will be locked, and we will not be held responsible for learners who are left on the school premises. An alternative is to enrol your child at the ZRC Aftercare from 14:00 – 17:00.

COMMUNICATION:

All communication between the educator and parent is done in the **Homework Book**. Please do not write sick notes in the Homework Book. They must be on a separate A4 sheet of paper which will be kept in the child's file in the office.

TOILETRIES:

Toilet Rolls & Tissues:

Term 3 - Toilet paper: Gr 5-7 / Int Phase RW
Tissues: Gr 1-4 / Int Phase GM & LdB

FUNDRAISING EVENTS: RAFFLE DRAW: Amount Raised: R43 278.10

Lucky Draw Winners:

- 1ST PRIZE:** - Mbali Nkosi - Golf bag
- 2nd PRIZE:** - Lumkile - Wooden Chopping board & Hamper
- 3rd PRIZE:** - Aphelele - Pamper Hamper
- Learner with most money** - Imani Munisamy - Grade 1 CO

Thank you, parent, guardians and all our learners for all your input and enthusiasm with the raffles. All these funds are utilized to make your child's stay at ZRC more exciting and enjoyable.

NO HOMEWORK POLICY: SP Gr 4 - 7

We have implemented a 'No homework policy' only for Gr 4 - Gr 7 during the formal assessment period. This is not to be wasted by learners, but to be utilized as additional time for learning.

CHANGE OF INFORMATION:

Please inform the office/school immediately if any of your personal details change. This data is used to update our *sms* system and useful when your child is sick or needs your urgent attention.



WHAT HAPPENED IN TERM 2?

**FMA (Full Contact Martial Arts Association) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
JOHANNESBURG:**

Tristan Ribeiro, Gr 5CK
Competed in the FMA National
Championships in Johannesburg
where he won 3 gold and 1 silver for kick boxing!
Well done, Tristan!

Oreutlwile Moile participated at Empangeni Country Club 2023 Club champs. He was the winner for his age group!

Well done, Oreutlwile!



GRANTHAM PARK U9 MINI SPORTS DAY

The U9 ZRC netball girls had so much fun at the Grantham Park U9 mini sports day.

Well done girls!

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GIRLS CLUB:

The Girls Club had a pamper party in the spirit of personal hygiene where Mrs T van Niekerk spoke to all the girls about personal hygiene. They had the chance to relax with their feet in a foot spa, enjoy a facial and learn how to do a proper scrub.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3:

School opens:	18 July 2023
Public holiday: Women's Day	9 August 2023
Budget: view @ finance office	28 Aug - 1 Sept 2023
Gr 7 Entrepreneur Day	1 September 2023
SGB Meeting: Budget Proposal	6 September 2023
AGM	13 September 2023
Spring walk	15 September 2023
SGB Meeting	20 September 2023
Heritage Day / Public Holiday	25 September 2023
School closes	29 September 2023