



ZULULAND REMEDIAL CENTRE

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MARCH 2022 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 Mr D Chisholm (Computers) and Ms B Zondi (Speech Therapist) to the Zululand Remedial family.

Good luck to Mrs T van Niekerk and Mrs I Wessels that will be going on maternity leave.

Congratulations to the following staff members who got promoted as Departmental Heads: Mrs E vd Westhuizen, and Mrs E Wessels.

Congratulations to Ms D Lombaard who will be getting married during the school holidays.

Mrs R Wilson will be retiring end of April but will be back and in the Bridging class, Level 3.

We say goodbye to Ms S Mingay (Speech Therapist) who will be relocating to Pietermaritzburg. 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!

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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.

IMPORTANT DATES:

SCHOOL OPENS:
5 April 2022

GPPS Mini Sports Day
9 April 2022

Raffle Draw
15 June 2022

SGB Meeting
22 June 2022

SCHOOL CLOSES
24 June 2022

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

15 April - Good Friday

18 April - Family Day

27 April - Freedom Day

2 May - Public Holiday

16 June - Youth Day

17 June - Special School holiday

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.

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

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.

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.



Toilet Paper: Gr 1 – 3/Int Phase GM & DL
Tissues/ Photocopy paper : Gr 4-7 / Int Phase RW

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

- Photo day was on Thursday, **10 March 2022**.
- You will receive a photo sample and a order envelope on **13/04/2022**.
- Every envelope needs to be returned, whether you are placing an order or not by **27/05/2022**.
- Photo delivery date to school, **15/06/22**.

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 appointed as Financial Supervisor at ZRC in our Financial Office.
Ms Kok is dealing with Debtors and School fees accounts.
Please contact our Finance office Mrs de Villiers or Ms Kok regarding any financial matters.

SPCA MONTH



Zululand Remedial Centre supports SPCA and made sure that the animals at the SPCA feels the love during the month of love.

We always run a SPCA donation month during February and our learners are always eager to support this charity event. The

learners are also educated about pets and were treated to an educational presentation of dogs and their love for humans. A few dog tricks were then demonstrated by Mysti and Carmen to end off the day to say Thank you to the learners for the amazing part they played. 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 were we able to help a part of our community.

2022 Terms

Term 1: 19/01 – 25/03
Term 2: 05/04 – 24/06
Term 3: 19/07 – 30/09
Term 4: 11/10 – 14/12

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)

FUNDRAISING EVENTS – TERM 1

AQUATHON



ZRC would like to thank all parents, guardians, and sponsors for making this day such a special fundraiser.

We raised **R35 000!** Thank you!



The top fundraisers:

1. Tristan McLean
2. Schalk Dippenaar
3. Kayla Kelly

They were all rewarded with a prize!

Junior Phase class that raised the most money:
Gr 2 – Mrs de Waal

Senior Phase class : **Gr 7 – Mrs van Niekerk's class**

Well done to all!

FUNDRAISER FOR TERM 2

Lucky draw Raffle:

Starts: 6 April 2022

Draw: 15 June 2022

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