



SUMMERFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

“KNOWLEDGE IS STRENGTH”

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NEWSLETTER #3

*The best thing we can do
for our children.....
Instead of teaching them
how to always be
successful, teach them how
to respond when they are
not successful.*

PRINCIPAL EL



TERM 1 has come to an end and all assessments were completed successfully. Thank you learners for your consistent hard work to achieve your desired goals. Parents, please support your child academically and emotionally throughout the year. This is of vital importance to your child.

Wishing our learners and staff a restful holiday. If you are travelling, please do so safely. The schools close on **Wednesday, 20th March** and learners will be dismissed at **11:00**. Please ensure that your child is collected from school on time.

SPECIAL J & T DAY: Learners whose parents attended the SGB Elections on the 6th March 2024, are permitted to wear Jeans & T-Shirts on the last day of school. All other learners must wear full school uniform. (Record of learners has been kept).

REPORTS: Reports will be handed to learners on the last day of the school term before the bell rings at 11:00. Any learners who are absent will receive their reports when they return to school. **NO REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT RECEPTION.**

BELL TIMES: Parents are reminded that as from **Wednesday, 3 April 2024**, the **first** bell will ring at **07:30** for “Drop-all-and-Read”. Please note that “Drop-all-and-Read” includes ALL LEARNERS, and ALL STAFF MEMBERS. The first book that will be read is the classic “HEIDI”. Every week the story will progress. The **second** bell will ring at **07:40 when school officially begins. Learners must report to their first period class for Drop-all-and-Read.** Please ensure that your child is at school on time. **Learners who arrive late, are recorded. Late-coming will not be tolerated.**



WELCOME: Mr. S. Hutamo joined our staff on the 26th February 2024. He has been appointed as our IT Technician. Mr. Hutamo, we trust that you will enjoy a rewarding journey at Summerfields Primary.

PARENTS AFTERNOON: A reminder to parents that Parents Afternoon will be held on **Tuesday, 19th March 2024**, by invitation only. We request that parents arrive at their appointment on time.



Parents, please teach your children the universal sign language for **“HELP ME”**

→ REPEAT THE SIGN

**THINK SAFE
ACT SAFE
BE SAFE**

DIVERSITY

The school's culture is of extreme importance to us and embraces DIVERSITY and EQUALITY. We are committed to building a society with a variety of backgrounds, skills, challenges, tolerance and views. The more inclusive we are, the better our culture and humanity will be. Creating a culture of EQUALITY isn't just the right thing to do, it's also the smart thing to do.



WHATSAPP GROUPS: Parents are advised that as from Term 2, ALL WhatsApp groups will be a "one way" means of communication only. Educators will be able to send messages to parents only. Parents are requested to send any communication to their child's Departmental Head via e-mail. **No private WhatsApp messages may be sent to educators.**

e-mail addresses:	Grades 00 and R	gr.r@summerfieldsprimary.co.za
	Grades 1, 2 and 3	dhfoundationphase@summerfieldsprimary.co.za
	Grades 4 and 6	n.langford@summerfieldsprimary.co.za
	Grade 5	b.fekete@summerfieldsprimary.co.za
	Grade 7	ekmashaba@summerfieldsprimary.co.za
	General	info@summerfieldsprimary.co.za

THEFT AND SUSPECTED CAR JAMMING: On the 29th February 2024, a letter was sent to parents regarding theft and suspected car jamming that was taking place around the school. Parents, please be vigilant when dropping your children off at school and physically check that your car door is locked before walking away from your vehicle.

GENERAL ELECTIONS: It was announced that **Wednesday, 29th May** was the election date for the **2024** general elections. Parents to please bear in mind that the schools will be closed on this date.

SCHOLAR PATROL: As from the **5th April 2024**, our scholar patrol teams will be on duty at Gate B – Phantom Street. **PLEASE BE OBSERVANT AND CAUTIOUS AND OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE SCHOLAR PATROL.**

Traffic



Parents transporting learners to and from school are requested to take note of the following:

- i) **the one-way traffic signs;**
- ii) **not to drive into the school grounds;**
- ii) **to adhere to the rules of the road regarding parking.**



DO NOT JEOPARDISE THE SAFETY OF OUR LEARNERS BY DISOBEYING TRAFFIC SIGNS AND PARKING ON THE CORNERS OF THE ROAD. PARKING IN FRONT OF SCHOOL ENTRANCES, ON PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS, DOUBLE PARKING AND PARKING IN FRONT OF PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS IS PROHIBITED.

IMMIGRANTS: Parents are reminded to ensure that their children reside and study in South Africa legally. As previously advised, the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of Education are working in conjunction with one another to assist immigrant parents.

Thank you to the immigrant parents who ensure that their passports, visas and/or permits are always renewed on time. Your co-operation in this regard is appreciated.

SGB ELECTIONS: The School Governing Body elections were held on the 6th March 2024, and a full quorum was reached. Thank you to all the parents who supported the SGB Elections. We wish to welcome our new SGB members:

Parent members:	i) Mr. L. Alaad	Educator members:	i) Ms. K. Curtis
	ii) Mrs. C. Cox		ii) Mrs. S. Sharp
	iii) Ms. N. Gopal		iii) Miss. J. Parel
	iv) Mr. M. Mayet		
	v) Mrs. G. Shepherd	Public Servant member:	i) Mr. M. Thatelo
	vi) Ms. N. Skosana		

J & T DAY (JEANS AND T-SHIRT DAY). The next J & T Day will be held on **Friday, 12TH April 2024**.



R10.00 is payable to the class teacher. **Popcorn and Grab-a-Cake tickets will be sold. Learners are expected to dress neatly and appropriately i.e. LONG JEANS AND A NEAT T-SHIRT. NO SHORTS, CROPPED TOPS ETC. WILL BE ALLOWED.**



RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS:



Wishing our Christian families, a blessed Good Friday on the 29th March 2024 and a wonderful Easter weekend. May your hearts be filled with joy, love and kindness.

Our Muslim families celebrate Ramadan from the 10th March to the 9th of April 2024. May this period bring you joy, peace and harmony.



Wishing our Hindu families, a Happy Holika Dahan on the 24th March 2024. May God gift you all the colours of life, joy and love.



ATHLETICS: **VICTOR ONOH** qualified to participate in the Gauteng Provincial Championships. Well done Onoh, we are proud of you.

FOOTBALL: Congratulations to the following football players who have qualified for the Benoni teams to represent the Benoni Region for Easterns. Well done to all of you.

U/12 OMPHILE MAFOLE
QINISO ZULU

U/13 MBULELO MANYANE
LUKHANYO MBOKOTHWANA
KHWEZI HLATSHWAYO

TOURNAMENTS HELD AT PARKRAND PRIMARY:

Results are:

U12 football boys placed 1st overall 🏆
The U13 football placed 8th overall

The U12 netball girls placed 3rd overall 🏆
The U13 netball placed 7th overall.

NETBALL CAMP

Summerfields won all their matches played 🏆

CHESS

The following 4 learners will compete in the next round at the District Chess Tournament. They obtained the following places at the Benoni Chess Individual Tournament.

U9
BOIKANYO MOEKETSI 3rd overall in age group
PHILASANDE MASUKU 9th
LAWA SINKALA: 10th

U11
LIAM NHEMACHENA: 4th overall in age group



Well done to our learners.

IMPORTANT DATES			
19 March	Parents afternoon (by invitation only)	3 April	Schools open
20 March	Schools close at 11:00	12 April	J&T Day R10:00 payable
21 March	Human Rights Day (Public holiday)	29 May	General Elections – Schools closed
1 April	Family day (Public holiday)		

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024			
Term 1	17 January – 20 March	Term 2	3 April – 14 June
Term 3	9 July – 20 September	Term 4	1 October – 13 December

SCHOOL FEES 2024 – Fees must be paid by the 7th of each month, in advance.

Gr 00 and Gr R R2,100 x 11 months = R23,100.00 per annum per child (**no discount**), plus a once off consumable fee of R2,100 is payable per child before 7 January 2024.

Gr 1 R1,590 x 11 months = R17,490.00 per annum per child.

Gr 2 – 7 R1,484 x 11 months = R16,324.00 per annum per child.

For security reasons, please make direct deposits into our bank account:

Name: Summerfields Primary School

Bank: Nedbank – Melrose Arch

Bank Code: 196605

Account Number: 1966 477 805 (Please use your child's name surname and grade as reference)



Important things to remember

DON'T BE LATE

GATES ARE LOCKED AT 07:40. Parents and transporters are to ensure that children are at school by **07:35 the very latest.** Please respect this directive and refrain from dropping your children off at school late. Allow your child to start their school day on a positive note by being at school on time. It is very disruptive and unfair to learners who are already in class and busy with work when a child enters the classroom late. **Please be considerate.**

Learners arriving late and leaving early will be recorded in accordance with instructions from the GDE.

PARCELS FOR LEARNERS

NO PARCELS will be accepted at Reception for learners in **any grade.** This includes, but is not limited to **lunches, projects, homework, PT clothes, sports kits, school bags, stationery, tuck money etc.** Kindly ensure that your child has everything he/she needs before being dropped off at school. **THERE WILL BE NO LENIENCY IN THIS REGARD, AS PER SCHOOL RULES.** Please do not request our staff to disregard instructions given by the Management Team.

Only chronic medication will be accepted, e.g. insulin.

HOLIDAYS

Parents must please arrange their holidays in accordance with the school calendar and ensure that their child/children attend school during the allocated term dates as set out by the Education Department. As school attendance is **compulsory by law** for all children between the ages of 7 and 15, no Educator or Principal may give permission for pupils to take leave during the terms. (Please refer to the Prospectus). **Learners who miss assessments due to vacations taken during the term will receive zero for any missed assessments.** There will be no leniency.

PARTY PACKS



SEALED party packs and cupcakes may be delivered at the office for learners' birthdays **between 07:10 and 07:30.** Please **do not** send cakes that must be cut to school or cold drinks that must be poured into cups.



COMMUNITY MONITORING SERVICES



Shop 17,
Farramere Shopping Centre
Contact: Chris 083 375 2750

Tel: 086 142 5493
083 322 6690
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As we approach **World Water Day on March 22nd**, the Woolworths Making The Difference program (MTD) is actively engaged in water conservation and sustainable education initiatives. Embarking on a mission to recognize exemplary efforts, we're on a quest to find the Woolies School Water Hero.

Nominate your school and stand a chance of winning a water tank complete with a filtration and handwashing station.

MTD aims to create a positive ripple effect for a better future. Let's come together to make a meaningful impact and build a sustainable tomorrow. To participate, simply register and explore the competition to start your school's journey toward becoming the Water Hero!

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