



# SUMMERFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

**“KNOWLEDGE IS STRENGTH”**

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## NEWSLETTER #5



**ASSESSMENT and EXAM** timetables were sent to parents in April and are also available on the D6 Communicator. **Parents are reminded that learners must attend school for the full day, as normal teaching will commence (as per timetables) after assessments and exams have been written. Normal school hours will thus apply.**

If a learner is absent for an assessment or exam, a medical certificate must be submitted to the school. Please support your child and ensure that they study and get adequate rest.

### **EXAM DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

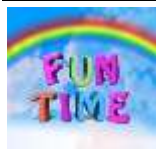
Grades 4,5 and 6	22 – 31 MAY
Grade 7	22 May – 3 June

### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSESSMENTS GRADES 4 - 7**

- ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS AT SCHOOL BY 07:30 AND IS PRESENT IN CLASS AT 07:40. PARENTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO DROP THEIR CHILD OFF AT SCHOOL ONLY AT 07:40. PLEASE TAKE LOADSHEDDING SCHEDULES INTO CONSIDERATION AND ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ON TIME.**
- Tests will be written in the morning on each day, from 08:00 – 10:00.
- Normal school periods will commence until 13:45.
- NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO GO HOME AFTER THE ASSESSMENT**
- There will be no extra murals or support lessons from 17 May to 14 June.
- Learners must bring their OWN stationery and books for the rest of the day according to their timetable.

### **ASSESSMENTS FOR GRADES 1-3**

Foundation Phase learners will carry on with their Continuous Assessments and will attend school until 13:15.



**INTER-HOUSE MATCHES** – On the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024s, Inter-House Netball and Soccer games will be organised for learners, which will take place after the exams. Netball games will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and Soccer games on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024. This is to build spirit in the school and enjoyment for learners.

**SUPPORT CLASSES** for Term 2 end on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**SAFETY AND SECURITY:** A reminder to parents of the times that the gates to the school will open and close in the mornings:

GATE	OPEN	CLOSED
Gate C – Sabre Road	06:45	07:30
Gate A – Piaggio Street	06:55	07:30
Gate B – Phantom Road (Scholar Patrol)	07:10	07:40
Gate D – Piaggio Street for Gr 00 and R learners only	07:00	07:40



**PLEASE NOTE THAT NO PARENTS OR VISITORS ARE ALLOWED ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES. IF YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A TEACHER, ATTENDING AN ASSEMBLY OR HAVE ANY QUERIES, REPORT TO RECEPTION VIA THE ENTRANCE TO THE OFFICES IN PIAGGIO STREET TO SIGN IN AT THE SCHOOL. PARENTS MAY NOT GO DIRECTLY TO A TEACHER'S CLASS, EVEN IF THEY HAVE AN APPOINTMENT. PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL AT THE LEARNERS' GATES. OUR LEARNERS' SAFETY IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO US.**



**PARENTS AND TRANSPORTERS** are requested to abide by the rules of road and to take note that Sabre, Piaggio and Phantom Roads are **one-way** streets.

**SGB EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:** Congratulations to the following SGB parents who were elected Executive members:  
Mr. Mayet            Chairperson  
Mrs. Shepherd      Treasurer  
Mrs. Cox             Secretary



- i. A special thank you to all our parents who donate food to our learners in need. Your contributions are highly appreciated.
- ii. Thank you to the staff members who arranged the Summies Second Hand Shop sale that took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, and to the parents who supported the sale. Your involvement is greatly valued. The proceeds are for our children in need.
- iii. A big thank you to Mr. Afzal Mayet of Caltex garage (C/o Rolls Royce & Atlas Rd) for donations of ice, water and food for our tournaments.  
We appreciate your generous donations.

**ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 Dr. Greg Pienaar, an Educational Psychologist, addressed Grade 1 – 7 learners about the effects of bullying. The talk was very informative and motivating, and we believe that learners learnt a great deal from this talk.



# CAUTIONARY NOTICE

## CHILDREN COULD BE LIABLE FOR ILLEGAL CONTENT SHARED ON WHATSAPP GROUPS

Parents, please take note of this very serious issue regarding social media. It is extremely important that your child understands the repercussions of this offence.

If you thought you could share what you want, say what you want or even like whatever you want online, think again. Social media law expert Emma Sadleir shared the dangers of social media and how even children could be liable for things shared online. The digital age has presented humans with a whole new set of challenges, and despite its many benefits, social media and other digital platforms have a dark side that affects the lives of millions worldwide. From cyberbullying to spreading fake news to the rise of deep fake technology, many people, including parents, children, and experts in the digital field, worry about social media's effect on our daily lives.

**SEXTORTION:** According to the social media law expert, "sextortion" is the single biggest issue that has dominated her year. "Sextortion" is when someone threatens to distribute private or sexual images or videos of you in order to receive something in return, most often money. This could be visuals that were sent by the victim or, in some cases, even fake images that were created.



**CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS 12 COULD BE PROSECUTED FOR WHAT THEY SHARE ONLINE!!** Another issue currently flooding digital platforms is the creation of pornographic photographs. Children as young as primary school are creating sexual images of their classmates and teachers and distributing them on WhatsApp and other social media platforms. Emma Sadleir makes it clear that this is a **CRIMINAL OFFENCE**. "If you send me a nude photo, and I send it to somebody else, that's a **CRIMINAL OFFENCE**."

She also added that people think the law doesn't apply to individuals who are under 18 years of age, but that is not true. In South Africa, from the age of 14, children have full criminal capacity, and from 12, it depends on your education, maturity, and other factors, but you could still be prosecuted. "In South Africa, the age at which you can sue and be sued is **SEVEN**."

**YOU ARE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT YOU SHARE ON MEDIA PLATFORMS LIKE WHATSAPP.** "If you have the ability to remove yourself from content, if you have the ability to dissociate yourself from content and you choose not to, you're also legally responsible for it."

The above information is also shared on the D6 Communicator.

**GENERAL ELECTIONS:** Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May is the election date for the **2024** general elections. Parents to please bear in mind that the schools will be closed on this date.



**PARENTS' MEETINGS** will be held on 13 June 2024, by invitation only.

**SICK LEARNERS:** Parents, please do not send your children to school when they are sick. Winter is here and common colds, flu and stomach bugs will start increasing. Also, please do not send your children to school if they have LICE, PINK EYE or RINGWORM. It is very contagious and spreads easily.

**2025 APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT** – Gr. 00, R and Gr. 2-7 applications opened on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. Application forms may be collected from the office between 07:10 and 14:00.



**J & T DAY (JEANS AND T-SHIRT DAY).** The next J & T Day will be held on **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. R10.00 is payable to the class teacher. **Learners are expected to dress neatly and appropriately. No jewellery or accessories to be worn. These items will be confiscated**





## EXCITING NEWS

# HOCKEY



Summerfields Primary is introducing HOCKEY as an extra-mural at school.

We are looking for parents who have knowledge of the sport and a passion for coaching, to assist us.

If you have a child at Summerfields Primary and are willing to apply for a police clearance certificate, we would love to have you join us.

Interested parties can send an e-mail to Ms. Mashava at: [sport@summerfieldsprimary.co.za](mailto:sport@summerfieldsprimary.co.za)

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.



## SUMMIES STARS

**FOOTBALL - CONGRATULATIONS** to the following learners who qualified for the Easterns Football Teams:  
**QINISO ZULU** and **KAI AMBROSE**

Learners have been participating in **FOOTBALL AND NETBALL MATCHES** this term and have achieved remarkable scores and have displayed inspiring team spirit. Well done to all teams as well as the coaches.

### **NETBALL AND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS**

The school will be hosting Netball and Football tournaments for senior and junior teams on Saturday, 11 May and 18 May 2024, respectively. Spectators are welcome.  
Entrance Fee: R20:00 Adults / R10:00 Children and Seniors



The following schools will be participating:

Seniors (11 May): Tom Newby, Arbor Primary, Farrarmere Primary (netball only), Ashton College and Summerfields Primary.  
Juniors (18 May): Parkrand Primary, Tom Newby, Arbor Primary, Farrarmere Primary, Lakeside Primary, Rynfield Primary and Summerfields Primary

Please support the food and beverage stalls arranged by the PTA. \* A card machine will be available to make payments\*

*Kia (Springs), Virgin Active (Boksburg) and McDonald's will have display stalls at the tournament for spectators to visit.*

**PRIVATE EXTRA-MURAL ACTIVITIES** – Parents, if your child has excelled at private extra-murals, please let the school know and provide proof from the institution of your child's achievement. We would love to congratulate them as well on their achievement.



# Important things to remember

## **DON'T BE LATE**

**GATES A and C ARE LOCKED AT 07:30 and GATE B AT 07:40** in the mornings. Parents and transporters are to ensure that children are at school by **07:30 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.**

**GATE D is strictly for pre-school.**

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.



## IMPORTANT DATES

11 May	Seniors Netball & Football Tournament	13 June	Parents' Meetings (by invitation only)
18 May	Juniors Netball & Football Tournament	14 June	Schools close
29 May	General Elections – Schools closed	16 June	Youth Day (Sunday)
7 June	J & T Day (R10.00 payable)	17 June	Public Holiday

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>17 January – 20 March</b>	<b>Term 2</b>	<b>3 April – 14 June</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>9 July – 20 September</b>	<b>Term 4</b>	<b>1 October – 13 December</b>

## **SCHOOL FEES 2024 – Fees must be paid by the 7<sup>th</sup> 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)



## SUMMIES

### SECOND HAND CLOTHING

Please phone 011 894 6867 to book an appointment to visit the shop. Good quality used school clothes for sale at very reasonable prices.

1. **Only CASH payments accepted**
2. **All items are sold voetstoots**
3. **This is NOT a swop shop**
4. **No refunds**
5. **No return policy**
6. **Only parents may select clothing**

#### **SHOP HOURS (2024)**

Mondays	07:00 – 07:35
Tuesday	13:50 – 14:30
Wednesdays	13:50 – 14:30

*The above times are subject to change*

**PLEASE MARK ALL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES CLEARLY**

## MY SCHOOL CARD



MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet.

### EVERY SWIPE COUNTS!

Please remember to swipe your My School card.  
If you don't have a My School Card yet,  
please apply for yours now!

#### It's easy!

Go online at [www.myschool.co.za](http://www.myschool.co.za)  
Call us on 0860 100 445 Email us @myschool.co.za  
Or at any Woolworths store  
Parents supporting MySchool: 259  
Funds raised last month – R1635.67  
Funds raised this month – R1912.68

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