



Dear Parents and Staff

In an effort to send out as few emails as possible through the week, this "newsletter" goes out each Monday with pertinent information for the week ahead. Kindly scan through the communication and read what is applicable to you and/or your child/ren. Where more detailed information is required, individual plane or class emails will be sent out accordingly.

1. Elections of Class Representatives

Thank you for your participation in the elections of 2017 class representatives across the school. We are delighted to announce that the following parents will act in the capacity of class representative for their respective classes:

Pre-Primary

Juniper: Jaclyn Prim

Freesia: Amy Stephens

Azalea: Toni Naude

Protea: Sarah Schlaphoff

Cosmos: Cheri van Staden

Elementary

LE Oak: Fazlin van der Schyff

LE Willow: Lize Monametsi

Upper Elementary: Barbara Theophanous

Middle School: Audrey Ashmole

High School: Salomie Coetsee

Thank you for your willingness to serve the parents, staff and children in this capacity.

2. February visit - Sharon Caldwell

Sharon Caldwell arrives for her week at Newberry tomorrow 14 February back at Newberry House. Amongst other things, Sharon will address the Pre-School plane parents and the Elementary plane parents this week, on Wednesday 15 February and on Thursday 16 February respectively.

Pre-School Meeting



The Parent Awareness Evening will take place from 18h00 - 20h00 on Wednesday 15 February at the Laurent venue next to the school. Tea, coffee and water will be provided, as well as an Aftercare facility for your children if needed.

Sharon will address the topic *"It's Not Just Counting: How Montessori mathematics materials prepare the child for advanced mathematics"*, as well as *"Montessori and Sport/Extra-Curricular activities at Pre-School level."* Time permitting, there will also be some conversation around other pertinent matters raised by parents regarding curriculum, the 3-hour cycle and more.

Elementary Meeting

The Elementary Parent Awareness Evening will take place from 18h00 - 20h00 on Thursday 16 February at the Laurent venue next to the school. Tea, coffee and water will be provided, as well as an Aftercare facility for your children if required.

Sharon will address the topic *"It's Not Just Counting: How Montessori mathematics materials prepare the child for advanced mathematics"*, as well as *"Montessori and Sport at Elementary level."* Time permitting, there will also be some conversation around other pertinent matters raised by parents regarding curriculum, the 3-hour cycle, monitoring of progress and more.

Kindly note that calendared Parent Awareness evenings through the 1st and 2nd terms might change as we accommodate Sharon's presence at Newberry and access her AMI expertise to the benefit of parents, staff and children. Where necessary, changes in dates will be communicated as soon as possible.

3. Improvements to Pre-Primary environments

While I am sure you may be aware of many small (and large) changes and improvements taking place in many areas of the school, we thought you might enjoy some feedback regarding current plans for the Pre-Primary environments, namely those of Aftercare, Azalea, Cosmos, Freesia and Juniper.

March will see the cleanup and extension of the outside areas of these environments. Aftercare is already looking bright and cheerful with the addition of window blinds, carpets, toys (thank you to many for their donations), a nappy changing area and more. The play area is receiving attention with repairs to current play equipment and in some cases, replacement of equipment. You will shortly see an enhancement to the main entrance of the school and changes to the fencing surrounding Aftercare.

The Juniper toilet area is also being repainted and cleaned.

Our thanks to all those who are involved in shaping these areas to the benefit of our Newberry children.

4. High School Fundraising Initiative

Our High School students are planning ahead and are looking to raise funds through a weekly entrepreneurial exercise selling boerewors rolls and vegetarian rolls each Friday at the end of school. Funds raised in this way will go towards the cost of an end-of-year matric event they are working on.



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This initiative is planned completely by the students and we hope you will join us in assisting them in reaching their goals.

They will be selling boerewors rolls from this Friday 17 February 13h00 near the main gate. Boerewors rolls will be R 20.00 each and the vegetarian option will sell at R 30.00 each.

5. MySchool Card

Thank you for making use of your MySchool card through December and January. We raised R 2016.61 - a 100% increase from November 2016. Every swipe counts - thank you!

If there is anything you would like to have included in the Montessori Monday email, kindly drop me a line