



Newsletter 4/2021

2 March 2021

Dear Parents

This morning I had the privilege of watching from the sidelines as the school processed the children in the drop and go. I felt so proud of our systems, of the beautiful relationships that have formed between staff and parents and also of the fact that I get to be the leader of this amazing community!

Governing Body Elections 2021

The WCED draft regulations were published for comment until last Friday and now we wait for the law to be published. Once that happens, we can announce our online election date. Our electoral officer is Dave Campbell from Pinelands High School. If you are interested in standing for election and haven't done so already, please contact Tania or me for information.

School in Action Day online

Tomorrow we host our first ever online School in Action Day. Please see flyer attached.

Inclusive Practices' Open Day

If you have always wondered about how so many different children and adults can inhabit our space so cohesively, why not spend some time finding out? Wednesday, 17 March is the next online one, and you need to be available from 8:00 to 9:00. Contact lsadmin@pnps.co.za to book a place if you're interested.

Snapshots

Our 'Snapshots' newsletter focuses on the children and the 'successes' of the school and is written by Shereen Stadler every second week. If you have anything about your child that is worth us knowing about, and celebrating, email Shereen at shereenstadler@pnps.co.za for insertion in the next edition.

Website

Please view our website if you haven't this year. It is regularly updated with new or updated policies, information and photographs. If there is anything you have gone to our website for, and haven't found, please let me know so we can add that section while we are working on it. Our newsletters are always available, both on the website and on the Edana App.

Social Media

- We are working very hard on our Facebook page and we load at least 2 articles, photographs etc. every day. If you come across things you think PNPS parents, or the

families at Red Roots, might be interested in, please contact me with the links – thanks to the parents who have already been doing this!

- Please 'like' our Facebook pages – Pinelands North Primary and the Red Roots' one.

Music

Although we have 9 music teachers at Pinelands North, only Thomas de Bruin is paid by the Governing Body. The music fees that you pay these teachers, is the only money that they survive on from month to month. So, if they are not paid, they don't have any income. Our rule is that if fees are not paid on time, then pupils will not receive lessons, but we are loathe to do this as it is unfair to the child. If you are a parent owing fees for music, please pay up as soon as possible!

Uniforms

- A reminder that pupils should have a school hat or cap at school **every day**. We will remind your children to wear them, if you send them.

Navy cricket hats:	R120.00
Maroon peak cap:	R70.00
Maroon sun visor:	R65.00
- Although we sell girls' and boys' swimming costumes at our uniform shop, we have agreed that pupils may wear black UV tops too. Plain black suits are available at Sportsman's Warehouse and other sports stores, and these can be worn to extramurals or Physical Education lessons.
- The uniform 'cold weather' wear includes the rainproof jacket (which is also the tracksuit top), a round-necked jersey, and a sleeveless fleece body warmer, a long-sleeved fleece top, a beanie and a scarf. All other tracksuit tops and other fleece tops are not allowed.
- A reminder that children need to leave school fully clothed – children may not leave school in their bathing costumes or without shoes. Please do not allow your child to wander in the streets in half their uniforms either – the full school uniform (either sports uniform or school uniform) needs to be worn out in public places.
- A special thank you to parents who have donated quality second-hand clothing and in so doing, enable us to provide items of uniform to children whose parents might not be able to replace items.

Fetching and delivering children

- Thank you to all those amazing parents who continue to make our lives easier by following the traffic flow, parking in the correct spot, insisting on their children keeping their bags inside the car for ease of delivery and for the lovely relationship that has built between the staff and families because of their regular interactions! We continue to have a few frustrated neighbours but are trying very hard to assist them as much as possible.
- Please remember that children may not be dropped and left or exit a car before they have been scanned and processed. In the last few days, we had a few children who were dropped at the gate to enter on their own. Parents must wait until children have answered all the questions before they leave.

School fees

By now you will have received your school fee account. Fees must be paid by the 7th of each month regardless of any arrears. Statements are sent via email, and so if you haven't received a statement this year, we have your incorrect email address! Please contact Crystal urgently if this is the case. If you have not paid yet, please ensure that we receive this payment as soon as possible. Our Bursar

will be following up if monthly payments are not made, so avoid the need for the extra call and pay your fees regularly. We expect our parents to use our debit order system to help keep track of payments. Contact Tania for forms if you haven't completed one. A reminder that completed fee remission forms should already have been returned, and that our reduced fee offer ended last week too.

School Photographs

A brown envelope from Colin Sunkel Photography has been sent home with your children today. Please keep a lookout for it. These envelopes are used to order and pay for individual photos of your children. We will allow for the ordering of class photos via the Karri app at a later stage. The individual photographs will be taken on 24 March 2021, so please return your order and the correct money (R100 per set) in the envelope by 17 March 2021. The photographer has asked that we encourage you to read the instructions on the envelope carefully in order to avoid confusion on the day. Only once we have received payment, will your child be photographed. Please note that all pupils will have ID sized photos taken on the day but the packs will only be provided to those families that have placed an order via these brown envelopes.

Tutoring

We are looking for a willing and capable member of the PNPS community to teach extra Afrikaans lessons. The lessons will take place after school and can be done on the school premises. Alternatively, lessons could be held at the child's home if this is preferred. Stanley Chilambe is currently providing Maths tutoring for our Senior Phase pupils. Should you be needing extra Maths lessons for your child, please contact Stan on 079 543 1958. We are also needing a Maths tutor for the Foundation Phase. Please contact lsadmin@pnps.co.za should this be something that interests you.

Ashoka

Following up on our Ashoka accreditation as a Changemaker school, Ashoka made funding available for Maggie Lemere, an oral historian and story teller, along with Nathan Golon, the director of Photography with Goodfight Media, who are both based in Washington DC, to make a movie about our school. Pinelands North was chosen to represent all Changemaker schools in Africa, to show what is possible with limited resources and a brave commitment to educating the whole child. In November 2014 for one week, they observed everything that the children and staff do that makes our school the empathetic, creative, problem-solving and socially aware school it is! The story line focused on David White, the first pupil with special needs who was enrolled at Pinelands North in 1998, who set the tone for the inclusive school we are today.



The movie, telling the Pinelands North story, was released and is available on YouTube, Everyone a Changemaker: The Story of Pinelands North at youtu.be/m92tLcVU6u8. This movie got more than 3000 views in its first four days! The feedback we have received is a hope-filled story about a well-functioning school in South Africa, so watch it and become inspired. The movie is also available at africa.ashoka.org

Safety at school

Please be advised that we are displaying signage on our school premises depicting that there is Asbestos on the site. This forms part of our school safety compliancy. Part of our school roofing is constructed of asbestos and, based on the WCED contractors who carried out maintenance on the

school a few years ago, it was confirmed that there is absolutely no risk for your family. Here is a picture of what the signage looks like.



Holiday care

Remember that Pinelands North offers care for all of our children during the holidays. Your children do not need to be part of Aftercare to participate! Remember too, that you can book your children in for some, or all of the days, even if you have leave. Parents are allowed days off too! The children love spending time during the holidays doing fun, themed activities with their friends! The programme and booking form for the April holidays will be published in Newsletter 5, which will come out on Tuesday, 16 March. The Holiday Programme will run from 28 until 30 April.

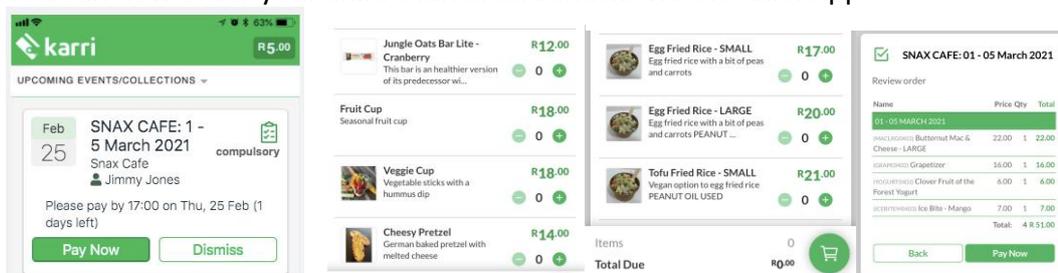
Early Act

Thank you to all the families who have donated towards our SPCA drive. Please remember that the drive will end this Friday, 5 March. The class that collects the largest amount will win a free civvies day! Another huge thank you to all the families who have been supporting our Food Fridays! We will continue every Friday. This Friday we will be selling packs of pizza bases for R40 and packs of rotis for R30.

Megan Culligan

SnaX Cafe

You can now order your child's lunch and snacks via the Karri App!



Applications 2022

- A reminder that applications for 2022 opened on Friday and are only open for a month until 26 March. As almost all our classes are completely filled to capacity, families who apply need to realise that there is a slim chance of their children being accepted, and only Pinelands families will be interviewed initially, and only if there is space in the grade anyway. Applications will be accepted by reception during the school day, between 8:30 and 13:30, to avoid the school drop and collection processes.
- The WCED online application process will also need to be filled in so once the paper application has been handed in, the link to the online application website will be given and the information will need to be populated there too.

Recycling

- Please encourage your children to take responsibility for litter lying around our streets. While collecting recycling at home, send your children to walk up and down your street, picking up anything that could be recycled. If everybody looked after their little patch of the earth, we would find a lot less lying around.
- Why don't you challenge your family to change their behaviour to include recycling and in 20 days each of your family will continue this practice forever!

Are you up for a challenge?

Various people and organisations over SA are planting spekboom as part of the [#SpekboomChallenge](#). According to The Spekboom Foundation, the spekboom's capacity to offset harmful carbon emissions is compared to that of moist, subtropical forests. This remarkable plant is unique in that it stores solar energy to perform photosynthesis at night. This makes a spekboom thicket 10 times more effective per hectare at carbon fixing than any tropical rainforest. We would like to encourage each PNPS family to start planting these amazing plants in their gardens, on the verges and donating small plants to the school so we can plant them everywhere we can. If you do start planting, why not take a photograph of the family participating in the challenge and send it to it@pnps.co.za? We will then use these photographs on our school FaceBook page over the next few months.

MySchool

A free MySchool card can be obtained in any one of the following ways:

- online: www.myschool.co.za
- complete a MySchool application form at the school
- call: 0860 100 445 (Monday to Friday, between 08:00 and 17:00) for assistance
- via the MySchool App
- via a free SMS (JOIN) to 31231
- at any Woolworths store

Yours sincerely



ANN MORTON
Principal



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Make Every Swipe Count!
Use your card next time you shop at any partner store. The store gives back a percentage of your shopping to the school, charity, animal or environmental organisations you chose. It doesn't cost you a cent.

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Pinelands North Primary School

Virtual Open Day

3 March 2021

Live Between

9:00-13:45

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(Tuesdays @7:15-8:16pm)
- 🥰 **Step Fitness**
(Wednesdays @7-8pm)
- 🥰 **Adult Social Ballroom & Latin**
(Thursdays @7-7:45pm)

KIDS CLASSES:

- 🥰 **Dance Fit: dance forms including
zumba and yoga**
(Wednesdays @5:15-6pm)
- 🥰 **Kids Social Ballroom & Latin**
(Thursdays @6:15-7pm)
- 🥰 **Dance Fit: dance forms including
zumba and yoga**
(Fridays @5-5:45pm)
- 🥰 **Hip Hop**
(Fridays @5:45-6:30pm)

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SPORT FOR TOTS PRESENTED BY HPC

Join us every Friday for our new sport FUNdamental's program focusing on grassroots young athletes and Physical education hosted by HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHING

OBJECTIVE: THIS PROGRAM WILL BE FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING GRASS ROOT LEVEL SKILLS NEEDED IN SPORT. FROM KICKING, THROWING, CATCHING AND STRIKING A BALL TO RUNNING, JUMPING AND BALANCING CORRECTION TRAINING.

EXTRAS: EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHING T SHIRT AS WELL, WHEN YOU SIGN UP TO THE PROGRAM

WE ARE MAKING SURE YOUR KIDS COME TO HAVE FUN WHILE LEARNING THE BASIC SKILLS NEEDED FOR SPORT OF ALL KINDS. THIS IS OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS BETWEEN THE GRADES OF 1-4 .WE ALL CALLING ALL ATHLETES AND NON- ATHLETES TO TAKE PART IN THIS NEW EXCITING INITIATIVE.

ALL PROTOCOLS WILL TAKE PLACE PRE, DURING AND POST SESSION. PLEASE ARRIVE WITH YOUR MASK ON, YOUR CHILD WILL THEN BE GIVEN DIRECTIVES ON THE **CORRECT COVID 19** ETIQUETE

DETAILS NEEDED FOR TAKING PART IN THE PROGRAM:

START DATE AND TIME: 5.12.19,26 MARCH 2021. FROM 14:30 - 15:30 PM

VENUE: PINELANDS NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORT FIELD

EMAIL: INFOHPCOACHING@GMAIL.COM

SOCIAL MEDIA: HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHING (FACEBOOK) AND @HPC SPORT (INSTAGRAM)

PAYMENT: R300 FOR ALL 4 WEEKS. PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR CHILDS PARTICIPATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ONCE PAYMENT BEEN MADE PLEASE SEND PROOF OF PAYMENT TO EMAIL SHOWN ABOVE WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME, SURNAME AND GRADE

EFT DETAILS:

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HPC SPORT CLINIC

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