



Pinelands North Primary School
Newsletter 8/2021

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Dear Parents

4 May 2021

Thank you to all families who contributed to our collection for the fire department at the end of last term. Within one day we had collected two boxes of goodies which were taken to Salt River Fire Station on the Tuesday afternoon. Our Early Act also gave a donation to the SPCA to support animals who had been caught in the fire. A few of our school families live in Walmer Estate and some staff were also in the fire line on Sunday and Monday, but all came out unscathed. Our thoughts are with UCT, in particular, for the loss they incurred.

Thank you too to all those family members who volunteered to assist the staff with the traffic when entering and exiting school, and to those who have offered to sit and work at Snax Café to assist the staff with playground duties. Thanks Jacqui for putting this all together for us!

Social media: Primary schools to return full time

During the school holidays much was said on social media about the fact that all primary school pupils should be at school every day. Although we all agree with this sentiment, the truth of the matter is that this is not the law. An education and medical committee continues to evaluate the threat and the needs of children to be at school, as they have throughout the pandemic.

A letter from the new HOD of WCED received during the holiday, says that actually no school may have 100% return until they have applied to the WCED and been assessed to ensure that the social distances will not be tampered with. Referring to the Regulations made under the Disaster Management Act 2002, he reiterated that only when the ruling of 1m/1,5m is changed, can all children in South Africa attend school at the same time again. Since PNPS is the smallest school space but largest in pupil numbers in Pinelands, this means that the SGB was correct in not bringing back all our pupils this term.

Governing Body

Here is a table with the details of all the newly elected SGB members:

Gouwa Ebrahim – Chairperson	gouwaebrahim@gmail.com
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Family counselling

We are aware of several families who, for different reasons, are encountering loss and sadness. Please remember that the school Learning Support Department has access to resources for families as well as children. If you wish to be put in contact with some specialised help, please email Tina at lsadmin@pnps.co.za for details.

Term 2 sport

We have started a Sports Clinic for grade 6 and 7 taking place on a Thursday from 14:30 until 15:30. It will be focusing on hockey and netball, with the first session being hockey and the second netball. These two codes will continue to alternate on a bi-weekly basis. All children need to remain for the full school day including their sports hour from 14:00 to 15:00, regardless of whether they are fasting or ill.

Navigating the curve

Our Learning Support department runs a workshop called Navigating the Curve. This focuses on supporting parents in the transition from the Foundation Phase into the Intermediate Phase. This year's workshop will take place on Wednesday, 5 May from 17:00 and 18:00 via Google Meet. Please RSVP through our Google form sent out last term. If you are unable to attend the live meeting, we will make the recording available to all parents. See flyer on page 5 of this newsletter.

Report returns

All reports should be returned by this Friday. They were available on the Edana app from the end of last term. Please print, add your comment and return to teachers. If your child is in grade 6 or 7, please keep another printed copy for high school applications.

Second Term dates

This term is shorter than term 1 and ends on 9 July, with the winter holiday of 2 weeks after that, from 10 – 25 July. Youth Day is the only school holiday: on Wednesday, 16 June.

Healthy Living

Please be reminded that we have healthy snack breaks during the day. Good snacks are fruit, veggies, biltong or something light. If you have healthy snack ideas, please email them to Shereen and she'll share them with the parent body.

Can you help?

Wandile Funani, one of our Presidential Interns, has decided to use his granny's garden in Gugulethu, to change his life and those of his community, after finding out about healthy living from our school. Now that his contract is at an end, he is planning on building ecobricks, planting seeds and indigenous plants, and teaching children in the area to live more healthily. If you can assist him in any way, you could contact him on 071 248 5015.

Solidarity Fund

We have again been gifted bags of wood (kindling or fire starters) to sell in order to bolster the Solidarity Fund. The purpose of this fund is to support our families in need. Last year the sale of the wood was very popular and the demand was more than we could supply, so don't miss out. The

bags will be sold at R25 each and will be put on Karri from tomorrow. Please make use of this opportunity to get ready for the cold winter days.

Early Act

Early Act will be kicking off the second term with Slipper Day on Friday 7 May! Slipper Day is a campaign run by the *Reach for A Dream* Foundation – an organization which encourages children to use their dreams to fight life-threatening illnesses and tries, as far as possible, to make these dreams come true.



Not all Heroes Wear Capes is the running theme of the campaign and is a fitting reminder that our brave children and all our doctors, nurses and their families are the true heroes of this time. Last year Slipper Day had to be postponed due to COVID-19 and as a result, has had a devastating impact on the foundation as a whole. This year *Reach for A Dream* is determined that dreams cannot be locked down and would like to encourage all Slipper Day supporters to gear up and get ready by purchasing a supporter sticker for only R20. For every sticker purchased, you can enjoy a free Famous Wimpy Coffee on Slipper Day. Bring your R20 to school, wear your favourite slippers and let's support this amazing cause together! The Karri App may not be used for this event, it will be cash only.

Our next fundraiser will be for *Lerato's Hope*. *Lerato's Hope* is a Pinelands-based grassroots organisation that seeks to mobilise everyday people into action to aid vulnerable children and families in Cape Town. Every year they support their outreach partners in Thabo Mbeki Community, located in the Lower Crossroads township area, through a stationery drive.

Visit <https://web.leratoshope.org.za/> for more info.

From Monday 10 May onwards, we will be doing a stationery collection for them. If every child would be able to bring one item from the below stationery list, it would make the world of difference to these children and families! A collection box will be placed in the front entrance of the school by the fish tank.

Stationery needed:

- *Quality HB pencils*
- *Glue sticks*
- *Small scissors*
- *Exam pads*
- *Pens*
- *Erasers*



Food Fridays will also continue this term. We thank you all for the generosity that has been shown thus far!

"No one has ever become poor by giving" – Anne Frank

School development plan

During 2018 we created and ratified our last school strategic plan. The DBE now expects schools to create a 'development plan' every year which focuses on the most urgent 'to do' items for the school. Because we have always created the next strategic plan from the ideas sent by parents and staff, we had a draft strategic plan for 2021-2024 which has now been analysed and a draft school development plan has been presented to the new Governing Body for discussion.

Because there will be very little extra money to fund the 'nice to haves' over the next few years, this Governing Body are going to have to be very conservative in the plan they ratify. If you have sent me ideas over the past few years, I promise they are there, waiting for the right opportunity. If you have further ideas for improvement in any area of school life, and want that added to the draft plan for the future, please email me asap.

Enrolments 2022

We sent the first round of acceptances, for Red Roots 2022, out yesterday, as did the other preschools and schools in Pinelands. The due date for responses is 24 May.

Yours sincerely



Ann Morton
Principal



NAVIGATING THE CURVE

A GUIDE FOR GRADE 4



DATE: 5 MAY 2021
GOOGLE MEET: 5:00-6:00

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED...
A BOOST IN CONFIDENCE?
AN OUTLET FOR CREATIVITY?

SPEECH & DRAMA

Join us for loads of fun while we build **confidence**, enhance **social skills**, improve **speech habits**, develop **creativity**, encourage **self-expression** and release **emotions** in a safe setting.



Friday's in the School Hall

Grade R: 13:30-14:00 R500 per term

Grade 1-3: 14:00-14:45 R550 per term

Grade 4-7: 14:45-15:45 R600 per term



Try out your first lesson for
FREE!

Friday 14 May in the School Hall

Contact Jessica

083 443 4891
jess@actitout.co.za





Support TEARS Animal Rescue with the Purrrfect Mother’s Day Gift!

TEARS provides a sanctuary for companion animals in need, striving to end homelessness, neglect and abuse in the communities we serve through medical assistance, humane education, rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming.

Pinelands North Primary can make a real difference by encouraging its student to shop for their Mother’s day gift from the *TEARS Online Shop*.

- Purchasing from the *TEARS Online Shop* means profits go into helping animals in need and assist TEARS in operating its animal outreach, **rescue, treat, rehab and rehome** services at a time when they’re most needed.

Talented local artist, animal lover and TEARS volunteer, Tracy Shaw, is creating custom digital pet portraits that are delivered in a vector format so that they can be printed at high-quality. Shop for Mom and for Everything Pet at https://tears.org.za/online-shop/?swoof=1&product_cat=gifts



Mother's Day
celebrate cat moms & dog moms!

get a CUSTOM
pet portrait
and support TEARS
at the same time

There are two options the purrrfect gift for mom:

- 🐾 Purchase a digital pet portrait for R400 🐱🐶
- 🐾 Purchase a digital pet portrait and a custom printed mug with your pet portrait on it for R600 🍵

Please allow a 2 week turnaround time from order to delivery of portraits and mugs.



**Yours in Paws,
The TEARS Team**

Ms Felmore's Art Club



COME AND JOIN

Art Through the Ages

Term 2 Art Club

This term, I am offering various art workshops for children and adults alike! I am offering a Foundation Phase Art Club (Grades 1 - 3) and an Intermediate to Senior Phase Art Club (Grades 4 - 7) as well as an Adult Art Workshop on Saturdays. From hands-on crafts to drawing and painting, all of our workshops are loads of fun! Each class consists of 10 slots maximum, so that COVID protocols can be observed.

List of Activities

- Acrylic Painting
- Craft Activities
- Drawing Fundamentals
- Origami and Paper Crafts
- Watercolour Painting
- Art History Knowledge Development

Venue

PNPS Art Room

Cost

- FOUNDATION PHASE: R40 a lesson x 8 lessons (R320)
- INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR PHASE: R40 a lesson x 8 lessons (R320)
- ADULT ART WORKSHOP: R80 a lesson x 8 lessons (R640)

Payments can be made by EFT only. Please email me for EFT details once you have received confirmation that you or your child has secured a spot in Art Club this term.

Schedule

Each Art Club lasts for eight sessions of one hour for each session. Our Saturday Art Workshop consists of eight sessions for two hours for each session. All lessons begin on the week of 10 - 15 May 2021.

Choose from the following schedules:

- FOUNDATION PHASE: Mondays (2.15 - 3.15)
- INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR PHASE: Wednesdays (2.15 - 3.15)
- ADULT ART WORKSHOP: Saturdays (10 am - 12 pm)

Please Bring

- Art Apron
- A snack

Sign up by contacting me at art@pnps.co.za