

PINELANDS NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents

Staff

- Wednesday, 1 September, is Secretaries' Day. Remember to thank your secretaries and remind your children to visit the school admin staff to thank them for the part they play in the life of the school.

- **Long service Awards**

This year loads of staff will be receiving certificates because of their long service at our school.

Those who have been here 5 years are:

Candice van Zyl

Tamsin Carelse

Ashleigh Craig

Joanne Peers

Caroline Eriksen

Crystal Dougall

Edwin de Kock

Nooronesa Lewis

Mzolisi Matshalilanga

Veronica, Nkhlahle

Shereen Stadler, our deputy, has been with us for 15 years and I have been at this school for 25 years, and am the longest serving principal of PNPS by 5 years! I certainly have loved my 25 year journey at this school!

Budget meeting

Another reminder of our annual September meeting: please diarise **28 September 19:30 Bob Shepherd Hall**. The Governing Body is meeting tonight to finalise the budget. A summary will be sent home tomorrow with details of the proposed increases for 2022.

Numbers for 2022

Thanks to the families who have already informed us of their plans. If you haven't already done so, please inform us asap about your family's association with the school in 2022. Most of our classes already have 34 children which means that only when parents inform us that they will be leaving, will a space become available for a new child. We ask that all reply slips are returned by 17 September please.

Covid updates

- Please remember that once you have been in direct contact with somebody who tests positive, you need to isolate, regardless of whether you or your family show symptoms. We do, however, need to know that your children are isolating, so please call Erica or email admin@pnps.co.za.
- The WCED has initiated a Life Orientation Vaccine Advocacy for teachers to help spread information with regards to the vaccine. Look forward to some interesting conversations with your children.

- There are rumours going around that the October holiday will be scrapped. I cannot believe that the DBE is so isolated from schools and schooling that they might even think this is a good option. Please do not worry about this issue now...as usual PNPS will do what is good for our families and children...

Responsibility for library books

Please reinforce with your children the need to be responsible in returning library books on time, and in keeping library books safe. Please take time to visit your local library with your children, join and then try to visit the library every two weeks. Habits like these last a lifetime!

Learning Support

The Techniques for Approaching Assessment Workshop is taking place via Zoom between 17:00 and 18:00 tomorrow evening. See flyer on page 5 of this newsletter.

Conquesta

Conquesta will be written in the hall on the mornings of 13 -16 September.

NS Olympiad

The dates for the NS Olympiad have changed from Term 3 to Term 4. The new dates are as follows:

- Grades 4, 5 & 6 – 19 October 2021
- Grade 7 – 21 October 2021

Grade 7 Market Day

On Tuesday, 31 August the grade 7s will be having their Entrepreneurial Day with the theme of 'The R10 market', where every product will cost less than R10. In keeping with COVID protocols, the children will not be making products at home and bringing them to school to sell. They will be selling ready packaged products (snacks, toys, stationery or accessories), which will be sanitized before they are sold. 'Healthy Eating' will not be the focus for this event. The tuckshop will remain open for food. Because we also need to adhere to the number of pupils in one space at a time, sales will happen throughout the day.

WCED Training of Readers and Scribes

Last term a number of our teacher interns, Aftercare staff as well as facilitators attended the Readers and Scribes training course which was presented by the WCED. This course equips one to read and scribe for children who have concessions for assessments, from Grade 1 up to Matric. We appeal to any parents, retired teachers, and competent community members to be trained as readers and scribes. The following requirements are essential to qualify to do the course:

- Readers should have Matric for Primary School and Grades 8 & 9 pupils and Post Matric Qualifications for Grades 10 - 12. Furthermore, they would need good vision, hearing, and written skills (spelling) are essential.
- The next course will be held on **Saturday 11 September 2021, at Queen's Park High School, between 08:30- 13:00.**

Should you be interested in attending this course, please email Haley Holton at haleyholton@pnps.co.za for more information.

Arbor Week

South Africa celebrates Arbor Week in the first week of September annually and this year we plan to add plants to our vegetable garden. We will gladly receive packets of seeds or plants for this project.

Early Act

Casual Day is on Friday, 3 September. The theme for this year is **COURAGE+KINDNESS**. If a sticker is purchased, children can come to school dressed in something that makes them feel brave. The kindness part of the outfit will come from purchasing and wearing the sticker. Since this event is on a Friday, the grade 5's will be having their Casual Day on Thursday, 2 September as they are off on Fridays.

Red Roots

If there are any past Red Roots families who still have Red Roots uniform that you are willing to donate, please could you drop it off at Red Roots by 27 August 2021.

Our Thanks

Thanks for always being willing to interact positively with the staff! We are grateful to those parents who assist with morning drop-offs, afternoon collections, as well as with needlework and reading. Last week some grades received unexpected gifts from parents for braving the rainy weather. This show of gratitude is what makes our school so special.



Uniform Shop

- Remember that Lynn is happy with email orders for uniform if you are unable to come to the shop on the first Thursday afternoon of every month.
- A reminder too that the online shop allows you to purchase uniform at any time. Follow the link to [Uniform Shop](#)
- Good secondhand clothing can be handed in to the uniform shop to be sold on your behalf. If you wish to donate the secondhand uniform to be given to children whose families struggle financially, indicate that in the packet when handing in to Erica at the office.

Karri

Please use the Karri App to make payments whenever it is offered as an option. A cash free school means a safer environment for the children and staff. Karri is powered by Nedbank, meaning your money is ALWAYS secure.

Holidays 2022

Before making holiday arrangements for 2022, please check all term dates because they are very unusual again next year.

Term	Opens	Closes
First	17 January 2022 (educators) 19 January 2022 (learners)	25 March 2022
Second	05 April 2022	24 June 2022
Third	19 July 2022	30 September 2022
Fourth	11 October 2022	14 December 2022 (learners) 15 December 2022 (educators)

School Yearbook

The preparations for our annual school yearbook are in full swing. Should you be interested in advertising in this annual magazine, please contact Jill at hadmin@pnps.co.za for the form.

The exact costs are as follows:

- full page colour advertisement @ R1300

- full page black & white advertisement @ R1000
- half page colour advertisement @ R940
- half page black & white advertisement @ R530
- quarter page colour advertisement @ R530
- quarter page black & white advertisement @ R330
- colour insert advertisement @ R220
- Black and white insert advertisement @ R175
- Families can also 'sponsor' a page in the magazine.

Pages can also be **sponsored** by a group of friends – divide the cost of the page between you! Please see the advert at the end of this newsletter for sponsorship price options. Complete the following google form if you would like to sponsor a page: <https://forms.gle/zJfnyM4SG1XyZWSw6>

Yours sincerely



ANN MORTON
Principal

YUMMY SNACKS FOR LEARNERS & PARENTS @ R315

Click on the below link to place your Montagu Smile Snackbox order.

Valid until **6 AUG 2021** * Thanks for supporting our school!



Mango Fruity Bears 50g, Mixed Berry Fruity Bears 40g, Strawberry Fruity Bears 40g, Peach Fruit Flakes 40g, Apple Fruit Flakes 40g, Rooibos Fruit Cubes 50g, Blueberry Fruit Cubes 50g, 2 x Corn Chutney 40g, 2 x Fruit Drops 50g, 2 x Choc Peanuts 50g, 2 x Pretzel, Peanut & Choc Snack 50g, 2 x Yog Peanuts 50g, 2 x Wine Gums 60g, 3 x Choc Eggs 50g



PNIPS

Pinelands North Primary School

*Techniques for Approaching
Assessment: Part 2*

*Hosted by: Joanne Peers and Haley
Holton*

*5pm-6pm via Zoom
Cost of R50 per family*

Date: Wednesday, 25 August 2021





Show your support!

Pinelands North Primary School

YEARBOOK

PAGE SPONSORSHIPS ARE NOW ON SALE

Dear Family and Friends

We would like to offer you a chance to sponsor a page in the annual school yearbook. Each year we invite family members and friends to sponsor a page for and from anyone they choose. Your contribution enables us to ensure that the yearbook remains affordable for everyone, and makes our book more personal as well.

Below is a pricing guide, as well as some examples of messages which could be placed in the yearbook - be as creative as you wish! We will place your message on a page that features the pupil you are sponsoring.

"GOLD" SPONSOR - R175

An individual page with two lines of text.

"This page has been generously sponsored by (Message)"

This page is sponsored by the grandparents of Kaylee Atwood.

This page is sponsored by the parents of Jake Freeman.

"SILVER" SPONSOR - R125

A shared page with another Silver Sponsor - one line of text.

"This page is sponsored by (Name)"

This page is sponsored by Ashton Porter's dog Mr. Hobbs.

This page is sponsored by Cassie's Albright's friend Shelly Thompson.

"BRONZE" SPONSOR - R100

Name listed on a sponsor page with a list of other sponsors.

This page is sponsored by Jamie Fleer's Aunt Mary and Uncle Harry.

This page is sponsored by Alex Wright's sister Annie.

Should you be interested in sponsoring a page, or wish to find out more, please call Jill Pasqualle at the school or email hadmin@pnps.co.za.