

NEWSLETTER 01/2013 – 10 JANUARY 2013

Dear Parents / Guardians



Welcome back to all our learners, staff and parents after the holidays. We trust that everyone is well rested and ready to meet the challenges of the year ahead. A very warm welcome is extended to all our new learners and parents, especially all our new Grade R and Grade 1 learners. We hope that you will all soon feel at home at our school

We encourage all parents to be part of the Glenstantia family and become involved in the activities of the school. We encourage participation by the children and therefore have a wide variety of extra and co-curricular activities from which they can select. They are encouraged to take part in at least one extramural activity.

Please attend the Parent Information evenings scheduled for your grade in the weeks to come. Please contact educators to discuss any situation concerning your child. I also have an open door policy and parents are welcome to contact me or bring anything to my attention.

Children should be on time for the start of the school day at 07:30.

Please ensure that you have made proper arrangements for your child to go home after school and extramurals as the school cannot take responsibility for your child's safety after school hours.

Learners are encouraged to start immediately with any academic work and not to fall behind. All learners have been allocated to 'houses' and the first inter-house event of the year – the gala – will take place on Friday, 1 February. Team selection will take place next week.

At Glenstantia we realize the importance of having all our learners 'water-safe' and our Foundation Phase learners participate in 'learn to swim' classes during school hours. With a school of this size, however, it is not possible to give each child as much time as we would like and we urge parents to share in this responsibility. Please take your children for private swimming lessons and ensure that your child is safe around a swimming pool. We wish our entire school community a very happy and successful year and trust that we will all 'Strive Joyfully' to give our children the very best education possible.



PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTION OF LEARNERS

All gates around the school are opened at 13:35 for learners to leave at the end of the school day. The gates are closed again at 14:00.

The following applies to learners being fetched after 14:00 each day.

- **Only After School Centre learners may be collected from the pedestrian gate (gate number 2) at the After School Centre in Anton van Wouw Street.**
- **All other learners waiting to be collected, or waiting to be collected after extramural activities must make use of the pedestrian gate in Neveling Street or John Scott Street.**
- **Please do not wait for your child outside the classroom.**

A Gate monitor is on duty at the ASC gate in Anton van Wouw street from 14:00 to 17:00

SCHOLAR PATROL

Learners may only cross the road where there is a Scholar Patrol (from 07:00) and we ask motorists to please obey and respect these Grade 6 learners and educators performing their duties. Please adhere to all traffic rules and school regulations to ensure the safety of our children.





STAFF NEWS



We welcome the following new educators and hope that they will have a happy and fruitful time with us: Ms Corradi (Gr 2C), Ms De Vlamingh (Gr 2V), Mrs De Waal (Gr 4D), Ms Nagel (Gr 4K), Ms Nigrini (Gr 3N), Mrs Thompson (Gr 2T), Mrs Venter (Gr 7A), Mrs Viljoen (Gr 1V) and Ms Willers (Gr 6W)

We also welcome Mr Setlhabi to the Finance Office and Mr Aphane and Mr Pulumo as our new General Assistants.

Congratulations to Mrs. Zeelie who has been appointed Acting Deputy Principal.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you to all the parents for participating in our Email Correspondence Questionnaire in October 2012.

A vast majority of families have provided us with an email address. This will therefore be their last hard copy Newsletter. Please don't be alarmed, the Newsletter is still available on the School Communicator or at the School Office.

For the handful of families who unfortunately do not have access to internet or emails, we will send a hard copy home with your eldest child in the school.

Please remember to keep the school informed of any changes in email addresses, home addresses or telephone numbers.

GENERAL

SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR

~~NEW VERSION AVAILABLE – DOWNLOAD NOW TO AVOID MISSING OUT ON IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!~~

Download the new version from www.school-communicator.com, downloads section.

The School Communicator can be loaded on as many Computers as you desire. As per The D6 Support Team's statistics the School Communicator should use no more than 35Mb a month (roughly the size of about 5 or 6 mp3s). This is based on the Communicator updating every 10 minutes and running 24 hours a day. It will use even less bandwidth if the computer / internet connection is switched off at night.

We will add information / content which will automatically update onto your communicator. Every day when you turn your computer on *and receive an internet connection* it will pop open with news, calendar events, pictures, contacts and resources where files will be uploaded for you to click on and read. It is extremely user friendly.

If you have any concerns and/or for any support or installation problems contact The D6 Support team on 0860 22 11 36 or support@school-communicator.com

Please contact The D6 Support team if your work is not allowing you to install the School Communicator. The D6 Support Team will send a letter that explains what the School Communicator is about. All banks have allowed parents to install, so there should be no reason why companies would have a problem with the School Communicator.

The School Communicator has gone mobile too! You can access the School Communicator on your cell phone! Get all the great features and news instantly while on the go. Go to <http://schoolcommunicator.mobi> on your cell phone and select Glenstantia from the dropdown list. You will be able to view the content that appears on the School Communicator at that time. Please note that attachments under Resources (such as homework items) cannot be opened on your cell phone.

LOCKERS

R80.00 for the year must be paid to the finance office. Learners must provide their own padlocks. There is a limited amount available.

UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM THE TUCKSHOP

The tuckshop will be open Monday to Friday between 08:00 – 13:00. No exceptions. The price for the following items has increased: KDA Golf shirts – R100.00, KDA shorts – R90.00

SECOND-HAND SHOP

The second hand shop will be open Monday to Friday between 08:00 – 13:00. No exceptions.

AFTER SCHOOL CENTRE

There is still space available for Grades 5, 6 and 7. Please contact Mesdames Nortje / Edwards at the Finance Office.

2013 EDUCATIONAL TOURS

The following educational tours have been organized for 2013.

| GRD | TOUR | DATE | DEPOSIT | DUE BY | TOTAL | DUE BY |
|-----|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|----------|
| | Prefect camp Upendi | 18-20 January | | | R850-00 | 15 Jan |
| | Snr Choir Camp | 22 – 24 Feb | - | - | R550.00* | 1 Feb |
| 3 | Wag 'n Bietjie | 21 – 22 October 23 – 24 October | R290.00 | 1 July | R590.00* | 1 Sept |
| 4 | Klein Kariba | 17 - 19 April | R300.00 | 1 March | R850.00* | 1 April |
| 5 | Bush Pigs | 16 – 19 April | R400.00 | 1 Feb | R1,025.00* | 13 March |
| 6 | KZN Natalia | 27 – 31 May | R700.00 | 1 March | R2,000.00* | 1 May |
| 7 | T.O Strand (south coast) | 13 – 17 May | R600.00 | 1 Feb | R1,750.00* | 30 April |
| 7 | Valley of Waves | November | - | - | R260.00* | 1 Nov |

* Please note that all these amounts are estimations and subject to change. Changes will be communicated in Newsletters, on the School Communicator and via your child.

SPORT NEWS

SWIM-OFFS FOR TERM 1 – 2013 – Dates and times subject to change

Swim-offs will be held again on the following dates due to absenteeism when we did this at the end of last year and for the benefit of our new learners.

| | | | |
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| Day 2 | Friday 11 January | Grade 4 | Mrs Jordaan |
| Day 3 | Monday 14 January | Grade 5 | Mrs O'Kelly |
| Day 4 | Tuesday 15 January | Grade 6 | Mrs O'Kelly |
| Day 5 | Wednesday 16 January | Grade 7+3 | Mrs Jordaan |
| Day 6 | Thursday 17 January | Grade 2 | Mrs Jordaan |
| Day 1 | Friday 18 January | Grade 1 | Mrs Jordaan |

Yours faithfully

H.P.J. PRETORIUS

Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*“Your attitude is an expression of your values,
beliefs and expectations.”*

- Unknown



REMINDER - AN EASY WAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL

The following companies support Glenstantia Primary School through loyalty programmes:

MASTER MATHS



CNS – Commission and sponsorship.



MAKRO SILVER LAKES – Please link your card to our school.



MYSCHOOL – Thank you to all our supporters who use their MySchool card.

NB MAKRO AND MY SCHOOL CARDS – forms are available from Reception



Due to the volume of learners at the school the children's birthdays will be displayed in the tunnel at the school and a list will be available on the School Communicator on a monthly basis.



Happy birthday wishes go to the following staff members who have already celebrated their birthdays this year, as well to those who are celebrating their birthday this coming week:

You have to get older, but you don't have to grow up.

1 January – Mr Mabogwane (GA) & Mr Mayema (GA), 7 January – Mrs Bhatt,
12 January – Mrs Snyman, 16 January – Mrs Zeelie

DATES TO REMEMBER – JANUARY 2013 (Changes may be made)

| | | |
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| Tuesday | 1 January | Mr Mabogwane's birthday (General Assistant) |
| | 1 January | Mr Mayema's birthday (General Assistant) |
| Monday | 7 January | Mrs Bhatt's birthday |
| Wednesday | 9 January | Term 1 starts |
| Saturday | 12 January | Mrs Snyman's birthday (Music) |
| Monday | 14 January | Extra Murals start |
| Tuesday | 15 January | Grade 2 & 3 Information Evening (in class) at 18:00 |
| Wednesday | 16 January | Grade R & 1 Information Evening at 18:00 (hall) |
| | 16 January | PA Meeting at 18:30 in staff room |
| | 16 January | Mrs Zeelie's birthday (Acting Deputy Principal) |
| Fri – Sun | 18 – 20 Jan | Prefect camp to Upendi |
| Monday | 21 January | SGB meeting at 18:00 |
| Tuesday | 22 January | Grade R & 1 Interviews by invitation only. |
| | 22 January | Mrs Gresse's birthday (Admin Office) |
| Wednesday | 23 January | Grade 1 Interviews by invitation only |
| | 23 January | Mr Mohlamonyane's birthday (General Assistant) |
| Friday | 25 January | Photo day - Individuals |
| | 25 January | Cake & Candy – Grades 2 & 6 |
| Tuesday | 29 January | Grade 4 & 5 Information Evening at 18:00 |
| Wednesday | 30 January | Grade 6 & 7 Information Evening at 18:00 |
| | 30 January | Mrs Nortje's birthday (Finance Office) |