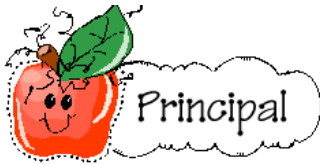


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NEWSLETTER 02/2013 – 17 JANUARY 2013

Dear Parents / Guardians

This is our very first electronic newsletter and we hope that by using this method our communication with you might be easier and actually reach you and not stay in the school bag or end up in the drain.

We trust all new learners and parents are settling in well and becoming familiar with their new routine.

There are some things we, as parents, know but need to be reminded of often. The most important one of all is to spend enough time with your child and to enquire about their day, lessons and friends. This must be kept up throughout the year and not only at the start.

We are already finding some learners who do not have the correct stationery and who are not covering their books. Please support your child by providing for these necessities.

Please check your child's homework diary daily for homework and to monitor his or her progress.

The school will attempt to provide additional thick plastic pockets to protect the new text books. All children must participate in swimming during the Physical Education and Training (PET) lessons. This forms part of the Life Orientation mark. We urgently appeal to parents to ensure that their children pack in a swimming costume and cap for these days.

We encourage all parents to attend the Parent Evenings during the following weeks with the teachers in their classrooms. The grade 4 – 7 parents will first meet in the hall for a short presentation where after they will go to the register teacher's classroom for further information.

The due dates for tour deposits are at the end of the month. Please do not miss this.

NOTICE OF THE BY-ELECTION TO BE HELD AT GLENSTANTIA PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2013

In terms of Section 23 of the South African Schools Act, Act 84 of 1996, notice is hereby given of the by-election of parents to the Governing Body of Glenstantia Primary School to be held on Monday, 18 February 2013 at 19:00 in the Glenstantia Primary School hall.

Registration starts at 18:00

Nomination forms will be obtainable from the school office from **Monday, 11 February 2013**. These forms must be signed by the proposer, the seconder and the nominee.

Nominations may be made **until 14:00 on Friday, 16 February 2013**, or from **19:00 to 19:30 on the election evening (18 February 2013)**.

Please note that the proposer, the seconder and the nominee must be on the school's voters roll.



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.

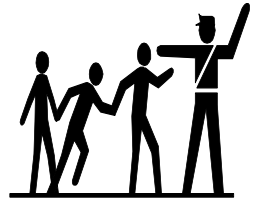
The following applies to learners being fetched after 14:00 each day.

- **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 – 07:30 and 13:40 – 13:50). 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.



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. Homework will only be available on the new version of the School Communicator!

The new version looks like this:



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. CD's are available from Reception.

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.

2013 EDUCATIONAL TOURS

The following educational tours have been organized for 2013. Please take note of the deadlines for the Snr Choir Camp, Bush Pigs and T.O Strand tours.

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	-	1 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.

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.

NEW LEARNERS

Please ensure that Mrs Dore receives all the outstanding items eg photos, immunization cards and end of year reports for 2012 as soon as possible.

SCHOOL SECURITY DURING SCHOOL HOURS

All parents / visitors to the school **MUST** sign in at Security, have the slip signed by the person / department they went to and return the slip to the gentleman at the gate.

LEARNERS BEING COLLECTED DURING SCHOOL HOURS

All learners being collected during school hours must bring a letter to Reception with the date, time, reason and who is collecting them (signed by the parent). The parent / guardian or person collecting the learner must sign the Learner Release Register at Reception.

MASTER MATHS

We would like to congratulate the following learners who received a trophy at the year-end function for best student: Nathi Qwelane, Kgahlego Lehoko, Phenyo Mokgobjoa and Solomon Ntuli for best improvement. Well done guys we are so proud of you! Contact Helen for help with Mathematics 073 256 4484.

PRAYERS

Prayer meetings will be held on Fridays at 13:00 in front of the hall. There will also be a prayer walk around the school on Monday, 28 January at 08:00. Please contact Mrs Michelle Malan via email or sms: michellemalan4@gmail.com or sms 0823343868.

COMPUTER ACADEMY

Computer academy is starting this term from 15:30 – 17:30 for only R 245.00 per term for one session per week (excluding Friday). Application forms may be collected from Mrs Nieuwoudt. Learners will be instructed on how Office 2007 works. The deadline for submission of applications and payment of fees is Friday, 18 January 2013.

SCOUTS

For more than a century, SCOUTS South Africa, a volunteer organisation, has been dedicated in developing the youth of South Africa. By learning new skills and forming lasting friendships through the Scout programme, generations of Scouts have grown up to become some of our nation's most outstanding leaders.

Mrs Warren is the Akela for the 6th Pretoria St Andrews Cub Pack. Cubs meet every Friday of the School Term from 17:15 to 18:45 at the scout hall in Constantia Park. The Scouts meet directly after us from 19:00 – 21:00. Children from 7 – 11 years participate in Cubs after which they move up to Scouts. There is an annual fee charged, which will be discussed with you at the meeting.

If you feel that your child would benefit from Cubs/Scouts please feel free to join us on Friday evenings and give Scouting a chance or contact Mrs Warren on 082 397 3112 for more information.

CAKE & CANDY & CIVVIES

The Grade 2 & 6 learners will be having a cake and candy sale on Friday, 25 January. Due to the fact that it is also photo day, they will be allowed to wear their civvies on Tuesday, 29 January.

PAST LEARNERS

Congratulations to Roxanne Prinsloo from the class of 2008 who was selected to represent her current school at the 5th International Young Mathematicians' Convention (IYMC) in Lucknow, India over December.

FROM THE DISCIPLINE DESK

The Discipline Department of Glenstantia Primary School was established in late 2012 with the primary objective of instilling the highest degree of self-discipline and pride in the ethos and culture of the School.

Under the leadership of The Principal, Mrs A Parag and Mr S Phirwa, the discipline team endeavour to create a positive environment in which all learners, parents and educators can feel comfortable, where disputes, misdemeanours, and even counselling can take place.

The Discipline Department is intended as a supportive instrument for teaching staff, learners and parents alike, and is certainly not intended as a punishment measure for any party. We look forward to working hard with all parties during 2013 to ensure a healthy and positive environment in which effective teaching and learning can take place.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Please send all correspondence, queries or suggestions regarding the PA to their new email address PA@glenstantia.co.za.

The next PA meeting will be held on Wednesday, 23 January. All parents are welcome.

EXTRA-MURALS

Sports Academies will start the week of 21 January. Please see application forms for more details. The Glenstantia Academies are managed by Mrs Frances Wallis (Grade 4W) and not the sports department of Glenstantia Primary School. Please feel free to contact her for any information required regarding the academies.

Please note the changes to the Extra-Mural timetable.

SCRIPTURE UNION	<u>Grade 6 + 7</u> Mrs Malan D2		<u>Grade 4+5 Girls</u> Mrs Groeneveld P1 Ms Muller C3 <u>Grade 3-5 Boys</u> Mrs Gouws P1 <u>Grade 6-7</u> Mrs Malan D2 Mr Chihodzi		
<i>Mr Chihodzi</i>	<u>Grade R, 1 - 3</u> Mrs Gouws C3 Ms Muller				
14:00 – 15:00					
SWIMMING Ms Bosma Mrs Roets	13:50 – 14:50 Team training: Coach + Mrs O' Kelly <u>Junior</u> Ms Wallace Ms Bosma	13:50 – 14:50 Team Training: Coach + Mrs Wallis Ms Bosma <u>Junior</u> Ms Corradi	13:50 – 14:50 Team Training: Coach + Ms Wallace Ms Duncan <u>Junior</u> Mrs Roets	13:50 – 14:50 Team Training: Coach + Mrs Wallis Mrs Roets <u>Junior</u> Ms Duncan	<u>Friday Gala</u> <u>Duty Roster</u> - -
MINI TENNIS	<u>Practice:</u> Mrs Hess Mrs Jacobs	<u>Practice:</u> Mrs Hess Mrs Jacobs			
13:45 - 14:30					
NETBALL SKILLS / FITNESS Mrs Smit	-	<u>Opens :</u> Ms Ngema 14:00 – 15:00 <u>U12:</u> Mrs Smit 14:00 - 15:00	<u>U9:</u> Ms N Corradi <u>U11:</u> Mrs Buck	<u>U10:</u> Mrs de Waal Ms Sigauque -	
14:00 – 15:00					
BASKETBALL	<u>Open Boys: Gr 6+7</u> Coach Pez + Mr Matlala	-	<u>Open Girls: Gr 6+7</u> Coach Pez + 1 Mrs Erasmus 14:00 – 15:00 <u>Open Boys: Gr 6+7</u> Coach Pez + 2 Mrs Buck 15:00 – 16:00	<u>Open Girls: Gr 6+7</u> Coach Pez + 1 Mr Matlala 2 Mrs Kunitz 14:00 – 16:00	
Mr Matlala					
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CHESS	<u>Club: Gr R - 3</u> C5 Coach Roodt + Mrs Thompson <u>Club: Gr 4 - 7</u> D14 Mrs Nagel	- - - - -	<u>Team: D14</u> Coach Roodt + Mrs Nagel		
14:00 – 15:00					

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.

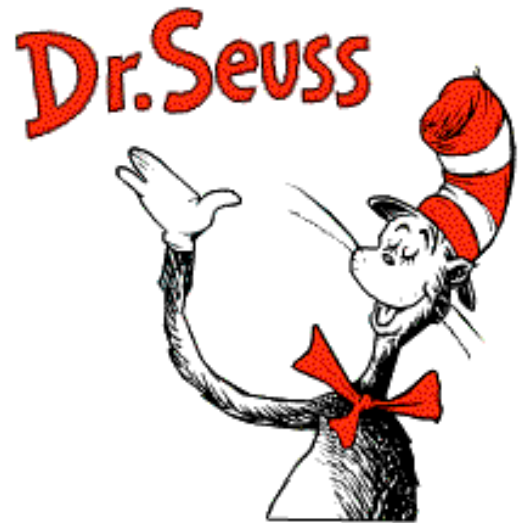


NB MAKRO AND MY SCHOOL CARDS – forms are available from Reception

MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet

You have **BRAINS** in your **HEAD**.
 You have **FEET** in your **SHOES**.
 You can **STEER** yourself any
DIRECTION you **CHOOSE**.

~ Dr. Seuss



Happy Birthday!



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 are celebrating their birthday this coming week:

- 22 January – Mrs Gresse (Admin Office)
- 23 January – Mr Mohlamonyane (General Assistant)
- 30 January – Mrs Nortje (Finance Office)
- There is no cure for the common Birthday – John Glenn.***



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

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)

Yours faithfully

H.P.J. PRETORIUS



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“When all else fails, read the instructions”

Author Unknown



WHAT ARE TEACHERS WORTH?

By Graeme Codrington – 9 January 2013

At the start of another school year here in South Africa, there are once again rumours that teachers in the highly politicised government teachers' unions might go on strike to demand more pay. This is just crazy.

Teachers' hefty salaries are driving up taxes, and they only work 9 or 10 months a year (in some government schools, even less)! It's time we put things in perspective and pay them for what they do – babysit! We can get that for minimum wage.

That's right: let's give them R9.85 an hour (which is the 2013 government-mandated minimum wage for an unskilled domestic worker who works more than 27 hours in an urban area – and we all know that it is these women who provide the bulk of South Africa's babysitting services), and let's only pay the hours they worked. Teachers will whine that there's a lot of planning time, and marking and extra murals. But who can really tell how hard that all is, and besides teachers love it, so they can just treat that stuff as a hobby.

Let's stick to paying them for their time in the classroom – when they're actually babysitting the children. That would be R64 a day (they start at 7am and end at 2pm, with a half hour -unpaid!- for lunch: that equals 6 1/2 hours: $R9.85 * 6.5 = R64$). (I just checked with my wife, and we pay the woman who works in our home a couple of times a week about R 180 per day, but she is lovely, charming and works REALLY hard. I also believe that we paid a university student about R20 an hour last week to babysit while we went out to movies – but she wore glasses and looked very clever, and it was at night, so I am sure she deserved it).

Anyway, R64 per day sounds right for teachers. Each parent should pay R64 a day for these teachers to babysit their children. Now how many students do they teach in a day: maybe 32 (in good schools – more in other schools)? So that's $R64 * 32 = R2,048$ a day. However, remember they only work 180 days a year! We're surely not going to pay them for any vacations!

So that's $R2,048 * 180 = R368,640$ per year. And not a cent more, I tell you!

But wait...

The median High School teacher's salary in South Africa is R153,324 per year. R153,324! So let's see: $R153,324 / 180 \text{ days} = R851.80$ per day / 32 students = $R26.62 / 6.5 \text{ hours} = R4.10$ per hour per student – a very inexpensive baby-sitter and they even EDUCATE your kids! WHAT A DEAL!!!! Heaven forbid we take into account highly qualified teachers and what they should be earning. Make a teacher smile; re-post this to show appreciation.

By the way, I got the idea for this post from a Facebook stat us that is doing the rounds today. The original figures quoted there were for the USA, and went like this: * Payment of base level: \$19.50 a day for 30 students = \$585.00 a day for 180 days = \$105,300 per year. * At minimum wage (\$7.75/hr and just to be fair, round it off to \$8.00 an hour) this jumps to: $\$8 * 6 \frac{1}{2} \text{ hours} * 30 \text{ children} * 180 \text{ days} = \$280,800$ per year. * The average teacher's salary (US nationwide) is \$50,000. $\$50,000 / 180 \text{ days} = \277.77 per day / 30 students = $\$9.25 / 6.5 \text{ hours} = \1.42 per hour per student

Thanks, teachers, everywhere for your selfless service to the future of our world.



About Graeme - Graeme is a keynote presenter, facilitator, author, future trends strategist and expert on the new world of work