



What-Z Up Glenstantia

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NEWSLETTER #5

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Dear Parents,



The learners have adjusted to the new routine the curriculum is being covered by the teachers each day. This is, however, not how we want to teach and the teachers are desperate to have more direct contact with the learners when covering their subject. We know the rotation timetable takes its toll on staff, learners and parents but this is what Covid brought and we have to deal with it. Although, the teachers are covering the curriculum sufficiently, we are concerned that the learners are not engaging with the subject material and not learning as they should.

We have always taken pride in being a reading school but this has not kept up during the Covid period. Parents you need to encourage your child to read every day especially on the days when they are at home and not busy at school. The value of reading is clearly seen when the learners do comprehensions and studying.

Please keep on enforcing our School Core Values at home and discussing them with your child regularly. Set the example and utilise daily situations and the media to point out where they can learn from.

D6 CONNECT APP – INSTALLATION AND ACTIVATION IMPERATIVE

We have discontinued the School Communicator (blue app).

We are trying very hard to minimise the use of paper (and all related items) to save money.

IMPORTANT: All learner marks, attendance, merits/demerits as well as your financial obligations will be accesable via the D6 Connect App.

This App will be our school's main source of communication for academic and general information, sports and other activities/events.

Please ensure that you have downloaded and activated the D6 Connect App using the token which was sms'ed to you on multiple occasions.

If your token has expired, please email Mrs Gresse on admin@glenstantia.co.za and request a new token number.



ACADEMICS

Revised Curriculum

We are excited and thankful that most of our learners have returned to school and are working hard to catch up on school work missed during the COVID-19 lockdown period. We are still facing many challenges, but adapting well to all the changes. The Department of Education has revised the curriculum and has made changes to accommodate for lost teaching time.

Promotion mark

At the moment continuous assessment is being administered in class which includes academic activities, tests and projects.

Your child's end of year promotion mark will be calculated based on Term 1, 3 and 4 academic results as per the revised GDE School Calendar. Term 4 will only be 6 weeks long.

This means that tests will be written 2-3 weeks after schools re-open for Term 4. A school-based test replaces the end-of-year examination in all subjects.

Support

We are still following the rotation time table and relying on parents to assist their children. Reduced contact time at school means that some learning must take place at home. Parents need to check that their children's homework is being done, but also that your child is coping with the academic demands at school.

Not all children deal the same way with change and trauma. Please talk to your child to check that he or she is coping with the new set-up at school. The school provides support for learners who need guidance.

Parents are welcome to contact the school psychologist, Mrs Vogel or Mrs Parag from the Learner Support Centre

Reduction of Subjects

ONLY in Grade 7 subjects have been reduced for this year. Social Sciences and Creative Arts will not be assessed. The subjects' contents are still being taught to prepare and equip learners for High School, next year.



TERM 3 REPORTS

In order to save printing cost, you will receive your child's Term 3 report electronically, therefore you will need the d6 Connect App!.

We will not be printing any reports for Term 3.

BUILDING ROUTINES AT HOME

The following **tips for parents** to extend learning at home are suggested:



- ✚ Parents need to be confident that they can **monitor** and check that work to be done at home is completed without being experts in the subject area, and that they can show learners how to **break down the work into doable sections** and ensure learners work consistently so that pressure won't be on the night before returning to school.
- ✚ **To maximise learning outcomes and achievements**, during the period, parents should provide a quiet place and a regular time for homework and other learning activities so that a **home environment** is created that is conducive to learning.
- ✚ **Create a routine for studying**. Routines are important – they give children a sense of security and help them develop patterns of self-discipline. Establish a family routine with regular mealtimes, bedtimes, homework time, and outdoor play and exercise time. Having a set time and space to do homework or self-directed learning will help learners to focus and accomplish a task.
- ✚ **Create an active learning environment** that support children's learning at home. The DBE has partnered with UNICEF South Africa and the LEGO Foundation to develop the "Active learning@home" series which provides information to parents (one page a day) of easy-to-do activities to keep children from Grade R – 9 learning and developing while not in school. These resources are available for download on the DBE's website and hardcopies to school could be facilitated through provincial education departments.
- ✚ Avoid giving learners too much help. **Parent "over-involvement"** is evident when work done at home is perfect, but the learner would not succeed independently on the same material. If a child has done a Mathematics problem incorrectly, the parent should show them how to work a similar problem but let them be the one to correct it on their worksheet.

Thank you to all the parents who have been assisting their child/ren with their school work at home. Your involvement in your child's school career will be of great benefit to them in the future.

Absenteeism

Should your child be absent, please contact the register teacher and request a link to the lessons taught in class. The lessons can then be watched at home and your child will not fall behind.



GENERAL

TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop re-opened on Thursday, 1 October 2020 for limited orders. The Tuckshop will only be open during breaks but not before or after school. ASC learners may order food to be collected after school.

All orders must be done the day before and submitted via the online Tuckshop system or WhatsApp to the following number, **064 976 1895**, with the following information:

- Name and Surname of child,
- Grade and class,
- Day required (order one day in advance)
- Detailed order
- Cost.



The correct amount of cash should be brought to the tuckshop, or loaded on your child's Tuckshop account on the system.

Only the items listed below and on the Tuckshop system will be available on the days as indicated:

DAY	MENU	PRICE
Monday	Small Chips	R 10.00
	Large Chips	R 15.00
	Chips and Vienna	R 18.00
	Ham and Cheese Sandwich	R 15.00
Tuesday	Chicken Wraps	R 20.00
	Chicken Mayo Sandwich	R 16.00
Wednesday	Pies: Cheese Griller	R 10.00
	Steak and Kidney	R 18.00
	Pepper Steak	R 18.00
Thursday	Chicken Strips and Chips	R 20.00
	Hot dog	R 10.00
Friday	Small Chips	R 10.00
	Large Chips	R 15.00
	Sphatlho	R 20.00

The following items will be available everyday:

Cooldrink	R 12.00	Dipped Cone	R 9.00
Flavoured Water	R 10.00	Ice-cream Rocket	R12.50
Chips	R 7.50	Squeezeme	R 6.50
Muffins	R 6.00	Icies	R 3.00
		Crazy Pops	R 1.00

SUMMER UNIFORM GRADES R - 2

Green Glenstantia golf-shirt (tucked in)
School regulation green shorts
White sports shoes with plain short white socks or
Dark brown leather sandals without socks (not bronze, beige or gold)
Dark green jersey or sleeveless v-neck pullover
School tracksuit (*worn in winter only – from May to August 2020*)
Green school hat – Compulsory for Grade R only and provided by the school



SUMMER UNIFORM GRADES 3 – 7 only

Girls:

Tartan skirt/Tartan skort. Length of skirt – maximum 5cm above the knee

White short-sleeved open necked shirt (tucked in)

Dark brown leather sandals without socks (not bronze, beige or gold) or

Black shoes with white ankle socks

Dark green jersey or sleeveless v-neck pullover

SUMMER UNIFORM GRADES 3 – 7 only

Boys:

Khaki shorts

Short-sleeved, open-necked khaki shirt (tucked in)

Dark brown leather sandals without socks (not bronze, beige or gold) or

Black lace-up shoes with long dark green socks

Dark green jersey or sleeveless v-neck pullover



After School Centre

Our After School Centre is open and we encourage our learners to return to our ASC. Please inform the ASC and Finance Office if your child is returning.

Learners waiting to be collected in the afternoon

The number of learners waiting to be collected in the afternoon is alarming. Parents must realise that **child kidnapping** is a world-wide phenomenon; it is very dangerous to leave a child unattended on the street.



GRADE R 2021 OPEN DAY

Glenstantia will be hosting a Grade R Open Day for 2021 on Saturday, 7 November 2020 from 09:00 - 11:00.



RE-ENROLMENT FORMS FOR 2021 (GRADES 1 - 6 2020 LEARNERS)

Many thanks to the parents who completed and returned the forms. All Grade 1 - 6 learners, including the "Lockdown Learners", required to complete and return a form for each of your child/ren.

School Closing

School closes on Friday, 23 October at 10:00 and re-opens Monday, 2 November 2020, for Term 4.



School Fees

Thank you to all our parents who responded to our plea and paid their school fees. We continue to remind our parents who did not respond, to please pay your school fees. As mentioned previously we are cutting expenditure on all fronts and sadly, our staff members are taking a drastic cut in salary.

Please pay your outstanding school fees urgently, or contact Mr Kuzwayo on debtors@glenstantia.co.za for further assistance.

LEARNERS NOT RETURNING IN TERM 4 2020

Parents please inform the school, in writing, if your child will NOT be returning (de-registering) to Glenstantia in Term 4. This can be done via email to admissions@glenstantia.co.za or a hard copy can be handed to the class teacher by no later than Monday, 19 October 2020 in order for us to prepare the Transfer Card. All text books, readers and Media Books must be handed in before their last day of school.

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS 2020

The 2020 Theme for World Teachers' Day was

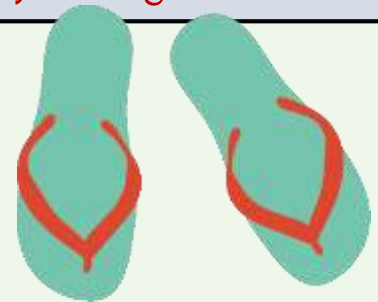
“Teachers: Leading in crisis,
reimagining the future”.

The day provided the occasion to celebrate the teaching profession worldwide, take stock of achievements, and draw attention to the voices of teachers, who are at the heart of efforts to attain the global education target of leaving no one behind.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had significantly added to the challenges faced by an already over-extended education systems throughout the world. It is no exaggeration to say that the world is at a crossroads and, now more than ever, we must work with teachers to protect the right to education and guide it into the unfolding landscape brought about by the pandemic. The issue of teacher leadership in relation to crisis responses is not just timely, but critical in terms of the contributions teachers have made to provide remote learning, support vulnerable populations, re-open schools, and ensure that learning gaps have been mitigated.

Our learners celebrated World Teachers' day by spoiling their favourite teacher with flowers, gifts, chocolates and snacks. Our learners were also allowed to wear flip-flops for the day.

‘Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher’ -



Glenstantia Primary School



NOTICE is hereby given of the **ANNUAL PARENT BUDGET MEETING** of Glenstantia Primary School to be held on **Monday, 19 October 2020 at 18h30** in the **Hall**, Glenstantia Primary School

A G E N D A

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Attendance Register and Apologies
3. Presentation, Approval and Acceptance of the Minutes of the Budget Meeting held on 16 October 2019
4. Presentation of the 2021 School Budget in Terms of Section 38 of the South African Schools Act, Act 84 of 1996 as amended
5. Discussion of the Budget
6. Vote on Resolutions
7. Close

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PLEASE NOTE that should the 15 % quorum requirement, set by the Department of Education, not be reached at the meeting scheduled for 19 October 2020, the **second meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, 20 October 2020 at 18h30**.

Copies of the proposed 2021 Budget and the Minutes of the 2019 Budget Meeting will be available at school, two weeks prior to the meeting.

No printed copies will be distributed at the Meeting.

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17 September 2020

NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING AND VOTING FOR THE BY-ELECTION OF ONE (1) PARENT BODY MEMBER

NAME OF SCHOOL: GLENSTANTIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Notice is hereby given of a meeting for the nomination of one candidate to be voted for, to serve on the School Governing Body of Glenstantia Primary School.

Date: Monday, 19 October 2020
Venue: Glenstantia Primary School Hall
Registration: 17:30 – 17:45
Additional nomination meeting time: 17:45 – 18:00

A candidate can be nominated in two ways:

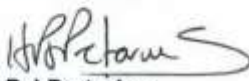
- (a) By placing a correctly completed nomination form signed by the proposer, the seconder and the candidate in the sealed nomination box at Reception. The forms will be available at Reception from Monday, 12 October 2020, until 08h00 on Monday, 19 October 2020.
- (b) By proposing a parent member at the nomination meeting (details above), provided the nomination form is correctly completed by the proposer, seconder and the candidate and handed to the electoral officer within the allocated meeting time.

N.B. The proposer, seconder and candidate **MUST** be either a registered parent or registered guardian of a registered learner. The proposer, seconder and candidate must be present if the nomination is being done at the nomination meeting and not in the allocated 6 working days prior to the meeting.

If only one (1) candidate is nominated to fill the vacancy, no quorum or voting will be required and the candidate will be duly elected.

If a quorum of parents is not achieved on Monday, 19 October 2020 and voting needs to take place, notice is hereby given that a second meeting will reconvene on Tuesday, 20 October 2020 at 17h30.

Yours faithfully


H P J Pretorius
PRINCIPAL

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ELECTION OFFICER

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