

### Class Information videos and the year so far....

We hope you all enjoyed the videos that were sent recently to establish some connection with you and your teachers. This would normally happen at a meeting at the beginning of the year, but that was not allowed earlier. This lack of contact has obviously been a hugely frustrating reality of this year. Last year the lockdown came after school had started and relationships had been formed. It is far harder this year and I know that we are all struggling with varying levels of disconnection. We are looking at ways to deal with this.

It is also hard on the staff who are operating in semi isolation instead of as freely and collaboratively as normal. They are screening in the mornings and then supervising breaks as well as offering sport which has been taxing with few breaks. Your support of them is appreciated. They are certainly working hard on delivering the required teaching and learning at this time.

### Sport

I have received some varied feedback regarding the programme we are offering at the moment. It is important to remember that even though we are now on Level 1 as a nation, sport protocols at schools have not been eased. No interschool competition is allowed. Our priority has been to offer a compulsory programme to involve all children and encourage physical activity. In this we have been successful, albeit frustrating for the more competitive learners.

We will be holding an Inter House Gala towards the end of this term which will be run in grades so as to observe the protocols required. This will be our first inter house event of the year. We have also allowed some independent contractors to operate at our premises again, but we are only allowed to have our own learners in attendance at this point. Our sport organisers are already beginning to engage on the winter sports programme in preparation for the coming season.

### SGB Elections

The nomination process for parents closes today and the validation meeting happens tomorrow at 17h00 in our school hall. All nominees and interested parties can attend. We hope to have reached the minimum number of nominees and depending on this, the process could be finalised tomorrow if we receive exactly 5 nominations which are deemed legitimate by our Election Officer. We will communicate accordingly.

### Upcoming Events

SGB Nominations due 10 March 2021  
16h00

SGB Elections 25 March 2021

School admissions for 2022 closes 26  
March 2021



## Academics

### Assessments: Grade 4-7

Please consult your assessment planners for specific dates. Assessment planners can be found on the website.

In preparation for the assessments we encourage the following:

- Assist your child with homework and test preparation and encourage them to develop good study habits.
- Preparing for tests can be very stressful but please don't place too much pressure on your child but all they need is moral support in a relaxed manner.

If you need any clarity on any assessment please contact your child's class/subject teacher.

## Lunch buddies

Lunch Buddies is a parent initiative started a few years ago when a student noticed some of his friends had nothing to eat at school. His mom rounded up some volunteers who sent extra lunches to school to make sure no learners went hungry.

Endorsed by the school, the programme is managed sensitively by staff who are tapped in to the learners needs. Lunch Buddies runs on both the junior and senior campuses, and needs more parent volunteers please.

If we can get enough people on board, your contribution would be to make either four lunches (junior campus) or between five and ten (senior campus) lunches on your day, just once a term. Then you simply send the lunches to school with your child for Ms Thomas or Ms Rene.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Kim Richter ([kimrichtersa@gmail.com](mailto:kimrichtersa@gmail.com) / 083 650 8499) for the junior campus or Antonia Zechner-Perrin ([antonia@grovation.com](mailto:antonia@grovation.com) / 071 151 4961) for the senior campus.

## International Pi-Day $\pi$

International Pi-Day is celebrated around the world on 14th March (3.14), every year. This year on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March, CBPS will be joining in with the Pi-FUN by dressing up with a Maths theme. Wear a funny formula on your head or make a sash of Pi numbers, get creative! R5.00 for Civvies (payable via the Karri-app).

The proceeds will go towards the Grade 7 Hoodies for 2021.

## Request to leave school early

We have had a few requests for learners to miss part of the school day to attend therapy sessions, extra-mural activities etc. Please note that we are only allowed to grant permission if it is a once off appointment but not for an extended period of time.

## Personal Information

If contact details or cellphone numbers change during the course of the year, please inform the office as we need to update school records in the event that we need to contact you urgently.

# Grade R play dough fun



Grade 1 copied a sentence from the board and drew a picture of Pete the Cat



**GRADE 2 class created paper dolls describing themselves for the theme Myself and others**



**Grade 2 creating shape pictures of themselves**



**Grade 2 self portraits in pastel**





# Grade 4 bean plant project



Grade 7 Science class in the lab investigating which gases support combustion



# Grade 7's Oblique drawings

