



CLARENDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents

23 June 2023

2nd TERM NEWSLETTER

The 2nd term has been a vibrant, busy and exciting one, filled with many memorable moments, and one in which the special pupils, staff and parents of our wonderful school have really shone in so many different areas. There is no doubt that every person, both young and old, has played a meaningful role in the life of this school, and that as the Clarries Family, we have stood tall. What has been exceptionally pleasing has been the many reports from parents and teachers from other schools, commenting favourably on the manners and behaviour of our Clarries pupils. We are incredibly proud of how our pupils conduct themselves, and this term has provided many reasons for us to celebrate this incredible school family.

STAFF NEWS

We were informed earlier in the term that we will sadly be saying farewell to two staff members next term: Mrs Tiffany Gobey joined us in March this year, and has quickly crept into the hearts of the Clarries Family. Her young family will be immigrating to the Netherlands in early August, and we will miss this wonderful young educator, whose bubbly and joyful personality have endeared her to so many.

Mr Damian Lynch and his family will be immigrating to Dubai in early August. Mr Lynch has been at Clarendon Park for 3 ½ years, and has served as a Head of Department in the Senior Phase during his time at the school. His contribution in so many different areas of school life (including IT, Discipline, EMS, Business Week, Hockey and Cricket) has been invaluable, and we will miss his positive and contagious energy and passion for teaching. There is no doubt that Mr Lynch will leave a big gap in the lives of our senior pupils and staff.

We wish Mrs Gobey and Mr Lynch all of the best for their new adventures and trust that they and their families will be happy and content in their new surroundings.

We were extremely saddened to hear of the passing of Miss Noreen Wrankmore's mother during the course of the term, as well as Mrs Ntombi Peter's (Aftercare Staff) mother, and the mother and nephew of Mr Prince Peter (Aftercare Staff). Our thoughts and prayers are with these families as they mourn their tragic loss.



We were very proud of Mr Wade Muller, who completed the Two Oceans Half Marathon, and in the process raised much needed funds for Mosaic. Mrs Kim Strydom completed the gruelling Trans Elands Mountain Bike Race, a 160km off-road cycling race – a phenomenal achievement.

ACADEMICS

With the Mid-Year Examinations and Foundation Phase Assessments now behind us, I was delighted to read of the hard earned efforts of so many of our pupils as I signed the academic reports. It is quite clear that academic excellence and diligence remain one of our core pillars.

The Academic Awards Assembly (Grades 4 to 7) takes place on Friday 21 July at 07h55, where Gold and Silver Badges will be awarded (as indicated on the report). Parents of the recipients are invited to attend this assembly, and seating will be available in the gallery.

Parent Academic Interviews will take place on Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 July. Correspondence with further information pertaining to these interviews will be sent home in the 1st week of the 3rd term. These meetings are especially significant for parents of pupils who experienced academic challenges during the 2nd Term.

CLARENDON PARK LOADSHEDDING SOLUTION

As communicated earlier in the term, due to the disruptive effect on all spheres of school life, the Clarendon Park SGB (after an extensive multi-year investigation) have decided to install a state-of-the-art 54kWp, 50kVa Hybrid Solar System with 120kWh battery storage. This project will result in the school having to delve deep into our financial reserves, and therefore we are trusting that our parents will support us in making this initiative a reality. Through prompt and due payment of school fess, and the consideration of becoming a “Solar Champion”, parents can partner with the school to ensure that loadshedding has no effect on the educational experience offered at the school. Please see the enclosed pamphlet regarding becoming a “Solar Champion”.

M*A*D

This term has once again shown that the Clarries Family are passionate about Making A Difference in many lives. A short video showing all our M*A*D activities from the 2nd Term will be sent to parents via the class WhatsApp groups. We are extremely grateful to so many parents who make a difference every week by donating towards our Loaves and Fishes and Love Sandwich outreach projects.

BOOK CHARACTER DAY AND GRADE 1 LETTERLAND DAY

The response of the Clarries pupils to the invitation to dress up as their favourite book character was magnificent! Clarendon Park places enormous emphasis on developing a love for reading, and this occasion clearly demonstrated that books are alive and well at our school. Thank you to so many parents who assisted their children in making this day such great fun.



It was also wonderful to have our Grade 1's enjoy their very own special Letterland Day, as they dressed up as their favourite Letterland character, and had an awesome day of alphabet fun.

WINTER EXTRA-MURALS

It has been wonderful to see so many young Clannies pupils involved in so many different extra-mural activities during the term. The courts, astro, fields, art, computer and music rooms, and the chess hall have been overflowing, and our pupils have clearly made the most of the incredible opportunities available to them. Thank-you to our parents who have joined us in promoting our "Fair Play" initiative, and who have supported their children in a positive and constructive manner.

It was wonderful for our Music Department to host our first lunch-time studio music concerts, and well done to our piano and guitar pupils who performed so well in front of very appreciative audiences during their respective concerts.

WINTER WOOLIES

Our annual Winter Woolies collection will take place on the 1st Friday of next term (21 July). All donations will be handed to the Missionvale Care Centre. This holiday period will hopefully provide the perfect opportunity for pupils and parents to sort through their cupboards and put aside any winter clothing items that they no longer have a use for.

STAFF REUNION TEA

We were once again honoured to welcome back to Clarendon Park, past staff members who have served the school over so many years. This school is special because of the people who form the heart of the school, and those who taught and worked at the school have left a wonderful legacy for us to follow. Thank-you to the fantastic PTA for catering for this very special morning of reminiscing, camaraderie and good fellowship!

75TH BIRTHDAY COCKTAIL EVENING

Our Diamond Jubilee Celebrations hit a high note as we welcomed back to the school past pupils, parents and staff members for our 75th Birthday Cocktail Evening. It was a privilege to celebrate this important milestone in the life of the school, and to pay tribute to all that Clarendon Park has done in our lives. The evening was hosted by past parent and entertainer extraordinaire, Niqui Cloete-Barrass, and an incredible evening of fun, laughter, celebration and nostalgia was had by all.

100 CLUB

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our second 100 Club meeting of the year, enjoying an evening of great camaraderie and music bingo fun. Our 100 Club Committee really did a fantastic job, and ensured that the evening was thoroughly



enjoyed by all. Our 100 Club is alive and well, and provides a wonderful platform for staff and parents to interact on a social basis.

CLARENDON PARK PARENTS DANCE

Please join us on Friday 15 September for our annual Clarendon Park Parent's Dance. This function is open to all current Clarendon Park parents and staff and promises to be an event you don't want to miss. Tables seat 10 people, so start getting your group together. More information will be sent out early next term.

3RD TERM CALENDAR

Please find next term's calendar enclosed with this newsletter.

IMPORTANT 4TH TERM DATES

Please take note of the following Awards Ceremony dates:

- Grade 1: Tuesday, 14 November at 08h30
- Grade 2: Tuesday, 14 November at 10h30
- Grade 3: Wednesday, 15 November at 08h30
- Grade 4: Wednesday, 15 November at 11h30
- Grade 5: Thursday, 16 November at 10h30
- Grade 6 & 7: Thursday, 16 November at 18h30.

The final examinations will take place from 22-30 November.

The final assembly (end of the school year) will take place on 6 December.

School starts for the 3rd Term on Tuesday 18 July, and you are requested to please ensure that blazers are clean for the start of the new term (with all of the buttons in place), shoes polished, and that your son or daughter arrives back neat and tidy in their Winter Uniforms. Please also ensure that your child returns to school with a school regulation haircut.

At the end of a busy and successful term, a huge thank-you must be extended to the entire Clarendon Park Family – our incredibly hard-working and committed staff, our wonderful and proud pupils, and our loyal and supportive parents, for the invaluable input made by each person into the life of this school. We are very privileged to be part of this special and happy school.

I hope that you have a wonderful holiday with your loved ones, and that you enjoy a well-deserved break after a busy 1st semester. Please travel safely, and we look forward to welcoming you back to another active and exciting term.

HONOUR AND TRUTH

Regards,

Derryk Jordan

Principal