



# CLARENDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Dear Parents*

27 March 2025

## 1<sup>st</sup> TERM NEWSLETTER

Please take the time to read our new 1<sup>st</sup> Term blog ("Essential Holiday Reflections") at: <https://clarendonpark.co.za/25-march-2025/>

*(also sent out via the class WhatsApp groups).*

### **Staff News**

We were delighted to receive the news of the birth of Jonah Isaac Wiggill (son to Mrs Wiggill) and Leah Mae Kapp (daughter to Mrs Kapp) during the term. We are so excited for the Wiggill and Kapp families, and wish them all of the best as they enjoy their time with their precious new arrivals.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Mrs Carter and her family on the passing of Mrs Carter's grandmother, as well as to the family of Mrs Derman who lost her mom-in-law during the term.

We were very proud of Miss Le Clus, Mr McLaren and Mr Muller, who conquered the Knysna Heads Marathon a few weeks ago, as well as Mr Gow who ran the Cango Marathon. Miss Le Clus and Mr Muller also completed the Buffalo City Marathon – a fantastic achievement. Mrs Engelke completed the Bellbuoy Swimming Challenge – a superb accomplishment.

We would like to congratulate Mrs Engelke on her appointment as the school's SGB Deputy Principal. Mrs Engelke will oversee the Grade 4 – 7 academic programme, and we have no doubt that she will add enormous value in her new role.

Mr Botha was recently named as the coach of the PE City Rugby Team – a wonderful achievement. Well done Mr Botha!

Congratulations to Miss Mintoor on her appointment to the Gqeberha Committee of the SASMT (South African Society of Music Teachers) – a fantastic achievement.



We were so excited to receive the news of Miss Mdygolo's engagement to Mr Lubabalo Banzana. We wish Miss Mdyogolo and Mr Banzana all of the very best, and much happiness, in their new life together.

### **Academic Reports and 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Calendar**

Your child's 1<sup>st</sup> Term Academic Report was emailed to you today (Thursday, 27 March). Please take time these holidays to study this report carefully. If you would like to make an appointment to see a teacher in the new term, please arrange an appointment through the front office ([clarendon@clarendonpark.co.za](mailto:clarendon@clarendonpark.co.za) or 041 – 581 4231).

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Calendar of Events was contained in the enclosure pack that went home today (Thursday, 27 March).

### **Academic Awards Assembly**

The Academic Awards Assembly for Grades 4 to 7 will take place on Friday, 11 April in the Scott Hall (07h55 – 08h45). Gold and Silver Academic Badges for the 1<sup>st</sup> Term will be handed out at this assembly. Parents of the recipients are invited to join us for this special assembly.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Term Calendar**

Please be reminded that the National Department of Basic Education has declared the following days next term to be school holidays for all public schools:

- Tuesday, 29 April
- Wednesday, 30 April
- Friday, 2 May

Please note that as a public school, Clarendon Park is bound by this directive.

### **100 Club**

It was wonderful to host a vibrant and positive group of parents at our first 100 Club meeting of the year, enjoying an evening of great camaraderie and fun. Our 100 Club Committee really did a fantastic job, and ensured that the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The 100 Club meets four times per year, and we look forward to another exciting event on 25 June.

### **Grade 3 Pirates Day**

Captain Jack Sparrow (aka Johnny Depp) famously once said *"Not all treasure is silver and gold, mate."* And there is no doubt that our Grade 3's discovered that making special memories is the real treasure in life! It was fantastic seeing all of our Grade 3's dress up on Pirates Day and enthusiastically participate in their quest to find the "stolen treasure". Thank-you to our Grade 3 staff for all their effort in



making sure that Pirates Day was a great success, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Well done to Mrs Kohler for so bravely “walking the plank” after admitting to stealing the pirates treasure.

### **Grade 5 Cupcake Day**

Well done to our Grade 5 staff and pupils on their fantastic Cupcake Day. There was a wonderful vibe in the Scott Hall during the morning, with break time seeing a flood of eager buyers! The money raised through the Cupcake Day was donated to the Mosaic Organisation.

### **School's Birthday**

We celebrated the school's 77<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday, 19 March, with every pupil receiving an ice-cold delicious treat from the Tuckshop. We were once again reminded of how incredibly special our school is, and how fortunate we are to be part of such a wonderful community.

### **M\*A\*D**

M\*A\*D has been alive and well during the 1<sup>st</sup> Term of the year, and we are so appreciative of the incredible support of our Clarries Family, as we Make A Difference wherever possible. Please celebrate with us by watching the short M\*A\*D video clip that will be shared on the WhatsApp Class Groups.

### **Tavcor Alan Lones Hockey and Rugby Festival**

At the time of writing, we are excitedly preparing for our annual Tavcor Alan Lones Hockey and Rugby Festival (from Thursday, 27 March to Saturday, 29 March). This year's festival promises to be a bumper edition, with 16 Hockey teams and 14 Rugby schools in attendance. More than 450 players will be involved, and there is no doubt that the festival will once again produce some outstanding hockey and rugby from our young players. A huge thank-you is extended to our superb Sports Department for all of their hard work in organising this fantastic event on our sports calendar.

### **Winter Sport Trials**

It is that time of year when Winter sports trials are nearing completion, and there is no doubt that such trials bring with them a certain amount of anxiety amongst our young sportsmen and women. Please encourage your child that all that matters is that they have given their all and done their best. Please remind them that they may not always initially make the team they had hoped for, but that this presents an opportunity for them to show some resilience and prove themselves during the season. A slow start to a season does not necessarily need to derail a season.



Thank-you to our parent body who respected our request to have “parent-free trials” – we appreciate your support and co-operation in this regard.

### **Change to Winter Uniform**

Pupils will be required to wear their winter uniform from Monday, 5 May. The Clarries Shop will be open at normal times during the term (Tuesday – Thursday, 11h00-14h30, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month: 09h00-12h00). The shop will be closed during the holiday period. Please do not leave the purchase of the winter uniform until the last minute.

### **Swimming in Phys Ed Classes**

Please note that swimming will continue in Phys Ed (weather dependant) until the change into winter uniform (5 May). Pupils will be informed if swimming is stopped prior to 5 May.

### **Start of Extra-mural Programme**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Extra-Mural Programme will start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of next term (Wednesday, 9 April). The 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Term Extra-Mural programme was sent home in the enclosure pack on Thursday, 27 March.

### **Derby Days**

Our derby days for the winter season are as follows:

Woodridge:	9 and 10 May (away)
Stirling:	23 and 24 May (home)
Summerwood:	31 May (home)
Westering:	2 August (home)
Herbert Hurd:	9 August (away)

### **New Playing Kit: Girl's Hockey, Netball, Tennis and Athletics**

For some time now, we have been investigating the possibility of a new playing shirt for girls hockey, netball, tennis and athletics (in place of the white Phys Ed shirt). We would like our girls to be comfortable, and have a modern and smart look during matches. This shirt will only be worn for inter-school matches (league and derby matches).

We are hoping that the shirt will be available from 5 May, and therefore must be worn for the 1<sup>st</sup> derby fixture of the season (Woodridge on 9 and 10 May). Please kindly note that the new playing shirt will be compulsory for all inter-school matches. The white Phys Ed shirt will still be worn for practices and Phys Ed lessons.



The cost of the new playing shirt will be between R310-00 and R340-00 (approximate costs). As soon as the shirt arrives at the School Shop, all parents will be notified. Please could all parents plan carefully so that the shirt can be purchased in time for the 1<sup>st</sup> derby fixture.

### **Sponsorship of Teams, Clothing and Apparel**

We are extremely grateful to many parents and businesses who assist the school enormously in terms of the sponsorship of various events, sporting codes and activities. Please be reminded that all sponsorship requests of any nature must be directed to the Departmental Head: Extra-Murals (Mrs Woods). No warm-up tops, hoodies, or any other sporting attire may be arranged without approval from the school. Thank-you for your assistance herein.

### **SGB By-Elections**

The SGB By-Elections were held on Tuesday, 25 March. Congratulations to Mr Dave Hollis on his election to the SGB. We have no doubt that he will add enormous value to the school in his new role.

### **Arrangements during alterations to the front offices**

Please could all parents ensure that they have familiarised themselves with the contents of the letter, "Letter regarding Front Office Renovations" (dated 24 March 2025), sent out via the class WhatsApp groups on 24 March. This letter contains very important information regarding temporary arrangements during our renovation period next term.

School starts for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term on Tuesday, 8 April. 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 are polished, and that your son or daughter arrives back with a school regulation haircut, neat and tidy in their Summer Uniforms.

Thank-you to all parents and friends of the school for your valued support and positive contribution towards the life of the school during the past term. I hope that you have a wonderful holiday with your loved ones, and that you enjoy a well-deserved break after a busy 1<sup>st</sup> Term. If you are travelling during the holidays, please do so safely, and we look forward to welcoming you back to another active and exciting term.

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*Regards,*

*Derryk Jordan*  
*Principal*