



# CLARENDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Dear Parents*

26 March 2026

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

Please take the time to read our new 1<sup>st</sup> Term blog ("Building Resilience in our Young People") at: <https://clarendonpark.co.za/13-march-2026/> (also sent out via the class WhatsApp groups).

### Staff News

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to **Mrs Petzer** and her family on the passing of Mrs Petzer's brother-in-law, **Mr Eloff** and his family on the passing of his partner, **Mrs Findlay** and her family on the passing of her mother, and **Mrs Shuttleworth** and her family on the passing of her father.

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. **Mr McGillivray** completed the Winterberg National Enduro Event, whilst **Mrs Petzer** completed the Surfers 10km race, both fantastic achievements. Congratulations to **Miss Tyler Basson**, who competed in the Eastern Cape Life Saving Championships, where she earned 1 Silver and 2 Bronze medals.

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

Your child's 1<sup>st</sup> Term Academic Report was sent home today. 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 enclosed with the Academic Report.

### Academic Awards Assembly

The Academic Awards Assembly for Grades 4 to 7 will take place on Friday, 10 April in the Scott Hall (07h55 – 08h45). Gold and Silver Academic Badges for the 1<sup>st</sup> Term will be handed out and parents of the recipients are invited to join us for this special assembly.

### 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 the Music Trivia, great camaraderie and fun. Our 100 Club Committee really did a fantastic job in changing the programme at the last minute due to the severe weather, 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 24 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 Mr Truter 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 Kariega SPCA.

### **School’s Birthday**

We celebrated the school’s 78<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday, 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, 26 March to Saturday, 28 March). This year’s festival promises to be a bumper edition, with 16 Hockey teams and 14 Rugby schools in attendance. More than 520 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, 4 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 (4 May). Pupils will be informed if swimming is stopped prior to 4 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 (Thursday, 9 April). The 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Term Extra-Mural programme is enclosed with the Academic Report.

## Derby Days

Our derby days for the winter season are as follows:

Woodridge:	8 and 9 May (home)
Stirling:	22 and 23 May (away: East London)
Summerwood:	30 May (away)
Westering:	31 July and 1 August (away)
Herbert Hurd:	14 and 15 August (home)

## 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-Election was held on Wednesday, 25 March. Congratulations to Mrs Lindsey Marais on her election to the SGB. We have no doubt that Mrs Marais will add enormous value to the school in her new role.

School starts for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term on **Wednesday, 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.

**HONOUR AND TRUTH**

Regards,

*Derrylee Jordan*

Principal