



Kidz Chronicle

The magic of uncertainty

Dear Parent/Guardians

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SCHOOL FEES FOR 2024 - COST OF SCHOOL TRIPS TO BE INCLUDED IN FEES

Management of CityKidz decided to conduct a survey to determine if parents would prefer the inclusion of the costs for the school trips for 2024 academic year. This would mean that parents would not need to find unbudgeted money during the school year to pay for school trips.

On Saturday the 29th of July 2023, the teacher/parents meeting took place where the majority of parents attended. Parents were asked to vote on their preference.

The two options that parents were given to vote on were:

1. School fees structure to remain the same (with the annual increase) whereby they would pay school fees each month and then during the year pay additional amounts for the school trips separately.

OR

2. School fees that would be paid each month would include the cost of the school trips allocated during the year.

The survey showed that 77% of parents who attended the teacher/parents meeting, 88% of those parents voted in favour of including the school trips for the 2024 academic year.

Based on the overwhelm vote in favour of the **inclusive fee structure**, the Board of Directors of CityKidz Pre & Primary School NPC have decided to implement the new school fee structure for 2024 Academic year.

Please see the fee structure for 2024 below:

Monthly Fees (11 months) - Pre-school (Grade RR to R)	R1 260,00 pm x 11 mnths	Inclusive of photos, 1x trip and graduation
Monthly Fees (11 months) - Primary school (Grade 1,2,3,4,5,6)	R1 520,00 pm x 11 mnths	Inclusive of 2x trips. Grade 4 – Camp 1x trip
Monthly Fees (11 months) - Primary school (Grade 7)	R1 650,00 x 11 mnths	Inclusive of Konka Camp 1x trip

Annual School Administration Levy + Learner Support Material (Grade RR - 3)	1 425,00
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Annual School Administration Levy + Starter Stationery Pack (Grade 4 - 7)	1 080,00
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Description

	<u>Aftercare 2024</u>
Aftercare Fees x 11 months	650,00
Registration Fee - New Learners only	650,00



Australian Books for Children of Africa

I visited CityKidz School on Monday 17th July with Lauren Klevansky to deliver books for the children from Australian Books for Children of Africa.

The school is well maintained, and time and thought have gone into making sure every aspect of the school is taken care of, and everyone there is considered to ensure an environment conducive to learning and teaching. I was impressed with how organised the school is and how friendly and polite the staff and pupils were.

I loved the reading corners in each classroom, making it easy for the children to access books and encourage them to read. In fact, I have suggested to someone working with rural schools who don't have facilities for a library to do the same!

It's impressive to hear how involved the parents are in the school, helping out, coming to school events and donating goods for school outreach.

As they say, teamwork makes the dream work! You certainly have an amazing team of staff, pupils, parents and sponsors.

Well done - keep it up!

Andrea Wainer



Thank you Esther Rubin

CityKidz would like to thank Ester Rubin for her generous donation of educational games and teacher reference books for use in the newly refurbished Support Room. Excited children are busy exploring, experimenting with and enjoying the variety of resources available to them.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
07/08	08/08	09/08	10/08	11/07
Grade 6 Sterkfontein Caves / Grade 5 Lesedi Cultural Village Grade 4 English Conquesta	Mad Hatter's Civvies	Women's Day	Mid Term Break	Mid Term Break
14/08	15/07	16/08	17/08	18/08
WAG 'n BIETJIE CAMP – Gr. 4-	WAG 'n BIETJIE CAMP – Gr. 4-	WAG 'n BIETJIE CAMP – Gr. 4-		Grade RR and R trip – Rietvlei farm

Australian Books for Children of Africa

Lauren Klevansky and Andrea Wainer popped into school and delivered 3 big boxes of reading books! We are thrilled to receive such amazing books.

Australian Books for Children of Africa (South Africa) is a registered non-profit charity dedicated to promoting literacy and a culture of reading. We distribute good quality second-hand books (fiction and non-fiction) to disadvantaged schools, homework centres and communities, who desperately need these resources in the classrooms and to build up libraries.

Australian Books for Children of Africa has been running for 20 years and has supplied over 300 000 books to nearly 300 schools and organisations in South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria, DR Congo, Tanzania, Zambia, Swaziland and Zimbabwe. The work is carried out by a dedicated team of volunteers in Australia and Africa.

OUR BOOKS

The books we distribute come from school libraries and public libraries in Australia, which are well funded. In the past, these libraries would pulp the old library books when restocking their shelves. These books are now collected by *Australian Books for Children of Africa* (in Australia) and shipped to Africa. Additional information about *Australian Books for Children of Africa* can be found on:

www.abca.org.au, or on Facebook.



Natural Science

From ox wagon to magnetic levitation type of developments in the Natural Science Department.

The only way one can describe the new attitude or progress in our Natural Science department is to compare it to progress made on land transport that saw a change from people using ox wagons to the latest speed trains using magnetic levitation (maglev) for speed and distance.

In 2022 we started participating in the Gauteng Province's Natural Science Olympiad, which was a huge success. One of our learners won in the cluster and district competitions which resulted in him being one of three delegates representing our district in the provincial finals in Kempton Park.

This year we have motivated more learners to take part in competitions. The top eleven learners in Grade 6 participated in the National Science Olympiad organised and managed by the National Research Foundation (NRF) in collaboration with the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement (SAASTA). Their paper was geared to children from the Grade 4-6 group.

The second group participating in this Olympiads were the top four Grade 7 learners. Their paper was for the Grade 7-9 group. This means they were competing nationally against learners in grade 8 and 9.

We are now anxiously waiting for the results. The participation of learners in these competitions shows that as a science department we are at a level that can confidently compete not only at a provincial level, but nationally as well. Competitions are not only about winning, but are most importantly about exposure to the latest developments in the field of science. The knowledge and experience gained in this respect is beyond words.

It is within the spirit of exposure and competitiveness that the much anticipated CityKidz Science Club (CSC) was established. The main objective of our Science Club is to encourage independent and self-directed curiosity in science amongst learners at a very young age. Nurturing the links between science and creativity is the foundation upon which the club will operate. Some of the activities that the science club would be involved in include scientific debates, making projects and a variety of internal and external competitions. *Written and compiled by: Mr R. Mathekgga.*



Civvies Day-Throw your hat into the ring and join in the fun

MAD HATTER'S Day!

8 AUGUST

R10

Make a hat using recycled materials ...

... dress up and join in the fun activities

ORDER YOUR EATS!

Design your edible hat R15

Pies R20

Doughnuts R10

Tea/Hot chocolate R10

Cupcakes to decorate yourself R15

... CURIOUSER AND CURIOUSER CIVVIES Day ...



Grade RR and R

As we continue with Term 3 together after experiencing the joys of snowfall during the holidays! (Ma'am Ronell captured the snowfall at CityKidz on video and we appreciated sharing the magical moment with us). The teaching team are introducing our little learners to sensory play this term in the form of sensory bins/trays which can be used inside the classroom or on the playground. Sensory play is vitally important at any age as it stimulates the senses. For example, the Grade RR learners will be digging in the sand with their little hands to find light and dark colour toys. This activity incorporates sensory play and differentiating colours. Parents can keep their little ones busy over the weekends by creating sensory bowls with maize meal or rice and hiding objects of different shapes and sizes for your little one to find.

Different learning through play activities are vital for the overall development of our learners at CityKidz. The team is always on the lookout for new, fresh learning ideas! We are looking forward to our upcoming trip to Rietvlei Animal Farm in Term 3. The Grade R learners are excited to meet the friendly horse that will give them a ride on his back. We encourage our Parents to send a carrot or an apple so we can give him a treat after the rides!

The Grade RR learners are looking forward to meeting the train driver who will take them for a magical ride around Rietvlei.

Grade RR and R Team



Grade 7 Wonder Woman—Keyshia Phiri

If I were to describe my school in one word, I would choose "adventure."

I say this because my life at CityKidz has been a thrilling adventure. At times I imagine myself as a famous superhero like Wonder Woman waiting to discover new challenges that may lie ahead.

Adolescence is a challenging time for everyone, but I think it is particularly difficult for young girls. We have to deal with peer pressure, social media, growing pains as well as every day conflicts. As a young girl I have placed too much emphasis on my looks and if I did not have the guidance and support from my teachers and friends this challenge would be like Wonder Woman battling mythological beasts. The confidence I have gained has always allowed me to emerge victorious through every challenge. I am comfortable with who I am.

When I was in Grade 5 we experienced the unforgettable visit to the Crocodile Farm. One challenge was to zip-line over a pond of crocodiles. I was so afraid but with the support of my friends and teachers, I buckled up and zip-lined over the crocodiles just the way Superwoman would fly through the air. What an adventure! I conquered my fears and then had loads of fun.

CityKidz is the place where I learned to recognise my uniqueness, individuality and personal strength. I will be a powerful leader one day. Just like Wonder Woman I know we can change the world because I have been equipped with knowledge, manners and respect for others.

Wonder Woman hails from the island of Themyscira, also known as Paradise Island and I'm proud to say that CityKidz is my Paradise Island and it continues to give me hope for a brighter future.



We'd like to thank all the parents who honoured their appointments this past Saturday. We appreciate your loyalty to the school as well as your support. Thank you also for your feedback regarding the survey conducted about the school-fee structure for 2024. Most parents voted in favour of having the educational trips included in the school fees.

CityKidz Support/Intervention Programme:

We are cognisant of the fact that COVID-19 has had a detrimental effect on learning and teaching. As a school we have taken the necessary steps to assist learners who need additional help or have barriers to learning. Please note, that if your child is placed in the support/intervention program, this does **NOT** mean that they will fail. They have been identified as a learner who needs support or intervention in particular learning area/s. Teaching children with learning barriers is difficult; it requires extra time, patience, and creativity. Both programs cannot function in isolation, without the support from parents. By educating yourself on your child's barriers and working with teachers to provide the best environment, you can foster a love of learning and help your child succeed.

There are two different programs: the **Morning Support** classes which happen before school from 7h15 to 7h45. We expect all learners who have been recommended to attend, arrive on time for their support classes in the mornings.

The other support program offered is an intensive, **Intervention Support** which we offer during school hours with a highly qualified and experienced teacher. The learner may be struggling with one or more types of learning barrier. Mrs Slabbert is dealing with the learner according to his/her individual differences to ensure an effective learning process. Mrs Slabbert goes above and beyond to work with these children. The school provides these services at no additional cost to the parents.

Communication:

1. WhatsApp: Please note that the WhatsApp groups are established for instant communication, we therefore plead with parents to always be attentive and check every bit of information and communication sent on their child/children's WhatsApp group.

2. Communication channels: We would also like to reiterate the channel of communication. A parent is well within their right to request a meeting with the SMT and/or the principal. However, a proper channel of communication must be followed.

Communication channel: Teacher → Grade Leader → Head of Department → Principal
School Management Team

Great news ... it's a whole-school competition again !!! The Pallet Perfect Challenge is aimed at taking something ordinary – pallets - and re-purposing them to create colourful, functional wall hangings/structures or furniture pieces.

At CityKidz we want to encourage and showcase how recycling can transform our environment. Our theme for this year will be Uncertainty and Magic. All you need to do is to create magical, awesome, beautiful functional structures made from pallets.

The project also will focus on providing a minimum of 2 functional pallet structures per class. One structure must be a functional smaller piece to be used in the classroom and the second structure must be used outside the class to decorate the school. The competition has already started. Over the next couple of weeks you need to encourage children to obtain pallets, construct, paint and varnish. How you go about this is entirely up to you, but it is really important to get our parents involved. Each class will be allocated an area in which to showcase their functional pallets.

Once again, I will invite external judges for the competition to ensure impartiality and fairness. The criteria on how The Pallet Perfect Challenge will be judged are indicated below. I have also included some photographs to inspire you in creating wonderful functional pallet structures.

There will be prize money for the winning teachers and a party for the winning classes!! I'm sure you will all be buzzing with great ideas on how you can enhance our environment. Game on, Make Magic happen !

1.	Are the structures functional, complement one another and show attention to detail?
2.	Do the structures have the "wow factor" and add to the beautification of the environment?
3.	Have pallets been used in a unique, creative manner and reflect that teacher and class "made magic happen"?
4.	Is there evidence to show that children and parents were involved in the pallet process?
5.	Does the project ensure long-term sustainability i.e. Will the structures be responsibly managed and maintained ?



REMINDER: School photos with FOX Photography.

2023 School Photos

Basic Package R100

1. Class photo 5x7"
2. I.D photos x6
3. Colour photo 4x6"

Deluxe Package R180

1. Class photo 5x7"
2. I.D photos x6
3. Colour photo x2 4x6"
4. Black & white photo 4x6"
5. Wallet photos x4
6. Magnet

Extras:

mug R120, mousepad R170,
magnet (big) R50, magnet (small) R30,
A4 calendar R100, Keyring R100



After receiving numerous requests from parents, we are excited to inform you that we will be hosting Fox Photography for a photo shoot on Wednesday 20 September 2023. The packages reflected in the poster will be offered. Choose your package.

All children were issued with an order form. Please complete the order form and send to your child's Class Teacher with proof of payment. Proof of payments (hard copy) must be attached to all order forms. You may also send WhatsApp Proof of Payments, but you must confirm with the Class Teacher.

Please note that all orders and payments should be submitted by 31 August 2023. No late payments will be considered. The date of the photographic shoot will be on the Wednesday 20 September 2023. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

NO PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN IF PAYMENT HAS NOT BEEN MADE PRIOR TO THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOOT. All payments are to be made directly to Fox Photography- **DO NOT PAY INTO THE SCHOOL'S ACCOUNT**. Payment details are as follows:

Fox Photography and the Class teacher will keep a record of the package you requested.

Account name: H. Fox
Account number: 62049796024
Bank: FNB
Branch code: 254405- Melrose Arch
Reference: Your child's reference number/class
For example: 78462/3A

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

You don't actually have to understand the song to be emotionally moved and uplifted, whereas with language it becomes quirky and analytical.

Warwick Thornton

General Knowledge question for the week

What is the 12th official language of South Africa?

Answer to the question in our previous newsletter.

What is the name of the New Zealand Prime Minister who announced that she was stepping down after five and a half years in office? Jacinda Ardern

Behaviour Awards

Most Merits for Term 3 Week Ending 04 August : Year 2023

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Phumelele	Ndlovu	Grade RRb	Daniel	Ratemo
Grade Ra	Nhlamulo	Shirindzi	Grade Rb	Blessing	Mutakura
Grade RC	Lubambo	Watani	Grade 1A	Isabella	Chimkoko
Grade 1B	Kayler	Ndebele	Grade 1C	Amanda	Moyo
Grade 1D	Siphosihle	Kymalo	Grade 2A	Ozisokuhle	Mrululu
Grade 2B	Bonolo	Molifi	Grade 2C	Ayanna	Johnson
Grade 2D	Darren	Lukongwa	Grade 3A	Sinothile	Phakathi
Grade 3B	Mikayla	Katono	Grade 3C	Bahle	Mabaso
Grade 3D	Letlhogonolo	Chaane	Grade 4A	Dineo	Khomane
Grade 4B	Sinobahle	Yoyo	Grade 4C	Nkosingiphile	Masuku
Grade 4D	Bahle	Kumalo	Grade 5A	Kayla	Ngwenya
Grade 5B	Remoneilwe	Tau	Grade 5C	Joshua	Bogacwi
Grade 5D	Phalo	Maqukanya	Grade 6A	Favour	Aigbojie
Grade 6B	Thalefo	Sefotho	Grade 6C	Chanelle	Chivizhe
Grade 6D	Alondwe	Mhlongo	Grade 7A	Mathabo	Makoa
Grade 7B	Felix	Mutakura	Grade 7C	Ntando	Ngidi

Spelling Bee



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illusion

illustration

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Warm Regards

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