



Kidz Chronicle

The magic of uncertainty

Dear Parent/Guardians

10 March 2023

Term Ends on 17th March

Edition 05/Term 1

This is the final newsletter for Term 1. It's been an amazingly busy term with a great deal of success to celebrate. The staff and children have all worked extremely hard and I know everyone is ready for a well-deserved break. (More especially our staff !)

Some issues to bear in mind:

The Grade RR-Grade R team will be meeting parents tomorrow, the 11th March. Class teachers will issue Performance Evaluations and the photographic packs.

We have scheduled the Grades 1-7 Parents Information morning on the first Saturday next term. We look forward to meeting the rest of our CityKidz parents in due course. (15th April)

1. To boost self-esteem in our learners we encourage parents to check that their children are correctly attired. **Please adhere to our School Uniform Policy to ensure that your child's appearance reflects the requirements and standard of our school.** (The policy is available on our website.) To maintain standards, we expect new parents to purchase our official school uniform from our stockist- **Settlers**. **Please mark all your children's clothing clearly.** The school bag is an integral part of the school uniform requirements.

2. Regular attendance at school is imperative for children to maximize the benefit of their schooling. We urge parents to ensure that their children attend school regularly and to inform the school in case of an absence from school.

3. You are reminded to notify the school whenever you change your phone number. We need to update our records to facilitate easy communication with parents. We had an incident last week whereby a child was very sick and we were unable to contact the parents throughout the day. It is very frustrating for our admin staff because you need to be contactable. Some children have remained in the sick room the entire day because we could not contact parents to collect them. Please also avoid sending children to school sick, rather keep them at home to recuperate if they display signs of illness.

4. Please familiarise yourself with our Behaviour Bank Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of parents and the school to work together in molding the character of the learners so that they become responsible citizens.

Please encourage your child to learn cooperative ways to work out conflicts and understand differences of others.

Let your child know that bullying, including any forms of unkindness are unacceptable. Aggressive behaviour – assault , slapping and fighting will result in an automatic suspension. Serious infringements - Category Three offences - are viewed in a very serious light and warrants immediate disciplinary action. This may lead to expulsion if a child's behaviour does not conform to our ethos. In the case of criminal offences as set out by the law, the proper authorities will be notified.



5. We are thankful to all parents whose children's school fees for Term 1 were paid on time. Parents who have not yet paid their child/ren's school fees for Term 1 are being reminded to clear outstanding fees as soon as possible.

We wish all our CityKidz family a wonderful holiday.

Communication Channels

1. Any class related queries or concerns need to be directed initially to your child's class teacher.

2. If your concern is not addressed the next person to contact is the Grade leader :

Grade RR and R—Mrs Maria King

Grade 1 Mrs Saneliso Moyo

Grade 2 Ms Sibongile Hlongwane

Grade 3 Mrs Tracy Ncube

Grade 4 Mrs Irene Kapena or Miss Beulah Petersen

Grade 5 Mrs Saaliha Ahmed

Grade 6 Mrs Monica Gwara

Grade 7 Ms Katherine Finlay

3. If your concern is still not addressed contact one of the members of our School Management Team. (SMT)

HOD FP Grade RR-1 Mrs Thembi Moyo

HOD FP Grade 2-3 Mrs Cinderella Moyo

HOD IP Grade 4-7 Mrs Annalene Vorster

Admin and Maintenance - Mrs Dudu Moyo

4. If your concern is Aftercare related- Mrs Busi Tshuma

5. If your concern is Finance related- Ms Phumzile Maluleke

If a member of the SMT, Finance or Aftercare has not resolved your query, parents should then contact the school's Principal, Mrs Reynolds. The appointment can be made via the office with Mrs Ronell Bothma.



Human Rights Day in South Africa is historically linked with 21 March 1960, and the events of Sharpeville. On that day 69 people died and 180 were wounded when police fired on a peaceful crowd that had gathered in protest against the Pass laws. This day marked an affirmation by ordinary people, rising in unison to proclaim their rights. It became an iconic date in our country's history that today we commemorate as Human Rights Day as a reminder of our rights and the cost paid for our treasured human rights.

Now more than ever we need to be aware of our rights regards to a healthy environment; housing, health care, food, water, electricity and social security. Lets' celebrate this day wisely and continue to be guided by the values and principles of the Constitution.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13/03	14/03	15/03	16/03	17/03
CASS	CASS	CASS		Don't forget school closes at 11h00 Aftercare usual time .
20/03	21/03	22/03	23/03	24/03
School holidays	School holidays	School holidays	School holidays	Human Rights Day

READING...Benefits of Reading Aloud

Reading aloud to your children:

- 📖 shows them that you value books and reading.
- 📖 gives you things to talk about together.
- 📖 builds a bond between you.
- 📖 allows them to experience reading as a satisfying activity.
- 📖 motivates them to learn to read for themselves and then to keep reading.
- 📖 shows them how we read and how books work.
- 📖 lets them enjoy stories that are beyond their current reading ability.
- 📖 develops their vocabulary and language abilities.

(By Mrs Bellon – Grade 6)



SPORTS DAY

Our Annual Sports Day was an absolute blast. We were incredibly blessed to have the perfect weather, perfect spectators, and a perfect venue. It was great to see so many of you at the Sports Day. The staff did a fantastic job of motivating learners getting a large amount of students involved and creating team spirit gaining the Many thanks to parents and guests for supporting the event.

Our SMT (Mrs Cindy Moyo-overall coordinator, Ms Dudu Moyo-coordinator, Mrs Thembi Moyo, Mrs Vorster and Mrs Reynolds) began with planning and preparations at the end of last year.

At the beginning of this term leading up to the Annual Sports Day learners were given time to practice, teachers chose teams, war cries were sung with fervour and house coordinators motivated and brought out those hidden talents from our learners. The emphasis was on sportsmanship and enjoyment. Everyone enjoyed the days cheering on houses and showing off their perfect moves for the novelty races. (I think parents were also practicing on the quiet because they were pretty well-prepared for the fun parent's races.)

All invites and reminders were sent to our parents and friends to join us for the final day at Holy Family College. The turnout was spectacular, as parents came excitedly to watch and film/photograph their children perform with the other children. We started off with the sprints and then all grades presented different novelty races, relay races were thrilling and had spectators cheering with delight. The day ended with parent's races and the tug-of-war events. (The two teams pitted against each other in a test of strength brought our gales of laughter and mirth from the crowd.)

The overall winner of the competition on the day was Impala house (Green). There was a healthy competitive spirit among all three houses: Impala, Eland and Roan. We hope to continue inculcating the nature of sportsmanship and foster more healthy programs in the near future. A huge thanks to EVERYONE involved: our teaching staff, maintenance staff, parents, friends, security teams, medical response teams and Lisa's Shack Snacks. Our Annual Sports Day provided all of us with unforgettable memories this year. Please follow the link to look at all the wonderful photos captured by Ma'm Fatima. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/SRFtMmGKGsuTY6mz7>



Music Program

CityKidz is incredibly fortunate to be part of the Downtown Music Hub's *Music in Schools'* program. The program started this week and will continue for a period of nine months.

This innovative program, funded under the Social Employment Fund (SEF) from the office of the President of South Africa, is designed to support social and economic activities across Johannesburg and to provide young people with the opportunity to learn about music from some of the country's most talented musicians.

The musicians, who have been selected for their expertise, passion for social development and experience, will be working informally with learners, sharing their knowledge and passion for music, and inspiring a new generation of musicians and music lovers.

"Music has the power to bring people together and to connect communities, and we believe that this program will make a real difference to the lives of young people across Johannesburg," said Mpume Mabuza, CEO at Downtown Music Hub. "As Downtown Music Hub, we are proud to be facilitating this program and to be playing a role in the development of South Africa's creative industries. We are confident that this initiative will help to nurture the talent of young musicians and provide a platform for their voices to be heard."

The Music in Schools' program is expected to have a significant impact on the lives of all those involved. Downtown Music Hub is committed to working closely with schools and the local community to ensure the success of this exciting initiative.

When teaching music to learners, it is important to create a positive and encouraging environment where they feel comfortable exploring and expressing themselves. Here are some expectations for behaviour when teaching music to learners for this programme:

- 1. Active Engagement:** Encourage learners to actively participate in music-making activities, such as singing, playing instruments, and even dancing.
- 2. Patience and Encouragement:** Be patient with learners, especially if they're just starting out. Praise their efforts and progress, even if they make mistakes.
- 3. Respect for Others:** Teach learners to listen and be respectful of others when they're playing music together. Encourage them to take turns and to be considerate of their classmates.
- 4. Open-Mindedness:** Foster an open-minded approach to music by exposing learners to different styles and genres. Encourage them to try new things and to express their individuality through music.
- 5. Responsibility:** Teach learners to be responsible for their own instruments and materials, and to clean up after themselves after each music class.
- 6. Good Listening Habits:** Teach learners the importance of paying attention during music class and encourage good listening habits, such as being quiet when the teacher is speaking and not interrupting others.

The goal is to create a fun and supportive environment where learners can learn, grow, and express themselves through music.



QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Hope is being able
to see that there is
light despite all of
the darkness

Desmond Tutu

General Knowledge question for the week

Who is the new Minister of
Electricity?

Answer to the question
in our previous
newsletter.

Kiernan Jarryd Forbes

Behaviour Awards

Most Merits Term 1 Year: 2023: Week ending 10 MARCH 2023

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Ngang	Chi	Grade RRb	Ellen	Ndondo
Grade Ra	Nothando	Ncube	Grade Rb	Lukhona	Magomola
Grade RC	Chimbuchi	Nonyerem	Grade 1A	Chelsea	Matseka
Grade 1B	Zayne	Agento	Grade 1C	Kairo	Korovedzai
Grade 1D	Resego	Makama	Grade 2A	Lwandle	Sidu
Grade 2B	Oluhle	Shongwe	Grade 2C	Chidinma	Nwadike
Grade 2D	Nkanyezi	Mafikwana	Grade 3A	Sphiwokuhle	Magubane
Grade 3B	Mikayla	Katono	Grade 3C	Lisakhanya	Gwintsa
Grade 3D	Bokang	Mkhize	Grade 4A	Lulo	Dayi
Grade 4B	Purity	Mohlaba	Grade 4C	Deane	Ncube
Grade 4D	Brandon	Lukongwa	Grade 5A	Kutlwano	Modisane
Grade 5B	Siphesihle	Hlatshwayo	Grade 5C	Hlumelo	Magewana
Grade 5D	Phalo	Maqukanya	Grade 6A	Naledi	Makgoba
Grade 6B	Keamogetswe	Raditau	Grade 6C	Oratile	Mokapela
Grade 6D	Ongezwa	Mvelase	Grade 7A	Mathabo	Makoa
Grade 7B	Thobile	Muhlari	Grade 7C	Reahile	Mushunje

Spelling Bee

cardiac
career
carnage
carnivorous
carpentry
carriage
cartoonist
catalogue

catalyst
catapult
catastrophe
cathedral
caution
cavern
ceasefire
celestial

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Warm Regards



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