

Kidz Chronicle



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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Welcome back to a brand new school year! As we embark on this **exciting journey together, let's embrace the theme of gratitude.** Gratitude is a powerful force that helps us appreciate the opportunities for growth, the lessons we learn, and the people who support and inspire us along the way.

This year, we welcome not only returning learners but also new faces—exciting new children joining us and parents who are becoming part of our community. To all our new learners and families, **we are grateful to have you with us, and we can't wait to get to know you better.** Your unique perspectives and experiences will enrich our school in countless ways.

Learning is at the heart of everything we do, and this year we'll be exploring new ideas, embracing challenges, and discovering the joy of growing together. With each lesson, we'll be grateful for the opportunity to expand our minds and help one another succeed.

To our returning families and learners, thank you for your continued support and trust. Your dedication makes our school a place where we can all thrive.

Here's to a year of gratitude, learning, and community. Together, let's make this year one filled with kindness, curiosity, and endless possibilities. Let's make it our best year yet! welcome to all our learners, parents and staff for the new year, 2025



The First Day of School: A Journey of Beginnings

The first day of school is always a kaleidoscope of emotions—anticipation, excitement and a sprinkle of nervousness. Outside CityKidz Pre and Primary School, the atmosphere buzzed as learners in crisp new uniforms with neatly packed schoolbags filled the playground with laughter. From eager Grade RR's clutching their parents' hands to seasoned Grade 7s trying to mask their jitters with nonchalance, the first day of school brings a flood of emotions.

At the brightly painted gates, parents also experienced bittersweet moments of pride and separation as their children embark on this journey. Teachers welcomed learners and guided them to classrooms where desks, piled high with school supplies, were arranged in neat rows.

The first day of school is more than just the beginning of an academic calendar; it's the opening chapter in a story of growth, connection, and discovery. With each step into the classroom, learners carry with them the hope of building a brighter future, one lesson at a time.

As the bell rings for the first class of 2025, it's not just a signal to start the day—it's the sound of endless possibilities unfolding.





Extra Murals- Life Skills Sport/ Music/ Cultural

MONDAYS Grade R and 1		
12:30 - 13:00	9	Life Skills Sport Grade RR,R and 1
13:00 - 13:30	10	Life Skills Sport Grade RR,R and 1
13:30 - 14:00	11	Supervision/Admin
TUESDAYS Grade 2 and 3		
13:00 - 13:30	10	Life Skills Sport Grade 2 and 3
13:30 - 14:00	11	Life Skills Sport Grade 2 and 3
WEDNESDAYS Grade 4 and 5		
13:00 - 13:30	10	Life Skills Sport Grade 4 and 5
13:30 - 14:00	11	Life Skills Sport Grade 4 and 5
THURSDAYS Grade 6 and 7		
13:00 - 13:30	10	LS/LO PET Grade 6 and 7
13:30 - 14:00	11	LS/LO PET Grade 6 and 7

P.E.T KITS: All pupils are permitted to come to school dressed in their clothes for P.E.T. Please provide your child with navy shorts and a house t-shirt and black takkies for PET. All items of the P.E.T KIT should be clearly labelled.

PICK-UP ZONE

Learners are given a 15-minute grace period at the end of the school day to wait for taxis and lifts home at the Pick-Up Zone.

Any child still at the Pick-Up Zone after 14:15 will be taken to the Kidz Zone Aftercare.

A Fee of R60.00 will be payable. You will be invoiced for this at the end of the month by the Kidz Zone Aftercare Supervisors. If your child stays later than 15:00 you will be liable for a R100 fine if they are not registered at the Kidz Zone Aftercare.

PLEASE NOTE: 'Extra-mural' literally means 'beyond the walls'. Extra-murals are key to a balanced curriculum, healthy lifestyles, and an enhanced school experience. School times have been changed to INTEGRATE a structured programme whereby the entire grade will be involved in some cultural club, music or sporting activity.



The integrated programme during school time aims to revitalise the school-day and curriculum as well.

The purpose of the programme is to expand learning and recreational opportunities, provide our children with holistic support and expanded opportunities. See timetable.

AFTERCARE



PRE & PRIMARY SCHOOL
CityKidz
Strive to Achieve

Aftercare Program

- ☒ SUPERVISED HOMEWORK
- ☒ YOMMY LUNCH
- ☒ SAFE SECURE ENVIRONMENT

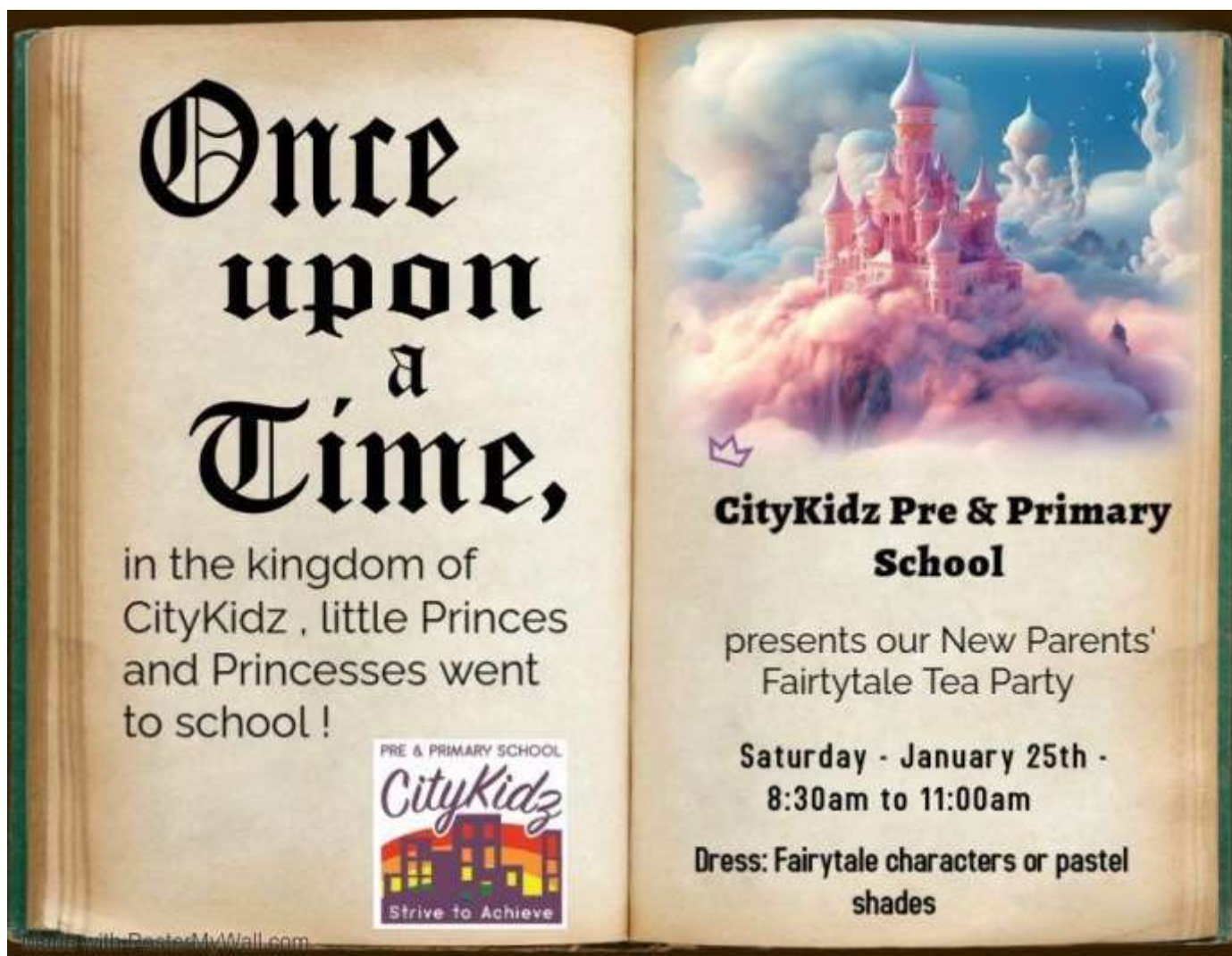
2PM - 5:30PM Grade RR-7

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

www.citykidz.co.za 18 Mooi Street
City and Suburban

WEEK	Date	Activity	Options
1	17/01/25	Yoga, Tai Chi & Relaxation	Mindfulness and stretching activities to promote well-being.
2	24/01/25	Creative Arts & Crafts	Nature explorations and seasonal crafts, DIY projects, and recycled art
3	31/01/25	Nature Exploration	Building terrariums or observing insects with magnifying glasses
4	07/02/25	Arts	Painting, drawing, clay sculpting
5	14/02/25	Drama Club	Improvisation, skits, drama games and performance practice.
6	21/02/25	Team Sports	Relay races, athletics practice.
7	28/02/25	Dance & Movement	Hip hop, Zumba, free dance
8	07/03/25	Obstacle Courses	Fun and engaging courses to challenge and energise.
9	14/03/25	Film Friday	With popcorn and comfy seating.
10	20/03/25	Game Day	Board games, card tournaments, or educational video games.

New Parents' Tea Party



We request the pleasure of our new parents' company to assemble for a Tea Party!

We are thrilled to invite you to a magical Fairytale Tea Party! Join us for an enchanting morning filled with whimsy, laughter, and a touch of fairy tale magic. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with other families, meet teachers, and enjoy some delightful treats together.

Date: Saturday 25th January

Time: 08h30 to 11h00

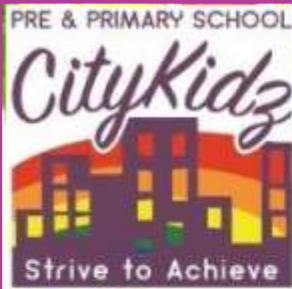
Location: Netball and Soccer Field

Come dressed as your favourite fairy tale character or simply bring your best imagination! We'll have charming decorations, fun activities, and, of course, tea to enjoy.

This will be a special occasion to celebrate the start of the school year, meet new faces, and share in the excitement of the year ahead. We can't wait to see you there and create some wonderful memories together!

RSVP: Let us know if you can join the fantasy fun day by 20th January. (Your child's class teacher)

We can't wait to team up with you for an unforgettable morning!



Grade 4

CityKidz Pre & Primary School

PARENT TEACHER Meeting

The Intersen Phase – can be a significant change and adjustment for children. They are faced with new subjects, new teachers, new expectations, new routines and new challenges.
We are there to guide you.

Date: 25 January 2025, Saturday

Time: 09:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Venue: School Hall

*Please inform your class teacher of your attendance or
the HOD Mrs A Vorster*

Special points of interest:

- New Parents Fairytale Tea Party 25th January
- Grade 4 Meeting: transition from FP IP
- Sports Day-School Sports Day Saturday 22nd February Holy Family College

Communication for the office and teachers

PLEASE NOTE OFFICE HOURS ARE FROM 7h15 to 15h00 Mondays to Thursdays. Fridays FROM- 7h15 to 14h00.

You can reach any of us through our main office telephone number, which is: 011-334-6631. Appointments with teachers will be made after school.

Most correspondence is done via grade WhatsApp groups. Consult our website and Facebook page to keep you in the loop. Newsletters will be emailed and posted on WhatsApp groups, Facebook and our school website. It is left up to each individual teacher as to whether to communicate with parents by phone, sms or email.

It is important to provide the school with your CORRECT contact information.

Six Bricks Workshop at CityKidz Brings Learning

Today, CityKidz hosted an impactful Six Bricks Workshop facilitated by Jana and Teboho from Care for Education. The workshop began with movement activities which had participants following instructions, balancing and developing hand-eye coordination. We were introduced to building exercises using LEGO bricks, incorporating concepts such as sorting by size, recognising even and odd numbers and fractions. Teachers learned how to guide learners to explore their imaginations while being encouraged to embrace mistakes and learn that failure is a steppingstone to success. Whether it was building aeroplanes or giving high-fives, the activities were energetic and fun.

The workshop highlighted the importance of sensory experiences in education. Participants engaged their senses of sight, touch, and hearing, all of which stimulated oxygen flow and supported proprioception, the ability to know how your body orients itself in your surroundings. These activities, like moving bricks slightly outside the field of vision and crossing the mid-line, help improve skills critical for reading, writing and cognitive development. The facilitators emphasised the value of social-emotional learning. Through exercises promoting inhibitory control, working memory and cognitive flexibility, learners practice before doing written work and thus cement their learning. The workshop underscored the importance of internal motivation and consistent practice by providing challenges that encourage self-discovery and excitement. This hands-on approach demonstrated how play can be a powerful medium for education.

The Six Bricks Workshop was a wonderful demonstration of innovation in education, illustrating how simple tools like LEGO bricks can unlock a world of learning potential for meaningful guided play activities.







School Times

School gates officially open at 07:00 each day.

All learners must be inside the gates by 7:35 each school day. The school day commences promptly at 07:45 for all learners.

At 07:45 line up and registration takes place.

07h15 - Support classes are conducted. Children will receive letters and a timetable. Children identified must attend. Support is from 07h15-07:45. Support is regarded as consolidation.

Late-comers will be issued with Behaviour Debits/Demerits. Please note this will be closely monitored. All Latecomers will sit in the pick-up zone until the second period starts as they will not be allowed into class and disrupt others.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Grade RR learners finish class at 12:30 each day. ONLY IF a child has a sibling in a higher grade they will be allowed to stay in class until 14:00 until the entire Foundation Phase is released. On Fridays they will be allowed to stay in class until 13:00.

Grade R - 1 learners finish class at 13:30 each day.

Grades 2 – 7 learners finish class at 14:00 each day.

Please note: Grade R-7 learners finish class at 13:00 on Fridays.

Please take note of the following:

The bell rings at 07:45 and all learners will assemble at their designated points.

Important notices will be made at morning line-up.

All periods are 30 minutes long. Most subjects have been allocated double teaching periods (60 min) to obtain maximum teaching time and to allow sufficient time for tasks to be completed during the allocated period. This format limits movement from class to class.

The extended times for the Grade 2 and 3's in the Foundation Phase was standardised to accommodate additional teaching time (focus on Maths and English) and to limit disruptions in that phase.

On the last day of each term the school closes at 11:00 for all learners.

The first ten minutes of the day in the InterSen Phase is used for administrative work, e.g., checking registers, homework books, newsletters and collecting reply slips.



**FRIDAYS
Grade R – 7
ARE DISMISSED
AT 13:00**

**What's
Happening**

over the next
two weeks?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20/01	21/01	22/01	23/01	24/01
CASS FP and IP Sports Practice RR-1	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 2&3	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 4&5	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 6&7	TEA SAT 25TH FOR NEW PARENTS and Grade 4 Meeting in hall
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27/01	28/01	29/01	30/02	31/02
CASS FP and IP Sports Practice RR-1	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 2&3 10th day Statistics to GDE.	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 4&5	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 6&7	

Class Captains— Term 1- 2025

Class Captain for Term 1: Year 2025					
Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Vele	Mulayo	Grade RRb	Zoey	Mbome
Grade RRc	Tondani	Mavhandu	Grade Ra	Ruvimbo	Nyamadzawo
Grade Rb	Neliah	Nyoni	Grade Rc	Sibusiso	Cele
Grade 1A	Iminathi	Khanyi	Grade 1B	Motene	Makgopa
Grade 1C	Sbongakonke	Ndlela	Grade 1D	Ellen	Ndondo
Grade 2A	Ntando	Ngidi	Grade 2B	Nondumiso	Mlotshwa
Grade 2C	Bongiwe	Sibanda	Grade 2D	Phathutshedza	Linda
Grade 3A	Angel	Makgopa	Grade 3B	Gabriella	Khumalo
Grade 3C	Mhlengi	Ngidi	Grade 3D	Bulelwa	Nongogo
Grade 4A	Jodan	Pietersen	Grade 4B	Lulama	Mhlongo
Grade 4C	Kelebogile	Dikgale	Grade 4D	Kokesto	Ntini
Grade 5A	Owethu	Ndlovu	Grade 5B	Nathynyem	Mebratu
Grade 5C	Mpho	Ndawo	Grade 5D	Gabriel	Sy
Grade 6A	Peniel	Dube	Grade 6B	Zanenhle	Ncube
Grade 6C	Khwezi	Khumalo	Grade 6D	Hope	Mathobela
Grade 7A	Hlumelo	Magewana	Grade 7B	Neo	Thomas
Grade 7C	Osego	Fuleni			





SPELLING BEE

amnesty
amoeba
amphitheatre
amusement
anaesthetic
anagram
analysis

anarchy
ancestors
animosity
announcement
annoying
annuity
anomaly

Quote for the Week

*The more you practice
the art of thankfulness,
the more you have to be
grateful for.*
NV Peale



basic education

Department:
Basic Education
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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2007/014450/08

General
Knowledge
Question for
the week.

What's the
response to
"see you later,
alligator?"

Answer to the
question in our
last newsletter.
of 2024

Who has been
elected as the
47th
President of the
United States of
America? Donald
John Trump



ISASA

Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa

Quality Values Diversity

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CityKidz Pre & Primary School
is Accredited by Umalusi,
Council for Quality Assurance
in General and Further
Education and Training-
Accreditation number
18 SCHO1 00576



Warm Regards

Mrs S Reynolds

PRINCIPAL



Set goals not limits

