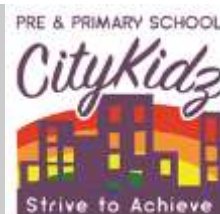


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Dear Parents/ Guardians

School Fees for 2026

Please refer to the adjustments below to school fees for the 2026 Academic Year starting on 01/01/2026.

Over recent years, we have worked diligently to keep school fees as affordable as possible, while continuing to provide high-quality education and maintain excellent facilities for learners. However, due to rising operational costs, inflationary pressures and the ongoing reduction of the Department of Education's subsidy, it has become necessary to increase the school fees by 8%. Trips and other additional items have also increased with inflation and service provider costs.

Additionally, we would like to inform you that although the Education Department currently provides subsidies that significantly help in keeping our fees manageable, they have because of their own budget limitations, cut our subsidies in the past 2 years by about 13% each year. CityKidz has for now managed to absorb these subsidy cuts without passing this loss of income onto the parents. Should these subsidies be reduced further, we may be required to review and adjust school fees in the accordingly to maintain our financial stability.

New Fee structure: The school fees for the 2026 academic year inclusive of trips are as follows:

1. New Registration Fee: R750.00 New parents only- Non-refundable

2. Annual School Administration Levy is a once off payment at the beginning of the year: inclusive of school photographs, learner support material, starter stationery package, AI and Robotics.

2.1 Grade RR to Grade 3 - Annual School Administration Levy: INCLUSIVE OF Learner Support Material, additional workbooks, starter stationery pack, school photograph package and AI and Robotics – R1 750.00. Once off payment at the beginning of the year

2.2 Grade 4 to Grade 7 - Annual School Administration Levy INCLUSIVE OF Starter Stationery Pack, Learner Support Material, school photograph package and AI and Robotics – R1 400.00 Once off payment at the beginning of the year.

3. MONTHLY FEES 11 MONTHS

3.1 Pre-School Grade RR to R - Monthly Fees (11 months) - R1 500.00 p/m

3.2 Primary School Grade 1 to 6 - Monthly Fees (11 months) - R1 800.00 p/m

3.3 Primary School Grade 7 - Monthly Fees (11 months) - R1 960.00 p/m

3.4 Aftercare R750-00 Monthly Fees (11 months)

This adjustment will enable us to maintain the standard of education and services that you expect from CityKidz Pre & Primary School.

We understand the financial strain that fee increases can cause and are committed to working with families who may face difficulties. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our finance department for assistance or any questions you might have. Thank you for your understanding and continued support. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our finance department for any questions you might have.

Civvies Day Robomania

Robo-Riffic Civvies Day: A Fun Day at CityKidz!

Civvies Day at CityKidz Primary School was robo-riffic as learners and staff dressed up as robots for a futuristic-themed celebration! The classes were filled with very creative costumes—some made from cardboard boxes, electronic motherboards, others with shiny foil and LED lights. From Grade RR to Grade 7, the costumes were outstanding. **'I've been working on this for months,' said Jonathan in Grade 6.**

Robo-riffic day was jam-packed with activities. Little robots in the Foundation Phase charmed us all with their songs and dances. Later, the school hall became a dance floor as Intersen learners showed off their best moves in a high-energy dance battle. The judges had a tough time picking winners because every performance was out of this world! Congratulations to all the winners.

Next came the Robot Fashion Show, where learners strutted down the runway in amazing handmade costumes. Some wore cardboard armour with blinking lights, while others dressed as friendly droids or high-tech cyborgs. The crowd cheered for the most creative designs, and prizes were given for Best Outfit and Coolest Moves!

Robo-treats and eats were munched on all day. Learners enjoyed robo-burgers, robo-pops and robo-sticks. Delicious and robo-tasty.

A huge thank you to learners, staff and parents who made this Civvies Day a truly

ly android/humanoid **experience! Until next time..."**

Beep beep beep!"

Follow our link on Facebook to see more photographs.





Father's Day

To the Men Who Build with Heart
Father's Day Tribute – With deepest love and respect

To the men of CityKidz, strong and true,
 Today we pause to honour you.
 With steady hands and hearts so wide,
 You stand like mountains by our side.

You are more than teachers, more than staff,
 You are the roots from which we craft,
 A future bold, a world brand-new,
 And yes, what greatness blooms from you.

To the gentlemen in our maintenance crew,
Fixing what's broken, seeing it through,
 Your hands hold hammers, your hearts hold grace,
 You keep the school a shining place.
 Every nail and polished floor
 Tells a story of care and so much more.

To our finance team, so calm and wise,
 Balancing numbers,
 You make sure every cent is known,
 So dreams can grow, and seeds be sown.
 Behind the scenes, you guard the gate,
Helping shape our learners' fate.

You wear many hats without complaint,
 Guides, protectors, mentors, friends,
 Quiet warriors who never bend.

We see your struggles, masked in pride,
 The tears you swallow deep inside.
 You rise at dawn with dreams half-spoken,
 Bearing loads though hearts feel broken.

In a country still mending, healing,
 You give our children hope and meaning.
 With each lesson, tool, or spreadsheet shared,
 You show the world that real men care.

You speak in many languages,
 Every word a gift, every lesson true.
 You teach with hands both firm and kind,
 A touch that shapes the growing mind.

From the classroom laughs to office goals,
 You pour your spirit into tiny souls.
 You build not just with brick or board,
 But with quiet love and truth restored.

So today, we lift you high with praise,
 For all your love, your quiet ways.
 For being fathers in more than name,
For lighting hearts with passion's flame.

To our kings, our brothers, our uncles and guides,
 May joy and honour be your strides.
 We thank you for all that you are, every day.
Happy Father's Day, in the CityKidz way.
 From your CityKidz family





Grade 7 We Shall Overcome

Exam week began on a bitterly cold, grey Monday morning. The skies were dull, the winds sharp, and the rain persistent. To make matters worse, darkness blanketed the school and the taps were dry. CityKidz and the surrounding areas were experiencing both a power and water outage, making it difficult to proceed with the mid-year exams.

CityKidz Intersen learners waited patiently in their classrooms, uncertain whether they would be able to write their exams. But the captain of the CityKidz ship, **Ma'am Reynolds, together with the dedicated engineers and deckhands**, moved swiftly to lift the learners' spirits.

Nature, too, offered a moment of grace—the sun broke through the gloom, casting warm light into the dim classrooms. Despite the anxieties and challenges, the exams commenced. Halfway through the day, the electricity was restored, bringing much excitement and relief to everyone.

We had persevered through the inclement weather, the lack of electricity and water. Our CityKidz parents and learners responded with inspiring enthusiasm, sending in drinking and flushing water to support the school community.



Nhlanhla article— Our very own brag!

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Mgobhozi who has been selected for the 2025 cohort of the Teachers' Change Agents Network (Teachers CAN) Multiplier Programme. Out of more than 200 applicants, he will be joining a dynamic and passionate team of 20 young teachers across the country as a Lead Multiplier. In this programme, he will play a vital role in expanding its network, reach and shaping its impact in schools and the community.

This is a year-long rigorous programme with engagements/workshops taking place during weekends and school holidays. Through immersive training, peer learning and collaboration, as well as building a network; the programme is aimed at leading transformational change in the educational landscape and foster a supportive network for teachers. "Teachers CAN is an incubated initiative of the DG Murray Trust (DGMT). The Teachers' Change Agent Network (Teachers CAN) is a teacher-led network working towards realising the potential of all children in South Africa".

The DG Murray Trust prides itself on providing opportunities to build a thriving society by trying to bridge the inequality gap. Collaboratively, the two organisations' fundamental principles around education are to identify opportunities and set goals centred on three key factors. Notably, identifying and connecting imaginative leaders, innovation as well as inclusivity. Additionally, the Teachers CAN Multiplier Programme is an essential part of the Teachers CAN network which was launched in 2020. Establishing the programme was motivated by the fact that, upon entering the profession; young teachers are enthused to help learners soar and reach their full potential. However, challenging work environments and classrooms are often the microcosm of South Africa's broader social inequalities. This is what the programme aims to address through its change agents.



Afrikaans is lekker

Afrikaans, the proverbial thorn in everyone's side. At CityKidz it is our first additional language and most of our parents say the same: 'My own Afrikaans is pretty bad. It's giving me grey hair, trying to help my child with a language I don't understand. How do I help?' If this sounds like you, then the following excerpt from a blog post called 'Worksheetcloud', written by a parent (who himself struggles with Afrikaans) for parents who find themselves in the same boat, may be useful.

He writes: 'Learners are supposed to have a big enough Afrikaans vocabulary to be able to write coherent sentences for their grade level. Additionally, many parents struggle to speak or understand Afrikaans, which in turn leads them to feel hopeless.' This sense of hopelessness usually carries over to the children and becomes a vicious cycle.

He continues: 'The good news is that with a bit of effort, you CAN help your child improve their Afrikaans mark within the space of a few short months.' His advice is as follows:

1. Start with the INSTRUCTION words!

The biggest problem with any First Additional Language exam paper/homework, is that even if your child studied well for it, he or she **might not understand the instructions in the paper and therefore won't know how to answer the questions.** The best way to help with this is to make your child study these instruction words beforehand.

Teachers generally don't trick learners with instructions; they are simply following the guidelines set for them in the CAPS document (which is freely available on the Department of Education's website). This means that you can also access these instruction words and teach it to your child.

I find it may be a good starting point to discuss with our CityKidz Afrikaans teachers about the instruction words that they may use for tasks/exams and homework to help your child.

Here are some examples of instruction words your child should know:

Verduidelik (Explain)

Kies die korrekte antwoord (Choose the correct answer)

Antwoord in 'n volsin (Answer using a full sentence)

Antwoord met een woord (Answer using one word)

Waar of vals (True or false)

Gee 'n rede vir jou antwoord (Give a reason for your answer)

2. Use an official dictionary.

A reliable and current bilingual dictionary is a wise investment this **father to a 14 year old continues. 'Your child will get much use out of a good bilingual dictionary.'** Although dictionaries are generally not permitted in exam situations, they can be used when doing writing or any other exercise in class or when preparing for tasks (like oral presentations) at home.

3. Make use of a "homemade" dictionary!

Want to get your child to learn and remember words? Have them write it down.

A handy tip is to buy your child an A5-size notebook in which they can write any new Afrikaans words they learn throughout the year, along with the English translation, this dad concludes.

Although good, free Afrikaans resources are few and far between, there are some videos you can find on YouTube. Type into the search bar – Afrikaans for beginners and a few useful videos pop up. Some of my personal favourites are:

Vokale – Teacher Antoinette

Kleure in Afrikaans – Lamie leer en speel videos

Die wiede op die bus – Zoemba the Rhino





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Positive Behaviour in the IP

Positive behaviour is associated with impeccable manners and etiquette. It is crucial for personal and social well-being. By showing respect, kindness, and consideration for others, we are fostering strong relationships and contributing to a harmonious society.

This is exactly what we are aim for; to raise a generation who will not only desire to be outstanding citizens, but make a difference in society.

Most merits are amazing, but having NO DEMERITS are meritorious. After 6 months of school, the following learners do not have ANY demerits!

Why Positive Behaviour Matters

Positive behaviour isn't just about following rules—it's about creating habits that help individuals thrive both inside and outside the classroom. When learners demonstrate respect for others, take responsibility for their actions, and show empathy, it builds trust and encourages collaboration. This leads to better friendships, higher academic achievement, and a more inclusive community.

Encouraging Positive Behaviour in School

Clear Expectations: Schools that set clear, consistent expectations for behaviour help learners understand what is acceptable and why it matters. When everyone knows the standards, it's easier to make positive choices. All CityKidz children must familiarise themselves with our School Code of Conduct.

Recognition and Rewards: Acknowledging good behaviour motivates learners to keep it up. Simple gestures like praise and positive reinforcement make a big difference.

Modelling by Adults: Teachers and staff who demonstrate positive behaviour—such as patience, fairness, and kindness—serve as role models. learners often imitate the attitudes they see from adults around them.

Teaching Social Skills: Incorporating lessons on empathy, conflict resolution, and communication equips learners with tools to interact positively with others.

Creating a Supportive Environment: When learners feel valued and supported, they are more likely to behave positively. Building strong relationships and addressing challenges with understanding encourages better behaviour.

The Benefits of Positive Behaviour

Improved Learning: Learners who behave well are more focused and ready to learn.

Stronger Relationships: Positive interactions build trust between peers and teachers.

Better Mental Health: A respectful and kind environment reduces stress and anxiety.

Preparation for Life: Positive behaviour habits prepare students learners for success beyond school.

Conclusion

Positive behaviour is a powerful tool that transforms schools into nurturing communities. By encouraging kindness, respect, and responsibility, schools help learners grow into confident, caring individuals. Every positive choice made in the classroom contributes to a brighter future—for learners and for society as a whole.

Congratulations, InterSen Phase Learners! Keep shining like a bright, bright star!



Grade 4		Grade 5	
Kgodiho Kgarose	Kelebogile Dikgale	Mikayla Katono	Sphiwokuhle Magubane
Oluhle Shongwe	Chisom Mhlambe	Nahome Tamale	Ndalo Malobane
Kganya Totetsi	Tinashe Madyibi	Lilita Rozani	
Michelle Animashaun	Rinavho Netselo		
Sean Madambi	Patrick Nnoka		
Ayabonga Mdietshe	Zamokuhle Radebe		
Reatlegile Ramaila	Sinolizvoi Sosibo		

Grade 6		Grade 7	
Lumonge Bakama	Kim Dube	Livhuwani Monyae	Neo Machika
Tumelo Mathabatha	Vunene Mukari	Kamogelo Modisane	Reatile Kgatlhe
Abdullah Moodey	Zenandi Mzotho	Mthokozisi Hlongwane	Lwazi Mvubu
Qhawekazi Mahabhe	Thando Dube	Keabetswe Modisane	Nyakallo Seremo
Asante Vunguvungu	Bahle Khumalo	Mbalenhle Ndhlovu	Rorisang Raphuthi
Michelle Lepondo	Morena Senoe	Wanangwa Mkandawire	Belinda Sibanda
Noluthando Mayongo	Tyler Ndebele	Thembelihle Madondo	Nyakallo Seremo
Kwanele Mbatha	Paballo Mokhatla	Rorisang Raphuthi	Winley Matafi
Tlhalefo Moshotetsi	Naledi Motsoari	Ashley Magodiela	Lufuno Monyae
Zanenhle Ncube	Ngcebo Radebe	Thandolwethu Dube	Sibonelo Dhlamini
Simphiwe Sithole	Sinobuhle Moyo	Siphesihle Hlatshwayo	Palesa Seleka
Chinenye Aijbogie	Darlene Dube	Ashley Magodiela	Patience Gumbo
Alumanida Mbhekeni	Khwezi Khumalo	Keabetswe Modisane	Karissa Mogale
Amlonde Khuzwayo	Eleazar Mazana	Livhuwani Monyae	Angel Ngobeni
Brandon Lukongwa	Kayla Mavura	Buhlebenkosi Ncube	Nicole Nyathi
Luthando Nkosi	Favour Mthembu	Reneilwe Mokgosi	Thabisile Dube
Unathi Khuzwayo	Ayibongwe Hadebe	Lindokuhle Johnny	Osego Fuleni
Hlompho Lediga	Catherine Mokhosi	Hlumelo Magewana	Palesa Seleka
Sindisiwe Makhuba	Mbalenhle Ndlovu	Buhlebendalo Sikhosana	Keitumetse Mnisi
Hope Mathobela		Phalo Maqukanya	Ezra Sama
Retshireletse Mbangela		Siphesihle Hlatshwayo	Zoe Shukudu
Success Ugochukwu		Reneilwe Mokgosi	Kyle Ndlovu
Unarine Nenugwi		Ennie Ntini	

Aftercare Fun Friday Sport skills

Aftercare Fun Friday – 30 May 2025

After a busy Robo-riffic civvies day, Aftercare learners enjoyed an afternoon of sport skills and exercises. In bright sunshine, they learned proper running techniques such as agility drills and zig-zag runs. They practiced throwing and catching, kicking and ball control which teaches learners how to pass, shoot, and dribble a ball using different parts of their feet. Teamwork and sportsmanship was also emphasised in the games as it teaches fair play and respect for opponents.

A fun-filled Friday!



**Note: School closes for
Term 2 on 27th June.
Collect reports Sat 28th
June**

**What's
Happening**

over the next
two weeks?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16/06	17/06	18/06	19/6	20/06
Public Holiday Youth Day	CASS FP and IP Extra Mural 2 & 3	CASS FP and IP Extra Mural 4 & 5	CASS FP and IP Extra Mural 6 & 7	CASS FP and IP
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23/06	24/06	25/06	26/6	27/06
CASS FP Extra Mural RR-1 EXAMS	CASS FP Extra Mural 2 & 3 EXAMS	CASS FP and IP Extra Mural 4 & 5	CASS FP and IP Extra Mural 6 & 7	28/06 Saturday COLLECT REPORTS

Parents Meeting—Report collection Saturday 28th June

At the end of each term, parents often take the time to collect their child's report cards and visit teachers to get a clearer picture of how things have been going in school. These visits are a great chance to have a friendly, open conversation with teachers about the child's progress—what's going well and where they might need a little extra help. It's also an opportunity for parents to ask questions, share observations from home, and work together with teachers to support their child's learning journey. Checking in like this not only shows the child that their education matters but also helps build a strong partnership between parents and teachers. Plus, it's a nice way to stay involved and stay informed about what's happening in the classroom throughout the term.

Every drop counts— Thank you for the water

Water is essential for life and plays a vital role in many aspects, especially in schools:

Hydration: Students need water to stay hydrated for better focus and energy.

Hygiene: Water is crucial for washing hands, cleaning classrooms, and maintaining toilets, which helps prevent the spread of diseases.

Health: Access to clean water reduces the risk of illnesses like diarrhea, cholera, and other infections

Learning Environment: A safe and clean school environment depends on adequate water supply to support student comfort and attendance.

schools is critical to ensuring students have a safe, healthy environment to learn and grow.

Water is essential for everyone, especially for children at school who need to stay properly hydrated to concentrate, participate actively, and maintain good health throughout the day. During the recent water crisis, this vital resource became even more precious, and ensuring that learners had access to clean water was a top priority.

Without enough water, children can feel tired and distracted, which affects their learning and overall well-being. We deeply appreciate the support and understanding from our parents and community during this challenging time.

Your cooperation and care helped us ensure that our students stayed comfortable and focused despite the difficulties. We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who kindly brought water to school during the recent water crisis.

Your generosity and support helped keep our students comfortable and focused, and it means a lot to the entire school community.



Holiday Classes

CityKidz WINTER SCHOOL GRADE 4 – 7

Mon to FRI 14 – 18 JULY 2025
9am – 1pm

IMPROVE YOUR GRADES
LEARN TO STUDY EFFECTIVELY

ENGLISH, MATHS, AFRIKAANS &
STUDY SKILLS

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CityKidz Winter School is an Aftercare initiative

JOZI Book Writing Workshop

On Saturday 31 May, a group of Grade 7 learners attended a writing workshop at Jozi Books. Learners were treated to breakfast of tea and biscuits before the workshop started. Facilitators taught various aspects of short story writing: plot, characters, setting, emotive language and twists.

CityKidz learners thought the workshops were interesting and added value to their learning. They are keen to get started on their short stories which will be published in the October 2025 Jozi Book Fair anthology.



SPELLING BEE



exhibition
exhort
expansion
expansive
expenditure
expertise
exploit

expression
expansive
encourage
encroach
endeavour
endorsement
engagement

Quote for the Week

All our knowledge begins with the senses, proceeds then to the understanding, and ends with reason. There is nothing higher than reason.

Immanuel Kant



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Warm Regards

Mrs S Reynolds

PRINCIPAL

General Knowledge Question for the week.

Which flightless bird can be found around the coasts of PE and Boulders Beach in Cape Town?

Answer to the question in our last newsletter. Which city in South Africa is also known as "The Friendly City"?

Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth)



Most Merits for Term 2 Week Ending 13 June : Year 2025

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Cherish	Ohunyon	Grade RRB	Mpilwenhle	Mkwananzi
Grade Ra	Zimisozenkosi	Zulu	Grade Rb	Uzoma	Gwabeni
Grade Rc	Bibiana	Kamhaka	Grade 1A	Lubanzi	Khwela
Grade 1B	Rorisang	Wane	Grade 1C	Siphesihle	Mfamana
Grade 1D	Fareeda	Momoh	Grade 2A	Daniel	Ncube
Grade 2B	Atipaishe	Musadaidzwa	Grade 2C	Chantal	Bvute
Grade 2D	Mesuli	Nomavuka	Grade 3A	Khethelo	Ndondo
Grade 3B	Onyinyechi	Elugwu	Grade 3C	Thingo	Khumalo
Grade 3D	Kairo	Korovedzai	Grade 4A	Davhana	Mukonazwothe
Grade 4B	Nqobile	Mkhize	Grade 4C	Nkanyezi	Mafikwana
Grade 4D	Bellanca	Phiri	Grade 5A	Mikayla	Katono
Grade 5B	Kamogelo	Mdhluli	Grade 5C	Nahome	Temale Wondewosn
Grade 5D	Ethan	Ndebele	Grade 6A	Tumelo	Mathabatha
Grade 6B	Tyler	Ndebele	Grade 6C	Asante	Vunguvungu
Grade 6D	Alunamida	Mbhekeni	Grade 7A	Karissa	Mogale
Grade 7B	Presley	Tshuma	Grade 7C	Thabisile	Dube