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Dear Parents

WOW, WHAT A FANTASTIC BIG WALK!

What a fabulous, well supported Big Walk we had once again. A day filled with great fun, delicious food and drink, entertaining music and lots and lots of prizes. Apart from the stalls and food it was so good to see the Martin School “family” come together for a day of fun, team building and general socializing. Many past learners, their parents and previous members of the PTA and SGB also came to visit.

How does one even begin to say thank you to all the parents, children and staff for all the hard work, time, planning and generosity? The saying “words can’t express” ring so true. Personally, I am once again just honestly overcome with such a sense of pride to know that I am part of such a winning team. THANK YOU and WELL DONE to each and every one, whether you feel you played a small or big part in the success of the day, your contribution DID make a difference. Special thank you to all the stall conveners, parents and staff who helped on the day, DJ, Global Elite, Medic and all the parents who worked so hard cleaning and sorting all items sent in. The last big task ahead to complete the Big Walk, is to now collect all the promised sponsorships and donations. Please make every effort to pay this in as soon as possible in order for us to get the final figures and then arrange the Prize Giving.

Please remember that learners can still continue to collect sponsorships in order to qualify for the bigger rewards on the pathways like the Disco, the early day off, the day at the pool, the trip to Mc Donald’s and the big prize of the **full scholarship**. Learners will still be called down periodically to collect their vouchers and we will still have voucher days. Some of these can only be done in summer but the vouchers need to be earned before the events and money needs to be paid in to qualify.

Congratulations to Mrs. Nyawo, (parent of Yenzokuhle, 3C), who was the lucky winner of the fantastic Restonic Bed.

A special word of thank you to all our main sponsors who ensured that the day was not just about raising funds for our school but that we could also reward each and every child who completed their laps with a little token of appreciation.

PARENTS’ AFTERNOON, REPORTS OUT, BREAK UP TIMES.

Early notification is hereby given that that our parents’ afternoon will be on Thursday, 13 June from 14:15 - 17:30. Please make the necessary arrangements to come and collect your child’s report and discuss his / her progress with their teacher. NO REPORTS WILL BE HANDED OUT WITHOUT PARENTS SEEING THE TEACHER FOR A DISCUSSION. Reports may **not** be handed out to older siblings!

Please take note that the **Foundation Phase (Grades R- 3) will break up at 10:30 and the Intersen Phase (Grades 4-7) at 11:00** on Friday, 14 June and school will re-open on 9 July. (These different times are in order to try and alleviate traffic congestion.)

FOUNDATION PHASE FATHER’S DAY ASSEMBLY

As per our newsletters earlier in the year, our special Father’s Day Assembly will be on 13 June 2024, from 08:00 to approximately 10:00, for all our Grade 1-3 dads who would like to attend this special assembly. There will be no entrance fee for this event but we kindly request that you bring along a non-perishable food item (tins, rice, pasta) on the day to donate to our needy families. Please bring along a picnic basket/ blanket and some games in order to enjoy a short picnic with your child after assembly.

Children will be allowed to wear civvies for the day and are encouraged to wear something representing our Rock ‘n Roll theme. (Only if possible as we don’t want parents to encounter additional costs.)

As this is a function for **Daddies only**, we ask that families without a Dad in the household, contact the office prior to the day in order to make alternative arrangements.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Troy Coleridge who took part in the "Budo All Styles Karate Tournament" and obtained a 2nd Place in Kumite and 2nd Place in Kata. He also took part in the "Shotokan ZA Gauteng Open Tournament" where he received a 1st Place in Kata. Well done we are extremely proud of your achievements.

Yours faithfully

H. THERON

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