



NEWSLETTER NO: 38 of 2023

30 November 2023

Dear Parents.

As this will be the final Newsletter for 2023, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all children, parents, staff and support staff for all their hard work and commitment during the year. A special thank you to the SGB and PTA for all the hours and effort put into Martin School. The support and commitment from all the above stakeholders to our school is what makes Martin School stand out as a school of excellence in all areas. A great big THANK YOU to the Martin School Family.

Sadly, we are saying farewell to Mr. Brits who will be leaving us at the end of the year. We wish him all the best for his future endeavours and thank him for all that he has done for our school and our children.

SCHOOL CLOSES/ REPORTS OUT

Reports will be handed out to learners on Tuesday, 12 December. Reports must be collected **by the learners** from their homeroom teacher **anytime** between 07:30 and 9:30. Learners must proceed directly to their class to collect reports and then leave immediately afterwards. Parents are asked to wait in their cars as they will not be allowed to accompany their children. Only the main parking area will be open on this day to allow for proper access control. (Except for Grade R learners who will use 2nd Avenue) In order to reduce congestion in the parking area we have allowed for this two-hour collection period and immediate dismissal of learners after collection instead of just one collection time when school starts / finishes. (11 December will therefore be the last formal school day.) **No reports may be handed out earlier as per GDE instructions.** Reports not collected on this day can only be collected in the new year. No reports will be handed out at the front office on this day.

In the new school year, children are to report to the classrooms indicated on their reports.

AFTERCARE

Parents, please be advised that the school Aftercare will also now close on 12 December for the holidays and will reopen when school starts.

PRIZE GIVING

Our Foundation Phase Prize Giving will be on Monday, 11 December in the morning and our Grade 4-7 Prize Giving will be on Monday evening, 11 December. Both functions will be by invitation only. Details will be sent with the invitations on Tuesday, 5 December.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

A reminder about our Carols by Candlelight that will be held on Friday, 8 December from 18:00 – 20:00. Please bring your own picnic basket and **non-alcoholic** beverages. You are welcome to bring your own picnic blankets and camping chairs. Candles and candle holders will be supplied by the school. Entrance is free for the evening and we invite everybody to come and enjoy a very enjoyable evening with us.

GRADE 7 VALEDICTORY ASSEMBLY

The Grade 7 Valedictory Assembly will now be held on Friday, 8 December at 08:00 in the school hall. All Grade 7 parents are most welcome to attend. Grade 7's must wear the correct summer uniform and have the correct hairstyles to be part of the Valedictory. They will change into their swimming/ civvies clothes after the Valedictory. Grade 7's are asked to donate their school uniforms and school bags/ sports bags to the 2nd hand shop on this day in order to assist needy families. **(Unless they are Prize winners)**

FOUNDATION PHASE WATER DAY- GRADES R-3

On Wednesday, 6 December, the Foundation Phase learners will be having a fun water day. Children must wear their black school swimming costumes under their PE clothes to school. Make sure they bring along a towel, sun hat or cap, and don't forget to put sunscreen on your child before they come to school. Please also pack a picnic lunch for the day.

CUT OFF DATE- RECYCLING OF SCHOOL BOOKS

Parents who would like to keep their children's school books must please write a note to the class teacher by Friday, 8 December, requesting that the books be handed to the children on the last day of school and not sent for recycling.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR INDIGENT FAMILIES

We ask any interested parents to send some form of non-perishable food (tins of food) to the class teachers. We would like to make hampers for our indigent children who have been on the school feeding scheme in order for them to at least have something on the table during the festive season when we all enjoy feasts and festivities with our families.

SCHOOL LEAVERS

Parents who have not yet advised the school that their children (Grade R – 6) will not be returning next year, must please do so in writing as soon as possible.

FINAL WISHES FOR THE YEAR

May we take this opportunity to wish all our children, parents and staff a relaxing, joyous and blessed festive season. School will reopen on Wednesday, 17 January 2024.

Yours faithfully

H. THERON
PRINCIPAL