



The Milnerton Mail

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Sports Trials & Staff Development – Early Closure

Friday the 19th of January is an early closure day, with **school closing at 12.30pm**.

Pupils must attend school in Sports Kit and also bring along their swimming gear, as the day is dedicated to INTERHOUSE SWIMMING and ATHLETICS TRIALS. Please be aware that these trials are for the arrangement of the Gala and Sports Day. These are NOT trials for squad selection. Parents are please asked to make arrangements for prompt collections as there is a Staff Development Workshop scheduled to start at 1.00pm.

******* FRIDAY IS FORECAST TO BE 35°C PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A HAT, SUNBLOCK & WATER*******

Parent Teacher Meetings

The Parent Teacher Meetings scheduled for next week are the first VERY important events of the school year. As such, they should be considered as obligatory. We are hoping for 100% turnout of parents, although in the interests of space constraints can we please request that only 1 parent per child attend (unless of course your family dynamic precludes this). I will briefly address the parents in the hall and then they will join their child's class teacher, in the classrooms, to receive essential information. The teacher will provide you with all the "survival strategies" to ensure that your child has the best year possible. NO PUPILS MAY ATTEND. Parking will be available on both quads and on the streets adjoining the school. The Parent Evenings are scheduled as follows:

Gr. 1 to Gr. 3 Wednesday, 24 January at 6.00pm

Gr. 4 to Gr. 7 Thursday, 25 January at 6.00pm

Sports Day – Save the Date

Our Interhouse Athletics takes place on SATURDAY, 27 January at 8.00am at MILNERTON HIGH SCHOOL.

All pupils to attend this compulsory event. This event usually ends by midday.



Commencement of sport

You will have received extensive correspondence in this regard from Mr Antonakis, our Director of Sport. Please ensure that you have read through this rather detailed letter and taken note of the programme, practice schedule and sports commitment responsibilities.

Learner Information Forms

These have been sent home and we would kindly request your help with the speedy completion and return of these forms. Kindly ensure that they are returned by Wednesday, 24 January.

Assembly Dress Code

Assemblies take Place on a **Monday for Gr 4 to 7**. Assembly is a formal occasion and BLAZERS are expected to be worn in these grades. HOWEVER, classes who have Phys-Ed on a Monday DO NOT HAVE TO WEAR BLAZERS but attend school in their Phys-Ed kit. Grade 4 to 7 Pupils have until 2 February to arrange for a blazer.

Staffing

For over a hundred years, we have attracted staff with a heart for the children in their care. As educators our singular focus is the encouragement and inspiration of every child in our care. This year we welcome **Ms Gonneau, Mrs Alcock and Ms Janse van Rensburg** to an already exceptional staffing complement. We hope that they will 'lead with love' and embrace the exceptional family ethos here at Milnerton Primary for many years to come. The staff-team has been allocated as follows this year:

Deputy Head – Ms Cherry

Head of Pastoral Care – Mr Holman

Head of Academics – Mrs Sacks (**Robotics & Coding**)

Grade 1

Mrs Naidoo (Gr Head), Mrs Middleton, Ms Cartmell and Ms Gleeson (Assistant Teacher)

Grade 2

Mrs Osborn (HOD Foundation Phase & Gr Head), Mrs Viljoen, Ms Gonneau and Ms Arendse (Assistant Teacher)

Grade 3

Mrs Ehlers (Gr Head), Ms Smith, Ms Andersen

Grade 4

Mrs Scott (Gr Head), Mrs Antoniadis, Ms van Elst

Grade 5

Mrs Spangenberg (Gr Head), Ms King, Mrs Kellerman

Grade 6

Mr Coe (Gr Head), Mrs Farham, Ms Fry

Grade 7

Mr Mananga (Gr Head), Mrs Kupferman, Mrs Alcock

Grade Assistants: **Gr.2** Ms Janse van Rensburg

Gr.3 Ms Smith

Gr.4 Ms Holman

Gr.5 Ms Newman

Gr.6 Mr Haywood

Gr.7 Mr Carter

Remedial Support – Mrs Lawrence

Counselling Social Worker – Mr Loubser

Consulting Occupational Therapist – Mrs Christelle Nel

Music – Mr Katz

Consulting Speech Therapist – Mrs Melany van Heerden

Xhosa & Drama – Ms Eriksen

Art – Ms Sharman

ESP – Mr Fourie

Sport – Mr Antonakis (Director), Ms Sharples & Mr Rodrigues

Bursar – Mrs Whittal

Sub-Bursar – Mrs Watson

P.A to the Headmaster – Mrs Haywood

Reception – Ms Hyman

Estate Manager – Mr Nel

Estate Staff

Mr Qaba (Team Manager), Mrs Dodi, Mr Kapeyi, Mr Phiri, Mrs Cloete, Mr Sunda

Fees Procedure 2024

The fees procedure for 2024 is detailed below and the information is also available on the D6 Connect.

Please ensure that you are familiar with this process.

MILNERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

FEEs PROCEDURE 2024:

**Parents paying upfront for the year: pay by EFT only.
If paid by cash you will be charged bank's FULL deposit fee**

12.10.23/jw

Distributed to Parents:

19.10.23 By email to new 2024 parents
19.10.23 D6 to parents
7.12.23 D6 to parents

School Fees (per learner):

The full annual school fees are payable in advance and in full on/by the 1st day of school.

R 25,500 per year

Discount #1 of: R 2,040 if paid in full by 31 Dec 2023, pay R 23,460

Discount #2 of: R 1,275 if paid in full by 31 Jan 2024, pay R 24,225

OR

To assist parents who are unable to pay annual fees in advance, they may pay monthly as follows:

R 2,550 per month payable in equal monthly instalments over 10 months: due on 1st of each month from 1st Feb to 1st Nov

Extended School Program Fees (per learner):

R 8,000 per year

R 2,000

per term, due on the 1st day of the month of each term; 1 Jan, 1 April, 1 July, 1 Oct.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES:

School fees are set at an annual amount. This annual amount is payable on the 1st day of school. However parents who are unable to pay in full may pay monthly in which case:

Unless paid in advance for the year, FEES ARE **PAYABLE MONTHLY ON/BY THE 1st OF EACH MONTH, FROM 1st Feb to 1st Nov.**

No prorata fees: If pupil leaves DURING a fee month, the FULL month fee is payable.

PAYMENT METHODS:

There are only 2 payment methods: by electronic transfer or via our debit order facility.

DO NOT PAY BY CASH at the school or deposit at the bank, as the bank charges for both of these are extremely high.

CASH PAYMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED at the school as it is unsafe & expensive. Please comply with this ruling.

There is a **R80** charge on each cash payment paid at a bank or school.

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STATEMENTS

Statements with **debit balances** will be sent monthly by email. i.e. not those with credit or nil balances, this includes accounts with debit orders.

DEBIT ORDERS

Go off on the **1st working day** of each month, from February to November. Will be cancelled after 2 consecutive RD's.

DIRECT DEPOSITS/TRANSFERS

To ensure your payment is credited to the correct account, your deposit reference must be **your account number followed by pupils surname.**

Bank: Standard Bank, Milnerton. Acc No: 073075310 Branch Code: 026509 Name of Account: Milnerton Primary School

Deposit Reference: Your Account Number followed by pupils surname. eg D01 Doe

SCHOOL FEES ARE COMPULSORY:

The payment of school fees is compulsory. In terms of SA Schools Act, school fees are a STATUTORY REQUIREMENT and therefore a priority debt.

Both biological parents are jointly & severally responsible for the payment of school fees irrespective of divorce agreement & marital status.

Parents with outstanding fees are advised as follows: 1. Via SMS/ph/email. 2. Warning letter, via pupil post+email.

3. Final notice, via pupil post+email+registered mail. 4. **Then handed over for the full annual fees.** parents are liable for the legal costs.

In the event of any one instalment not being paid on due date, then the full amount still outstanding shall immediately become due & payable.

Therefore parents experiencing financial difficulties must contact the Assistant Bursar to discuss any late payments & to avoid being handed over.

It is imperative that all parents pay their school fees to maintain the high standards we expect from our school.

EXEMPTIONS 2024:

Parents who are unable to pay full school fees, may apply for partial exemptions. These are only valid for **ONE** school year.

Exemption Application Forms:

Parents must request application forms from Mrs Watson from **22 Jan to 24 Feb 2024.**

Parents who had exemptions last year & need exemptions for this year **MUST REAPPLY**, as exemptions are **only valid for one year.**

Both biological parents are required to provide documentation, regardless of marital status, divorce/maintenance agreements etc.

WCED's Exemption Regulations are on display at the Bursar's office.

Appeals are to be made in writing to WC Education Dept within 30 days after receipt of decision.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Assistant Bursar: Mrs Watson

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School terms 2024

1st Term - 17 January to 20 March

2nd Term - 3 April to 14 June

3rd Term - 9 July to 20 September

4th Term - 1 October to 11 December

Public Holidays 2024 (during the school year)

27 April – Freedom Day

28 April – School Holiday

1 May - Worker's Day

16 June – Youth Day

17 June – Public Holiday (Youth Day)

9 August - National Women's Day

24 September – Heritage Day

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the 2024 academic year, with an especially warm welcome to our new parents, staff and learners. We hope that your stay at our exceptional school will be happy and rewarding!

May your year be filled with great joy.

Yours faithfully



Mr W. D. Middleton

(Headmaster)

First Day Bell Ringing Ceremony for the Grade 1s – Welcome to Milnerton Primary.

