

#### Scottsville Primary School Founded 1915 The School that Cares

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**Dear Parents** 

### Newsletter: 1 of Term 3

### 1. Covid-19

We are fast approaching the end of third term 2020, we would like to take this opportunity to inform you how the school has fared at this time. I do hope that the stop and start days are over. However, we may be directed otherwise by the Department of Health due to the possibility of further positive Covid-19 cases being reported.

Although the probability of infection is decreasing, we remain vigilant at all times, and we strive to continue the teaching and learning in the most normal way possible. As always, we are prepared for any future action that we may need to take to ensure the safety of all of our learners, parents and staff members.

I would like to thank our parents for the wonderful support that we have received from you throughout this pandemic. Thank you to our learners, staff and most importantly, our parents, for adhering to all protocols, especially the drop off and pick up times. It is very important for us to keep to these times, ensuring a smooth traffic flow, and that children are collected timeously for the daily disinfection processes.

Our hope is that as we slowly emerge from lockdown, and we continue to follow recommended precautions, that the School environment remain safe for everyone.

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Kindly continue to apply the following, which we continually remind our learners of, on a daily basis:

- 1. Clean your hands frequently, washing with soap and water and sanitizing.
- 2. Wear a mask which covers your nose and mouth.
- 3. Avoid contact with anyone who has symptoms of Covid-19.
- 4. Avoid touching your face.

A thorough cleansing of the school is ensured on a daily basis. Although all areas are disinfected, the focus is on areas that are likely to be frequently touched by multiple people, such as door handles, desktop areas and plug points and switches.

Sanitizers and disinfectants, which are refilled on a daily basis, are placed at the entrance of, and inside of each and every classroom and at various points around the school.

## 2. Academics

Our current emphasis is focused on academics; termly assessments are being conducted within the confines of the classroom under the teacher's supervision. Educators will advise when assessments are conducted. It is important for learners to prepare for these assessments.

All assessments conducted will determine the outcome of each learner's final report at the end of the year.

#### 3. 2021 Term Dates

Term 1	27 January	-	31 March	2021
Term 2	13 April	-	25 June	2021
Term 3	13 July	-	23 September 2021	
Term 4	05 October	-	08 Decembe	er 2021

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## 4. Stationery

Stationery lists are currently being prepared, and we will communicate this information as soon as it has been finalized and is available.

# 5. Staffing

The Principal's new Personal Assistant is Mrs Belinda Meyer.

We welcomed Ms Stefania Collett as Grade 3 Teacher Aide.

We bid farewell to Mr Justin James (Maintenance Manager) and Mrs Simone Job (Grade 3 Teacher Aide).

# 6. Conclusion

We will keep you updated with any further developments. Although our normal daily life continues, safety remains our most important and fundamental concern. Through sensible acts and teamwork, we can protect not only the school community against Corona Virus, but against any virus that may occur or circulate in the future.

I hope that despite the challenges of 2020 being overshadowed by Covid19, that we remain positive to finish the year very positively.

God bless you.

*Mhlanhla Mkhize* Principal

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