

LIVINGSTONE HIGH SCHOOL

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FIRST TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have had an exciting and eventful first term. The high absentee rate after the Controlled Test period as well as the high incidence of truancy, has raised major concern amongst teachers. **Parents are reminded that they have an obligation to send their children to school.** The new CAPS system is loaded in terms of curriculum content, and teaching continues after controlled test periods and examinations.

SPORTS RESULTS

ATHLETICS

Thanks to all the participants in the Interhouse Athletics held in Parow on 29 January. A fun-filled day was had by all. We compliment all our students on their good sportsmanship. The result of the day :
1st position : Carlier House
2nd position : Roberts House
3rd position : Dudley House

More than 100 students represented the school at the Interschool Athletics. Livingstone was placed fourth.

About 30 students went on to represent the school at the zonal championships at Vygieskraal. Darren Williams was selected to represent the province at the provincial championships in Oudtshoorn.

All winter codes of sport will commence next term.
Cross country : Ms R. Badroodien ; Ms D. Mackay
Netball : Ms L. Bresler
Soccer : Mr M. Antonels : Mr L. Matomela

STAFF MATTERS

Our heartfelt thanks to Mr B. Lenders and Mr A. Visagie for substituting for Ms L Arendse.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

The school received a certificate for Language Excellence in the Western Cape Education Department's Systemic tests written by the Grade 9 learners of 2013. Well done to those teachers who prepared the learners for these tests.

HERITAGE

Our Founders' Day was commemorated on Friday, 28 February.

The focus was on the relevance and impact of the past on the present. Pertinent topics such as the winds of change, our social conscience, violence against women, bullying and the importance of school pride were presented to an attentive audience.

We honour the past by upholding the moral values highlighted in our mission statement.

The presenters, all of whom were students, were commended for their mature, efficient and insightful delivery.

OUTREACH

The Welfare Society collected an amount of R1421 for the Peninsula School Feeding Scheme. The target is for each and every child to contribute R5.00 towards this well –deserving charity.

There is also an appeal from the Welfare Society for marshmallow Easter eggs that will be donated to Rosmead Primary school. Children at Red Cross Hospital will also benefit from the generous donation of our school community.

The Welfare Society is also successfully running sandwich and fruit days. These contributions are also donated to Rosmead Primary School.

The WP Blood Transfusion Service wishes to thank students and teachers for making a **remarkable** difference in the lives of patients by donating blood on 23 January.
1 unit of blood can save 3 lives.

75 students and educators participated in this year's **CANSA Relay for Life** on Friday, 07 March at Vygieskraal to show that Livingstone cares and empathises with cancer patients and survivors. Congratulations to Grade 11P and their teacher who fielded a full team of 15. We commend Nuhr Ryklief and Uzair Edwards and their team who collected money and enrolled 45 learners in the 12 hour relay. We urge more Livingstonians to participate in this international movement that unites cancer survivors and the communities that care about them. It offers young and old, a joyous opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer and to honour those who have been touched by cancer.

PREFECT BODY

Hideaki Kasai (12L) and Danielle Crowie (12G) were chosen as Head Prefects for 2014. They lead a very competent team of deputy head prefects and prefects.

GOVERNING BODY NEWS

Mr Douthie and Mr Allie were voted onto the Governing Body in February. Mr B. Pietersen remains the chairperson of the Governing Body.

RCL NEWS

The RCL executive, elected in February consists of :
 Chairperson : Isma-eel Kamish (Grade 10S)
 Vice-chairperson : David Mubaiwa (Grade 12D)
 Secretary : Keenan Niewenhuys (Grade 9Z) and
 Thaabet Parker (Grade 11P)
 Treasurer : Yusraa Salie (Grade 9Z)

The RCL body commits themselves to serve the Livingstone student body to the best of their combined abilities. They urge students to approach them with matters which are important to them so that they can continue the legacy of those who have gone before. They urge Livingstonians to live up to their motto and ADVANCE!

Grade Representatives :

Grade Eight : Badr Abrahams ; Kirstie Adams ;
 Ra-id Ganief

Grade Nine : Haillee Jordaan

Grade Ten : Ebrahim Daniels ; Imtiyaz Isaacs

Grade Eleven : Rahimah Ismail ; Landon Meyer

Grade Twelve : Malika Davids ; Zaid Majiet

MINI-WORLD NEWS

Our Mini-world kicked-off on Monday, 24 March with classes drawing the countries they will be representing this year.

| CLASS | COUNTRY |
|--------------|----------------|
| 8B | JAPAN |
| 8D | PAKISTAN |
| 8J | BRAZIL |
| 8S | ENGLAND |
| 9D | KENYA |
| 9L | SAUDI ARABIA |
| 9M | GERMANY |
| 9Z | NEW ZEALAND |
| 10E | ARGENTINA |
| 10G | GREECE |
| 10L | CHINA |
| 10M | AUSTRALIA |
| 10S | VENEZUELA |
| 11G | ITALY |
| 11H | SWITZERLAND |
| 11P | EGYPT |
| 11T | RUSSIA |
| 11Z | MEXICO |
| 12D | CHILE |
| 12G | FRANCE |
| 12L | MOZAMBIQUE |
| 12M | INDIA |
| 12P | SPAIN |

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The safety of our children and the security at our school are paramount. At certain times, management will get the police to conduct random searches at the school to ensure that no children are bringing illegal substances or weapons onto the premises. The students at the school have been warned that any cellular phones found in their possession **and are switched on**, will be confiscated. We request that parents constantly remind children of the importance of personal safety, and how security is the concern of each and every person at the school.

PARENT ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We appeal to parents to give of their time to assist the school in the invigilation of the June and November examinations. Please contact Ms Ganief at the school if you are willing to assist.

UNIFORM POLICY

We request the co-operation of parents in encouraging our students to wear their Livingstone uniforms with pride, as they are the ambassadors of the school. Sadly though, we have noticed an increase in the number of learners who are sporting fashionable hairstyles (girls with streaks and boys with shaven sides and thicker hair on top, as well as "lines" being cut into short hair), boys coming to school with facial hair unshaven, and girls with ear piercings at the top of the ear. These are unacceptable and we appeal to you as parents to assist us in this regard.

Any items that do not form part of the official school uniform, will be confiscated. Grade 8, 9 and 10 parents are reminded that the wearing of the school blazer is compulsory.

Girls are reminded to wear their winter school uniform next term.

CELL PHONE POLICY

The cell phone policy of the school clearly states that cell phones are to be switched off from 8:00 am until the end of the school day, and includes the defaulters' class and any extra class taking place after school. There is an increasing tendency for students to walk around during the intervals with ear phones in their ears. This is also unacceptable and the ear phones and cell phone to which it is attached will be confiscated. The school will not be held responsible for cell phones that disappear during the school day.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Special thanks to those parents/ guardians who are fully paid up or who are up to date with the payment of fees.

Please note :

1. Half the school fees should be paid by 30 June 2014 ;
2. The entire account should be settled by 31 October 2014. If not the account will be handed over for debt collection.
3. Applications for school fee exemption are now closed.

We would like to strongly encourage parents to make payments via direct bank deposits, EFT's or the debit order system. This would decrease the amount of cash brought onto the school premises which always poses a security risk.

BANKING DETAILS :

BANK : First National Bank (Claremont)

BRANCH CODE : 200109

ACCOUNT NUMBER : 50151490642

ACCOUNT TYPE : Current Account

PARENT REMINDERS

1. Parents must make **appointments** to see teachers. This must be at a convenient time for both teacher and parent. Teachers are engaged in a teaching programme and are not always available at short notice.
2. Parents / Visitors **MUST** report to reception when coming onto the school's premises during school time. This is to ensure the safety and security of all students and teachers.

3. **NO STUDENT** may call a parent and request to be collected from school. If this is done, it is to be assumed that the student used his/her cell phone which contravenes the cell phone policy. Any request to leave school must be done via the Office or the Class Teacher.

CONCLUSION

We trust that you will scrutinise your child's March Progress Report very carefully. Look at where he/she is under-performing and implement intervention strategies as soon as possible.

School reopens on Monday, 07 April.

For any further information, please refer to our website: www.livingstonehigh.co.za