



To the stars.....



ORION PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

July 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a cold Term 3. Thankfully Spring is not far off!! Winter uniform must still be worn until further notice and learners must please be dressed neatly for school every day.

We've started the term with a range of fun events. The **ORION GOLF DAY** was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents who contributed towards the day in the form of sponsorships and gifts. Hopefully next year we'll see some of you swinging a club on the day too. We've also had the **LEGO ROBOTICS** team in teaching the learners about pulley's and levers and how to create all sorts of interesting things. **INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS** is on Friday 4th August. We hope to see you there.

The first round of Intermediate Phase exams took place at the end of Term 2. Our theme for June was **HARD WORK**. We certainly saw this taking place and I'd like to congratulate the learners for preparing well for their exams and showing a great work ethic in their lessons throughout Term 2. Keep it up. You get out what you put in!

Our Theme for July was quite fittingly, **PATIENCE**. This is something we have all had to be while we have been waiting for the building work to begin. We are very excited that the foundations have now been started and our new school is finally under construction. It has been a long wait but we are still on track to have our new building ready by December. We will be moving in during the holidays and will be up and running in the new buildings for the start of 2018. Exciting times lie ahead! Photos of the progress will be on our **school FACEBOOK page**, which we hope you will follow, and will also be in the newsletters for the rest of the year.

This month we move on to the Theme of **COMPASSION and KINDNESS**. Please support these themes at home in whatever way you can. Our learners are loving the weekly lucky dip into our

values box, in which we are adding the names of learners caught showing any of our values. **You got to be in it to win it!**

STAFF NEWS:

We'd like to welcome **Mr Ivan Hague** to the school as the new Grade 6 teacher. Mr Hague comes with a vast range of remedial experience and is going to be a big asset to our School.

Mrs Hallam has taken over as Grade 4 class teacher as **Mrs Edwards** has moved into a part time role teaching the Intermediate Phase Afrikaans classes. Mrs Edwards remains in post as the Intermediate Phase Head of Department.

Mrs Sanssoucie has stepped into the role of Skills Head of Department and **Mrs Harris** is now the new Foundation Phase Head of Department. We're looking forward to lots of development in both the Skills Stream and the Foundation Phase with these new appointments.



THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- **According to your signed school contract, 1 (one) full TERMS written notice is required.**
- **You will be liable for any outstanding fees before your child leaves the school.**
- **Transfer cards will only be issued once your school account is settled.**
- **Accounts are payable in advance on the 1st of every month.**



MERIT AWARDS



FOUNDATION PHASE

10 MERITS ACHIEVED

Andries Loubser	Joshua Leite
Seni Matlawa	Tarik Rawjee
Mohau Mokoena	Kyra de Wee
Gustave Vorster	Stefan Landman
Tristan Van Rooyen	Kiana Furniss
Kamogelo Rasekhololo	

INTERMEDIATE PHASE

15 MERITS ACHIEVED

Sechaba Thejane
Jaden Pretorius
Morgan Read



Our Teachers and Therapists are looking out for learners who demonstrate our values of **RESPECT, FRIENDSHIP** and **ACCEPTANCE**.

If spotted, the learners' name goes into our **VALUES BOX** and a lucky winner is chosen each week in Assembly.

You've gotta be in it to win it!



Value Certificates were issued to: **SEAN CHISOKO, IP Skills class for RESPECT**
KWANDE MSIMANG, FPPV for FRIENDSHIP

Well done!

Foundations have been started for the building of our new Orion College.

Pictures will be posted on a regular basis for the rest of the year giving you a sneak peek as to the progress of the construction work.



COLLECTING LEARNERS AFTER SCHOOL:

A number of parents are still not arranging to collect their children on time after school. We are only able to supervise learners at the gate until 2.30pm. After which they are escorted to AFTERCARE.

However, to use the Aftercare Services this should be arranged by parents and paid for. It is not a free service. I'd like to appeal to parents to please either collect children on time, or register with the Aftercare Service. Extra murals also take place every day from Monday to Thursday after school, which will allow parents more time for collection. Lastly, I'd like to ask parents who are facing challenges with collection to contact me directly.

- **Learners MUST be collected timeously from school at the end of the day.** This includes after extra murals. If you are unsure of finishing times, please call the Reception.

Grade R	Monday to Friday	-	07h40 to 13h00
Grades 1, 2, 3 FPPV & Jnr Skills	Monday to Friday	-	07h40 to 13h30
	Extra murals	-	13h35 – 14h15
Grades 4, 5, 6 IPPV & IPS	Monday to Thursday	-	07h40 – 14h05
	Fridays	-	07h40 – 13h30
	Extramurals	-	14h15 – 15h15

Teachers are on duty until 2.30pm or 3.30pm Monday-Thursday and Fridays till 2pm- after which supervision stops.

- School gates are locked at 18h00. Any learners found to still be at school after 18h00, parents will be billed accordingly. .
- **REMEMBER:** rules of the road apply within the school grounds – be vigilant, watch out for children and drive slowly!!

SAFETY:

- Appointments must be made in order to meet with a teacher;
- Parents **MUST** report to the Admin/Reception office when arriving for an appointment, where they will receive a **VISITORS PASS**;
- The Educator will be called for the meeting and/or will be accompanied by the Educator to the classroom to collect the learner.
- Please drop off and pick up learners at the designated areas.
- Please be vigilant while construction is taking place as there are trucks and tractors in and out of the property.

PROCEDURE FOR LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY:

- A letter must be received from the parents, either via email or Communication Book.
- A permission slip will be issued by the Reception office and signed by the Educator and Principal.
- Parents **MUST** report to the Reception office in order to collect the learner and sign him/her out



- Our **GOLF DAY** was a **HUGE** success.

Thank you to all our **SCHOOL STAFF** that helped on the day. Your time given was much appreciated.



Thank You To Our Sponsors

- Melrose Arch Hotel – Mr Ryan Read
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Your support was greatly appreciated



THE THERAPY ZONE:

TIPS FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Grounding Exercise

For any student or parent: attach, when you need to stay calm, awareness to your feet. Absentminded from your body.

Look around you. Identify + name:

- 5 things you see
- 4 things you feel
- 3 things you hear
- 2 things you smell
- 1 thing you taste



Speak to your children as if they are the wisest, kindest, most beautiful and magical humans on earth, for what they believe is what they will become."

— Brockle Hempton



RACAEISTEDDFOD

FINAL DATES WILL BE COMMUNICATED SHORTLY

LEARNERS MUST ACTIVELY PRACTISE THEIR ITEMS

PRACTISES: TUESDAYS 2.30-3.30PM

TERM 3 EVENTS

1 August:	Robotics - Grades 1, 2 & 3
	<i>Eisteddfod starts</i>
2 August:	Robotics - Grades 4, 5 & 6
4 August:	Interhouse Athletics
9 AUGUST:	WOMENS' DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
1 September:	Casual Day - learners can buy their sticker for R10 at the Finance Dept.
2 September	Soap Box Derby Day at Orion - 8am to 2pm.
8 September	World Literacy Day - On Cue theatre production at Orion.
22 September	Heritage Day Celebrations
25 September:	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
29 September:	End of Term - school closes at 12



At the end of August 2017, Orion College learners will be participating in the Eisteddfod.

We wish them well!!

A big THANK YOU to all staff involved for their hard work and dedication in enabling Orion learners to participate.

A GLIMPSE INSIDE THE CLASSROOMS.....

Grade R

Carlie Grobler

Welcome back to our third term.



The children have come back full of bounce. We have covered the themes **WINTER**, learnt about the clothes we wear and food we eat. We had a spoil day with hot chocolate, which went down a treat.

This week we have concentrated on **OCCUPATIONS**. The children enjoyed role playing with the hats and had fun being policemen. **LETTERLAND** is now done so we will move onto a different phonics approach.

Grade 1

Liza-Marie Harris



Nelson Mandela Day - 18 July

Grade 2

Lesley Wilson

Fun with Robotics.....



Grade 3

Foundation Phase Pre-Vocational Class (F.P.P.V.)

Sylvia Murray
Priscille Blake

The Grade 3's and the Foundation Phase Pre-Vocational class got a chance to work together at a fun-filled day of Robotics on the 1st of August. Guided by instructors and a story, each child was able to construct items that worked. They made a windmill that turned, and a spinning top that they played with on the floor. The learners were so excited to see that they could complete an item and even more delighted when each item actually worked.





Foundation Phase Skills (F.P. Skills) & Intermediate Phase Skills (I.P. Skills.)

Tricia Sanssoucie

The IP Skills and FP Skills have an exciting term ahead. They will be testing their photographic skills as well as cupcake decorating, needlework and some basic woodwork.

Our Skills motto is: "We Can Do It!"



Intermediate Phase Pre-Vocational Class (I.P.P.V.)

Sandy-Lee Wouda

The third term started with a bang! We learnt how to write a **Cinquain poem** which brought out the future poets of our society. In Maths, we continued working with fractions, mixing up whole numbers with fractions as well as addition with fractions. In Geography, we started learning about the **climates** of the world and how **deforestation** has impacted the whole world. In History we learnt about the first **democracies** and how people learnt to vote. We also enjoyed a day of **Robotics** where the children learnt all about pulleys, axles and catapults.



Grade 4

Jodi Hallam

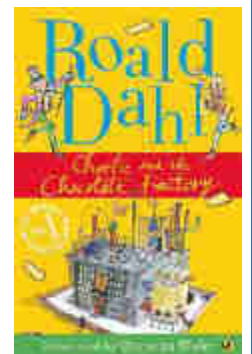
Welcome back! The grade 4's and myself are settling in nicely with one another. I look forward to a fun filled term with lots of hard work ahead of us all. I am enjoying getting to know each and every one of the children and we are already working together to get the best possible results we can. Working with the parents is equally as important, so please feel free to contact me whenever you need to. Hopefully I will get to meet most of you on the **7th August at 5.30pm** at our **'Meet and Greet'**.

Grade 5

Nicky Oswald



A whole new adventure has opened up to us in the form of **"CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY"**! Even the children who have seen the movie, are enthralled by the written word as the story unfolds in the classroom. Our discussions are lively as we analyse the different characters and there are moments when we can reflect on how fortunate we are to be able to enjoy our homes and the comforts that we have. Life lessons galore still await our avid readers as the plot unfolds.....



Grade 6

Ivan Hague

I'm the new one in class this term, and enjoying the learners! Lots of things to discover, lots of things to teach. I have a passion for preparing learners for the future, and aim to put my experience to good use.



I am looking forward to meeting parents at the Meet and Greet on 7 August at 5:30pm.



School Prayer

Help me, Lord, to learn at school,
To listen well, not play the fool.
To read and spel land learn to write,
To do my maths with all my might.

Although the work is sometimes tough,
I'll do my best, its good enough.
Please help me try, and try some more
Until I know more than before.

To play with others and to be kind,
To show I care and friends to find.
Please help me, Lord, with all these things
To learn from what the school day brings.

AMEN



EMPTY LASER CARTRIDGES

Bring these to the Orion office for recycling. A green bin is in reception. The school will receive money for them.

Cartridges that can be recycled: Brother, Canon, HP, Kyocera, Ricoh, Lexmark, Samsung and OKI

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

August has been **KINDNESS & COMPASSION** month. We encourage our learners to think about KINDNESS & COMPASSION in everything that they do and in every interaction they have at school and at home.

What does the dictionary say?



- Kindness is the quality of being gentle, caring, and helpful.
- A kindness is a helpful or considerate act.



- A strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for the suffering or bad luck of others.
- A wish to help

Thank you

Barbra Robinson and Primary School Staff



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August 2017
2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th

EVERY
WEDNESDAY
8am - 9am

September 2017
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

NEW enrolments & enquiries
Meet & Greet the Principals and
receive information on Orion



Engineering contribution figures

Sections 20(2)(c)(i), 48, 63 and Chapter 5 of the Town Planning and Townships Ordinance 15 of 1986 ("the Ordinance ") deal with the levying and payment of engineering contribution figures. These are essentially amounts payable by a person who has applied for rights to change the use of a property, in order to facilitate the upgrading of necessary engineering services (such as roads, sewers ...

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Zero-rated VAT for a commercial property transaction

The area of zero-rated VAT for a commercial property transaction can be confusing and must be properly understood if one wishes to avoid confusion and delays. "Previously, it was common industry practice that a brief clause or addendum was utilised with the agreement of sale for a commercial property transaction in order to apply for the zero-rating of VAT," says Jason Gregoriades ...

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Vacant gardens and property rates

The purpose of this article is to explain the laws and policies that determine how property rates and other services are charged to erven that do not have residential homes on, but form part of the garden of a person's residence. Typical Example The problem discussed in this article most commonly arises where a person's home is comprised of more than one erf, and only one of the erven has the house ...

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Maintenance in Sectional Title Schemes

The requirements now necessary with regards to sectional title maintenance of major capital items as per the Sectional Title Schemes Management Act (STSMa) are there to create a more formalised and long term view with regards to maintenance, which in turn will create a need for better budgeting and financial management, says Michael Bauer, general manager of property management company IHFM ...

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