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To the stars.....



ORION HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

September 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents

It is Springtime!! The winter cold has finally gone and so the end of another term is fast approaching.

We have reached the business end of the year. Cycle tests and the end year exams are just around the corner so learners must please buckle down and work hard to complete this year successfully.

With the ongoing heat, please make sure that your child drinks enough water. An Orion College cap may be worn during breaks.

Cell phones must be handed in at the office. If a cell phone is used during school hours learners will be disciplined. The school does not take any responsibility if cell phones are lost or stolen.

For safety reasons, please do not let your children stay at school longer than they should. Educate your child not to talk to strangers. Learners are **NOT** allowed to leave the school grounds without permission.

If your child comes to school not feeling well please contact the office so that he or she can be monitored.

The Senior Phase and FET phase are currently writing cycle tests and the Grade 12 Learners are in the middle of the Prelim exams. Reports will be handed out during the first week of term 4. There will only be panel discussions for possible failures and for those learners who have not attained the requirements to pass the term.

I would like to invite you to attend the Orion College Soapbox Derby on Friday 29 September from 08:00 till 12:00. For every completed sponsorship form you will receive a ticket into the lucky draw for Trolley hamper.

Please remember - my door is always open and the High School staff are always willing to help where they can.

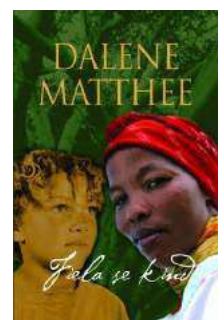


Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?

In case of an emergency and the office needs to get hold of parents, please call Shelley or Janette on 011-795 1776 to update your details on our database

Fiela se Kind Theatre Production

The FET Phase went to watch Fiela se Kind. We were fortunate that Charlene Surtee-Richards played the role of Fiela. Because Fiela se kind is the pre-scribed drama for Grade 12 the trip to the Atterbury Theatre was edutaining (it was educational as well as entertaining). We were entertained by some of South Africa's best artists. If you ever get a chance to see the play as it travels through the country, it's definitely worth watching!





Into the Wild at the Lion and Rhino Park

On the first day of Spring, our senior phase learners travelled by bus to the Lion and Rhino Park. We met our bubbly tour guide, Marinus, at the entrance, and then went off on a game drive. Learners were dazzled by rhino, zebra, ostriches, and various kinds of buck. We also learnt a little known fact - that the springbok's closest relative is the kangaroo! After a quick refreshment stop we tackled the 80 steps down into the Sterkfontein Caves. The time in the caves was described by the learners as informative, but sort of terrifying. After a walk through the reptile section, learners were free to roam through the sections housing cheetahs, leopards, lions and other wildlife. A few learners even spent time cuddling baby leopards. It was a fabulous day. Many thanks to all of those involved with the organisation of this excursion.



RACA EISTEDDFOD

Orion is rocking RACA!

RACA has begun and will be ongoing for the rest of the week. Yesterday, on 12 September, a group of high school learners participated in Day 1, which included solo acts and group acts. Our readers and public speakers were phenomenal. Our Afrikaans group acts had the audience delighted and often in stitches. Diamond awards were achieved by the following: Kayla van Malsen in the English public speaking section; Sarah Wanckel and Diogo Rente in the prepared English reading section; the Grade Ten group for their experimental Afrikaans piece, and the Grade Eleven group for their Afrikaans poem. The Grade Seven group, who recited an Afrikaans poem, achieved a Platinum award. We are very proud of our learners, and look forward to more fantastic feedback from our dancers and singers. Two of our learners will be performing original compositions on Thursday, 14 September. Well done to our learners who are representing us in the Cultural sphere.



12 to 15 September 2017

WELL DONE TO ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU.

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



TERM 3 EVENTS

- 8 - 21 September Cycle Tests - Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11's
- 12 - 15 September RACA EISTEDDFOD @ Randfontein High School - parents welcome to attend
- 22 September HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATIONS - learners are allowed to wear civvies - Grade 6 and 7 fundraiser. FOOD & DRINK STALLS. School closes at 1pm
- 25 September: PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 29 September: SOAPBOX DERBY DAY - come and join us for a morning of fun. Food on sale. Stalls. Tea Garden. TROLLEY HAMPER DRAW. We would love to see you there. End of Term - school closes at 12



8am – 11.45am

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE @ R20

each



FOOD ON SALE

TEA GARDEN

**Draw will take place on
FRIDAY, 29 September.**



Prelim Examinations are in full swing. We will be finished by **28 September 2017**. It is important that every learner gives of his or her best in these exams. During the Prelim Examinations, **all learners must attend school even on the days that they do not write examinations**. Teachers will do revision with the learners on those days that they are not writing examinations.

- School starts at **07H50** and ends at **12H00 OR ACCORDING TO EXAM TIMETABLE**

- Learners must come to school dressed in school uniform
- Should a learner be absent, a medical certificate must be handed in on the day the learner returns to school
- No learners will be allowed to leave before 12H00
- Learners who cannot be fetched at 12H00 must attend the supervised study sessions. No learner will be allowed on the playground between 12H00 and 14H00
- Learners who violate the examination regulations will be dealt with in accordance with school- and departmental policies

The school has made all the necessary arrangements to ensure the smooth running of the examinations. Please assist your child to achieve good results.

FROM THE SENIOR SKILLS CLASS

Fatima Boomgaard

We would like to reach out to the friends and families of Orion College to donate second hand woodwork tools and gardening tools to the Senior Skills Class.

We have the basics like hammers, screwdrivers and a jigsaw.

In order to do more practical work within the school environment, we would appreciate any working tools that would enhance and uplift our practical learning.

YOUR HELP WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED



We had a very eventful term with our sports programme. **Our soccer boys** had an ongoing duel with opposing schools after losing their first matches, but coming back twice as strong to win by a huge margin in the second round.



The Chess season for 2017 has come to an end. This year the chess team had mixed fortunes. We won one match, drew one match and lost two. 2017 Will also be seen as the year when Orion College had the biggest chess team ever. We had 22 players who practiced on Thursdays. Of the 22 players, 14 of them were beginners who played chess for the first time this year. Although these players are still learning their moves and strategies, it is evident that they will be a force to be reckoned with. If one player deserves to be singled out, it must be **Zachary Baxter**. He has been practicing chess every Thursday during Term 1 and 3, and won his games when we played on the 31st of August. We are looking forward to an even better chess season in Term 4.

In term 3, we decided to introduce something new to the sporting timetable; a fitness/boot camp class has been held once a week to improve all-round health and fitness. The response to this was great and it will most definitely continue over into term 4.

**FITNESS
BOOT
CAMP**

Thank you to all the learners for their enthusiasm and participation in the sports. We are looking forward to another exciting term.

Kyle Nerf – High School Sports Co-ordinator

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

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

What does the dictionary say?

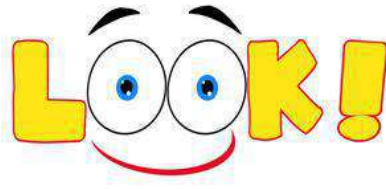


- the quality of being honest.
- fairness and straightforwardness of conduct



- the fact of being true; truth.
- the fact of being realistic or true to life; realism.

27 July



HOW FAR OUR NEW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS PROGRESSED

21 August



10 August



Thank you

Louis Buitendag and the High School Staff



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Do you want to help your child succeed in Maths, but feel helpless to do so?

We all know that kids love playing computer games. Getting them to practise Maths however, is almost impossible, especially if they are struggling with the subject. Kungfu Maths is an online Maths portal with practice activities and games that reward kids for completing the activities. Give your child the opportunity to learn and have fun at the same time. Play for **FREE FOR 1 MONTH** by going to this link - <http://kungfumaths.co.za/try-now-form/> or call Bev on 083 626 1967.



OPEN DAY

**EVERY
WEDNESDAY
8am – 9am**

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

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

Pilates Dynamics



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Kiddies Pilates: Mondays at 16h30

Kiddies Yoga: Wednesdays at 16h30

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When presented in a child's language, Yoga and Pilates can help counter the stress experienced by young people living in a hurry-up world. Pilates and Yoga are designed for both the non-athletic child as well as the competitive teen and is a smart way of getting children to participate in exercise because it caters to their various ages, fitness levels, and athletic abilities. At only R1 100.00 per school term, it's a steal! Treat your little one in a way that can benefit them physically, mentally and socially.

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RENEW YOUR WILL

11-15 SEPTEMBER

Christo Mulder Attorneys will be participating in National Wills Week from 11-15 September 2017, an initiative of The Law Society of South Africa.

If you have not renewed your Will your family may suffer the consequences.

If you were to die without a valid and updated Will your loved ones may never see the fruits of your labour, or they may go through excessive trouble to get what you would have wanted them to have.

Make an appointment with one of our attorneys to draft your Will – **FREE** during **National Wills Week** (11 to 15 September 2017).

FOCUS on your family this **Wills Week**. Contact us and **RENEW** your Will today.

Call us on

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or

To book an appointment

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