

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

"The habit of being uniformly considerate toward others will bring increased happiness to you." Grenville Kleiser

School Governing Body (SGB) Elections:

A reminder about the SGB elections to be held on Thursday the 7th March 2024 in the School Hall at 17h30 for 18:00.

EXTRA-MURALS :

We remind parents that our first term extra-murals end on Friday (15th March) with the exception of league matches. Some teachers are starting winter sport practices next week. Children will be informed if they need to attend.

SCHOOL REPORTS :

A reminder that school reports will be issued to all our learners on Wednesday, 20 March. Reports of absent learners may be collected between 12h00 to 13h00 ONLY from the hall.

Parents are reminded that reports will only be handed out on Wednesday, 20 March at 12:00 and not before.

A number of parents are making requests for their children to leave school early to go on holiday or to leave early on a Friday to 'miss the traffic'. This is not legal. Please understand that the South Africa School Act stipulates that children are to be at school for the full school day. Teachers are not to be asked to send extra work home in instances like this please. Please support us as we endeavour to give your children a fine education.

The second term commences on Wednesday, 3rd April and we hope all children will be at school timeously.

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY AND SUPER HERO CRAZY OLYMPICS :

Book Character Dress-Up Day will take place on Friday, 8th March 2024 and Super Hero Crazy Olympics will be held on Tuesday, (19th March). Children will be advised in due course what to wear. For this privilege, we ask each learner to pay R15 -00 for each event. (R15 for the Crazy Olympics and R15 for the Civvies Day). This money should be handed in to his or her class teacher. More Information to follow.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY :

As the end of term is fast approaching all library books are to be returned to the Library as soon as possible. PLEASE PARENTS, help us regarding this.

Many thanks, too, to parents who have donated books to our Library. We are extremely grateful. Please remember, if you wish to donate books, these will be read by Primary School children and should be at this level and in a decent condition.

A BOOK TO READ :

One of our prime objectives is to ensure that all our children are literate; not just able to read but also able to enjoy reading too. All our children must have a book with them at school, so that they may use their spare time to read (perhaps at the close of lessons, at breaks or whilst waiting in the afternoons to be fetched). Boredom will never set in when our children have exciting books to read.

SAFETY AND SECURITY :

Security at many schools has become a headache over the past few years. All too often we read of break-ins and theft of office equipment such as computers. Less common, but more frightening, are reports of children being endangered. We have always worked hard at making our school a safe place for our children.

Strict rules have been in force for many years. Our security guard, bursars, teachers, secretaries and management are the 'custodians' of these safety precautions in the interests of all our children. Our fences, gates and systems are there for a reason – to protect our children.

It is with the security of our children in mind that you are urged to read the following points:

- 1 No parents may enter the school during school hours except through the Derby Road Gate where you need to 'report' to the person on duty in the reception area. They will assist you. No parent is to go to the classroom once school has started please.
- 2 No child may be fetched from school during school hours without positive identification of the person collecting the child being shown to the staff member on duty. A 'release' form must also be signed.
- 3 Parents' parking continues to be a problem with parents continuing to be disrespectful to our staff who are doing their duty as per the instructions of the School Management Team and the School Governing Body. We teach our children to respect others and expect the same courtesy to be displayed by adults. The dangers to our children who have or are leaving the grounds and crossing the road while disrespectful actions are taking place leave them in considerable danger of being knocked down. When a person is angry or irritated this is when mistakes happen which can lead to life threatening accidents.
- 4 In the event of an emergency, parents will be contacted. Therefore, it is imperative that we have up-to-date contact numbers and addresses.

START THE DAY WITH A GOOD BREAKFAST :

It appears that many children do have a good breakfast which is essential to growing children. However, there are a number of children who eat or drink next to nothing at the start of the day. Their blood sugar levels drop rapidly and the visible effects in the classroom are: tiredness, restlessness, a lack of self-control and poor concentration. All of these symptoms mean that the child cannot work properly, with the result that the standard of his/her work drops. Breakfast is vital to growing children. Please parents, make sure your child has a substantial breakfast meal to eat and something to drink before leaving for school. School lunches should be nutritious too.

Encourage your children to drink water. Fruit juices must be 100% pure and diluted with water. Avoid fizzy drinks during the school week.

CHECK FOR LICE :

We ask you please to check your children's hair regularly, as this is generally the time of the year when head lice appear to be rife. Should you detect lice, your child must stay at home.

Please contact your local pharmacy, in order to get full details about the treatment of lice. Before your child is allowed to return to school, a clearance certificate is required from the Health Department

UNIFORM & STATIONERY :

Parents are asked to check their children's school uniform daily to ensure that the correct items of clothing are being worn. All clothing must be marked/labelled with the child's full name please. We are currently in summer uniform.

Please also ensure all stationery is marked.

PERSONAL PARTICULARS :

Please help us keep our computer data base accurate by informing us of all changes to work and home telephone numbers (including cell phone numbers), postal addresses and names and telephone numbers of emergency contacts.

DO YOU REALISE?

If your child is late for school by 10 minutes each day:

41 weeks over 12 years = 492 weeks,

492 weeks x 5 school days = 2460 days

2460 days x 10 minutes = 24600 minutes

24600 ÷ 60 hours = 410 hours

410 hours ÷ 6 hour school day = 68.3 days of missed school in total from Grades R – 7

There are an average of 20 school days a month. Therefore your child has missed more than three months of school.


There are a number of late-comers every day – many on a regular basis. These children start the day anxious and cause unnecessary interruptions to classes. Maths is invariably the first lesson of the day, so children are missing vital information. Punctuality shows courtesy to others and is an important life skill.

THERE IS NO PLACE FOR A BULLY IN OUR SCHOOL :

- 1 We have the right to feel safe in our school.
- 2 We have the right to be here. The school belongs to everyone INCLUDING YOU & ME.
- 3 We have the right to be ourselves, whether we are alike or different from others.
- 4 We have the right to be treated with courtesy and respect.
- 5 We have a right to belong and find friendship.
- 6 We have a right to learn in our own way.
- 7 We have the right to learn how to make better behaviour choices.
- 8 If our body or feelings are being hurt We have the right to know: HOW –
WHEN – WHERE – WHO to ask for help.
- 9 We have the right to keep asking for help Until the hurt stops!
- 10 We have the RESPONSIBILITY to make sure that what WE do and say

RESPECTS EVERY OTHER PERSON'S RIGHTS

Yours in Education,
Mr KWM DRIVER
School Principal



Sign

6-3-24

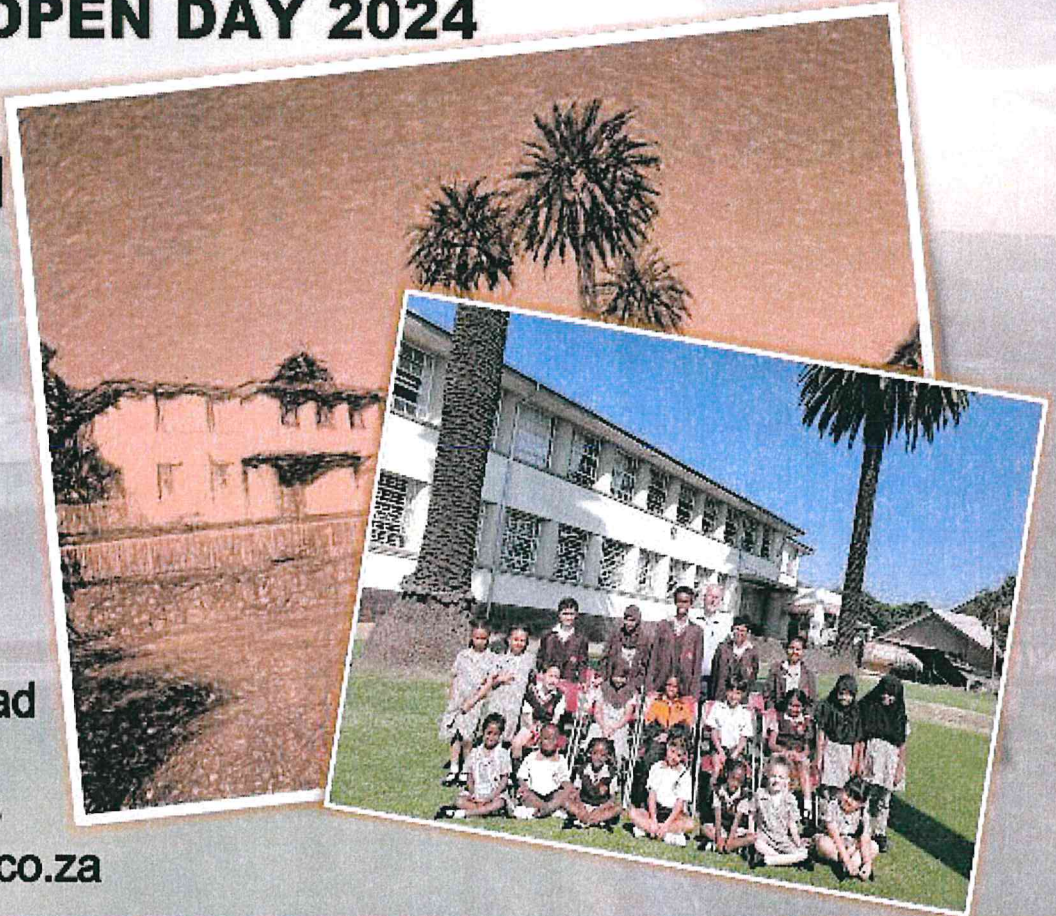
Date



Leicester Road School OPEN DAY 2024

**20 April
09h00
to
11h00**

**134 Derby Road
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3rd Kensington Sea Scouts

When:

Friday evenings
Scout Hall—60 Orion St,
Kensington

Boating activities

Selected Sundays
Victoria Lake, Germiston

Cubs

Boys and Girls:
7 to 11 years old

Scouts

Boys and Girls:
11-17 years old

- Outdoor Adventures
 - Camping
 - Boating, yacht, canoe
 - Hiking
 - Life Skills
 - Leadership
 - Teamwork
 - Project planning
 - Environmental awareness
- And lots more...

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