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MEETSET SHEHLA SECONDARY SCHOOL

FIRST TERM NEWSLETTER: 2014

DEAR PARENTS

GRADE 12 RESULTS

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR EXCELLENT MATRIC RESULTS IN 2013. OUR SCHOOL HAD A 94.52% PASS RATE AND MORE THAN 80% OF OUR LEARNERS QUALIFIED FOR FURTHER TERTIARY STUDIES. WE HAD 25 SUBJECT DISTINCTIONS, 19 BACHELOR'S EXEMPTIONS AND 36 DIPLOMA EXEMPTIONS. WE HAD A 100% PASS RATE IN MOST OF THE SUBJECTS.

GRADE 8 MATHS AND ENGLISH BRIDGING PROGRAM

In view of poor results in English and Mathematics in particular in our junior classes, the grade 8 and 9 learners are involved in a bridging program.

The reasons for learners failing grade 8 and 9 are mainly due to a poor mark in Maths. **A learner needs to obtain 40% in Mathematics in order to pass his/her grade. The medium of instruction in all subjects is English. If learners do not understand English, they also cannot perform in other subjects.**

We have appointed additional teachers that will assist with the teaching of these subjects during school hours but we are also going to follow an English and Maths teaching program after school.

We were privileged to host a very successful visit from two education specialists from Dallas, Texas. Ms Nancy Roberts and Barbara Morganfield from the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development of the Southern Methodist University in Dallas visited us in March. They were particularly interested in the bridging program and will also assist us in this regard in the future. One of the areas on which we will focus, is to work together with our feeder primary schools on this project.

PROGRESS OF LEARNERS AND REPORTS

REPORTS ON THE PROGRESS OF LEARNERS DURING THE FIRST TERM WILL BE HANDED OUT DURING THE SECOND WEEK AFTER RE-OPENING IN APRIL. WE ARE REQUESTING PARENTS TO ENSURE THAT THEY RECEIVE AND SIGN THEIR CHILDRENS' REPORTS. REPORTS SIGNED BY THE PARENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL. ALL THE TEACHERS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE GENERAL PROGRESS OF ALL THE LEARNERS IN THE SCHOOL. THERE SEEMS TO BE A TENDENCY OF LEARNERS NOT TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK (CASS WORK) PROPERLY AND LEARNERS ARE NOT STUDYING HARD ENOUGH. FURTHER, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT LATE COMING OF LEARNERS AS WELL AS SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT LEARNERS WORK HARD FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR UNTIL THE END, TO ENSURE GOOD RESULTS.

PARENTS ARE ONCE AGAIN INVITED TO VISIT THE SCHOOL AND TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF THEIR CHILDREN OR ANY OTHER SCHOOL MATTER WITH THE PRINCIPAL AND SUBJECT TEACHERS.

SPORT AND CULTURE

OUR ATHLETES PERFORMED VERY WELL AND MEETSET SHEHLA WAS THE OVERALL WINNER OF THE CIRCUIT ATHLETICS COMPETITION.

44 LEARNERS PARTICIPATED IN CLUSTER ATHLETICS AND EIGHT LEARNERS QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT COMPETITION. THE FOLLOWING LEARNERS QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROVINCIAL ATHLETICS COMPETITION: BETTY SKOSANA IN 800M, JOHANNA BODIBA IN HIGH JUMP AND EDWIN SEKOTA IN 400M. EDWIN SEKOTA ALSO QUALIFIED FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, WHICH WILL BE HELD NEXT TERM.

EXAMS

I want to encourage our learners to study hard and to attend school regularly in order to ensure good results at the end of the year. All the learners will be writing exams in May/June 2014.

CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL FUND

THERE ARE STILL LEARNERS WHOSE CONTRIBUTION IS OUTSTANDING FOR THE FIRST TERM. WE ARE URGENTLY APPEALING TO ALL THE PARENTS TO CONTRIBUTE ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS MADE AT THE ANNUAL PARENTS MEETING. THIS IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO ENABLE THE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT TO MAINTAIN THE HIGH STANDARD OF EDUCATION THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOUR CHILDREN. WITHOUT THE CO-OPERATION OF ALL THE PARENTS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE RUNNING OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM.

THE CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT IS R560 PER YEAR. (R140 PER TERM PAYABLE ON THE FIRST DAY OF EACH TERM).

Parents are invited to pay money directly into the school's bank account.

Bank particulars:

ABSA Bank,
Modimolle
Branch number 334347
Cheque account number 1100153889

Please remember to e-mail or submit the deposit slip with the **NAME** and **CLASS** of the child to the school if directly paid into the bank account.

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ABSENTEEISM

LEARNERS MUST ATTEND SCHOOL REGULARLY. WE APPEAL TO YOU, AS PARENTS, TO ASSIST THE SCHOOL IN THIS REGARD. VISITS TO THE CLINIC OR OTHER PRIVATE MATTERS SHOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER SCHOOL. WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE PARENTS ABOUT THE DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTIVE THAT NO LEARNER MAY LEAVE THE SCHOOL PREMISES DURING SCHOOL HOURS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AND ONLY AFTER ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE PRINCIPAL.

ROAD SAFETY

WE APPEAL TO YOU TO ASSIST THE SCHOOL REGARDING THIS ISSUE. MANY LEARNERS ARE NOT MAINTAINING A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE LEPHALALE MAIN ROAD WHEN THEY LEAVE SCHOOL IN THE AFTERNOON OR COMING TO SCHOOL. LEARNERS ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO WALK ON THE TAR OR EVEN CLOSE TO THE MAIN ROAD.

WE ARE ALSO APPEALING TO YOU NOT TO ENTER THE SCHOOL GROUNDS (WITH TAXI OR PRIVATE CARS) BUT TO DROP THE LEARNERS AT THE GATE. IN THIS WAY, WE CAN IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF LEARNERS ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

RE-OPENING

THE SCHOOL REOPENS ON 7 APRIL 2014. WE APPEAL TO ALL LEARNERS AND PARENTS TO ENSURE THAT THE LEARNERS ATTEND SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY OF RE-OPENING.