

NEWS FROM THE BLUES

DATES TO DIARISE:

Exams Start 2 June

17 June is a school holiday

Top academics, Grade 8s and 9s are going on outings at the end of term

29 June RCL Leadership Course

Term 2 ends 30 June

Term 3 starts 24 July with Day 2

28 July last day for photo orders

29 July: Report Collection Meeting Grade 8-12

1 Aug Parent meetings with Gr12 learners at risk

4 August Winter Sports and Cultural Awards

10-12 August Fashion Show

There will be a charity outreach in July. Please send any old clothing or spare non-perishable food

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A word from the Principal

Congratulations to all the top academics and the learners who have excelled at sport or cultural activities. I thank the staff for their hard work,

We congratulate Ms Sarang who was married recently and is now Ms Khan. We wish Ms Ferreira a healthy, happy accouchement leave. We welcome back Ms Molao from her accouchement leave. Our thoughts and prayers are with all staff, parents and children who have experienced ill health or a bereavement in their family.

Some areas of concern are:

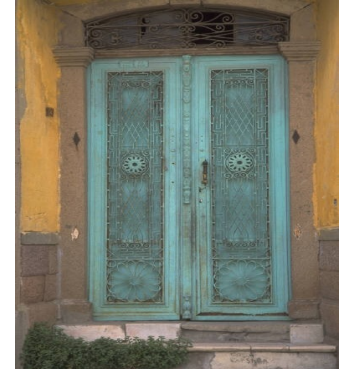
The work ethic of our learners. Exam timetables have been issued. Parents please encourage your child to draw up study timetables and to do revision and studying every day. Learners need to re-do past exam papers and tests, as well as class exercises. They must ensure they have textbooks to study from.

Discipline: The Discipline section of the Code of Conduct (the pink document) has been issued to learners. Parents are encouraged to read through this document with their children. Any recommendations for changes may be made to Ms Nicolaou,

A letter regarding the exams

has been issued to all learners. Please read through this and ensure that you are aware of its details. Cheating in exams is taken very seriously and learners found to be doing so will be given zero. If an exam is missed, a doctor's note for the day must be produced. There may be NO cellphones in the exam venues. Breaking exam regulations will be dealt with seriously. Uniform codes must also be adhered to.

Please ensure transport arrangements are well organized and that learners are picked up timeously. Learners are vulnerable if they sit unattended for hours. We are receiving complaints from schools like Glenvista High, Mondeor and Meredale Primary that our learners go there after school and behave very poorly. Parents please address your children in this regard as well as the need for road safety. Ensure you know who is transporting your child— we have grave concerns about some of the taxi drivers who transport our children. We appeal to parents and taxi drivers to obey the one way signs in the morning and evening. People disobeying the road signs are often abusive and



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rude. Some of our girls are not coming to school but are going off with taxi drivers to houses to get up to great mischief. Know your child's drivers' details (name, number, address, check they have a licence). Taxi drivers should drop the children and go, not hang around all day.

If there are parents who can help do patrol checks in the morning 07:15 –08:00, please speak to Ms Nicolaou (082 905 3275). We are concerned about street hawkers who are selling illegal substances to our children.

Sports Successes

We have had really excellent sport results in term 2 and we thank all the staff and coaches who have worked so hard to achieve these successes. A special big thanks to all the sportsmen and women for their dedication.

The Open Boys Soccer Team has so far been the top of their league, the Chess Teams are the top of their leagues, we

had 13 runners make it through to the Cross Country trials, the girls hockey teams have beaten tough to beat schools like St Martins and President, the rugby teams have seen some excellent wins, the boys hockey teams did well at the Aitken-Boden Tournament—in freezing rain! The netball teams have been winning the majority of their

matches and the Badminton teams have also been notching up great wins.



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IMPORTANT FOR GRADE 11 PARENTS:

The orders for the matric jackets for 2018 must be made and paid for by the end of October 2017. The approximate cost is R600, so please start budgeting for this cost. The order is voluntary and not obligatory.

The end of year Grade 11 report is what is used by universities to temporarily place students, so ensure your child gets the best results possible.

IMPORTANT FOR ALL PARENTS

For Grades 10-12 the end of the year exams count 75% of the year mark. Grade 8-9 this is 60%

Pass Requirements for Grade 8-9:

50% English, 40% Afrikaans/Isizulu, 40% Mathematics, 30% all other subjects

Pass Requirements for Grade 10-12:

40% English, 30% all other subjects.

Other Bits of News

*Ntokozo Zungu has been chosen for the U16 SA Team for the ITF/CAT African Junior Tennis Championships in June. Another fine achievement.

*The Sports Sizzler on the 6th May was a great success. Thanks to all the parents and SGB who attended and assisted on the day. The debts and squires worked really hard and we thank them for their contribution. Everyone who participated in the events had lots of fun. Well done to Aries House who won and Scorpio House who came second.

*The School Play performed on the 26th May at the Southern Gauteng Play Festival. Well done to all the cast for their excellent performance. Thanks go to the staff for their many hours of input. The school play was selected as best production of the evening and many individual acting awards were handed out.

*All Grade 11s who want to be eligible for the RCL Executive elections, must submit a CV by the end of May to Ms Nicolaou. Voting will take place in July.

*The SGB is running a raffle. Tickets are R20 and the prizes are a plasma screen TV, cash prizes of R5000– R3000, and Spur Vouchers. Tickets can be bought from RCL members. Any parent wishing to assist sell tickets, please speak to Ms Nicolaou.

* We encourage parents to teach their children to write thank you letters to their educators who assisted them with sport, cultural activities, extra murals, class work, etc.

* There are matric extra lessons for Physical Science on Fridays from 16h30– 17h30 in B38 and on Saturdays from 11:30 to 12:30. There are Grade 11 Maths and Physical Science extra lessons on Sat-

urdays from 10:30 to 11:30.

* We encourage all parents to attend the report collection days in term 3.

* Parents, please ensure that children have a private, quiet place to study. Also ensure they have breakfast and lunch daily. Motivate your child to not settle for anything less than excellence.

* Parents of Matric Learners: ensure they have completed all portfolio (SBA) tasks, their oral exams and that their books are up to date. They need to attend the extra lessons offered by the school.

* For May and June we wish our Christian families a blessed Ascension Day and our Muslim families Eid Mubarak.