2022-05-17

# **PARENT CIRCULAR NO. 18 OF 2022**

Dear Parents/Guardians

# 1. WE ARE PROUD!

Congratulations to Buhle Adonis who was selected for the u/12 Blue Bull Primary School Provincial Rugby Team! This is an exceptional achievement and a dream for thousands of boys, but only comes true for a few players. We as a school are very proud of his achievement and wish him well.

# 2. GRADE R AND 1 OPEN DAY

We would like to thank all the parents who were able to attend the Open Day. The staff of our school went out of their way to make the event a huge success. A video of the day's events has already been uploaded to the school's Facebook page.

### 3. REGISTRATION FOR GRADE 1 AND GRADE 8 FOR 2023

The registration for Grade 1 and Grade 8 applications starts on 22 July 2022, at 8:00 and will close on 19 August 2022. Registration is completed online at <a href="https://www.gdeadmissions.gov.za">www.gdeadmissions.gov.za</a>

Parents are referred to Parent Circular 17 for more information on the documents required to ensure that your application is successful.

### 4. GRADE R REGISTRATIONS - 2023

Applications will open **on 6 June 2022.** The process will be online and a "link" will be posted on the school's website and Facebook page. Parents can also send an email to **admissions@fesies.net** or call the school office to obtain the "link". Applications where the residential address is in the school's immediate feeding area will be given preference. **A maximum of 90 spaces are available.** 

# 5. TUCK SHOP TIMES

During a visit from the Department of Health, concerns were expressed about the weight gain amongst the learners of our school. As a result, we are making a very serious appeal to parents to rethink what they put in their children's lunch boxes on a daily basis.

The unhealthy food in lunch boxes and large quantities of tuck shop products that the learners buy is very concerning. It has a huge impact on discipline in school and learners struggle to concentrate in class. Some learners are tired and passive due to the unhealthy and large amounts they consume.

It is unfortunately a fact that we often underestimate the value of good nutrition. Children need healthy food to help them concentrate in class, as it also affects your child's emotional intelligence, sports performance and prevents general fatigue.

Parents are therefore urged to ensure that their children bring a healthy and more balanced lunch box to school. Please avoid sweets, cookies and soft drinks. Please do not send the learners to school with fast food meals in their lunch boxes.

Some parents order food from fast food restaurants and then have it delivered to school by a delivery company during school hours. This poses a serious security and health risk and will not be allowed from now on. The school does not have the manpower to drop off food parcels for learners that are handed in at the office.

Parents are therefore requested to send their children to school in the morning with a balanced lunch box.

From the week of 23 May, each grade will only have the opportunity to place orders at the tuck shop once a week. They may however buy food every day. The tuck shop days for each grade will be as follows:

Mondays: Grade 1 and LSEN Tuesdays: Grades 2 and 6 Wednesdays: Grade 3 and 7

Thursdays: Grade 5 Fridays: Grade R and 4



### 6. SCHOOL BAGS

We would like to urge parents to ensure that their children have a sturdy school bag that is large enough to accommodate all the books needed on a daily basis. Limited space in the full classes makes it very difficult when a learner arrives with 3 schoolbags.

Bags with popular brand names printed on them do not provide the necessary support for the books and contribute to the damage of books

### 7. TRASH AROUND THE SCHOOL

Lately, residents who live opposite the school have been complaining about learners grouping together on the sidewalks after school, running across the road without checking for traffic and littering. School workers clean the sidewalks before going home, but a lot of rubbish is still lying on the sidewalks later in the afternoon.

It does a lot of damage to the image of the school. Parents are requested to ensure their children are picked up on time and that there is no loitering outside after school.

#### 8. TEST SERIES

Grade 4 -7 learners have 14 school days left until they start with the June Test Series. Grade 4 learners will receive summaries but Grade 5-7 learners are responsible for compiling their own summaries. Parents are requested to ensure that their children start summarizing and preparing well in advance.

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#### 9. TEXTBOOKS

We find that a large number of learners leave textbooks and scripts in classes. Please note that the school does not accept responsibility if textbooks get lost. All schools must submit a quarterly report indicating that all learners have textbooks and to address possible losses in advance.

We will be completing textbook control on the dates below. The relevant textbooks must be at school on these days, even if the learner does not have the relevant subject on the specified dates. If textbooks are not at school, it will be assumed that the textbook is lost. Note that the cost for the replacement of textbooks is R160 per textbook and R80 per reading book.

The days that the textbooks must be at school for Grd 4-7 are as follows:

# Wednesday, 18 May:

Afrikaans Home Language + reading book (Grd 4-7)
English Home Language + reading book (Grd 4-7)
Afrikaans First Additional Language + reading book (Grd 4-7)
English First Additional Language + reading book (Grd 4-7)

# Thursday, 19 May:

Mathematics (Grd 4-7) Natural Sciences and Technology (Grd 4-6) Natural Sciences (Grd 7)

# Friday, 20 May:

Social Sciences (Grd 4-7) Life Skills (Grd 4-6) Life Orientation (Grd 7)

# Monday, 23 May

Technology (Grd 7) Economic and Management Sciences (Grd 7) Creative Arts (Grd 7)

# 10. ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 17 May	-	Test: EMS – Grd 7	
	-	"Mandjie netball" practice	13:15 to 14:00
	-	"Mini-netball" practice	14:15 to 15:00
	-	Netball practice	14:15 to 16:00
	-	Rugby match against L/s Vissershoek (away)	
	-	Chess practice	14:15 to 15:15
	-	Badminton practice	14:15 to 16:30
	-	"Bulletjie Rugby" practice	17:30 to 18:30
Wednesday, 18 May	-	Chess match at L/s Rachel de Beer 14:15 to 17:00	
	-	Soccer practice	14:15 to 15:30
	-	Badminton practice	14:15 to 16:30
	-	Revue practice	13:15 to 16:00 (Junior)
		Revue practice	14:15 to 16:00 (Senior)
	-	Art contest	14:15 to 15:00
Thursday, 19 May	_	Test: Creative Arts – Grd 7	
<i>,</i> , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	-	"Mandjie netball" practice	13:15 to 14:00
	-	"Mini-netball" practice	14:15 to 15:00

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-	Netball match against L/s	Akasia (home)
-	Rugby practice	14:15 to 16:30
-	Badminton practice	14:15 to 16:30
-	"Bulletjie Rugby" practice	17:30 to 18:30

Friday, 20 May - Senior Revue practice 13:50 to 16:00

Saturday, 21 May - "Bulletjie Rugby" match against L/s Saamspan (away)

Monday, 23 May - Chess League Match at L/s Rachel de Beer 14:00 to

17:00

Revue practice 13:15 to 14:30 (Junior) Revue practice 14:15 to 16:00 (Senior)

Badminton practice 14:15 to 16:30

Soccer match against Edu-Plex College (home)

14:30 to 17:00

Art contest 14:15 to 15:00

Tuesday, 24 May - Rugby match against L/s Wonderboom-Suid (away)

"Bulletjie Rugby" practice 17:30 to 18:30 Chess practice 14:15 to 15:15 Badminton practice 14:15 to 16:30

Fesie greetings

MR. J.G. CLAASSEN

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