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Dear Parents/Stakeholders

1. GENERAL:

Welcome back from the holidays. A special word of welcome to all new learners and parents, who have joined our school for the first time this year. I wish everyone a prosperous 2017 and I trust that I can once again rely on the cooperation of everyone.

Please take note of the following matters:

1.1 Information evening: (Teachers will start at 17h30 with their session, please don't be late)

You are invited to the parents' evening on **16 January 2017**. Important information regarding the school and your child will be shared with you.

Foundation Phase: 17:30-18:15

Intermediate/Senior Phase: 18:15- 19:15

1.2 Visits to the school:

As usual, you are more than welcome to discuss any matters concerning your child with the relevant teacher and/or myself. However, we ask that you do this by appointment only in order to ensure coordination and prevent the wasting of time. When you do visit the school, we ask that you always first report to the office and not visit teachers or classes without permission from the headmaster. **Nobody is allowed to visit any teacher at their classes during school hours.**

1.3 School times for 2017:

Learners must be dropped off no later than 07:15. The bell rings at 07:20 and your child should already be on the school grounds at this time. The gates will be locked after 07:20 and learners will then have to use the main western entrance. **Please warn your child NOT to leave the school premises after drop off.**

Because of the norm times as prescribed by the Department of Basic Education our school hours will be as follow:

Gr R	Mondays to Thursdays	07h15 – 13h30
Gr 1-3	Mondays to Thursdays	07h20 - 13h30 (Gr1:13h00 until the end of January) (Sport practices/LSEN classes until 14h30)
Gr 4-7	Mondays to Thursdays	07h20 - 13h30 (Sport practices/LSEN classes until 14h30)
Gr 1-7	Fridays	13h00

1.4 Safety and security

We ask parents' cooperation to ensure that our children are dropped off and also picked up at a safe place. We are really concerned about the taxis dropping off learners on the right hand side of the road. Please cultivate a safe routine in this regard. There are prescribed gates where you can drop off your child and we urge parents to do so on the left hand side of the road. Absentees will be strictly controlled in the future. All entrance gates will be locked at 07:20. The small western gate should then be used for parents to accompany their child when offering their excuse at the office.

As last year we continue with the status quo that was implemented in 2016: Gr 1-3 learners must use the small gate on the western side of the school next to the school hall. All Gr 4-7 learners will only be allowed to use the old main gate entrance on the northern side of the school. Sorry for any inconvenience, because of logistical and safety problems the school was forced to take this measurement. Gr R-learners must be dropped off at the gr-R gate. No Gr 1- 7 learners may be dropped off at this gate with their siblings. Thank you for cooperating.

1.5 School uniform:

Our school's clothes bank is managed by tannie Mariaan. We ask that you donate any usable school uniforms to the school.

In future we will allow all learners to wear the official Sabie Primary T-shirt and matching shorts on sports days (Tuesdays and Thursdays) as well as on Fridays. These are for sale at Mrs Cloete's office. If a shortage in certain sizes originates, more will be ordered if there is a sufficient need. If your child does not have this T-shirt he/she must wear the normal school uniform.

The cost of the T-shirts and shorts is between R300, 00 per set. No other shorts as the prescribed ones will be allowed.

We kindly ask that you send your children to school neatly dressed in their school uniforms. Wearing their school uniform with pride encourages discipline, boosts school morale and creates a feeling of unity. The school uniform can be purchased from the school.

1.6 Homework diaries:

There will be no compulsory informative homework books for this year. Learners should have their own homework book, therefore we urge parents to make sure that your child has his diary available for the first school day. Please check this homework book on a daily basis. The school will provide a prospectus with all the necessary information available.

1.7 SMS communication and re-registration:

We would like to communicate with you by means of this medium of communication. **We ask that you please update your number and inform the school of any change.** This school offers you this service free of charge. All parents are once again reminded of re-registration. Many parents did not adhere to the request last year. **No text books and other supplies will be handed out to learners before re-registration is finalised.**

2. ACADEMICS:

We will not follow a formal time table for written assessment for gr 4 – 7 again. A minimum of five smaller class tests will be written in all subjects to compile a quarter mark for the Learning Area. Take note that good results depend on continuous hard work and not only on written assessments.

3. FINANCES:

During the Parents' Meeting on 03 November 2016 the budget for this year was approved. School fees will increase to R8330-00 (4.7%) per learner per year.

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS:

Present/New Learners:

The first instalment of R980 should be paid before or on **20 January 2017** with registration.

Ten instalments of R735-00 per learner to be paid before the fifth day of each month.

Bosvolkies (**TO BE PAID STRICTLY IN ADVANCE**) School fees are the same as above.

Full payment before the end of January qualifies for a 5% discount on school fees for the year.

4. SPORT:

Athletic trials will be held as the weather allows us. Learners must bring their sports clothes to school. (T-shirt and shorts). Seeing that we will be spending time outside, learners should also bring a hat and sunscreen.

Athletics practice for the week after the trials: We will send a letter confirming practice times early next week.

Athletics uniform can be purchased from the school.

Interhouse Athletics Meeting on **Friday 20 February:**

07h15	Opening and welcome
07h30	Officials meeting
07h45	Cheer leaders arriving
08h00	Program starts

5. YEAR PROGRAMME AND IMPORTANT DATES:

To help you to plan ahead for 2017, I provide you with the following important dates for January. (Consult the website of the school for further information)

09 Jan: Schools re-open for Gr R-7 at 07:20.

11 Jan: Athletics trials.

16 Jan: Parent Information evening: Gr. 1-3: 17:30- 18:15 in classes.

Gr. 4 -7: 18:15-19:15 in the school hall.

20 Jan: Inter House Athletics meeting 08h00. (If it rains the meeting will be moved to Monday)

23 Jan: SGB meeting.

27 Jan: Athletics: Nelspruit Primary.

02 Feb: One hour meeting Sabie Primary.
07 Feb: Athletics: Rob Ferreira
13 Feb: Athletics: Lydenburg Laerskool
24 Feb: Inter Primary: Lydenburg Laerskool
26 Feb: Athletics: District meeting.

6. **DISCIPLINE:**

We are trying to keep the number of private calls made from the school to a minimum. Also take note that the use of cell phones during school hours are not allowed, and under no circumstances may cell phones be switched on during school hours. If a learner breaks this school rule, his/her cell phone will be confiscated for the rest of the term.

Thank you for understanding.

Disciplinary code: *We are sending out the revised version for your attention. Please read through the code with your child and make sure you understand it. Please give special attention to **school functions, absentees and homework on test days.***

Please sign the oath of allegiance and send back to school.

7. **FINALLY**

As always, we ask that you support all of the activities throughout the year, with a positive attitude. We trust that this year will be an outstanding school year for you and your child (ren). Your loyalty has always contributed to the school's positive image. Let us keep it this way.

Kind regards

Johan Kruger
Principal