



# THE PINELANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

"The Blue School"

PRINCIPAL: Mr H Abrahams

10 Central Square, Pinelands, Cape Town, 7405

Tel: (021) 531 3674 Email: secretary@blueschool.co.za

18 January 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to the start of the 2024 academic year. We trust that you feel motivated for an exciting school year. A special word of welcome to all our new learners and their parents and we trust that this is the start to a successful relationship. We believe that 2024 will be a successful and rewarding one.

## Term Dates

Term 1	17 January 2024 – 20 March 2024
Term 2	03 April 2024 – 23 June 2024
Term 3	09 July 2024 – 20 September 2024
Term 4	1 October 2024 – 11 December 2024

## Staff

We are happy to welcome Ms. Robin Appolis (Grade 2) and Mrs. Moness Newman (Grade 1) to the school and we wish them well in their new roles.

We also welcome Ms. Kristin Heyburgh and Ms. Zoe Parker who will fulfill the roles of teaching assistants in the respective phases. Ms. Melissa Williams is the new general assistant/cleaner at the school.

## Communication

Communication between the school and our parents is vital to ensure a fruitful and successful relationship. Please ensure that all contact details in the school's possession are updated and correct.

We will continue to make use of SMS's and emails to keep parents informed of all school arrangements. Various other platforms are also used by our teachers to communicate directly with parents with regard to curriculum and other related school matters.

The school is also active on Facebook and Instagram, please give us a follow on these respective pages.

## School Uniform

All our learners are expected to be dressed in the new school uniform as required for 2024. All uniform items are available to purchase at the uniform shop.

The shop operates on an appointment basis and the times are as follows:

<b>Tuesdays: 08:00 - 09:45</b>	<b>Wednesdays: 13:00 – 14:45</b>
<b>10: 15 – 11:45</b>	

## Dismissal Times

School will dismiss at the following times as from Monday 22 January 2024.

<b>Foundation Phase</b>	Grade R	Mon - Thurs	12h30	Friday	12h15
	Grade 1 - 2	Mon - Thurs	13h40	Friday	12h15
	Grade 3	Mon, Wed, Thurs	14h00	Friday	12h15
<b>Intermediate/Senior Phase</b>		Tuesday	14h30		
	Grade 4-7	Mon – Thurs	14h30	Friday	12h30

### **Term fundraising events**

Jazz at The Blue  
Grade 3 Bring & Buy  
Civvy Days  
Grade 7 Valentine's Day Fundraiser

### **Civvy Days**

Civvy Days will take a different format this year and will take place every alternate Friday of a school term. This term civvies will only start on the 2 February 2024 and every alternate Friday thereafter at a cost of R40 for the term. The dates are as follows; **2 February; 16 February; 1 March; 15 March.**  
Our civvies day fundraising this year is specifically aimed at renovating and refurbishing our learner bathrooms.

### **Sport & Extra-Murals**

Our formal sport and extra-mural programme will commence on Monday, 29 January 2024. A detailed programme will be communicated soon.

Athletic practises are currently underway in preparation for our Inter-house and Inter-school athletic days. All arrangements with regard to our athletics days will be communicated shortly.

### **General Parent Meeting (Meet & Greet)**

Our annual parent meet and greet will take place on Thursday 25 January 2024 at 18h30. Parents will meet with teachers in their respective classes. Grade 7 parents will meet with the grade teachers in the school hall.

### **Scholar Transport Service**

A scholar transport service is operational from Maitland and Kensington to the school. Mr. Moos can be contacted on 083 414 8348 in this regard.

### **SGB Elections 2024**

New SGB elections are due to take place in March 2024. All the relevant information will be communicated in due course.

### **Dates To Diarise**

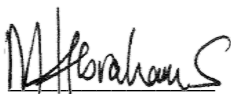
25 January 2024	-	General Parent Meeting
29 January 2024	-	Extra-murals start
01 February 2024	-	Inter-house athletics
02 February 2024	-	Grade 3 Bring & Buy
08 February 2024	-	Inter-school athletics (track events)
09 February 2024	-	Inter-school athletics (field events)
01 March 2023	-	Jazz @ The Blue
20 March 2024	-	End of Term (Free Civvies)

### **School Access and Security**

Parents are kindly requested to not access the school building through the back entrances. Access to the school building is through reception. This arrangement is for the safety and security of all concerned and especially our learners.

All meetings with the principal and the teachers are strictly by appointment only.

Yours sincerely



Mr. H. Abrahams  
PRINCIPAL

### ***Our Mission:***

***To nurture happy, self-assured, independent, critical thinking, motivated learners.***