



NEWS

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - Part 1

12 March 2019

The final week of term has arrived, with teachers and pupils looking forward to a well-deserved rest after such an early start to the year. Last week saw the conclusion of our Inter-School Galas with our 'A' swimming teams competing in the D&D 'A' Galas and equipping themselves well in these highly competitive galas that see the top ten swimming teams in Durban competing against each other. This week on Thursday the swimming season comes to a close with our Inter-House Gala taking place. The emphasis of this gala is mass participation and team spirit for all our pupils. School will close after the gala at approximately 12:30pm.

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - Part 2

12 March 2019

I attended La Lucia Junior Primary's Inter-House Gala on Friday morning. It was a lovely occasion watching the fun and enjoyment, as well as the swimming potential of many of our future pupils.

The children attended a wonderful performance by the KZNPO in the hall today. We are indeed lucky to have an orchestra of this calibre still available for us to listen to and appreciate.

School will close at 10:30 am on Friday, 15 March and I wish all staff and pupils a safe, relaxing and happy holiday.

ACADEMICS - Mrs K. Petzer

12 March 2019

The Grade 7 Academic Merit assembly will take place on Thursday, 14 March at 7:30 am and pupils will be informed in advance if they are receiving a merit badge. These badges are awarded to Grade 7 pupils who attain an aggregate of 80% based on their Term 1 results.

Academic certificates for Academic Achievement, Diligence, Progress, Perseverance and Consistent Effort will be awarded during the school day during this week.

The teachers will explain what the criteria are for these certificates so that they understand why they are receiving a certificate. There is a copy of the criteria for the Academic certificates under Resources on the D6 for parents. Please respect the fact that as this is senior primary, not every child will get a certificate.

ACADEMIC INTERIM REPORTS AND PARENT INTERVIEWS - Mrs K. Petzer

12 March 2019

Term 1 reports will be sent home on Break-up Day, 15 March. Please ensure that the acknowledgement of receipt of the Term 1 report is signed in the Homework notebook.

Parent Interviews will take place next term from 4th- 12th April and appointment forms will be sent home this week with confirmation slips going out on the first day back next term.

EARLY MORNING PROCEDURE - Mrs K. Petzer

12 March 2019

Unlocking all the classrooms before school was introduced due to the 'monkey' problem and the lunchboxes. However, due to the number of pupils staying in their classrooms, as well as some pupils going into other classrooms and interfering with teachers and other pupils' belongings before school, it has become necessary for us to revert back to keeping the classrooms locked in the mornings until the school day begins.

To alleviate the monkey problem, each child who needs a lock will be given one for their lunchboxes and these will be sent home as soon as the company delivers them to school. They have assured us they will be available on the first day back next term. We will continue to monitor the situation before school.

School Governing Body By-Election - Mrs K. Petzer

12 March 2019

As indicated in the notice sent home on 18 February, this will be held tonight, Tuesday 12 March at 17h30. As this is the second meeting, no quorum is required.

HPV Vaccinations - Mrs K. Potgieter

12 March 2019

The nurses from the La Lucia Clinic came to administer the first round of HPV vaccinations to our Grade 4 girls yesterday. This is often rather daunting for them, but the girls took it in their stride and handled the experience very well. Parents will be notified when the second round of vaccinations will take place.

HOMEWORK CENTRE

12 March 2019

There will be Homework Centre as normal on Thursday, 14 March, after the gala BUT please note, there is no Homework Centre on Break-up Day, 15 March.

Shoe Collection - Mrs S. Smith

12 March 2019

We are collecting old shoes (any shoes, including takkies, soccer boots etc). Children's shoes will be donated to iCare who work with street children and adult shoes will be donated to various homeless shelters. Please can the shoes be brought to school by the 13th March. Thank you very much.

Borrowed Clothing and Phone Calls - Mrs C. Botha

12 March 2019

Kindly return all borrowed clothing to me. A reminder that phone calls are R2 each. Thank you.

Uniform Shop - Mrs K. Weir

12 March 2019

The hours for the shop this week are :-

Monday - Friday. 7:00 am - 8:30 am

Thanks.

Karen

From The Sports Desk - Week 10 of 1st Term 2019 - Clive Beetge:

12 March 2019

Our 1st Term Extra-mural Programme has come to a close. Congratulations to all participants: our artists, our singers, our ball skills girls, our swimmers, our cricketers, our road runners, our action netball players, craft club members and our tennis players were just some of the busy groups that added value to our amazing school. Well done to all pupils that utilised our Extra-mural Programme. There are still a few 2nd Term pre-season practices taking place. Please see full details in this week's Viewer.

Inter-house Gala Dress Code:

12 March 2019

I apologise for the error in the letter that went home as it mentioned that pupils could still wear the old brown VPS costume this is incorrect, as pupils may no longer wear the brown sports kit. Swimmers must arrive at school dressed in a VPS costume (blue) with their coloured house PE shirt, PE shorts (blue), slops and a VPS towel (blue). Swimmers need to swim in their house colour swimming cap and not in the light blue VPS swimming team cap. Swim goggles are optional and may be worn if desired. In case of inclement weather school tracksuits may be worn. NB: All pupils who are not swimming may wear PE Kit or full school uniform on the day.

SWIMATHON:

12 March 2019

A sincere thank you to everyone who has returned their forms and it looks like an excellent amount raised. Final totals will be announced on Friday. There are unfortunately still some Swimathon Monies and Sponsorship Forms outstanding. These items must please be returned to class teachers before Wednesday 13 March.

Girls B - Durban and Districts D League Gala Result:

12 March 2019

Our Girls B Swimming Team participated in The Durban and Districts D League Gala at Kings Park Pool. This is the team's main gala of the year. The girls were wonderful ambassadors for our school and swam really well.

1st Gordon Road A 110
2nd Virginia B 101
3rd Parkside A 95
4th Maris Stella B 70
4th Brighton Beach A 70
6th Durban Girls College B 67
7th Forest View A 65
8th Athlone Park A 42
9th Kusway A 26
10th Glenashley A 14

Girls A - Durban and Districts A League Gala Result:

12 March 2019

Our Girls A Swimming Team participated in The Durban and Districts A League Gala at Kings Park Pool. Our girls were amazing, and they gave of their very best. Well done!

1st St Marys 183
2nd Glenwood 140
3rd Fatima 128
4th Umhlali 120
4th Chelsea 113
6th Virginia 97
7th Curro Hillcrest 85
8th Winston Park 82
8th Durban Girls College 82
10th Maris Stella 76

Boys A - Durban and Districts A League Gala Result:

12 March 2019

Our Boys A Swimming Team participated in The Durban and Districts A League Gala at Kings Park Pool. Our boys were true sportsmen with two top swimmers not able to participate, the team rose to the challenge. They did not pick up any disqualifications and finished in 8th position. Congratulation boys!

1st DPHS A 198
2nd Glenwood 147
3rd Chelsea 141
4th Clifton 123
4th Highbury 112
6th Umhlali 102½
7th DPHS B 82½
8th Virginia 79
9th Atholl Heights 64
10th Westville 44

Action Netball League - Matches Results:

12 March 2019

U11B vs. Maris Stella U11A lost 15-3

U12B vs. Kuswag U12A lost 14-12

U13B vs. Kuswag U13A lost 29-3

Non-School Sports Achievement - KZN Biathlon

12 March 2019

Rylee-Kai Challenor has been selected as a member of the Kwa-Zulu Natal Biathlon Team for 2019. Well done!

Kwa-Zulu Natal Swimming Team Time Trials:

12 March 2019

The Umlazi organisers have as yet still not announced the official team list of swimmers that are to compete at provincial team trials. These KZN Trials are currently postponed until further notice.

CALENDAR for 13 March 2019 - 20 March 2019

14th Mar 2019

Grade 7 Merit Assembly

10:00 - 12:00 14th Mar 2019

VPS Interhouse Gala

15th Mar 2019

1st Term Ends

RESOURCES added in the last 7 days

Awarding of academic certificates

http://downloads.d6communicator.com/downloads/resources/229_resource_5c87b5a9ae83a755190795.docx

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05/03/2019

http://downloads.d6communicator.com/downloads/resources/229_resource_5c7f73550d3ab027621066.pdf

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