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Newsletter 4/2024

Dear Parents

This is the last newsletter before the midterm break. Please make sure you get all information.

1. Forms to be completed

A friendly reminder to make sure the following forms are completed and send back to the school on or before 18 September 2024:

- Re-registration forms for 2025
- Photo orders for 2024
- Survey for the AGM

2. New dates: Election

Because of the coming National Elections on the 27 November 2024, the Government request all schools to close earlier therefore we made the following date changes:

- The Briljantjies concert and graduation ceremony moved from 25 to 20 November 2024
- The Grade 1 – 3 prize giving ceremony moved from 26 to 21 November 2024
- The school closes for all learners on Friday, 22 November 2024, instead of 27 November 2024.
- The Grade 4 -7 exam will start on 14 November 2024, and from that date all grade 0 - 3 learners will go home at 12:00 to give teachers the opportunity to get admin and reports up to date.

3. Agra Auction

We, again, want to remind all our parents of the Agra Auction on behalf of Edugate Academy, taking place on 19 September 2024. We also want to thank everyone involved for the huge effort to get this event off the marks. Initially we had a very slow start, but now we can report, with much appreciation, that we nearly have 2000 cattle on auction. We want to encourage our parents and learners to come and visit the auction. Please wear your Edugate attire to show our unity but also our gratitude towards our community. This project will bring a lot of financial relief to the school.

4. Job descriptions

The job descriptions for both the Principal and CEO is available at the office. If you want to make an appointment, please ask the secretary to direct you to the person involved. Unfortunately because of the length of the documents, it will be impossible to send it to all parents.

5. Thank you

A special word of thanks to the following persons:

- Ms Marissa Henn taking over as team manager of the Girls U/13 cricket team for last weekend's Playtime matches, as well as Mr Pierre Jacobs, standing in as umpire on very short notice. We really appreciate your valuable time and contribution.
- We want to send our gratitude to Mr Marius Cronje, as well as the people from John Deere for their tremendous effort to try and recover our sport fields.

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- They put in a huge effort, and without people like them we will never be able to maintain our sport grounds.
- A special word of thanks to Mr Henno Badenhorst for his effort to coordinate the whole process to do the maintenance on the sport grounds.
- The Grade 3's went on a field trip to Fabupharm on Tuesday. They learned a lot about how medicine is made, bottled, labelled and packed. What an educational outing!! A special thanks to Fabupharm for showing them everything and for the nice "bubble bath" gifts.

6. **Napso Cricket- and Cultural festival**

From next week Thursday the Napso cricket- and cultural festival will take place in Walvis Bay. Quite a number of our learners participate in one of the events. We want to wish them all the best of luck. May it be a wonderful and enjoyable experience for all of you. Many thanks to all parents and coaches who will accompany the learners. Mr Breedt will represent the school in Walvis Bay at a Napso management meeting.

7. **School closing**

Our school will close for the midterm break on Wednesday, 18 September 2024, at 11:00. Please parents, don't ask permission to take your kids earlier. We already have a lot of absentees to the Napso Festival. Let's learn our children to respect time and dates. From me, as well as the rest of the staff of Edugate, I want to thank parents, teachers and learners for all the hard work they put in during the past term. We are all busy investing in the best investment anyone can ever make, our kids. Let us not hold back. Keep up the good work and come back stronger with a positive mind-set to better our school.

8. **Sport**

Cricket

During the previous weekend our U/11 boys played five games in Walvis Bay, won 2 and lost 3. The U/13 girls won 2, lost 2. The U/16 girls won 3 and lost 3. The U/13 girls and U/11 boys both won their games against Outjo. During the coming weekend the U/13, U/15 and U/19 boys will play in Walvis Bay again. We want to wish them all the best and want to thank all the coaches, drivers and parents accompany them. Today and Saturday the U/16 girls will play in a sixes tournament in Otjiwarongo. Please come and support them. Next week the U/13 and U/16 girls will play sixes games. Next weekend, together with the Napso cricket festival we will have the U/13 and U/19 Napso cricket trials. We are sure a lot of our players will be included in that teams. Be strong and keep it up!!

Horse Endurance Riding

Joame and Elizma Kuhn will participate in the Bush Baby Endurance Ride during the coming weekend in Grootfontein. Best wishes to them as well.

9. **Movie night**

Next week Tuesday evening the Junior Prefects will host a movie night to all Grade 1 to 7 learners. The cost is N\$20.00 and it will start at 18:00. No learner must miss out. It will be a very special one. Come join us.

10. **Finances**

The following reminder regarding finances:

Payment due date: All accounts must be settled in advance by the 7th of each month.

Late Payment Penalties: Failure to pay by the due date will incur interest charges at a rate of 1.6 times the prime interest rate.

Arrears and Attendance: Accounts that remain in arrears for 60 days will result in the learner(s) barred from attending school. Additionally the account will be referred to our attorneys for collection. Members of learners with accounts in arrears will forfeit all rights to participate in decision-making processes within the school.

Reports: No academic reports will be provided to accounts that are in arrears for 60 days or more.

"What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Please drive safely, enjoy the holidays and be blessed.

Kind regards



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Dawie O'Callaghan: CEO Edugate Academy