

SUNLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Whatever you do, or dream you can, begin it.
Boldness has genius and power and magic in it."

~Goethe~ New beginnings quotes

"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning,
but anyone can start today and make a new ending."

~Maria Robinson~

WELCOME BACK

The first week of the 2012 academic year and come and gone and most of us have already forgotten that we've had a holiday. We were very pleased to welcome all our children back and to have a few new faces on the playground.

I would like to wish all Sunlands family members a very blessed and successful year! We have high expectations of this year and we are going to work hard to achieve our goals.

A special word of welcome is extended to all our new Grade R and 1-families and the families, who have joined us in the higher grades.

STAFF 2012

We have made some changes to our team but we have only welcomed two new people onto our staff. The team for 2012 is as follows:

Principal: Mrs A van Heerden

Deputy Principals: Mrs S Murphy (WCED), Mr Meyer (SGB)

HOD's: Mrs Adams (F/P), Ms McNamara (F/P), Ms Kinnear (I/P)

Grade R: Ms Alfino and Mrs Jappie

Grade 1: Mrs Kannemeyer, Ms van Niekerk and Mrs C Adams

Grade 2: Mrs H Adams, Ms Fourie and Ms Moseley (NEW)

Grade 3: Ms McNamara, Ms John and Mrs Turner

Grade 4: Ms Vandayar, Mrs Drapala and Ms Fraser

Grade 5: Mrs M. Alexander, Mrs L. Alexander and Mrs Goff

Grade 6: Ms Kinnear, Ms Jacobs and Mr Moolman

Grade 7: Mr Jacobs, Ms Fisher and Ms Wannenburg

Specialists:

Computer Lab: Mrs le Roux

Sport Skills: Ms N. Jones and Ms S. Jones

Library: Mrs Murphy

Xhosa: Ms Ngoqo (Gr. 5 – 7: Term 1 Only)

Art: Mrs Schutz

Drama (Gr R and 4): Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

Music: Ms Viljoen and Ms Engel

Learner Support Educator: Mrs Omar (also Private Remedial) - Grade R – 3 (She works 3 days for the school)

Learner Support Educator: Mr Meyer (Grade 4 – 5) – He is also responsible for Discipline

Social Worker: Ms Slinger (NEW)

Occupational Therapist (private): Ms Tamlin Smith / Speech and Language: Meghan Stricker

We wish our new members of staff much success and happiness at our school.

CHANGES AT SUNLANDS

Each year during our planning sessions, we evaluate what we have been doing and then make changes that we believe will improve our programme or practices.

The following things have changed or have been introduced at school:

- The biggest change is most probably the extended day on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All children from Grade 3 – 7 will stay at school until 15:30. We have added an hour to our school day to include an extra-curricular period. When children enrolled at our school, we told parents that the expectation is that children will participate in the extra-curricular programme because we believe in the development of the whole child. As a result of this request children had to participate in at least **ONE** extra-curricular activity. We were however, unable to track whether all children participated in the programme. **With the introduction of the longer days, all children will remain at school and will therefore be able to participate in this programme.** Parents, you are requested to inform all lift clubs. If your child is involved in outside activities these should take place after 15:45 or rescheduled for another day.
- The introduction of **CAPS** required us to extend the school day a little. We have, therefore, decided to extend Monday to Thursday for Grade 1 – 2, but we have kept Fridays short so that muslim families can attend mosque. Grade 3's will have two short days (Monday and Wednesday) and two long days (Tuesday and Thursday).
- Grade 4 – 7 learners will no longer come to school in the sport skills uniform. They will change into it during the lessons. We hope this will prevent all the deviations and the untidy appearance of our learners.
- In a few weeks' time learners will no longer be allowed to bring their own sports equipment to school (except cricket team players, etc.) because each class will be issued with some sports equipment that children can use during breaks.
- **NO ball games** before school. We hope this will give children the opportunity to socialise with peers and to be more focussed to start the school day.
- Recognition for learners' achievements. We hope to introduce a system, which will give more recognition to learners for their various achievements. More information will be sent home as this practice is formalised.
- We will shortly be starting a Sunlands Book of Records (similar to the Guinness Book of Records). This will be a fun activity done during breaks or after school.

I will continue to use the newsletter to inform you of any other changes we have made.

We are very excited about the changes and can't wait to see how it impacts our practice.

GRADE MEETINGS/ MEET-AND-GREET

The first of these meetings commence this week. Teachers and parents in the Grade 4 and 5 classes will meet in the hall on Wednesday evening (18 January) at 18:30 and Grade 6 and 7's will meet on Thursday, 19 January at 18:30. Please check the term programme for the other dates.

I would like to encourage **ALL** parents to make a concerted effort to attend these meetings as they set the tone for the year. If you miss this meeting the year usually starts off quite bumpy for you. I would like us to view these meetings as **COMPULSORY**. Please therefore, make every effort to have at least ONE of the parents present.

I would also like to **URGE** you **NOT** to bring children to these **meetings**. They are a distraction and parents, who leave their children in the car park or the car, put their children's lives at risk. This meeting usually only lasts until 19:30/20:00, which give you sufficient time to return home to 'tuck in the children'.

HEALTHY EATING PROGRAMME

Over the past SIX years we've been trying to ensure that our children eat healthier. When we introduced the programme we had a nutritionist, who spoke to learners about how their eating habits impact their learning. We are hoping to shortly have the nutritionist returning to speak to our children and conduct a workshop with our parents'.

We not only want our children to make healthy choices to ensure a health body but we've also seen how diet impacts learning. The brain definitely functions better when children eat regular healthy meals. There is a lot of information on the internet and parents are encouraged to read as much as possible about developing healthy eating habits in our children.

Parents please help us with the following:

- Children **MUST** eat breakfast! This gives them a good start to the school day. A packet of chips and a coke is NOT breakfast. Please give them some cereal, fruit, yoghurt, toast, etc.
- Ensure that you have packed a healthy snack (fruit, vegetable, etc.)
- Children should always have a bottle of water with them.
- Pack a healthy lunch (no processed food, sweets, fizzy cooldrinks/energy drinks, food full of colorants, etc.)
- On Tuesdays and Thursdays, learners (Gr 3 – 7) will need a little more food as the day is now a little longer.
- When they arrive back home or during the weekend you are welcome to give them a treat but this should be the exception rather than the rule.

Thank you for supporting us in our attempts to raise a healthier generation.

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR TERM ONE

The Fundraising event for the first term is always the Surf Walk. This is a most enjoyable event, which affords us the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, socialise and raise funds for the school. Each family will receive **ONE** form to collect donations. As our children are too young to go from door to door collecting, we request that parents take the initiative to approach family members, friends and colleagues to donate money to the school. Children will be given incentives on a weekly basis and families, who collect the most money stand to win lovely prizes.

Our target is R100 000. This target is well within our reach if each family endeavours to collect at least R150.

Surf Walk forms will be sent home in the second week of February and the 1st incentive will be handed out on the 20th of February.

If families would like more than one form, please request extra forms from the class teacher.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TERM

- Meet-and-Greet events (see note above)
- Nutrition Workshop for Parents – 1 February at 19:00
- Annual National Assessments will be written by all Grade 2 – 7 learners from 7 – 10 February
- RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) Week (13 – 17 February): This year we want to concentrate on the environment.
- Parents Work Party: Our first Parents Work Party will be held on Saturday, 18 February from 08:30 – 12:30. Please plan to come and help us!
- Fun Athletics (Grade R – 2): 21 February from 09:00 – 13:00
- Hour Athletics: 21 February from 17:30 – 19:00
- SGB (Governing Body) Elections: 8 March at 19:00
- Music Assessment Week: 29 February – 2 March
- Assessment Week: 5 – 8 March
- Grade 5 – 7 Swimming Gala: 16 March
- Surf Walk: 17 March
- Parent-Educator Conferences: 19, 20 March
- Grade 3 -4 Swimming Gala: 22 March

Please diarise these dates and plan to be present at most of these activities to support your child and the school.

NEW UNIFORM

We have been phasing in the new school uniform over the past three years. Parents, please be advised that 2013 is the year of full implementation of the new school uniform. Please do everything possible to purchase the new uniform in the middle of the year when fewer financial demands are made on you.

SCHOOL FEES

The first school fees are due at the end of January. Parents, who pay the annual fee by the end of February, will receive one month's fees as a discount.

Please note that this excludes the Grade R's.

Parents, you are encouraged to get into a good habit of prioritising school fees so that we don't have to resort to handing unpaid fees over to the debt collectors.

The Sunlands family has a policy of payment and we are therefore, encouraging **ALL** parents to pay school fees. If you believe that you qualify for exemption or partial exemption of school fees, please come and speak to the Finance Department **BEFORE** the end of the month.

The very efficient Finance Department of our school is run by Mrs Bothé and Mrs Powell. Please contact them if you have any queries or need assistance.

DISMISSAL TIMES

THIS WEEK—16 TO 20 JANUARY

Grade R	Monday to Thursday	13:00
Grade 1 to 2	Monday to Thursday	13:45
Grade 3	Monday and Wednesday Tuesday and Thursday	13:45 14:30
Grade 4 to 7	Monday to Thursday	14:30
FRIDAYS	WHOLE SCHOOL	12:30

NEXT WEEK TO END OF TERM— 23 JANUARY TO 23 MARCH

Grade R	Monday to Thursday	13:00
Grade 1 to 2	Monday to Thursday	13:45
Grade 3	Monday and Wednesday Tuesday and Thursday	13:45 15:30
Grade 4 to 7	Monday and Wednesday Tuesday and Thursday	14:30 15:30
FRIDAYS	WHOLE SCHOOL	12:30

ATTACHMENTS TO THE NEWSLETTER

- **Term Planner (Please diarise the dates)**
- **Pupil Data Information—please complete in full and print clearly to be returned to school by Thursday, 19 January. It is very important for the school to have the contact details of the learners family in case of an emergency.**

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Learners return NO Extra-Murals	12 NO Extra-Murals	13	14
15	16	17	18 Gr.4&5 Parent meeting in hall at 18:30	19 Gr.6&7 Parent Meeting in hall at 18:30	20	21
22	23 Gr.R&1 Parent Meeting in Hall at 18:30 Extra-Murals begin this week!	24	25 Gr.2&3 Parent Meeting in hall at 18:30	26 Aftercare Parent Meeting at 18:30	27 Gr.1&7 Food Sale	28
29	30	31				

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Nutrition Worskhop for Parents 18:30	2	3	4
5	6	7 ANA Gr.1-6	8 ANAs Gr.1-6	9 ANAs Gr.1-6	10 ANAs Gr.1-6 FP Picnic 16:00 at the Sunlands Aftercare Field	11
12	13	14 Valentines Day	15 Photo Individual (R70 per set) Learners to be dressed in school uniform	16 Photo Class Group Learners to be dressed in school uniform	17	18 Parent Work Party 08:30—12:30
	R A K WEEK!					
19	20 Surf walk 1st Incentive Gr.4MF Outing Centre of Conservation	21 Gr.R-Gr.2 Fun Athletics Gr.4AD Outing Hour Athletics 17:30—19:00	22 Gr.4KV Outing	23	24 Market Day	25
26	27 Gr.5's Outing Surf walk 2nd incentive	28 Gr.6CK Outing Helderberg	29 Gr.6WM Outing Helderberg			
			COMMUNITY CHEST CARNIVAL 29 Feb—3 March			

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOVERNING BODY ELECTION MONTH AS PER WCED 			1 Gr.6YJ Outing Helderberg	2	3
COMMUNITY CHEST CARNIVAL						
MUSIC ASSESSMENT WEEK—Last Week for Extra-Murals						
4	5 Mathematics Surf walk 3rd incentive	6 English & SS	7 Afrikaans Gr.7 EMS	8 NS & Xhosa SGB Elections	9	10
ASSESSMENT WEEK						
11 Argus Cycle Tour	12 Surf walk final Incentive 2	13	14	15	16 Gr.5-7 Swimming Gala	17 Surf Walk
18	19 Gr.R Hout Bay outing Parent/Educator Conference ANA Reports to parents	20 Parent/Educator Conference ANA reports to parents	21 HUMAN RIGHTS DAY	22 Jeans&takkies Gr.3&4 Swimming Gala SGB elections if 8th is not successful	23	24
25 B/D Erica	26	27	28	29	30	31

April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Good Friday	7 Two Oceans Marathon
8 Easter	9 Family Day	10 School Opens	11	12	13	14 New learners Open Day and Assessment 09:00—11:00
NO EXTRA MURALS THIS WEEK						
15	16 Extra Mural Begins	17 Gr.6WM Gold Museum Outing	18 Gr.6CK Gold Museum Outing	19 Gr.6YJ Gold Museum Outing	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Freedom Day	28
29	30 School Holiday					

SUNLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL 2012
URGENT AND CONFIDENTIAL – PUPIL DATA FORM
NB (PLEASE COMPLETE IN FULL , PRINT CLEARLY AND RETURN BY TOMORROW) NB

LEARNER'S INFORMATION

SURNAME:	NAME:		
DATE OF BIRTH:	GRADE:	FEMALE	MALE
CHILD'S ID NUMBER:			
PUPIL LIVES WITH: MOTHER & FATHER <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER <input type="checkbox"/> GUARDIAN <input type="checkbox"/>			
ALLERGIES:			

OTHER BROTHERS OR SISTERS IN SUNLANDS

NAME:	GRADE:
NAME:	GRADE:

HOME ADDRESS

	HOME PHONE:

MOTHER'S DETAILS: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME:	ID:
HOME ADDRESS:	HOME PHONE:
OCCUPATION:	WORK PHONE:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	CELL:

FATHER'S DETAILS: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME:	ID:
HOME ADDRESS:	HOME PHONE:
OCCUPATION:	WORK PHONE:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	CELL:

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SCHOOL FEES

NAME:	ID:
HOME ADDRESS:	HOME PHONE:
OCCUPATION:	WORK PHONE:
BUSINESS ADDRESS:	CELL:

GUARDIAN'S DETAILS (IF NOT RESIDING WITH PARENTS)

NAME:	ID:
HOME ADDRESS:	HOME PHONE:
OCCUPATION:	WORK PHONE:
BUSINESS ADDRESS:	CELL:

**ALTERNATIVE PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF AN
EMERGENCY WHEN PARENT IS NOT CONTACTABLE (IMPORTANT)**

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>
<u>PHONE:</u>	<u>CELL:</u>
<u>NAME:</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>
<u>PHONE:</u>	<u>CELL:</u>

MEDICAL AID DETAILS

<u>DOCTOR'S NAME:</u>	<u>PHONE:</u>
<u>MEDICAL AID SCHEME:</u>	<u>M/A NO:</u>
In the event of an emergency I, hereby give permission for the Principal, Deputy or appointed adult representative of Sunlands Primary School to obtain immediate medical assistance at my expense for my child.	
<u>SIGNED:</u> _____	<u>DATE:</u> _____

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS (VERY IMPORTANT)

<u>MY CHILD WALKS HOME:</u>	
<u>MY CHILD USES PUBLIC TRANSPORT:</u>	<u>TAXI</u> <u>BUS</u> <u>TRAIN</u>
<u>MY CHILD IS COLLECTED BY:</u>	<u>PHONE:</u>
<u>AFTERCARE NAME:</u>	<u>PHONE:</u>
<u>TRANSPORT NAME:</u>	<u>PHONE:</u>
<u>OTHER:</u> (please give details)	

INDEMNITY (PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN)

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child often goes on excursions, outings and sports fixtures under staff/outside coach supervision. It has become such an integral part of the school programme that no child can be excused from participating. It is therefore essential for us to obtain the necessary indemnity.

Please complete the form printed below.

Thank you.

I, _____
(Full names of parent/guardian)

of _____
(Residential address)

the parent/guardian of _____ Grade: _____
(Child's Name)

do hereby give my consent for my son/daughter to take part in any educational tours and excursions while at Sunlands Primary School for the period January to December 2012.

I fully understand and accept that all tours and excursions will be undertaken at my son's/daughter's own risk and I undertake on behalf of myself, my executors, my husband/wife and son/daughter aforesaid to indemnify, hold harmless and absolve the Governing Body, the Principal and Staff of Sunlands Primary School, the Western Cape Education Department and parents or persons supervising or transporting children on organised school, educational, cultural or sporting excursions against any or all claims whatsoever that may arise in connection with the loss or damage to the property or injury to the person of my child aforesaid in the course of any such tour or excursion, in the knowledge that the Principal and staff will, nevertheless, take all reasonable precautions for the safety and welfare of my child.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ **DATE:** **2012/**____/____