



BELVEDERE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 21 September 2020

**FRIDAY THE 25TH OF
SEPTEMBER - NO SCHOOL!**

Monday 21 September 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Learners

We trust that you have all settled into the "New Normal" and that you have mastered it. We are very happy to tell you that our learners have worked hard and are all caught up with their curricula. The smaller classes, work done at home when the learners are not at school and the revised curricula have allowed our amazing teachers to bring our learners up to date. Regular school attendance will keep them on point and ensure that they complete their assessments that will make up their marks for Term 3 and 4. **There is simply no time for work to be redone so please keep your Children coming to school according to the calendar supplied so that they can achieve their very best results for 2020.**

A survey for Year 4, Gr 10 and Gr 11 Parents and Guardians is going out shortly via SMS for your URGENT attention. PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN PLANNING FOR 2021. Your response is mandatory.

Our Matrics began their prelims last Thursday and still have 6 exams to go. We have managed to organise a Matric Farewell for them on the 21st of October after their last prelim exam on the 19th. After all the hard work that put in in February raising funds for their Farewell it just did not seem fair to not do what we could to have an event for them. We wish them luck and strength for their preliminary exams.

FRIDAY THE 25TH OF SEPTEMBER:

WE RECEIVED PERMISSION TODAY TO CLOSE OUR SCHOOL ON FRIDAY THE 25TH OF SEPTEMBER. NO LEARNERS, EXCEPT FOR THE MATRICS WHO ARE WRITING THEIR MATHS LIT PAPER 1, FROM 08:00 TO 12:00, ARE TO BE AT SCHOOL. Enjoy the long weekend!

LOCKDOWN LEVEL 1:

Level 1 does not change the format of 50% of capacity for our school, and as we have not been informed to the contrary, we will continue with our calendars for September and October as given, and for November which will follow shortly.

BUS FEES AND ROUTES:

We wish to remind the Parents and Guardians of Learners that use our busses, that their **fees are still payable**. The non-payment of fees is making it very difficult for us to pay our bus drivers as these salaries are not paid from school fees but from the bus fees. **ONLY MRS DIAMOND CAN PUT YOUR CHILD ON OUR BUSES, SO PLEASE DO NOT ASK OUR BUS DRIVERS TO COLLECT THEM WITHOUT HER KNOWLEDGE.**

Please note that our bus routes; drop-off and pick-up points are fixed and that we do not offer a door-to-door service. Parents and Guardians are responsible for ensuring that Learners are at the pick-up points on time and that they are there to collect their children when they are dropped off after school, as the busses cannot wait. Bus drivers are instructed to run their full routes everyday and not to collect learners who should not be at school. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILD AT THE PICK-UP POINT IN CASE THEY HAVE A FEVER OR THAT THEY ARE THERE ON THE WRONG DAY.** In both cases your child will have to return home.

NOVEMBER ASSESSMENTS:

Assesments dates for PREP to Year 4 for November will follow shortly on the November Calendar. The academic assessments will be done when they are in their classes and the centre assessments will be done when they are in their centres. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS AT SCHOOL ON THEIR ASSESSMENT DAYS. THESE ASSESSMENTS CANNOT BE REPEATED. A DOCTOR'S LETTER WILL BE REQUIRED SHOULD YOUR CHILD BE ILL ON AN ASSESSMENT DAY. NO DOCTOR'S LETTER – NO MARKS!**

Grades 10 and 11 Test timetables will follow as soon as we have had confirmation of dates for them.

Parents and Guardians of Children at home with co-morbidities have been contacted by the school, via SMS, to arrange for them to do their assessments.

APPOINTMENTS:

Parents and Guardians are reminded that they must make an appointment 24 hours before they need to see staff members at school. Arrangements have to be made for the COVID-19 protocols to be followed and for the staff member to be available as we utilise all our staff members even if they are not teaching their own classes on a given day.

TUCKSHOP CARDS:

Our Tuckshop went cashless on the 1st of September 2020 with the introduction of a Card System. There are some cards ourstanding for new learners and Year 2.5. These Learners will still use cash until their cards arrive.

We have had all the balances returned to -R7.00 for September so that our Parents and Guardians are not being charged for the months that they did not use the cards.

Please contact Smart Swipe Solutions, and not the school, if you have problems with the cards. They are very willing to help you and can be contacted at 073 238 9485 Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 17:00, at info@smartswipesolutions.co.za or you can contact them directly from their website at www.smartswipesolutions.co.za. **Please do not register your card, this has already been done! New cards will not be issued as the school has already paid for them.**

DRIVE-THROUGH HOMEWORK COLLECTION:

Please note **that there will not** be a drive-through again this term. Teachers and Learners are busy with assessments for marks for Term 3.

REPORTS FOR TERM 3 AND TERM 4:

Term 3 reports will be ready for collection **on Friday the 23rd of October, the last day of Term 3.** Reports not collected will be sent home from Monday the 2nd of November providing that a written request is received from the Parent / Guardian via the Child, for the report.

Term 4 Reports will be available for collection **on Tuesday the 15th of December, the last day of Term 4.**

We wish our all our Families strength and excellent health for Term 3. Stay safe and enjoy your long weekend!

Yours in education,

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