

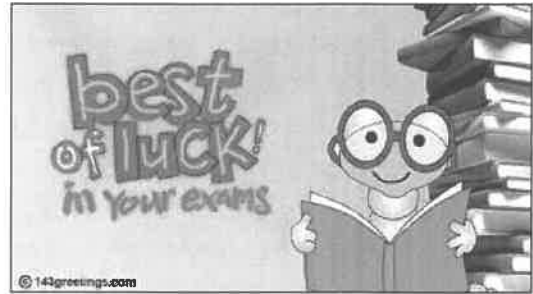


HOUGHTON SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and learners,

We are in the middle of quite a busy term, with lots of things to remember.

1. **BUDGET MEETING 2021** - Thanks to all parents who attended this very important meeting. Our school fees and book fees have been set for next year and we encourage parents to start planning for the year ahead. School fees as from next year will be R19 700.
2. **PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL** -
 - a) We have arranged a debit order system for paying school fees from next year. Forms will be sent home with learners.
 - b) Reregistration (Commitment fees) - Parents who have learners in Grade 2-6 returning to Houghton next year are required to pay a fee of R2000 to enable us to start next year on a good financial footing. If you cannot pay this amount by December 2021, you need to make an appointment with the Principal and SGB Chairperson to discuss alternate arrangements.
3. **SCHOOL CLOSING TIMES UNTIL 15 DECEMBER 2021 - GRADE 4-7** - Monday to Thursday (15-18 Nov) normal times - 2pm
Friday 19th November - 14th December - 1pm
15th December - 11.30 pm
4. **EXAM TIMETABLE GRADE 4-7** - Please check whatsapp groups for days when learners are writing exams. Remember Grade 4 and 6 come on one day and Grade 5 and 7 the next. Please ensure learners prepare well for exams. No borrowing of stationery will be permitted
Important: we go back to A and B rotation from 1 December starting with group A on Wednesday, 1 December.
Teaching and learning continues after exams. Learners will be kept busy until school closes on the 15th December. No cellphones will be permitted at school after exams.
5. **GRADE 7 FAREWELL** - The Grade 7 farewell will take place on 3rd December as per the invitation. All Grade 7's must be at school from 9am to 1pm.
6. **TEXTBOOKS** All textbooks must be handed in on the day exams are written. Lost textbooks must be replaced or paid for. Price to be given by your child's educator.
7. **TERM 4 REPORTS** - Reports will be handed out on the 13th and 14th December.
8. **CIVVIES** - Learners are permitted to wear civvies at a cost of R5 per day from 1 December until we close.
9. **ICE CREAM AND CAKE & CANDY** - Ice cream and candy will be sold at 2nd break every day.
10. **CARPARK** - There is far too much congestion in the carpark in the mornings due to:
 - Drivers not making use of the parking bays
 - Drivers dropping of learners at the entrance to the car park or outside of the bays which causes a build up on the road.
 - Drivers turning right at the exit.Please use the parking bays and be courteous to drivers and staff on duty.
11. **UNIFORM** - We are in summer uniform. There are still some learners wearing long pants and tracksuits. Please wear the correct uniform and have the correct hairstyles. It is extremely hot at breaks. Learners must wear caps or bring umbrellas. Also carry water if possible.

12. **SCHOOL FEES** - Please ensure that all school fees are paid up to date. October was the end of the financial year and all school fees should have been up to date. If you have not settled your fees, please make sure your fees are paid in full by the end of November. Grade 7 parents - all school fee amounts need to be settled in full. Parents still owing fees will be handed over to the debt collectors.

A big thank you to those parents who have paid in full.

13. **AFTER CARE** - On Wednesday 15th December we will organise a party for After Care Children. Both A and B Groups are invited to attend. The children will go straight to After Care at 7.30 am - they can bring swimming costumes and After Care will close at 17:30.



P. Morris

Acting Principal