



HOUGHTON SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and learners,

1. STAFF

Congratulations to Mrs Mofokeng and Mrs Antezana on the birth of their beautiful baby girls.

We would like to offer our condolences to Mrs Tallack on the passing of her husband Frank.



It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Mrs Meyer, who will be going on retirement. She has been at Houghton school for 20 years! Thank you for everything you have done at the school. The staff, learners and parents wish you the best!

2. REPORTS - Reports will be handed out to learners on Friday. Reports for juniors will be available for parents to collect at the gate. School readers must be handed in before reports are collected. The following applies to Grade 4 - 7 learners:

If learners are absent on Friday, parents may collect reports on Monday only from the teachers between 10:00 and 12:00. Do not come on Friday as teachers will be busy.

If a child has not returned a textbook, parent must send the textbook or money on Friday with the child in order to receive the report. If no textbook is returned, parents must come to school on Monday to collect the report.

3. SCHOOL FEES - Thank you to parents who have honoured their commitments to pay school fees. We still have a large amount in school fees owing. Parents please make arrangements to pay as the school needs to pay salaries, utilities, security over December and other costs. All school fees for 2022 were payable by end October. Please refer to D6 for school fees for 2023.

4. STATIONERY - Learners have received stationery lists for 2023. Bookfees for next year are available on D6. Please remember that no cash will be collected for bookfees next year. Only EFT, card payments or cash deposits are acceptable methods of payment. Learners need to bring proof of payments or email to the school. Book packs and textbooks will only be handed out to learners whose bookfees have been paid. Please ensure that learners have all the necessary stationery on the first day of school.

5. GATE CLASS - A reminder to parents that there are many learners left until late at the school. It is not fair on teachers to sit until 4:30 pm looking after your child and gate fees are not being paid. From next year we will be looking at other alternatives. Please speak to transport drivers to fetch learners on time.

6. TEXTBOOKS - Learners and parents were informed that textbooks will be collected on the day of the exam. There are some learners who were absent, who have not returned textbooks to the school. Others have lost textbooks and need to pay for them. A letter has gone out to parents if a child has not returned a textbook. Please ensure that textbooks are returned to educators by Friday.

10. UNIFORM - Please ensure that learners are dressed in the correct summer uniform in January. (See back page)

11. SPONSOR/DONATION - Mrs Bux is requesting a donation of R150 from parents towards a smartboard for her classroom next year. It costs R33 000. If any parent is willing to assist, please contact the school.

12. **SCHOOL CLOSURE** - School closes on Friday, 9th December for learners. Learners will be dismissed at 11:30. Aftercare will remain open from Monday, 12th to Thursday 15th December.

Message from the Principal

A very big thank you to all learners, staff, parents and SGB for your support this year and for working together to maintain our high standards. We always strive to improve and adapt in order to be the best I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a joyous festive season and a wonderful new year, filled with love, health and prosperity. Looking forward to seeing you in 2023!

Dates to diarise:

9 December - Intersen Phase Valedictory Assembly

9 December - Term 4 Reports handed out to learners

Learners' last day

School closes at 11:30

11 January 2023 - School reopens for learners



P. Morris
Principal



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HOLIDAYS