



# THE HOUGHTON HERALD

Dear Parents and Learners  
Welcome to our new look newsletter!  
We are in the middle of a busy first term. Learners have participated in exciting activities and are now settling down to end of term assessments.

# 1.

## WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

Learners thoroughly enjoyed the day spent with learners from King David Linksfield. Our learners were welcoming and friendly. King David learners also brought plants to plant in the Veggie garden. They did shared reading with big books. It is important that children read. We have taken time out to revamp our media centre. For now learners will not be able to take out books. But we encourage our learners to read daily in order to improve their vocabulary. We look forward to more activities planned by our dedicated educators and thank them for their efforts. Just as a seed has the potential to grow, so can a child develop and grow!





# 2.

## ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all the learners who participated in the Athletics Meeting on the 14th of February. Well done to Steve Honde who was awarded a silver medal and Success Balufu who was placed 4th. Thank you to the educators who accompanied learners.



# 3.

## ASSEMBLY



Well done to the Grade 6 learners and the educators, Mr Moonieya and Mr Ally, for a lovely presentation of the Hare and the Tortoise. Vital lessons are learnt in assembly. This lesson was on procrastination - Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today! A reminder to parents that we have Assembly on the last Friday of every month unless otherwise arranged. Learners dismiss half hour later on Fridays. The next Assembly will be on the 20th of March during school time.

# 4.

## SGB ELECTIONS

The National School Governing Body Elections is taking place in March in all schools in South Africa. At least 5 parents need to be nominated. Parents are reminded to collect your nomination forms from the office and to make sure that your forms are completed correctly and placed in the nomination box in the foyer. Nominations close on 4th March. Full day elections take place on 6th March. Please ensure that you are on the voter's roll in order to cast your vote.

### SGB ELECTIONS 2024

01 MARCH 2024 - 31 MARCH 2024

**EVERY VOTE MATTERS**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

THE SGB (SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY) OF A SCHOOL SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF PARENTS OF ENROLLED LEARNERS, EDUCATORS, NON-EDUCATOR STAFF, GRADE 8 OR HIGHER LEARNERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF PARENT ORGANIZATIONS, SPONSORING BODIES, ORGANIZATIONS OF DISABLED PERSONS, DISABLED PERSONS, EXPERTS IN RELEVANT FIELDS, AND THE PRINCIPAL.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SGB ARE:**

- DECISION MAKING
- PLANNING
- CONFLICT MANAGEMENT
- TEAM BUILDING
- NEGOTIATION
- SCHOOL FINANCES

**VOTE**

Christopher  
Phalali

Nosipho  
Getahun

Memory  
Mapuranga

Mpho  
Pita

Awelani  
Khunwana

Petronella  
Nkobe

Mrs  
Sooliman

Noella  
Cisangani

Dumisani  
Nyathi

Zanele  
Mowashi

Ms  
Nadasen

Mrs  
Morris

**Thank you to the outgoing SGB members who have worked tirelessly these last 3 years. We appreciate your time and dedication.**



# 5.

## EXTRAMURALS AND OTHER EVENTS

Many learners are enjoying the extramurals offered in the afternoons. Thank you to the educators who ensure that learners get a holistic education at our school. Parents are reminded that extramurals end by 15:00 and learners need to be fetched by 15:30.

### SWIMMING LESSONS



### GRADE 7 CAKE AND CANDY



Thank you to parents and learners who support the fundraising initiatives at our school and the fundraising team for organising the wide variety of goodies on sale. It was enjoyed by all.



# HOOKED ON BOOKS



## 6.

**From the Principal...**



To all new educators, learners and parents who have joined our Houghton Family, a warm welcome. Thank you to all the Staff, Learners and Parents who are dedicated and support our school.. I look forward to a year of endless possibilities, If we work together, we can achieve great things.

Mrs P Morris

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**14 March**  
**Grade 1 - 7 Bullying**  
**Show**

**19 March**  
**Parents Evening**  
**Book Display**

**20 March**  
**Reports available on**  
**Edupac Portal**

**20 March**  
**Term 1 ends School**  
**closes at 11h00**

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