



## KRONENDAL PRIMARY SCHOOL STIMULUS

Thursday 8 February 2018

### **BIG SPLASH**

ALL children were given PINK Big Splash sponsor forms last week with the Stimulus. Children have until TOMORROW to collect sponsors. The aim is to collect at least R50 in sponsorship by tomorrow. If your child has R50 on their pink form by tomorrow, they need to show their form to their class teacher so that their name can be entered into the lucky draw which will take place in assembly on Monday 12 February.

Next week, children need to keep collecting! If they can collect R100 by Friday 16 February, they will be entered into the R100 lucky draw on Monday 19 February.

Foundation Phase children will have their Big Splash during school time on Tuesday 20 February, and Grade 4 - 7 children on Wednesday 21 February.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF OUR POOL IS NOT SUITABLE FOR SWIMMING DUE TO THE DROUGHT WE WILL ARRANGE FUN RELAY RACES ON THE FIELD INSTEAD.

Remember that there are 3 big prizes for this event:

- Prize for the Foundation Phase child who collects the most money
- Prize for senior primary child who collects the most money
- Class prize for the class that collects the most money

Start collecting NOW and let's see if we can do even better than last year.

### **LIBRARY REQUEST**

Do you have any cushions that you could donate to our library? Our new librarian is looking for clean cushions in good condition to brighten up our library and add to the relaxing atmosphere.

### **KRONENDAL PICNIC**

The Kronendal picnic has been moved to **Friday 16 February from 5:30pm to 8 pm**. It has been moved from the original date as Valley Pre Primary has its games evening that evening.

All Kronendal children and their families are invited to bring blankets and a picnic supper to school that evening.

This is not a school fundraiser in the style of the old Foundation Phase picnic, but rather an opportunity for the whole school community to come together to catch up with old friends and make new ones. There will be no sales at the event so please bring your own food and drinks.

We look forward to welcoming you there.

### **SCHOOL RULES**

A school has to have rules to function effectively. We are experiencing a problem at the moment whereby parents undermine teachers and by doing so, teach their children that the rules do not apply to them. The rule of children having to wear school shoes and socks when they leave the school gate in the afternoon is so that they look neat and presentable, but even more importantly, it's our way of making sure that both shoes get home! Uniform is expensive, and we have rows of single shoes in lost property (as well as many other items). Parents and teachers need to enforce the same thing for a child to feel secure and know that they are doing the right thing. Parents, please help us by ensuring your child is dressed properly when you fetch them in the afternoons.

### **WATER CRISIS**

Cape Town's water crisis is critical. We are doing everything we can to save water at school and we need 100% co-operation from all our children.

**ALL children must bring a bottle of drinking water from home every day. Please write your child's name on their bottle.**

Additional water management measures that we have implemented to monitor and restrict our water usage:

- We have a borehole and well point
- We collect ground, mountain and rain water in 5 x 10 000 Jojo tanks
- We have built special pipes in the swimming pool which suck the water in from a deeper level so they keep working when the level drops. Backwashed water is collected, filtered and pumped back into the pool.
- We check our water usage daily to monitor water usage and detect possible leaks.

- We have built special catchment drains to collect grey water from the basins and this will be used to flush toilets.
- Most bathroom taps are disconnected
- There is an “on demand tap” in each bathroom that switches off automatically.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed around the school for cleaning hands after going to the toilet.
- Toilets are flushed only when necessary.
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We all need to save water, and use this resource very sparingly to avoid Day Zero. It’s up to us!

### **IMPLICATION FOR SPORT**

We have had a Governing Body meeting and consulted widely with other schools about the impact our water crisis is having on sport. For the time being we will continue with sport as usual, with the only exception being that all cricket matches are prohibited.

Many schools have cancelled galas and restricted water activities. We have taken the decision to continue with swimming while we are still able to manage our water resources responsibly while adhering strictly to Level 6B restrictions. This is being assessed weekly. When our pool level becomes too low we will have to consider suspending swimming as well.

Our school will not close due to the drought.

Our extra- mural programme will continue, even if it has to be adapted.

### **SUN SENSE**

We strongly encourage ALL children to wear their wide brimmed Kronendal hat or peak cap at break and afternoon sport. Pupils should also have sun block applied before leaving home in the morning, and they should bring the bottle of sun block to school to re-apply if they have sport.

Hats are available at Fiddlesticks: wide brimmed hat - R120 and peak cap - R95

### **SECOND HAND SHOP AND LOST PROPERTY**

All lost property is stored downstairs outside the second hand shop. We have a startling amount of lost items, especially fleeces. **Please can children go and look for their lost items as soon as possible. Any clothing not claimed will go to the second hand shop to be sold.** PLEASE MARK YOUR CHILD’S CLOTHING!!!! If their name is in it there is a very good chance of finding it again.

**The second hand shop will be open:**

Mondays 7:30 - 8:00

Wednesdays 7:30 - 8:00

Fridays 13:30 - 14:00

The new price list will be sent home with the children next week.

**GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS**

It's time for a new Governing Body to be elected. The date for this election is **Tuesday 13 March at 18:00**. We are grateful to Iain Anderson and Rob Hansen who have agreed to stand for re-election. We will let you know when nomination forms are available. In the meantime think of people who have skills and time to offer the school as well as a passion to help the school move forward.

**WORDWORKS** – Two volunteers still needed.

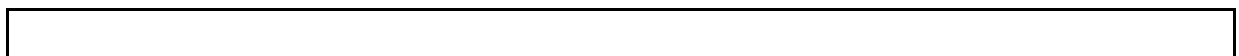
We are running a project to help our children with their reading and writing and we need another two volunteers. Thank you to the parents that have already volunteered.

*Kronendal* in partnership with *Wordworks*, has been providing extra support with reading and writing in English for our children in Grade 1 & 2 for the last 3 years. The sessions are run by volunteers, who work with a maximum of 2 children at a time, supporting their language and literacy development through educational games & books.

Venue: Kronendal Primary School

Time: Wednesdays 8.00 – 10.00

Please join our team for a morning and help us make a difference. Volunteers are asked to commit a minimum of just two hours each week. You need no previous experience, as training is provided. For further information, visit us at the website below or contact Petra on 082 416 3159 / [petraschuler@absamail.co.za](mailto:petraschuler@absamail.co.za)



**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new end.