

Heads Up

- the nuts and bolts for the week -

No 6 : 12th March 2018

Dear parents

The big heads up this week is detail around the **Sports Day**. For your easy reference, please see a repeat of the information from last week's newsletter.

Some reminders for the day:

- The Grade Seven House Captains will set a theme and arrange the cheerleading as one of their first duties.
- Children are to come dressed in their PE shorts and a BELLAVISTA issue house t-shirt. Every child is to have a cap on and sunscreen is expected.
- Encourage your child to have a good breakfast. They may not bring food and any fruit or sugary drinks with them. Water and fruit will be provided during the course of the morning. Other refreshments will be handed out once the programme is finished.
- Refreshments will be on sale for the parents. Children may only buy AFTER the day's events are concluded.
- Children are to be at school no later than 07:30am and we are likely to be done by 12:00pm where after children can go home.
- Parents are not to approach the stands prior to the close of the event, tempting as it is. This causes upset for other children who have goals towards independence.
- Once the children are seated with their houses, they may not leave the area. Children may go home with a parent, grandparent or guardian after the day has finished. If your child is to leave with a friend, please note that a written instruction to the teacher is required.
- Any asthmatic children are to bring along their pumps.
- Sisters and brothers are encouraged to dress in house colours and they will also have an opportunity to participate.
- We urge you to bring your umbrellas and deck chairs and join us in celebrating the wonderful, talented and all-round amazing children we have at this school.

Cocurricular activities change to the Winter Programme next week Thursday. Your Gr3-7 child will choose what he or she wants to do this week.

Parenting tip: we simply do not have enough time and keyboards to do the necessary practice for your child that will build an acceptable proficiency - he or she needs to put in the effort at home. Typing should be a skill developed after age 10 year, ideally when midline crossing is established. Please see the links below to typing games and activities you can engage your child with:

<http://www.typekids.com/> www.freetypinggame.net

www.typing.com/typinggames

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing

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**SPORTS
DAY**
Friday 16 March

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Professor Venter
12 – 16th March

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**Easter Eggs
and
Matzah**



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On mobile phones and WhatsApp - things the kids know but parents might not

The children may not, under any circumstance, set up and participate in a WhatsApp group that is made among themselves ie. by Bellavista kids involving Bellavista kids. There is no need and this is exactly where we experience cyberbullying if at all. The Admin of that group would be held responsible for behaviours in the group, as well as the perpetrators, should anything go down at school, in school hours. After hours, on other WhatsApp activity, on the devices you supply, the children are your responsibility.

There are to be no mobile phones at school at all. For a period of time, we did accommodate phones as the children used these for learning and organising themselves. With the Digital Classroom at play, and the tablets and laptops used for this purpose, there is no need for a phone. Phones will be confiscated if seen at school. Please be assured that if your child needs access to you, the school personnel will contact you per their private phone or per the school's telecoms.

On Smoking on the School Property

Parents are reminded that smoking is prohibited on the school property. The Tobacco Products Control Act (Act 83 of 1993) and the 2012 REGULATIONS RELATING TO SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CERTAIN OUTDOOR PUBLIC PLACES, prescribe that the smoking of tobacco products is prohibited in any public place or on any public conveyance. Smoking is strictly prohibited in all School buildings on the School grounds, as well as enclosed or partially enclosed areas. No smoking is allowed in any area within at least five (5) meters (or as may be prescribed from time to time) from a window / ventilation unit, doorway or entrance, or in any motor vehicle when a child under age 12 is present in the vehicle.

<https://www.health24.com/Lifestyle/Stop-smoking/Prevalance-in-sa/10-smoking-laws-you-must-know-20120721>

Easter Egg and Matzah Collection

As you read in our newsletter last week, we have started our Easter Egg and Matzah collection. The marshmallow Easter Egg collection will be divided over two causes: the Mini Council collection which is distributed to various charities and KweZwe, the nursery school that our children and yourselves donate to so generously on a weekly basis. The Matzah will be distributed to an appropriate organisation via Mrs Janine Waisbrod who is the PA Social Responsibility portfolio holder.

Children may bring as many Easter Eggs and boxes of Matzah that they wish. The goods can be delivered to Grade 7E (Mrs Anien Evans) or left with Percy in reception. The collections will end on the 26th March 2018. We are looking forward to making this the sweetest Easter yet for the KweZwe little ones, the Mini Council charities and those in need who will enjoy Matzah over Pesach. Questions can be directed to Mrs Nadia Coovadia on the staff who will coordinate the collections.

An iPad was handed in to reception approximately 2 weeks ago. If you believe it to be yours, please contact Heather on 011 788 5454. The iPad is unlabeled.

Sports – cricket matches against Torah

The TerHorst lost by 68 runs and 1 wicket
The Commonwealth lost by 1 wicket

Enjoy the week
Alison Scott



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