Dear Learners and Parents

We would like to take this opportunity in welcoming all parents and learners to Woodlands School, we trust that 2020 will be a most successful year. To all our new parents and learners, we welcome you to the Woodlands Family.

A very special welcome to Mrs Barnice van den Heever our new Grade 3 teacher we trust that you will be very happy at Woodlands!

Newsletters are issued every Friday with detailed information about the upcoming week’s events. Please make sure that you read your newsletter, sign the control slip, and return to school with the learner on Monday. Details of any money, letters/notices included in the newsletter must be completed in the space provided on the slip. All money must be placed in an envelope or plastic bag and then into the newsletter reply slip cover. The school will not be held responsible for money that goes missing. If a newsletter is lost or torn a fine of R20 will be charged.

At Woodlands we have always had an open-door policy and therefore encourage parents to discuss any matters of concern with the class teacher. If you have a concern, please contact the teacher to make an appointment. Should the matter not be resolved the teacher will schedule another meeting with the parent and the principal to resolve the matter as timely as possible.

Appointments must please go through the office, a meeting with the Principal is made by appointment only.

On Wednesday, 29 January 2020 at 18h30 there will be an Annual General Parents Meeting followed by a Teachers/Parents meeting at school. It is very important to attend this meeting so that you as parent can meet the new teacher and to know what is happening at school.
Term Dates for 2020

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School times:
- Grade 1, R, 00: 07h25 – 12h00 (until end of January)
- Grade R, 00: 07h25 – 12h35 (Feb – Nov)
- Grade 1: 07h25 – 13h10 (Feb – Nov)
- Grade 2 – 7: 07h25 – 13h10: Full School Uniform
- Monday: 07h25 – 13h20: Full School Uniform
- Tues, Wed & Thurs: 07h25 – 14h20: Sport Uniform
- Fridays: 07h25 – 13h10: Full School Uniform

Please make sure that your child is fetched on time

School Fees 2020

A discount of 5% of the school fees is granted if such fees for the year are fully paid before the end of January 2020.

80% of January school fees have not been paid! Fees are payable by the 5th of each month for the month and not at the end of the month. The school cannot function if school fees are not paid on time. If your account is in arrears (amount highlighted) please make immediate payment!

Banking Details:
Woodlands School
Standard Bank Sabie
Account: 03 039 4414
Branch: 053152
Reference: Account number
No sweets or cool drinks (fizzy drinks) are allowed Monday to Thursday. On Friday’s learners can buy sweets, chips etc. at the tuck shop so remember to give your child at least R5 to R20 for tuck on a Friday.

**Sick Notes**

When a learner is absent a letter must be sent to school when the child returns. A doctor’s note must be sent to school if a learner is absent for 3 consecutive days. If you wish to take the child from school for personal matters other than illness a letter must be sent to the class teacher requesting such leave.

**Cell Phones**

No cell phones will be allowed at school. If your child needs to phone, the office or teacher is more than willing to contact the parent.

**Hotdogs**

On Wednesday at 2nd break we will be selling hotdogs for R15. Please order and pay on or before Tuesday. Sorry no orders will be accepted on Wednesday.

**Extra-mural activities next week**

Athletics practice on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during school time. Please wear the proper athletics uniform – maroon vest and black boxer shorts over the latex shorts. Only black or maroon takkies may be worn with your sports uniform to school. Also pack extra drinks/water on these days.

Monday & Friday learners wear full school uniform.

**Note:**
- Only grade 4 to 7 learners are allowed to wear school ties!!!!
- Grade 1 to 3 – NO TIES ALLOWED!!!
- Girls must please wear black short tights under their school skirts.
- Grade 00 & R may wear Civvies on Friday’s.

Thank you for purchasing black or maroon school bags, it looks amazing!
**Important Dates for 1st Term**

- 15 January - School Opens
- 29 January - AGM & Teachers Meeting
- 31 January - Interhouse (to be confirmed)
- 8 February - Athletics friendly at Penryn (only selected learners will attend)
- 14 February - Friendship Day
- 1 April - School Closes at 11h00

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**Woodlands Interhouse**

We are planning to host our Interhouse on Friday, 31 January at Sybrand van Niekerk High School. We are currently waiting for confirmation from Sybrand and will let you know in the next newsletter. All learners from Grade 000 to Grade 7 will be attending. **Learners must be dropped off and picked up at Sybrand – the event will start from 07h00 - 12h00**

Learners will be divided into teams (Impala or Bushbuck) next week. More details will follow in the next newsletter!

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**Nhlanhla Taxi’s**

Woodlands learners MUST make use of Nhlanhla – no exceptions. Please make arrangements with Nhlanhla Taxi Service if you have not yet done so!

Contact:
083 957 9051 / 083 600 2600
Or
Annie 072 61 6562

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**School Fees**

Reference: Account Number (highlighted on your statement)
Pre-Paid deposit:
Reference: DEPOSIT NAME Surname (OF LEARNER)

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**IMPORTANT:**
Please make sure that you make use of the correct reference when making a bank deposit.

To cut down on bank costs we recommend that you make EFT payments. If you do not have internet banking please use the Standard Bank ATM.

It is very important to use the correct reference when making a payment. Incorrect reference payments are placed in an account and left until claimed. It is your responsibility to check your account *each month* to make sure that your payment reflects on your statement.

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**School hats**

School hats for toddlers to grade 3 are compulsory. As from Monday learners will not be allowed to play outside without hats. Hats are available from White River Outfitters.

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**Children are a gift from the Lord. They are reward from Him. (Psalms 127:3)**