



HOËRSKOOL RICHARDSBAAI

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-Where we strive to be the leading school in KZN!*

Newsletter 01/2021

23 February 2021

Dear Baaitjie Parents

2021 started in the same way as 2020 ended! Recently government has embarked on a vaccination, rollout and we trust and pray that the infection rate will drop and life will begin to normalise.

Please take note of the following:

GENERAL

1. STAFF

We share in the grief of Ms C Pretorius with the passing of her husband and pray for peace and consolation. We also offer our condolences to all Baaitjies and Baaitjie parents who lost loved ones during this time.

Congratulations to the following staff members on their appointment as:

- Mr J Delpont, Head of Discipline
- Ms B Garland, Co-opted Deputy Principal in charge of academics
- Ms C Nortier, Co-opted Head of Mathematics

We welcome the following staff members at our Baaitjie family:

- Ms K Swart, MATH Educator
- Mr C van Aswegen, AFRHL Educator
- Mr J Scholtz, GRDS/CVLT Educator
- Ms K Woest, MATH
- Ms D van Loggerenberg, GEOG/SS
- Mr S Stoltz, TRSM/ENGFA
- Ms Z Engelbrecht, ENGH
- Ms C van Heerden, ADMIN Secretary

2. MATRIC RESULTS

Congratulations to our matrics of 2020 for obtaining a 93% pass rate.

The top 10 learners (according to average) are as follows:

	NAME OF LEARNER	RESULTS
1	Danae Small (Dux)	7 A's
2	Kelvin Aidan	5 A's
3	Kirel Reddy	5 A's
4	Andréa Moodley	6 A's
5	Akhil Harripersadh	7 A's
6	Johannes Pool	4 A's
7	Zethu Ntuli	6 A's
8	Suné Scheepers	3 A's
9	Anzel Cornelius	3 A's
10	Nikita Strydom en Khulani Mdletshe	4 A's each

We had 118 learners who qualified for graduate studies at universities and obtained 155 A-symbols. We are extremely proud of our 2020 Gr 12s.

3. OFFICE HOURS

The administrative office is operational from 07:15 to 14:00 daily, Mondays to Fridays, and the financial office from 07:15 to 12:45.

4. 1ST TERM DATES – 2021

As indicated by President Cyril Ramaphosa, all schools may only function at 50% of its capacity. Having that in mind, our school will operate as follows:

SCHOOL HOURS	07:30 – 14:00
DATE	GRADES TO ATTEND SCHOOL
Monday, 22 February to Friday, 26 February	10, 11, 12
Monday, 1 March to Friday, 5 March	8, 9, 12
Monday, 8 March to Friday, 12 March	10, 11, 12
Monday, 15 March to Friday, 19 March	8, 9, 12
Monday, 22 March – PUBLIC HOLIDAY Tuesday, 23 March to Friday, 26 March	10, 11, 12
Monday, 29 March to Thursday, 1 April (Friday, 2 April – Public Holiday)	8, 9, 12
Tuesday, 6 April – Friday, 9 April	10, 11, 12
Monday, 12 April – Friday, 16 April	8, 9, 12
Monday, 19 April – Friday, 23 April	10, 11, 12

5. MENTORS

The names of the mentors in the different grades are set out below. Should there be any problems or enquiries regarding your child you can contact the grade mentors.

GRADE	MENTOR (Academic)	ASSISTANT MENTOR (Discipline)
8	Ms C Slimani	Mr J du Plessis (Boys), Ms H Herbst (Girls)
9	Ms N Opperman	Mr J Fourie (Boys), Ms M Luus (Girls)
10	Ms E Schulze	Mr C Edwards (Boys), Ms M Muller (Girls)
11	Mr H Pretorius	Mr N Janse v Rensburg (Boys), Ms A van Zyl (Girls)
12	Mr G Botha	Ms C Nortier (Boys), Ms A Jacobs (Girls)

6. LINE OF COMMUNICATION

We are here to build relationships and by following this line of communication below, we can make it happen. Should you have any problems, you are kindly requested to follow the steps below:

STEP	ACADEMICS	SPORT	CULTURE	DISCIPLINE
1	Arrange an appointment with the class/subject educator	Arrange an appointment with the coach	Arrange an appointment with the coach/leader	Arrange an appointment with the register teacher
SHOULD YOU NOT BE SATISFIED WITH THE FEEDBACK, THEN				
2	Arrange an appointment with the Grade Mentor	Arrange an appointment with the Head of the respective sportscode	Arrange an appointment with the Head of respective culture section	Arrange an appointment with the Grade Assistant Mentor
SHOULD YOU NOT BE SATISFIED WITH THE FEEDBACK, THEN				
3	Arrange an appointment with the Head of Academics, Ms Garland	Arrange an appointment with the Head of Sport, Mr Putter	Arrange an appointment with the Head of Culture, Ms Labuschagne	Arrange an appointment with the Grade Mentor
SHOULD YOU NOT BE SATISFIED WITH THE FEEDBACK, THEN				
4	Arrange an appointment with the School Principal			
SHOULD YOU NOT BE SATISFIED WITH THE FEEDBACK, THEN				
5	Contact the SGB Chairperson			

7. SCHOOL UNIFORM STORE

The operating hours are as follows:

- **From 15 February until 28 February**
Mondays to Fridays 07:00 – 14:00
- **From 1 March for the rest of the year**
Mondays to Fridays 07:00 – 13:45

Card facilities for payment is available for your convenience. Ms van Schalkwyk can be contacted at 072 439 78 20 should you need more information.

8. SGB INVOLVEMENT

We would like to remind you of the General SGB Election for the parent component that will take place on Tuesday, 9 March 2021 in the school hall at 18:30. Should you want to use your **special skills** to become more involved with the school and the SGB, kindly volunteer to be part of the activities by the following committees:

- ☞ Marketing
- ☞ Sport & Culture
- ☞ Fund Raising
- ☞ Maintenance
- ☞ Safety & Security

Nomination forms are available at reception and must be returned to school on or before Friday, 5 March 2021.

BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE!

9. FINANCES

We would like to thank all the parents who paid their school fees conscientiously. We would also like to remind parents who have not paid school fees and who did not attempt to contact the school's Financial Administrator to make arrangements for payment. In accordance with **Section 39 of the South African Schools Act**, all parents are legally compelled to pay their children's school fees.

Our school has expenses, just like any other institution, as well as financial obligations to maintain a status quo.

Should it not be financially possible to pay the required school fees, you may apply for exemption. These exemption application forms must be collected **personally** from Mrs E van Schalkwyk, Financial Administrator, as receipt of these documents must be **signed** for in a **register**. The application, together with all the necessary documentation, must be handed to Mrs van Schalkwyk **in person**. A Financial Committee will then conduct a personal interview with you as parent.

There will be no increase in school fees for 2021. The **school fees for 2021** remains **R22 720,00** and are payable as follows:

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| ➤ Before or on 25 January 2021 | R3 000,00 |
| ➤ February – October (before or on the 7 th of each month) | R2 000,00 |
| ➤ November (before or on the 7 th of the month) | R1 720,00 |

We urge you as parent to please honour your financial obligations to the school, because without your support, we cannot be fully functional. Should you not meet this arrangement/agreement, you will be contacted by the Principal for an appointment.

Should your school fees be paid in full as indicated on the dates below, then you qualify for discount as follows:

Before or at end the February 2021	4%
Before or at end the March 2021	3%

In order to facilitate parents and for safety reasons, payments to the school can be made by debit order, credit or debit card, internet, electronic auto bank or cash.

Banking details are as follows:

☞ BANK:	FNB
☞ ACCOUNT HOLDER:	Hoërskool Richardsbaai
☞ ACCOUNT NUMBER:	62762567132 Cheque Account
☞ BRANCH CODE:	250655

Parents who make electronic payments are kindly requested to use the learner's admission number as a reference on the payment.

ACADEMICS

As school we kindly request the learners to attend school regularly and to work diligently. We urge the parents to support the school and co-operate with the educators. In this way we will be able to create a conducive learning environment.

1. **EXAMINATION STUDY GUIDES: MATHEMATICS (GR 8 – 12)**

Examination Study Guides, which include question papers with the relevant answers, for Mathematics and Mathematical Literacy, are available at the financial office at R70,00 each.

2. ABSENTEEISM

Grade 12

The Department of Education has strengthened our hand regarding absenteeism and assessments.

External Ruling:

In the event of a Gr 12 learner not completing and submitting all assessments and PATs in a certain subject, the learner WILL NOT be allowed to write neither the trial exam nor the final exam in that specific subject.

3. ASSESSMENT ENQUIRY

Should parents have enquiries regarding learners' portfolios, they may make an appointment to see the Grade Mentor/Subject Head in order to view the portfolio at school. No assessments will be taken home.

Grade 8 - 11

Grade Mentors will keep parents updated regarding the learners' absenteeism. Should assessments be missed or not completed 3 weeks prior to the year-end exam, the learner will receive NIL for the assessment. This can result in a learner failing the academic year. At the end of each term assistant mentors will contact parents regarding learners who failed the grade/subjects for the term.

At the completion of an assessment, the learner's results will be indicated on a progress form in his/her book.

Grade 10 & 11

Learners who will NOT HAVE COMPLETED their PAT by 30 November 2021, WILL NOT be progressed to the next grade as they have not met the promotion requirements.

SPORT & KULTUUR

Some regulations regarding sport and culture have been relaxed. The safety of the learners as well as the educators at school is the sole responsibility of the principal, therefore, the principal must adhere to all the COVID regulations at school.

Whilst we are still operating on level 3, we will not participate in any sport or cultural events. Once we move to level 1, this will be reconsidered by the school management team and the school governing body.

1. PHED CLOTHES

School uniform is very expensive. Learners are, therefore, requested to do PHED in their sport clothes. Parents may place orders at the school clothing store.

2. GENERAL

Any sport related queries can be directed by email (sport@hsrb.org.za) to our Sport Organiser, ms G Zietsman.

My motto for 2021:

*No victory can be achieved without a battle.
The greater the battle, the greater the victory!*

Baaitjie Greetings

H J P MULLER
PRINCIPAL