



# SETTLERS' PARK PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

(INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION NOT FOR GAIN)

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Good morning Parents,

It seems as if everyone has settled well in our new school year. Congratulations to the following families who have new additions to their family. Mzwandile and Nontokozi Ntshela (Hlokomani in the Bees class) have welcomed a new little girl, Halalisa. Collis and Chérie Fenner (Björn in the Caterpillars class) have also welcomed a little girl, Briá.



Please see below a few reminders and important events for your attention:

### **Annual General Meeting:**

This year because of COVID and the necessary protocols that must be followed, there will be no on-site AGM. Reports from the Board Chairman, Board Treasurer and school principal will be e-mailed to parents.

### **Hearing Screening: Thursday 4 March:**

Audiologist, Heidi Taylor will be conducting Hearing Screening on pupils from the Bees, Ant and Ladybird classes whose parents have consented.

**Lost Property:** Please ensure that **every** item belonging to your child is clearly marked with her / his name. Please remind your child to replace items in their bags. A lot of lost property has already accumulated this year. It is not the staff's responsibility to look for lost items, particularly if they are unmarked.



### **Sanitiser:**

Please don't send individual sanitisers for children to use. Staff follow strict and regular sanitising protocols throughout the day.

### **Health matters:**

Quite a few children seem to be suffering from congestion, causing coughs and runny noses. This may be due to the change of seasons, but please monitor them closely and do not send them to school if they may be infectious or miserable.

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

#### **My School initiative:**

Many thanks to all the families who have nominated Settlers' Park as a beneficiary. Please ask family members and friends to nominate us – it is very simple to register online ([www.myschool.co.za](http://www.myschool.co.za)), or forms are available from the office.

#### **Sunshine Bread Bags:**

We would appreciate it if you could continue to send these. *The bin is in the foyer.*

#### **The Glass Recycling Company:**

We stand a chance to win a big cash prize through collecting glass in our glass recycling bin opposite the school. Beverage bottles and food jars are suitable – NO LIDS PLEASE! Also, no window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, ceramics, crystal or opaque glass and no laboratory glass. Please support this initiative and help our school to be a winner – thank you! (see the posters).

**Parent/teacher chats:**

In the last week of term, parents will meet with their child's teacher to chat about the first term. From next week, there will be clipboards placed at the respective entrances to book a time slot. This needs to be done in by Friday 12 March. Please bring your own pen to fill in your time. Chats are planned for Tuesday 23 March, Wednesday 24 March and Thursday 25 March. There will be 15-minute time slots from 12.45 p.m. until 3 p.m. on the three days. The following protocols will be in place:  
Each teacher will be in her classroom. They will fetch parents from the 3 entrances and escort them into the school. Each parent must arrive wearing a cloth mask or face shield. Parents hands will be sanitized and their temperatures will be checked. No children are to attend the chats. Please speak to me if you have any queries.

**Fees:**  
Please pay fees by the due date (the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month after which statements are issued). If you are experiencing financial problems, please contact me to discuss. The process of chasing fees is time consuming and unpleasant; we adhere to a strict fee collection procedure.  
Term 1 Friday Treats and Hearing Test charges, as well as any incidentals such as T-shirts, library bags and casual aftercare incurred between now and the end of the term, will be added to the next fee statement which will go out on 25 March.

**Other dates to note:**  
**Friday 5 March:** Puppet show  
**Monday 22 March:** Public holiday – to celebrate Human Rights Day. No school  
**Friday 26 March:** **Easter Fun Day** (*The Easter Bunny comes to Settlers' and the children have an Easter Egg Hunt.*)  
*School closes (normal Aftercare.)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> term:** [*Library, Music, Psychomotor and Extra Mural lessons will start – more information to follow.*]  
Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June (**Pirate Fun Day**)  
Please note – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April is a school holiday. Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April is a public holiday (Freedom Day)  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June: public holiday (Youth Day)  
**Mid-term break**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May (school starts on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May)



**3<sup>rd</sup> term:**  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September (**Science Fun Day**)  
Please note - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August is a public holiday (National Women's Day)  
**Mid-term break**  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August (school starts on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August)

**4<sup>th</sup> term:**  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
**Mid-term break**  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November (school starts on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November)

Kind regards,

**Ellen Borain**  
**PRINCIPAL**

“Children are great imitators, so give them something great to imitate.”