

# Maryvale Newsletter

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**WELCOME!** We are still enrolling new learners to Maryvale College Primary and we welcome them and trust their learning, sporting and cultural development exceeds all expectations. We still have space in the following classes: Grade 00, Grade R, Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 7. Tell your friends, family and colleagues they are most welcome to bring their children.

## PARENT'S EVENING

We had a successful parent's information evening. We would like to thank all our parents who attended and also proceeded to meeting their child's class teacher. It was good to meet old and new parents in the new year. All the children whose parents attended, were awarded a civvies day the following Monday.

## ACADEMIC MASS

We want to express our gratitude and thanks to emeritus Archbishop William Slattery and Father Simon Donnelly who led us through Our Academic Mass. Our special Mass was celebrated and we gave thanks to G-d for our Matric learner's achievements and for the new teachers who have joined us. The teachers also received an anointing and blessing from the presiding priest. Our Masses will be held either in the church or in the hall. We encourage parents to join in the future.



## VALENTINE'S DAY:



Valentine's Day was celebrated on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February with a festive cake and sweets sale: Thank you to the Foundation Phase who donated 'goodies' for our fundraising campaign. Your support is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. We are working tirelessly to generate funds so that we are able to provide quality education and make sure that our school continues to be the best in our community. To date R 6 605 has been raised.



## LEAP YEAR

Let's celebrate Leap Day 2024 in Lent: **LEAP INTO LENT!** Some of our 'littlies' are celebrating their first or second Leap Year. We must celebrate it. WHEN IS IT? I wonder if you can guess how many Leap Years your teacher has had. Leap Year is an extra day in the year which G-d has generously given us. Let's share our act of Lenten charity in our community by donating non-perishable food items. **E.g. tins of food, rice, pasta, sugar, flour, samp and beans.** Give freely and generously on 29<sup>th</sup> February!

## ASH WEDNESDAY THE BEGINNING OF LENT



On the 14<sup>th</sup> February both the Primary and High schools began the Season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday at our Wayside Paris with Fr Simon Donnelly. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence for the Catholics. Abstinence pertains to the avoidance of meat during Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. Therefore, meat will not be sold during this time.

## SPORTS, SPORTS AND MORE SPORTS

It is heartwarming to see our learners back on the sports fields competing with other schools. Our girls' soccer team is playing exceptionally well and won 2-0 against Cooper College and 4-0 against Curro College. Well done to our girls. Our cricket team won against Yeshiva by 5 wickets. Trevor scored 53 runs; the highest score that Mr Gamu has ever witnessed in a 15 over match. Trevor was named Man of the Match. The Basket Ball teams have also been flying the Maryvale flag and we look forward to our soccer teams getting back into action.

A Big Thank You to Mr Nkululeko: Trevor and Michaela were awarded certificates by the Catholic Schools Sports and Cultural Council for being the most valuable players at the under 13 Basketball Festival. They were recognized for their outstanding basketball acumen and great display of skills and teamwork.

## FIRST AID COURSE



Our teachers went on a refresher course to make sure that all students are safe in PE and sports games. Mr Gamu and Ms. Steyn attended the First Aid course to reinforce their first aid knowledge.



## WEATHER CONDITIONS



The weather is unpredictable these days. We are having lingering and intense heat waves. Make sure your child is not overdressed. They must wear sun hats to protect themselves from the sun's heat and certainly no blazers. They must apply sunscreen cream before leaving home and between breaks. In addition, they must avoid exposing themselves to the sun to prevent dehydration and heat stroke. They must also bring a water bottle daily to keep hydrated and drink a lot of water throughout the day. Please leave blazers at home if the temperature is 30 degrees or above.

## OUTSTANDING FEES

**Please make sure you pay your fees before the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

## MID-TERM BREAK

A reminder that we are on Mid-Term break from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> February. Note that Thursday is a normal school day and that school closes at 13:30 for everyone. There will be no extra-murals activities on this day. Enjoy your break...



## SPONSORS



Once again We would like to request your help with raffle-prize donations. We are fundraising towards buying and improving our Science and Mathematics resources. We also need sponsors for our Swimming Gala which is coming up soon. Donations can range from a raffle gift, gift voucher, monetary donations to free haircuts, beauty treatments, event tickets and attractions, electronic gadgets, children's prizes, hampers and confectionary etc. Please contact Mrs Manyathi if you are able to donate or have ideas to raise money.

## UNIFORMS

Teachers are concerned about the short skirts that many of the girls are wearing. Please make sure that your daughter's skirt is four fingers about her knee. Boys must not alter their pants to reflect the 'skinny-jeans' look. No lip gloss for girls or make-up in grade 7.

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you don't receive emails it might be because your email address is incorrectly captured on the system. On occasion, it has been difficult to decipher handwriting on the profile forms. Please email Ms. Athilda on [primary@admin.co.za](mailto:primary@admin.co.za) stating that it is you so that we can file your correct address and you will subsequently receive emails from the school.

## CYCLE TESTS

Cycle tests and FAT's for the foundation & senior phase from grade 1 to 7 have begun. Please make sure your son or daughter has his/her timetable and is aware of the learning areas. Cycle tests have been staggered over the next two weeks.

## NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH:

**Monday-Chicken cheese burger**

**Tuesday- Spaghetti Bolognese**

**Wednesday- Mac & cheese**

**Thursday – Pies**

**Friday - Kota**

