

# CONTACT INFORMATION

## **SCHOOL CONTACTS:**

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Please note that our phone lines can get extremely busy during the day - if possible, please send an email to the appropriate person instead, so that we can attend to your query as quickly as possible.

Website (for booklists, school fee info, bank details, calendar, newsletters and other information)

[www.loreto.co.za](http://www.loreto.co.za)

## ONWARDS AND UPWARDS (Mrs Belinda Martins – PS Teacher)

Today the 26th of March marks two years since the COVID 19 VIRUS became an unwelcome guest in our midst and placed South Africa under the first of many lockdowns. As we listened to 'Uncle Cyril's' notorious 'family meetings' we naively believed that it would only last three weeks and between you and me and the deep blue sea we were all a little bit glad our autumn break from school started a few days earlier and would last a few days longer... Little did we know how a teeny-tiny, microscopic virus would completely change our lives thrusting us into unknown waters without a compass to guide us and give us direction. "How could this be?" we asked ourselves. 2020 was the year we had looked forward to with so much anticipation & excitement...a new year, a new decade, a new beginning, a new me, and now suddenly everything was upside down! Quarantine, self-isolation, sanitizing, saturation levels, the shortage of ventilators, curfew (which I last had as a young student in res), social distance (my new favourite oxymoron), Zoom meetings and mandatory mask wearing became the new buzz words bandied about in our daily conversations. Going to a restaurant or picking up a take-away on the way home from work, or meeting up with a long lost friend for a quick cup of coffee and a catch-up seemed to belong to a life from a distant galaxy! As time passed, we soon realized that this teeny-tiny, microscopic virus was in no way going to be just a ripple in the relatively calm pond we called our lives. We all had to adjust our sails to navigate in these so called 'new normal' waters and each day it seemed that the tiny ripple began to gain momentum and grow into a wave which had the potential to engulf us all. There was no user manual, no guide and no trusted map we could use...There was nobody who had experienced something like this before to whom we could turn to for advice...we were on our own. It was a case of sink or swim! Overnight everything changed and life went online. Visiting with our parents, families, loved ones and friends, school lessons, shopping, work and church services went online. Life went online! What's App become a saving grace and a lifeline for keeping in touch. We had to learn

how to post lessons online and in no time at all we became Google Classroom maestros! Talk about the tenacity of teachers!

My husband became the brave one in our family who ventured out once a week for our shopping needs. When he arrived home, we sanitized everything before bringing it into our home... Looking back now, it does seem a little bit over the top but sometimes you have to do what you have to do to keep your loved ones safe even if it be from a teeny-tiny microscopic virus with the ability to destroy! Suddenly the stormy sea we were sailing on reached a tsunami alert level... my beloved mom in law whom we'd done our utmost to protect tested + for Covid 19. Although she contracted the virus while hospitalized it meant that for three weeks while she lay in the Covid Ward we could not visit her... I have such angst about this and have spent many sleepless nights tossing and turning praying that she never thought we had abandoned her in her hour of greatest need. My brave mom in law overcame Covid 19 despite battling a vicious form of bone cancer at the same time. My husband was blessed enough to visit her one last time all be it all suited up with protective gear. Sadly, my mom in law passed away the following day after being transferred back to the Oncology Ward. Covid 19 had taken away the little bit of strength she had left to fight her cancer. Covid 19 had gripped its evil tentacles onto our nearest and dearest and dealt us a cruel blow. A wave of despair and sadness washed over us! We were adrift with no compass to steer us safely back to shore.

Somehow though, we mustered the strength to sail forwards albeit in a badly, battered ship. This to me is the greatest irony of life! Whilst you are drowning in a stormy sea without a lifeboat in sight, life around you carries on and expects you to climb aboard and sail onwards and upwards.

Nevertheless, to quote an old adage 'life does go on' and somehow you find your compass even though it sometimes shows a somewhat shaky magnetic north!

Around us, Covid 19 carried on relentlessly, carelessly tearing loved ones and families apart and causing illness, death, depression, job losses cuts in salaries, retrenchments, despair and sadness everywhere! Just about everybody we knew was affected in some way and it wasn't in a good way! Living close to Unitas Hospital was

indeed scary. During the worst of the fourth wave all day and night we heard the eerie wail of ambulance sirens. The list of people I was praying for afflicted with Covid 19 grew daily. It was and still is a very scary time. Driving past the hospital one afternoon, I saw a long line of ambulances waiting to go into the Emergency Department. That day, I just cried all the way home and prayed to God to make Covid 19 go back to the deep, dark hole it slithered out of... Sadly though, this hasn't happened even two years down the line. I remind myself daily that this is God's will and not 'my will be done'. We continue to live under its tenacious grip with the ever present threat of the 'next wave'!

Thankfully, we have all been vaccinated against Covid 19 and kudos to the brave virologists and scientists who banded together in an effort to help the world to be protected from the worst effects of this relentless virus!

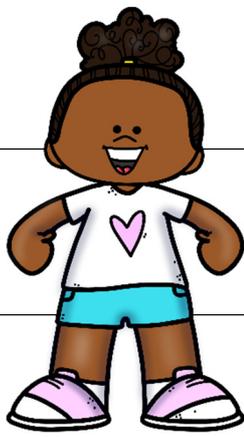
As I type this post this evening, South Africa is close to ending the 'state of emergency' we have been living under for the last two years. We hope to reach the endemic stage of this pandemic soon. Although life is far from normal or at least the normal we used to know, we try to embrace this 'new normal' and live life to the fullest remembering the lessons learnt along the way. This journey has brought us closer to God and closer as a family. It has taught us the value of time and the importance of the little things. As Robert Brault states, 'enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.'

Although I don't know what the future holds I do know who holds the future and this is my comfort. As we navigate these unknown waters, I hold the words of Corrie Ten Boom close in my heart...we all face an unknown future, but we do not have to be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.

Be Blessed & Stay Safe

John 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."



# PRIMARY SCHOOL

- The second term is in full swing and will be a very busy one as the children prepare for the mid-year assessments and exams. **Thank you** to all our parents who came to our Parents' Meeting on invitation. If you were unable to make it, please contact Ms Hill to set up an appointment with your child's teacher. It is very important for the children that we keep the lines of communication between school and home open.
- Monday 02 May is a **public holiday**, as 1 May, Workers' Day falls on a Sunday.
- **Afternoon sport and extra lessons** have started. Please ensure that your child attends the activities and extra lessons. Letters were sent home to the relevant parents in connection with the extra lessons. Please ensure that you make alternative transport arrangements should it be necessary. Extra lessons are from 13h30 to 14h00 and activities end at 15h00. have ended for the term. The new roster for afternoon activities will begin on Tuesday 19 April. If a child is unable to attend an activity or extra lesson, please write a note to the teacher excusing the child for that day. If a child does not attend a particular session without presenting a note, a demerit will be issued. If you did not receive a letter for extra lessons and would like your child to attend, please send your child to Ms Hill for a letter. Extra lessons take place between 13h30 and 14h00 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The extra-curricular roster is included in this newsletter
- For **Phys-Ed periods in Term 2**, children must please come to school in their sports clothes.

A reminder of the timetable for Phys-Ed:

Monday: Grade 1F and 5M

Tuesday: Grade 6D and 6V

Wednesday: Grade RN, 3G and 3L

Thursday: Grade 1D, 4A and 4M

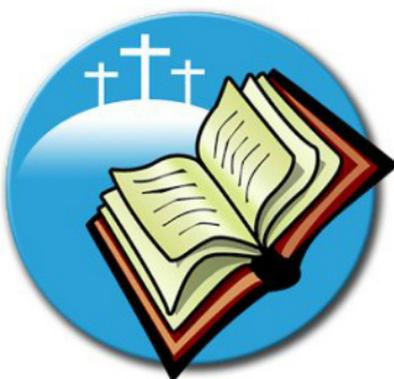
Friday: Grade 2D, 2K and Grade 7D and 7M

- All **Foundation Phase** parents are requested to send in a box of tissues and a packet of sealed sweets for the term.
- **Grade 4 parents** are also requested to send in a box of tissues every term, to be used in the classes.
- Primary School children may bring party packs to school to celebrate their birthday. Please make sure the goodies in the party pack are all individually sealed. A cup-cake for each child and **NOT** big cakes that have to be cut may be sent too.
- There are still **lockers** available for rent in the Primary School at R60 for the year. Please send in the money, together with a lock and two keys to Mrs Haupt, and a locker will be allocated.
- All Senior Primary learners must have a **name badge**. Should a child need to replace the badge, a new one can be ordered from Mrs Haupt at R25 per badge. A learner without a name badge, and who has not ordered a new one, will receive a demerit.
- Children, members of staff and parents must please still wear a **mask** when entering the school. The children are allowed to remove their mask during break but then put it on again before going back to class. Please remember to always keep an extra mask in your child's school bag.
- There are a number of learners who consistently **arrive late** for school. This is unacceptable as the learners miss out on a lot of work every day. Demerits will be issued to late comers.

- The learners will start wearing **winter uniform** as from **03 May**. Please ensure that they have all the necessary items of uniform.
- Our annual **Bible Quiz** will take place on **Friday 13 May**. The Grade 4 to 7 learners have received the scripture readings that they must study in order to prepare for the test. The scripture readings are as follows:

**BIBLE QUIZ SENIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022**



<p><b><u>GRADE 4</u></b>  <b>ASSESSMENT: BIBLE QUIZ 2022</b>            Genesis: Chapters 1, 2 and 3.</p>	<p><b><u>GRADE 5</u></b>  <b>ASSESSMENT: BIBLE QUIZ 2022</b>            2 Kings: Chapters 4 and 5.</p>
<p><b><u>GRADE 6</u></b>  <b>ASSESSMENT: BIBLE QUIZ 2022</b>            Matthew: Chapters 26 and 27.</p>	<p><b><u>GRADE 7</u></b>  <b>ASSESSMENT: BIBLE QUIZ 2022</b>            Matthew: Chapters 4, 5 and 6</p>

- On Thursday, 26 May, the Primary School learners and teachers will be celebrating **Ascension Day with a Mass**. Thereafter, we will have the ‘Dare to Dance’ morning.

An email has been sent out in this regard. Please send in R20 to Mrs Haupt towards the event. The money must please be sent in by Friday 29 April.

- Congratulations to our **Top 5 achievers for Term 1** in Grade 4 to 7. Girls, you are superstars, keep up the hard work!!

#### *GRADE 4*

1. Sesakhe Makongwana
2. Reokopile Mokgale
3. Eyam Ntsundwana
4. Tsholanang Ramose
5. Awande Maluleke

#### *GRADE 5*

1. Bohlokwa Ramokgopa
2. Sanelisiwe Zulu
3. Rebone Selowa
4. Onalerona Raito
5. Thuto Baholo

#### *GRADE 6*

1. Morongwa Kgoloko
2. Nqobile Thabethe
3. Manatsa Machekanyanga
4. Siphesihle Shongwe
5. Atlegang Nkosi

#### *GRADE 7*

1. Nkateko Hlongwane
2. Mvuselelo Gangashe
3. Senathi Booi
4. Amogelang Makhubela
5. Lethabo Mkhari

# **PS SPORT** **TERM 2**

## **MONDAY**

TENNIS BEGINNERS ( 2 Courts )	14:00 - 15:00
NETBALL GR 7 ( 1 Court)	14:00 - 15:00
EXTRA LESSONS	13:30 - 14:00

## **TUESDAY**

EXTRA LESSONS	13:30 - 14:00
NETBALL 3 & 4 and 5 & 6	14:00 - 15:00

## **WEDNESDAY**

COMP SKILLS - Gr 5	14:00 - 15:00
NETBALL TECHNIQUE Gr 4 - 7 ON THE FIELD	14:00 - 15:00

## **THURSDAY**

EXTRA LESSONS	13:30 - 14:00
TEAM TENNIS COACHING PS & HS	15:00 - 16:00

## **FRIDAY**

GRADE 1-5 BOYS SOCCER 13H30-14H30



# HIGH SCHOOL

## TERM 2

Welcome back to term 2 and we hope you had a blessed Easter.

## ASSESSMENT PLANS

Assessment Plans have been given to every learner. We do try to keep to the scheduled dates. However, there could be an assessment that must be postponed and therefore teachers will organise with the children. Assessment Plans have been uploaded onto our website for your convenience.

## TERM 1 TOP 10 ACADEMIC PERFORMERS

Congratulations to the following learners who achieved academically in the top 10 of their grade (not in order of highest to lowest achievement but rather alphabetically):

### Grade 8:

Dimpho Makete  
Tshegofatso Makgalo  
Matlhogonolo Mampane  
Kelebogile Mmokwa  
Keitumetse Mogashoa  
Khumo Motshegoa  
Thandiswa Moyo  
Khutso Nonyana  
Onkabetse Nyalungu  
Lesedi Shabangu

### Grade 9:

Tshegofatso Ditsela  
Mahlako Letlape  
Tshegofatso Manell  
Gugu Masango  
Amukelani Mintoor  
Koketso Mooka  
Rorisang Nkhwashu  
Thuto Nkwinika  
Kholofelo Ramaboea  
Refentse Sekati

Grade 10:

Precious Bapela  
Chulu Katete  
Bonolo Mabole  
Tsebo Matebesi  
Thando Mdiya  
Kabo Mosimane  
Bridget Motale  
Amahle Nzimande  
Gugulethu Shongwe  
Catherine Wanjau

Grade 11:

Mitchell Barure  
Rethabile Kgatla  
Lisanda Kutshwa  
Sinelizwi Maduna  
Bafentse Makete  
Dimphe Maubane  
Sinoyolo Mawanga  
Paballo Mokhawane  
Kgalalelo Motsatsi  
Tokollo Phasha

Grade 12:

Tafadza Jonga  
Tatenda Jonga  
Nothando Kambula  
Kgodisho Kekana  
Naledi Kgoloko  
Nompumelelo Mlala  
Dimphe Mokheche  
Paballo Phiri  
Bonnita Shai  
Ntebogeng Shongwe

**TERM 1 REPORTS and PARENTS' EVENING**

Term 1 reports were emailed on 11 April. If you have not received it, please check your SPAM folder otherwise contact Mrs Swart (bursar) for any queries.

Parents' Evening took place on 13 April where certain parents were invited. We thank you for attending and especially to those parents who attended regardless of the invitation. It is always good to know and understand your child's progress.

Please note the following promotion requirements for Loreto Convent School as per our policy:

## Grade 8 – 9

English 50% and above

6 subject above 40% (including Afrikaans and Maths)

1 subject above 30%

## Grade 10 – 12

English 40% and above

4 other subjects 40% and above

1 other subject 30% and above

## Grade 12 Bachelor's

Any 4 subjects above 50% except for Life Orientation and where English is above 40%

## AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Afternoon activities are well on their way. Apart from the catch-up and extra classes all other activities are not compulsory. However, those learners who do attend a sport or a club learner valuable skills. Please support your child if she is attending any afternoon activity.

The roster has been uploaded onto our website for your perusal.

## 23 APRIL – SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY

To celebrate Shakespeare's birthday, on 22 April (during assembly) we hosted an inter-house Spelling Bee competition. Unfortunately, we did not have enough time to finish. It will be concluded on Friday 29 April during Assembly.

Reading is IMPORTANT!! Please encourage your daughter to read. Reading not only expands a learner's vocabulary but it also opens the mind to the world out there. Through reading, academic performance is also enhanced.

## WINTER UNIFORM

As from 03 May, we will transition into our Winter uniform. Please note that the school tracksuit is NOT Winter uniform but sport uniform.

No learner may wear her tracksuit unless it is for Life Orientation when they will do Physical Education, not theory for the day. During the exam period, learners may wear the tracksuit as it is more comfortable.

## FIRST AID TRAINING – LEVEL 2

Some learners have expressed an interest in doing a First Aid course (Level 2). In the week of 4 – 8 July 2022, a 3-day course will take place at a cost of R2300. Learners must be 16-years old or above. Anyone interested must email Mrs Truter on [principal@loreto.co.za](mailto:principal@loreto.co.za) to apply no later than 20 May 2022.

## SPEAKERS' CIRCLE

This is a speaker's course where Gr 11 learners are taught the skills to present speeches in the most effective way. We wish the learners who applied a successful participation. This course is starting 12 May 2022, once a week, from 14h30 – 16h30. Parents whose learners have registered to please support their child in anyway needed.

## JUNE EXAMINATIONS

June examinations will take place from 30 May. All learners will have received an Exam Scope booklet by today. It has also been uploaded onto our website for ease of reference. These scopes have the exam timetable, logistics, exam rules and what to study for every examination. Please help your child to manage her time efficiently so that sleep is not lost and meals are not rushed. Help your child to draw up a study plan. Mrs Buys is also available for learners who need the extra help with study skills.

## FUTURE DATES TO NOTE:

13 May: we will have an inter-house Bible Quiz early morning and therefore HS will end at 13h15 on that day.

18 May: Afrikaans Olympiad (Gr 10 – 12) will take place. Further details will be sent home.

20 May: Trash-N-Show during High School Assembly. Further details will be provided.

25 May: Ascension Day Mass for Grades 8 – 12. Please ensure your daughter is dressed in her full school uniform.

26 May: Dare-2-Dance day – further details will be sent home.

27 May: Gr 11 and 12 will be writing their English and Afrikaans P3 until 14h00; it does mean that Grades 8 – 10 to end at 13h15.

