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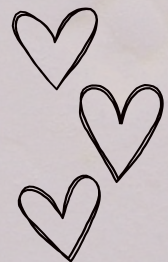
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*Let all that
you do be
done in
Love.*



I Corinthians 16:14

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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.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

·THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL PARENTS FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT SO FAR THIS TERM, WHETHER IT BE COMMUNICATING WITH THE TEACHERS, SENDING IN ITEMS WHEN REQUESTED, OR ASSISTING YOUR CHILD WITH HOMEWORK. THE GRADE 1, 2 AND 3 PARENTS HAVE ALL BEEN INVITED BY THE TEACHERS TO JOIN THE CLASS DOJO PLATFORM.

·A BIG THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS THAT SENT IN A CHOCOLATE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY. WE TOOK THEM TO LESS FORTUNATE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IT TRULY MADE MANY PEOPLE'S DAY. YOUR GENEROSITY IS MOST APPRECIATED.

·WE ARE MORE THAN HALF WAY THROUGH THE FIRST TERM OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR AND ARE FAST APPROACHING THE ASSESSMENT PERIOD. THE FOUNDATION PHASE LEARNERS WILL BE STARTING WITH THEIR FORMAL ASSESSMENT SOON, WHILE THE SENIOR PRIMARY LEARNERS' FORMAL TERM TESTS ARE ALSO COMING UP. PLEASE ASSIST AND SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN PREPARATION FOR THESE ASSESSMENTS.

·WE CELEBRATED VALENTINE'S DAY ON 14 FEBRUARY WITH THE CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. GREAT FUN WAS HAD BY ALL.

·OUR MID-TERM BREAK TAKES PLACE FROM 23 TO 26 FEBRUARY. THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY AND MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY. THE TEACHERS WILL BE ATTENDING A SEMINAR ON THE FRIDAY.

·WE CELEBRATED MARY WARD WEEK AT THE END OF JANUARY, AND THE CHILDREN ALL PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL:

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- KGOSIETSILE MBO THO
- 1F
- TSHEGOFATSO
- MASEKWAMENG
- 2D
- GRACE OLADEJI
- 2K
- MARANG-A-LETSATSI MORE
- 3G
- BOTLHALE MATJIANE
- 3V
- BOIKANYO SOMO
- 4J
- AMAHLE MTSHALI
- 4M
- BOTSHELO NKOMO
- 5M
- TSHEPISO MATJEKE
- 5V
- JEANNEE MATABESI
- 6D
- SESAKHE MAKONGWANA
- 6M
- KELETSO MOLAKENG
- 7D
- RISANA HLEKANE AND
- REBONE SELOWA



·AFTERNOON SPORT AND ACTIVITIES ARE IN FULL SWING-PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HONOURS HIS/HER COMMITMENTS. IF A CHILD IS UNABLE TO ATTEND ON A PARTICULAR DAY, HE/SHE NEEDS TO EXCUSE THEMSELVES AT THE RESPONSIBLE TEACHER.

·EXTRA LESSONS HAVE ALSO STARTED AND ARE PROGRESSING WELL. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, LEARNERS WHO DO NOT WILLINGLY ATTEND AND THEREFORE ARE NOT BENEFITING FROM THESE CLASSES. PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO MAKE THE MOST OF THIS OPPORTUNITY AND ARRIVE ON TIME FOR THE START OF CLASS. LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME, SHOULD YOUR CHILD NEED TO ATTEND EXTRA LESSONS IN ENGLISH, AFRIKAANS OR MATHEMATICS. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE A LETTER 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 TO THURSDAY AFTERNOONS. AFTERNOON SPORT ENDS AT 15H00.

·THERE ARE A NUMBER OF LEARNERS WHO REGULARLY ARRIVE LATE FOR SCHOOL. AS FROM MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY, LEARNERS WILL RECEIVE A DEMERIT AFTER BEING LATE THREE TIMES.

·THERE HAS BEEN AN ASTONISHING NUMBER OF HOMEWORK DEMERITS ALREADY ISSUED THIS TERM. PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO PLEASE MONITOR THE HOMEWORK, CHECK THAT IT IS ALL COMPLETED AND ASSIST THE CHILDREN WHERE NECESSARY.

·PARENTS ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN HAVE ALL THE NECESSARY ITEMS OF UNIFORM, INCLUDING THE SCHOOL SWIMMING COSTUME, CAP AND SPORTS CLOTHES. A REMINDER THAT THE GIRLS MAY ONLY WEAR SMALL GOLD OR SILVER STUDS IN THEIR EARS, OR SMALL SLEEPER EARRINGS. NO DIAMANTÉ OR OTHER FANCY EARRINGS ARE ALLOWED. THE CHILDREN'S NAILS MUST PLEASE BE KEPT SHORT AND CLEAN, WITH NO NAIL POLISH ALLOWED. THE CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DYE THEIR HAIR. GRADE 4 TO 7 LEARNERS MUST HAVE A BLAZER TO WEAR TO ASSEMBLIES, MASSES AND OTHER FUNCTIONS.

·ALL FOUNDATION PHASE AND GRADE 4 PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO SEND IN A BOX OF TISSUES AND A PACKET OF SEALED SWEETS FOR THE TERM. THANK YOU TO THOSE PARENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY DONE SO.

·PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN MAY BRING PARTY PACKS TO SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAY. 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 R30 PER BADGE.
- THE ORDER FORMS FOR THE PHOTOS TAKEN ON 6 FEBRUARY WILL BE SENT HOME AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THEM. SHOULD YOU WISH TO ORDER THE PACKAGE, PAYMENT MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY TO GORDON HARRIS PHOTOGRAPHERS VIA EFT.
- THE PERIOD OF LENT BEGAN WITH A MASS ON ASH WEDNESDAY ON 14 FEBRUARY. DURING LENT, WE ARE ASKED TO GIVE UP SOMETHING THAT WE ENJOY, BE IT SWEETS, COLD DRINK, CHIPS OR A PORTION OF YOUR POCKET MONEY. THEREFORE, WE WILL BE ASKING THE CHILDREN TO DONATE "POOR MONEY", A FEW RAND HERE AND THERE THAT THEY WOULD HAVE SPENT AT THE TUCK SHOP. THIS COLLECTION WILL GO TOWARDS OUR LENTEN APPEAL, WHICH IS GIVEN TO THE NEEDY.
- WE WILL BE COLLECTING EASTER EGGS TO GIVE TO UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN AND OTHERS LESS FORTUNATE THAN US. WE WOULD LIKE TO APPEAL TO OUR PARENTS TO SEND AN EASTER EGG OR ANY OTHER CHOCOLATE TO SCHOOL, AS FROM TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY. WE WOULD LIKE TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN THAT WE CAN ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE LAST DAY TO SEND IN IS 15 MARCH.
- ON FRIDAY, 15 MARCH, WE WILL CELEBRATE ST PATRICK'S DAY. THE LEARNERS MAY WEAR A GREEN ACCESSORY TO SCHOOL WITH THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM.
- ON 20 MARCH, THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, WE WILL ATTEND THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CATHEDRAL, AND THEREAFTER HAVE OUR ANNUAL DARE-TO-DANCE EVENT. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS WILL FOLLOW CLOSER TO THE TIME.
- SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR THE FIRST TERM ON WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH AT 11H00. TERM 1 REPORTS WILL BE EMAILED TO PARENTS AND PARENTS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD SOON AFTER SCHOOL REOPENS FOR TERM 2 ON TUESDAY 9 APRIL.
- WELCOME TO MS SEIMELA, OUR NEW GRADE 1 TEACHER'S ASSISTANT. WE HOPE YOU WILL BE VERY HAPPY AT LORETO AND WILL SOON FEEL PART OF THE FAMILY.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

-ASSESSMENTS

ANY MISSED TESTS WILL BE DONE THE WEEK THE LEARNER RETURNS TO SCHOOL ON THE FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY AFTER ASSEMBLY. A DOCTOR'S NOTE IS ESSENTIAL.

ANY LATE SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE CAUGHT UP THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE WEEK IT WAS DUE AT 14H00 – UNLESS IT IS HANDED IN BEFORE THAT SAME FRIDAY. HOWEVER, A DETENTION (AS PUNISHMENT) MUST STILL BE DONE.

-EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

IF YOUR DAUGHTER NEEDS TO MISS AN AFTERNOON ACTIVITY, PLEASE ENSURE THAT MS ALVES RECEIVES A NOTE EXCUSING HER. NO TEACHER WILL ACCEPT ANY EXCUSE VIA WORD-OF-MOUTH FROM ANY LEARNER. WITHOUT A NOTE FROM THE PARENT, A DEMERIT (-15) WILL BE ISSUED.

IT IS IN THIS WAY THAT TEACHERS ARE REASSURED THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF YOUR DAUGHTERS' WHEREABOUTS AS SOME LEARNERS DO TAKE CHANCES IN SLIPPING OUT THE SCHOOL'S GATES AND RETURNING ONLY WHEN IT IS TIME TO GO HOME.

WE CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH THAT YOU AS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW EXACTLY WHERE YOUR DAUGHTERS ARE AT ALL TIMES.

ALL AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES WILL END ON 15 MARCH FOR THE TERM.

-TUTORING

TUTORING HAS RESUMED. SOME LEARNERS SHOWED INTEREST AND THEREFORE THE ACADEMIC PREFECT HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BREAK TIMES. IF YOUR DAUGHTER IS INTERESTED, SHE MUST PLEASE APPROACH MS ALVES OR THE PREFECT FOR ARRANGEMENTS. WE THANK THE TUTORS WHO GIVE UP THEIR BREAKS TO HELP TUTOR OTHERS IN VARIOUS SUBJECTS. THIS SERVICE WILL END ON 15 MARCH FOR THE TERM.

-GR 12 MASS – 2 FEBRUARY

WHAT AN AWE-INSPIRING MASS – FROM THE SYMBOLS OF “KEY” AND “LIGHT” (WHICH REPRESENTED FUTURE OPEN DOORS GUIDED BY GOD) TO OUR VERY OWN SONG AND RECEIVING THE 2024 CREST BADGES. WE WERE SUPPORTED BY OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO COULD NOT STOP SMILING WITH PRIDE. EVERYONE FELT THE GOOSEBUMPS OF BLESSINGS TO HELP US ALONG THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGES TO THE ULTIMATE PRIZE OF COMPLETING OUR LAST YEAR OF SCHOOL. AT THIS MASS, WE RECEIVED OUR POTTERY ANGELS AS A SYMBOL THAT AFTER THE COMPLETION OF HIGH SCHOOL, WE SHOULD SPREAD OUR WINGS AND FLY.

-GR 11 MASS – 9 FEBRUARY AT HOLY TRINITY

WHAT A START TO OUR SCHOOL YEAR... COMING TOGETHER WITH OTHER CATHOLIC GR 11 SCHOOLS AT ONE MASS. SPECIAL IS WHAT WE FELT AND IT SHOWED ON OUR FACES. WE SANG AND PRAYED AND AFTER MASS, WE SOCIALISED WITH THE OTHER SCHOOLS. IT WAS DEFINITELY A DAY TO REMEMBER.



·VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

FUN, FUN AND MORE FUN. SEE CUPIDS NOTE BELOW.

·FORTY DAYS TO EASTER

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TOOK PLACE ON 14 FEBRUARY. IT IS THE BEGINNING OF LENT WHERE ONE GIVES UP SOMETHING FOR THE SAKE OF SOMEONE ELSE AS CHRIST GAVE UP HIS LIFE FOR US. TAKE TIME TO REFLECT AND SPEND WITH FAMILY.

OUTREACH: WE ARE REQUESTING FROM ALL LEARNERS AN EASTER EGG DONATION. THESE EGGS WILL BE HANDED OVER, ON THE LAST DAY OF THIS TERM, TO ORPHANAGES AND OLD AGE HOMES. WE WILL APPRECIATE IT THAT ALL EASTER EGGS ARE IN BY 15 MARCH.

·UNIFORM

BLAZERS: OUR LEARNERS SHOULD BE WEARING THEIR BLAZERS TO AND FROM SCHOOL. NOT ONLY DOES IT COMPLETE OUR UNIFORM BUT IT IDENTIFIES A LORETO GIRL. AT SCHOOL, SHE MAY PUT AWAY HER BLAZER IN HER LOCKER.

SKIRTS: MANY LEARNERS ARE WEARING RATHER SHORT SKIRTS TO THE POINT THAT UNDERWEAR CAN BE SEEN. PARENTS, PLEASE LET DOWN THE HEM. SOME HEMS HAVE BEEN FOLDED TWICE AND THEN STITCHED.

TRACKSUITS: THIS IS THE SPORT UNIFORM TO BE USED ONLY ON DAYS THAT LEARNERS HAVE PET. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE FULL TRACKSUIT IS WORN.

·TERM 1 REPORTS

TERM 1 REPORTS WILL BE EMAILED AT THE END OF THIS TERM. A KIND REMINDER: NOTE THAT CHILDREN WHOSE FEES ARE NOT UP TO DATE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THEIR REPORT.

·NETBALL CAMP

THIS WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 8 TO 10 MARCH. LEARNERS IN THE VARIOUS TEAMS HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS AND BY NOW THE REPLY SLIP SHOULD HAVE BEEN HANDED IN AND CAMP FEES SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID (DUE 21 FEBRUARY).

·GR 9 BOSCO CAMP

ALL GR 9'S HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS WITH REGARDS TO THIS CAMP THAT WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 18 TO 22 MARCH. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE REPLY SLIP TOGETHER WITH THE BOSCO MEDICAL FORM IS RETURNED TO MS ALVES NO LATER THAN 27 FEBRUARY AND THAT CAMP FEES HAVE BEEN PAID BY 1 MARCH.

MID-TERM BREAK

IT WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 23 TO 26 FEBRUARY. THERE IS NO SCHOOL FOR LEARNERS AS TEACHERS WILL BE INVOLVED IN A SEMINAR WITH ALL OTHER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

ON 17 MARCH WE WILL CELEBRATE ST PATRICK. HE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND FROM WHICH OUR HERITAGE STEMS. LEARNERS MUST COME IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM BUT MAY WEAR A GREEN ACCESSORY IN THEIR HAIR.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

SPORTS, LESSONS AND CLUBS WILL END 15 MARCH. PLEASE ENSURE THAT TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE FOR THE LAST WEEK AS LEARNERS WILL END AT 14H00. HOWEVER, HOMEWORK ROOM WILL STILL CONTINUE THE LAST WEEK OF THE TERM.

END OF TERM

SCHOOL ENDS 20 MARCH 2024 AT 11H00. THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES AS WE WILL START THE DAY WITH STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CATHEDRAL AND THEN OUR ANNUAL DARE-2-DANCE ACTIVITY WHICH WILL END AT 11H00.

SPEAKERS' CIRCLE

EVERY YEAR THE KNIGHTS OF DA GAMA OFFER THEIR TIME TO TEACH A LIMITED NUMBER OF GR 11 LEARNERS (12) SPEAKING SKILLS. ANY LEARNER BENEFITS GREATLY FROM THESE WORKSHOPS. BY THE END OF THE 10 WEEKS, LEARNERS ARE ABLE TO STAND IN FRONT OF ANY CROWD AND SPEAK WITH GREAT APLOMB. BELOW IS A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF THE WORKSHOPS ATTACHED THAT LASTS 10 WEEKS AT A COST OF R700 (CASH ONLY). LEARNERS WHO ARE INTERESTED MUST, WITHOUT DELAY, SIGN-UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND PAY BY 9 APRIL TO SECURE YOUR SEAT.

YOU ARE INVITED!!



GIVING



THANKFUL HEARTS



RECEIVING



LOVE



LOOKING GOOD





HARD WORK GET REWARDED

WELL DONE!

MARY WARD WINNERS



Well
Done!

Cupid's Casual Carnival

The 16th of Friday was filled with joy, fun and laughter. The students enjoyed the activities as they did participate in everything. They were running around splashing each other with colour powder and water and they really enjoyed interacting with one another. It was quite amusing to see some of the teachers join the learners and having fun. It will surely be a day to remember forever. The students jumped on the bouncy houses and may every moment memorable.



The food really tied the knot of the theme together! Many students were seen with cotton candy in different flavours and sizes, chocolate covered donuts and berry slushies. They also seemed to enjoy the chips, drenched in different sauces, from the Chip and Dip and the Chip Twisters dusted with an array of spices. Many went for seconds and even thirds, it's safe to say the food was certainly tasty!



To tie our whole event together we ended the night with club L under shining stars and moonlight. Cupid's Casual Carnival was one for the books.



CUPIDS NOTE



Grade 12 MASS



You are a child of
God, you are
wonderfully made,
dearly loved and
precious in his
sight. -Psalm 139



PRIMARY SCHOOL GALA

