

25 January 2024

Dear Parents & Guardians

I hope this letter finds you in great spirits and enthusiasm as we embark on a new school year filled with opportunities, challenges, and exciting growth.

Our theme for this year is "Grow to Glow," encapsulating the essence of our journey towards personal and academic development. We aspire to nurture the holistic growth of our students in sports, culture, academics, as well as character. It is a theme that resonates deeply with the belief that true brilliance radiates from a foundation of continuous growth.

As we embark on this journey of growth, we want to emphasize that parents play a pivotal role in this process. Your active involvement, support, and encouragement is instrumental in shaping the trajectory of your child's educational experience. We encourage open communication and collaboration between home and school, recognizing that together, we can provide the best foundation for our learners.

Throughout the year, we will keep you informed about various school activities, events and opportunities for involvement.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We are blessed with 7 new permanent staff members.

We welcome Miss A. Smith (Grade R), and Mr

F Pelzer (Mathematics and Life Orientation) in the Primary School. In the High School we welcome Mr A. Moolman (Mathematics), Mr D. Du Plessis (LO and Bible), Mr P. Dladla (Geography and English) Miss M. van der Riet will be teaching Afrikaans and Geography in the Senior Phase.

We also want to welcome Mrs S. Hugo as the new PA for School Management as well as Mrs M. Nel in Aftercare. We trust that this will be a happy and rewarding year for them all.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are so Proud of the Grade 12 learners of 2023 with their excellent results. Our top 5 achievers are Shannon Mynhardt, Nokwanda Dube, Olerato Mogakane, Anika Oberholzer and Aimee Meintjies. We wish you all great success for the future.



D6 COMMUNICATOR

Parents are reminded that our official communication method is the D6 Communicator.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT IT IS LOADED ON YOUR PC, LAPTOP, TABLET, NOTEBOOK, SMART PHONE OR IPAD. This is the main method of communication for our school as news is available almost immediately to all our parents. Any communication in the form of hard copies will be sent home when necessary.

Formal school communication will also be sent on WhatsApp.



FINANCES / SCHOOL FEES

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the parents who faithfully paid their school fees.

- All school fees must be paid in full by the 7th of every month. Fees are payable in advance. January should have already been paid.
- Parents are requested to check their monthly statement to ensure that all payments are

reflected. If a payment does not appear on your statement, please email proof of payment to accounts@theway.co.za in order for the finance department to reconcile the account. Please ensure that you provide a reference number or name on all payments.

- All enquiries with regard to your child/children's school fees must be made in writing within 30 days from the statement date. After the 30-day period has lapsed and no written correspondence has been received, the statement will be accepted as correct. It is recommended that correspondence regarding accounts be emailed to accounts@theway.co.za.
- Our school is cash free but when you have to send cash, please ensure that all money sent to school is in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, grade, what the money's for and the amount of money included. Most payments can be made on the Karri App.
- As far as School Fees are concerned, please make direct deposits into the school's account. We are trying to maintain a cash free environment at the school for the safety of our learners and staff.

We would like to encourage all parents to preferably make use of the debit order option as opposed to an EFT. The forms are available at reception.

SCHOOL HOURS

Parents are reminded that school starts at 07:25. Learners who arrive after the second bell has rung

(07:30) will be considered late and must be signed in at reception.

Please note that requests to collect a learner from school before the end of the school day, for any particular reason, should be forwarded or sent to the register teacher, Grade Head or Head of Department, in writing. It should please be a letter or email at least one day in advance.

School will end at different times each day for the different Grades. Please consult the individual class time tables for the closing times. Parents must please wait in the parking area for learners in the afternoon and not in or around the school buildings. Parents are not permitted in the buildings during school hours. If a parent has an appointment with an educator or has to bring something to a learner, they must please report at reception. We encourage that the learners take full responsibility for ensuring they have all their belongings at school each day.

NEW LEARNER

DOCUMENTATION

Parents of our new learners are reminded that all documentation pertaining to the learner's enrolment at The Way must be submitted to the school office by Monday, 27 January 2024. This includes:

- ✚ Transfer Cards from the previous school attended (Grades RR, R and 1 exempt)
- ✚ Signed Contract and Policy documents
- ✚ A copy of Term 4 school report.

CELL PHONES

For the benefit of our new parents and learners, the rules for cell phones are as follows:

- ✚ Cell phones may not be visible or used during school hours.
- ✚ Cell phones brought to school must be switched off as soon as the learner enters the school premises.
- ✚ A fine of R100 will be payable if the cell phone is visible or used during school hours. The cell phone will be confiscated and will only be returned TO THE PARENT once the R100 fine has been paid.
- ✚ The school will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to a cell phone or other devices.
- ✚ Should parents need to communicate with learners during the school day, please phone the school and leave a message.

EXTRA LESSONS AND EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES

The Extra Lessons and Extra Mural Activities timetables will be placed on the D6 Communicator during the following week. Please be aware of days and times when this takes place.

ASSESSMENT PLANS

Assessment dates will be communicated on D6 next week. Please assist your child/children in planning for these assessments.



IMPORTANT DATES

25 January 2024	Foundation Fun Athletics Gr 4-12 Inter-House Field Events
26 January 2024	Inter-House Track Events Gr 4-12
26 January 2024	Buzz Fun Day II Primary School
29 January 2024	Gr R – 7 Parent Information Evening 18:30- 20:00
01 February 2024	Gr 9 - 12 Prize Giving
05 February 2024	Maroon Blazer Event
09 February 2024	Gr R – 7 Youth Theatre
09–11 February 2024	Gr 8 Orientation Camp
13 February 2024	Gr 11- 12 Career Expo
14 February 2024	Valentines /Love Day (Gr 12 Sales)

15 - 18 February 2024	Gr 11 Boys Desert Walk
22 -25 February 2024	Gr 11 Girls Desert Walk
17 February 2024	Gr 6- 7 Mini Desert Walk
23 February 2024	Ditshego Outreach
27 February 2024	Gr R – 3 Pizza for Kids
01 March 2024	PTLF Family Event
07 March 2024	School Scape Event
08 March 2024	Gr 4-7 Finance Workshop
15 March 2024	Gr 4-7 Museum of Natural History Outing
16 March 2024	Gr 9-12 Summer Ball
20 March 2024	School Closes 11:00
20-28 March 2024	Zimbabwe Outreach

Respectfully, *Mrs. E. Hoffmann*