

22 March 2024

## Dear Parents & Guardians

Welcome back after a rewarding short break. We trust that everybody has rested well and will grab this new term with excitement and enthusiasm. I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your invaluable contribution to the successes we've achieved together the first term. Your support and involvement have played a significant role in making this term memorable and fruitful for all of us at The Way.

Throughout the term, your commitment to your child's education and your active participation in various school activities have not gone unnoticed. Whether it was attending parent-teacher meetings, volunteering for school events, or simply offering words of encouragement, your dedication has truly made a difference.

Your involvement is instrumental in creating a nurturing community where every child can "Grow to Glow"

## FAREWELL AND WELCOMING

At the end of term 1 we had to say goodbye to Miss Jennika Lorient, who served as our invaluable assistant for the Foundation Phase during this term. Her dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to our Grade R to Grade 3 classes have left a lasting impact on all of us.

We would also like to extend our best wishes to Mr. Dladla, who moved back to KwaZulu-Natal to further his studies. While we were saddened to see him leave, we are also excited for the new opportunities and experiences that await him.

We would like to welcome Miss Tsepiso Basiamisi this term who will be teaching Grade 9 English. We trust that this will be a rewarding year for you.

Miss Nokwazi Mbhele, who is the current Grade 8 Zulu teacher, will also be the aftercare assistant from this term on.

## GIDEON BIBLES

What a blessing it was to welcome Mr. Willie Biscus from the Gideon Bible Society once again at the High School assembly on Tuesday 12 March where he handed out Bibles to each of the Grade 8 learners. Oom Willie, as we know him better, has been handing out Bibles to our Grade 8 learners for many years and we are filled with gratitude for this precious gift.

## FAMILY BRAAI

The first PTLF event for this year, the Family Braai, was a resounding success, fostering a sense of community and collaboration among learners, parents and staff members. A heartfelt thank you to all PTLF parents for their meticulous planning and dedication in serving the school. We extend our appreciation to all learners and parents who attended, contributing to the event's vibrancy and success. Let's continue fostering unity and excellence within the school.

## FINANCES / SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to the parents who faithfully paid their school fees. Just a friendly reminder of the following:

- All school fees must be paid in full by the 7<sup>th</sup> of every month. Fees are payable in advance.
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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

At the end of term 2 the learners will also be writing examinations. Assessment and examination dates will be communicated on D6 Please take note that the exam time table will be a separate document from the other assessments that takes place during the term. We need your assistance to help your children in planning for these assessments as it is a very short term.



## FUN HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM 1

Foundation phase" Fun athletics day"

Our parents show some serious spirit and also brag with their fitness during the parent race.



## **National museum of History and Geo Science**

On Friday 15 March the Intermediate phase of The Way Christian school visited Ditshong National Museum of Natural History. Learners were taken on a guided tour through the Austin Roberts Bird Hall, the Reptile Hall, the Mammal Hall as well as the Geoscience area. The tour guide explained why birds are important to humans, discussed different types of birds, build of birds, talked about all types of animals and finally learners had the opportunity to view a variety of stunning minerals on display. Our learners had a wonderful morning out.



## **Minni Desert Walk**

Our grade 6 and 7 students embarked on a transformative Desert Walk organized by The School of Leadership to the end of last term. They slept in tents, tried new foods, and embraced challenges to expand their comfort zones. Guided by dedicated facilitators, they learned about integrity, accountability, teamwork, and personal development topics such as respect and maintaining a positive attitude. We're immensely grateful to the facilitators for their commitment to empowering our students. Stay tuned for more enriching experiences!



## IMPORTANT DATES

8 -12 April 2024	Fun dress up week.
13 April 2024	Open Day and Interhouse wars
19 April 2024	Parents evening 16:00-18:30
19 April 2024	Interhouse Soccer
19-21 April 2024	Grade 5-7 Camp
20 April 2024	Summer Ball Grades 9-12
23 April 2024	Primary School Book Character Dress up day
26 April 2024	PTLF fundraiser Boerewors sale
30 April 2024	High School Outreach (Blankets and Clothes)

3 May 2024	Interhouse Spelling Bee
9 May 2024	Cultural event Spur Life Style
6 May 2024	Primary School Wild animal visit
10 May 2024	Esther and Joseph Prestige Event
10 May 2024	Grade 12 fundraiser Mother's Day Sales
17 May 2024	Primary school dress up day. Dress like an Idiom
17 May 2024	Interhouse Public Speaking
21 May 2024	FET Phase Exams commence
10 June 2024	Grade R-7 Farm Visit
14 June 2024	School closes 11:00 Primary School Dress up day (PJs) Music Studio Showcase

Respectfully, *Mrs. E. Hoffmann*