



Mayfair Convent School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greatness seldom comes to those who seek it. It's those who unselfishly give of themselves who are remembered as having been truly great.

All learners should by now be settled into the routine of study and revision in the afternoons as so little of the year is left. Parents please help us motivate these learners to work daily.

Events Calendar

August:

28/08 Afrikaans Show learners to pay R25
31/08 Entrepreneurs Day Gr. 7 [Please support their effort]

September:

01/09 Spring Day – Book Character dress up day.
04/09 Summer uniform
11-15/09 Test week
22/09 Mercy Day Mass
24/09 Heritage Day
25/09 Public Holiday
26/09 Afro Booklists out
28/09 JP CSO Athletics
28/09 Gr. 3 Cake sale
29/09 Cultural day dress up
29/09 School close
09/10 School open

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Summer uniforms –All learners will be back in summer uniform on the **4th September**. No mixing of winter and summer uniforms allowed.

Book Character Day –

Learners come to school dressed as a character from a book they have read.[Fairies, cowboys etc.]

Learners bring an age appropriate **new** book to school that is then donated to the school.

Please ensure that the book is appropriate for the age of your own child, as these books will remain in their home room teachers' classes for learners to read.

Cake Sale:

Grade 3's will be having their cake sale on 28th September please support them.

The grade 6's had their fund raiser with a difference, a boot sale and raised R1755.00 Congratulations to them. We thank you for your support and donations.

Afrikaans show:

The Afrikaans show is taking place on 28th August and the cost is R25.00 per child. Please send the money soon as we have to pay them on the show day.

School fees- your fees should currently have an outstanding balance of only +- R4000. The new school fee structure for 2018 will be communicated to you in the near future.

Stationery and books – 2018:

Gr. 0-3 will soon have ordered books for 2018. As soon as all the quotes are available we will be able to inform you of how much you should budget for next year.

Gr. 4-7 we are sending out the book lists for 2018. Please make sure **they are returned within the week** so that orders can be placed with the suppliers and no learner will be left without books in 2018.

NB:

You may purchase these books from other suppliers but please check ISBN numbers as text may differ.

Text books ordered need only to be paid for at end November or upon collection.

Text books are delivered on days of praise giving at end of year. Teachers will instruct as to how books are to be covered.

Gr. 4-7 must provide their own stationery pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, colouring pencils, Koki's, glue, scissors, etc. as this is not provided by the school.

Note from Principal's Desk

We have noted of late how the values we hold dear are being eroded. We deal with more and more discipline issues and it would appear as if our homes have become dysfunctional and our learners do not understand boundaries nor do they have an established value system. School **cannot** and **should not** correct the ills of society. The business of schools is to promote academics! Parents let learners be children as long as you can by wearing neat natural hair styles instead of kilos of extensions that are uncomfortable for young learners.

We deal daily with their careless attitude of not looking after their belongings..... lost property just grows and grows. It is a very sad situation and we address it with every letter to parents with no success!

We are a Catholic School and we promote values such as dignity, truth, justice, all of which are challenged daily! Do learners only live by rules of Christianity at school? Remember a family that prays together stays together.

Just as the crushing of a rose brings out the sweet perfume, so the difficulties of life release the sweetness within us. If we let them, they can bring qualities such as love for others, tenderness, compassion, humility and closeness to loved ones.

With spring around the corner we wish you all renewed hope and peace.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

