



ARENA PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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MESSAGE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Warmest Greetings to all parents, guardians and learners. It's with great pleasure – The Management, Educators and Governing Body - welcome you to Term 3 2024. I hope you had a relaxing and peaceful holiday. Its back to school and I hope you are geared up and looking forward to it.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

1. DRESS CODE:

All learners must follow the Uniform Code. Every year without fail we have learners that defy the dress code. Parents you are responsible for the way your child is attired and you need to make sure that there is no deviation.

Most times we have serious problems with the Boys' attire – long hair, indifferent haircuts, shaven eyebrows, earrings, goatees, narrow bottom pants and white socks.

All of the above is NOT allowed. Any defiance will result in the learners being sent home to rectify the situation.

Parents to avoid this make sure your child is properly attired.

2. ATTENDANCE AND LATECOMING:

School starts at 7.30am and terminates at 2.30pm. Learners should be in school by 7.25am.

In Terms 1 and 2 the average attendance per day was 85%. It means that 15% of learners were absent each day – this converts to $15\% \times 1187(\text{Roll}) = 178$ learners. The worst attendance was Grade 12 – averaging 78% per day.

It is evident that learners that attend school regularly perform better academically and frequent absenteeism retards progress. An investigation will be conducted on frequent absentees and a report will be forwarded to the Department of Education. CHILDREN NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL.

3. SCHOOL FEES:

It is absolutely heartwarming to know that many parents/guardians have updated their school fees and taken advantage of the discounts.

Further discounts are available till the end of JULY 2024.

Remember ARENA PARK SECONDARY is a self-sufficient school and we depend on payment of school fees and fund-raisers – I trust you will honour your responsibility if you are in employment.

4. STAFFING:

Please note that we are 1 AFRIKAANS FAL educator short at this point in time.

TWO Permanent appointments have been completed:

1. MR P K RAMKISSOON – DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
2. MR N PILLAY – MATHS/MLIT

5. RENOVATIONS:

It is rather disappointing to report that only 4 parents responded to the appeal for sponsorship for the revamp of the LEARNERS' TOILETS. Some parents found it amusing enough to make

jokes about it on their different social media chats. Parents/Guardians need to take a positive interest and sincere ownership of this school.

However, the following renovations are in progress:

- Grass cutting and trimming of trees
- New doors/frames and locks for certain classes

PROJECTS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE:

- Painting of school buildings and classrooms
- Complete renovation of LEARNERS' TOILETS
- Concreting of arid areas – increasing number of benches

**** NB: CCTV CAMERA INSTALLATION**

CCTV Cameras are being installed presently. The entire school premises will be covered. This is to deter learners from smoking, substance abuse, fighting, ill-discipline, bunking, vandalism, damage to school property etc. Parents/Guardians please advise and educate your children about the consequences for disregarding the above.

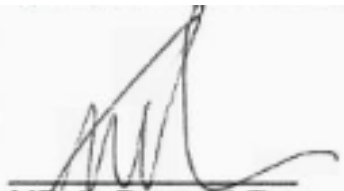
6. UNIFORM:

Sale of WINTER uniform during 2nd break only – see Mr A Jaglal

7. CONCLUSION:

I want to place on record my sincere thanks and gratitude to all role-players and stake-holders for the hard work, support, commitment and dedication that you have displayed so far in 2024. We wish our Grade 12 all the best in the upcoming AUG/SEP TRIAL EXAM.

MAY TERM 3 - 2024 BE WONDERFUL FOR ALL.



MR. L. R. MUDLEY
PRINCIPAL

SENIOR MANAGEMENT:
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ADMIN STAFF:

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