



The Glen High School

28 February 2017

NEWSLETTER 2

Dear Parents

The year has started off well with focus being on academic excellence. When walking around the school I am pleased to see that for the most part learners are well behaved and focused on their school work. In order to achieve our academic goals teachers are closely monitoring the quality and quantity of work done by learners. Emphasis is being placed on learner involvement and participation in academics, so classwork and homework is a priority. The quality of work submitted by learners is also receiving attention in order to raise standards. We have passed the half way point of the first term, and have completed many assessment tasks with learners. Please assist your child to remain focused and to prioritise academics.

STAFF INFORMATION

- Mr Mathebula left the school on 31 January to begin his engineering internship and to fulfil his long anticipated dream of becoming an engineer. I would like to wish him much success and happiness in his new career.
- Mrs van Wyk began her maternity leave on 6 February. We pray for God's blessings for Mrs van Wyk and her new baby boy, Levi.

2016 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Congratulations to the following learners who received Thistle Awards as top ten learners in their respective grades:

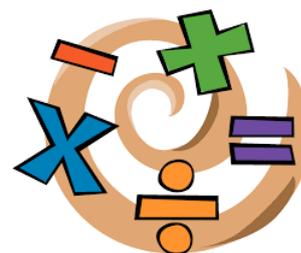
2016 GRADE 8		2016 GRADE 9	
	Learners		Learners
1	Michelle Sarkodie	1	Karen Cantero Lopez
2	Mukoni Mahwasane	2	Loyiso Ncanywa
3	Hermon Yemane	3	Mbuyamba Ilunga
4	Lwandile Ntshingila	4	Sandile Nkabinde
5	Palesa Malatse	5	Majali Nkambule
6	Shamiso Hapaguti	6	Shongile Ngulele
7	Bianca Kubayi	7	Bontle Phakathi
8	Tinotenda Gombedza	8	Oratile Seloro
9	Aaron Oluyeju	9	Rasalila Singh
10	Itumeleng Masilela	10	Xihluke Mabasa

2016 GRADE 10	
	Learners
1	Noordeen Bhol
2	Tyrice Arries
3	Tebogo Mathebe
4	Yordanos Kebede
5	Hlulile Masemola
6	Mandla Dube
7	Bayazi Mabena
8	Caleb Groeneveld
9	Blessed Rapudi
10	Keletso Kotlolo
10	O-Thabile Mokhwesana
10	Tristan Scott

2016 GRADE 11	
	Learners
1	Boitumelo Makena
2	Kabelo Ralefatane
3	Nomthandazo Mkhombo
4	Sindiswa Mabunda
5	Sakina Shabani
6	Thabo Kekana
7	Luvhani Budeli
8	Tebogo Moropa
9	Phumelele Moriri
10	Kevin Siswoto

GRADE 8 BASELINE ASSESSMENTS

The grade 8 learners have written a Mathematics baseline assessment in which the most basic GRADE 6 mathematics skills were evaluated. The results were analyzed and will be discussed with feeder schools and district officials. We are dismayed by the total lack of basic mathematic skills highlighted by the assessment. Our grade 8 learners come from more than 20 different primary schools, and not one of the feeder schools attained results of more than 48% for a GRADE 6 level test. The Glen's mathematics teachers are tasked with having to do a two year catch up programme before being able to concentrate on the grade 8 curriculum. **Parents are asked to take cognisance of this alarming gap in the grade 8 learners' mathematics skills and to ensure that learners attend extra classes. Parents are also requested to assist by organising external intervention to remedy the massive gap in their child's primary school education.** Every learner has been issued with an additional practice book of test and exam questions. It would benefit learners to complete additional work at home in order to reinforce classwork.



English bridging classes are to be introduced for learners who have not mastered sufficient language skills to cope with high school language requirements and challenges. Teachers from the English department will liaise with parents whose learners are to be recommended for this intervention.

SGB BY-ELECTION

I would like to thank Mrs Gillian Elson for the years in which she served on the SGB. Her enthusiasm and passion for the school is much appreciated. Since Mrs Elson's son has matriculated she has been co-opted to assist the discipline panel with disciplinary hearings, but her official position on the SGB has had to be filled by a parent with a learner at the school.

By-elections were held on 15 February and I am pleased to welcome Mr George Mashigo on board as the newest member of our governing body. Mr Mashigo has twins in grade 8 and offers his IT expertise to the SGB. I would like to thank Mr Mashigo for making himself available and for being prepared to work alongside the school management.



PARENT RESPONSIBILITY:

This is an urgent appeal to parents to assist the school with organising transport for children to get home as soon as possible after school and extra-curricular activities. Please consult your child on a daily basis regarding their

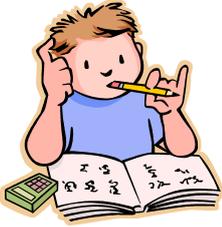
afternoon activities and arrange transport that gets your child home within a reasonable timeframe. Parents need to take responsibility for their children after school, please.

An alarming number of learners hang around the school until late afternoon, but are not actively involved in any school activity. These children tend to loiter around and get involved in activities that are not in their best interest. They tend to become very noisy and disrupt scheduled afternoon activities. They do not get their homework done, do not attend the homework centres, and then arrive home too late in the evening to do justice to their school work. This is a lose-lose situation.

HOMWORK CENTRE:

Please be reminded that the school has a homework centre where learners are supervised and homework can be completed. This is not a punishment or detention centre. Please encourage your child to make use of the centre if not leaving school at 14:15.

Mondays – Thursdays, 14:30 to 16:00.



SICK CHILDREN BEING SENT TO SCHOOL:

I am appealing to parents not to send learners to school when they are sick. Stomach bugs have been spread throughout the school this term. The office area has been inundated with learners who are nauseous, vomiting and having stomach problems. This has infected staff and caused a ripple effect of illness. We are prohibited from issuing medication and as a result learners spend hours in discomfort while waiting to be taken home. Please have mercy on your child and on the staff.

HAWKERS:



The school has been in contact with Tshwane Metro Police regarding the informal traders who sell goods at the school's drop-off zone. Metro Police and SAPS drug unit will do regular patrols to monitor the activities of the vendors. The school's security company, Hi-Risk, has also been requested to keep a close eye on the vendors' activities. Unfortunately Metro Police and SAPS have indicated that a moratorium has been placed on the confiscation of the products sold by these traders.

SPORT:

ATHLETICS:

On 6 February we hosted a friendly meeting against the following schools: Nigel High School, Sir Pierre van Reyneveld High School, Suncrest High School and Willowmore High School. The day ended with The Glen in 1st place. Well done to the athletes and coaches for a successful event.

A sprint relay meeting was held at Lyttleton Manor on 15 February in which The Glen, Lyttleton Manor, CR Swart High School and Hillview High School participated. The Glen attained 1st place at the event. We're proud of our athletes. Well done.

Thirteen of our athletes took part in the Tshwane South District Championship on 25 February at Pilditch Stadium. Vincent Makhanya achieved 3rd place in High Jump and was awarded a bronze medal. Karmentha Franks excelled in the 200m and 100m sprints, winning bronze medals. Congratulations to Vincent and Karmentha .

On 28 February our athletes took part in the D-Bond Inter-High athletics meeting finishing 6th out of 8 schools. A special mention must be made of Clarissa September who won a trophy for *BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE*. Well done, Clarissa, on a stunning performance.

SWIMMING:

Due to the on-going repairs to our swimming pool, the number of learners who have participated has been very small but they have proved to be hard working and dedicated. Eleven swimmers participated in the Inter-High gala and managed to rake in 36 medals! A fabulous feat, indeed! Well done to The Glen "Fishys".

An outstanding swimming record was set by Jahaziel Roman in the under 17 Butterfly event where he smashed the record time of 41,9 seconds by achieving a time of 37,41 seconds. A wonderful result, Jahaziel. We are proud of you.

CANSA SHAVATHON:

We will be taking part in the CANSA SHAVATHON 2017, in support of those affected by cancer. On Friday 3 March learners can pay R25, 00 to shave or colour spray their hair to show solidarity for those affected by cancer. In the past few years The Glen has been directly affected by this disease. Teachers, learners and family members have suffered from the disease or had to watch their loved ones go through the difficulties brought on by their illness. We want to show our care and to make a difference, so we've opted to support this initiative.



GENERAL:

I would like to thank the SGB members for the time and energy they devote to the school. They play an integral part in ensuring that the school functions smoothly and their efforts are most appreciated.

Thank you to all teachers and staff who make The Glen a school to be reckoned with. It is the combined effort of all our stakeholders that ensures that our children are successful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Nel".

Mrs C. W. Nel
Principal

