



ALMA NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

ALMA SCHOOL
NPO 001-427

News Letter Nr. 1
22 January 2015

To one and all, a prosperous 2015. For me as principle, it is a privilege to be at the head of matters of this wonderful school. My open door policy is there for each and everyone.

Please be on the look out for text messages, the contact books and newsletters (that will follow in a numerical order). Very important information will be given through to parents in this way. Learners, Parents and Staff, you are all so close to my heart and it is with sadness that I convey my deepest sympathy to some of our staff who have lost close family over the festive period.

"Strength does not come from winning.

Your struggles develop your strengths.

When you go through hardships and

decide not to surrender, that is strength"

Arnold Schwarzenegger

BANK INFORMATION:

Alma Skool
Standard Bank
Gezina (01-48-45-00)
Acc nr: 41 105 057 5

PS! Ref:

Your child's NAME & SURNAME

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL- AND TRANSPORT FEES

School Fees: R550.00 pm x 11 months

Transport: R1 100.00 pm x 12 months

Please remember that the school and transport fees are payable upfront.

5% discount applies if you pay the full amount before the 31st of January 2015.

ALL application forms for the reduction or exemption of school fees **MUST** be completed with ALL required documentation by 31 January 2015.

If you send cash to school with your child, please make sure that it is written in the contact book and in an envelope. On the envelope, clearly write your child's name, the amount enclosed and for what purpose the money is.

General Information of Alma School

- ⇒ **School hours:** * School starts @ 08h00 and classes adjourn @ 13h00.
 - * Parents can pick up their children only between 13h00 and 13h30 at their classes.
 - * Parents that come to pick up their children earlier than this, have to report to the main office.
 - * After 13h30, all the children will get together at the bus area. Parents can then pick up their children at the bus pick up points and not at the classes.
- ⇒ **Drop off of children:** Please leave your child with the assistant on duty and we ask that you do not linger in the class.
- ⇒ Please make an appointment with your child's teacher if you wish to discuss something with the teacher.
- ⇒ Please make your own arrangements regarding after school care, since our school does not have after care facilities. If you have the need, you can contact Hettie Botha at Angels Hotel on 071 588 4181.
- ⇒ **If your child receives medication at school:** The Sister needs a note from the doctor each time your child visits the doctor or clinic for repeat medication. Since the medication changes a lot, the sister can not give the correct medication at school and therefore need the copy of the prescription.

SGB ELECTIONS 2015

WHEN

SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2015

During the
School's Carnival

It is of utmost importance that you attend this election meeting, as YOU need to choose the people who will represent you and who will have your child's best interest at heart when it comes to matters regarding the management and governing of this school.

WHAT MUST A SGB MEMBER DO?

- Attend 1 meeting per term AFTER HOURS (17:30) at the school.
- Serve a term of 3 years (2015 – 2017)
- Assist in the decision making process regarding school-related matters.
- Assist with the interview process of applicants for vacant posts, e.g. in 2017 we have to appoint a new principal.

DO I NEED SPECIAL SKILLS TO SERVE ON THE SGB?

There are different portfolios on the SGB (e.g. Finance, Security, Maintenance, Parent Support, Fundraising, etc.) and having skills or a qualification that correlates with these portfolios will be helpful, but it is not compulsory.

The most important thing that you need is a heart willing to serve this school and its learners with dedication and enthusiasm!

WHO MAY SERVE ON THE SGB?

Any person who is the parent, legal guardian or court appointed care giver of a child that is registered as a learner at Alma School.

DO YOU GET PAID FOR SERVING ON THE SGB?

NO!

According to the laws regulating School Governing Bodies, no member of a SGB is allowed to receive any financial remuneration for their service.

You can however add it to you CV as part of "community service."

HOW DO I BECOME A SGB MEMBER?

- Get nominated by another parent of Alma School (Nominations open 7 days before the election meeting. Forms will be available in the office. Nominations also continue on the morning of the election.)
- If we get just enough nominations for the number of parent positions available, all nominated parents will be automatically (duly) elected.
- If we have more nominations than the numbers of positions available, the parents have to vote for whom they would like to serve on the SGB.

CARNIVAL - CARNIVAL - CARNIVAL

Alma's Carnival this year takes place on Saturday, 7 March 2015. **EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!!!!**

Please support us with the collection list and the following stalls will be available:

- Boere Stall
- African Stall / Pudding
- American Stall
- Pancakes
- Indian Stall
- Tombola
- Alma's Idols will participate again and will be part of the Arena program, with entertainment for the kids.
- We need hands, donations of items and any cash donations.



OUR STAFF

The school showed tremendous growth and we are currently 300 learners strong! These are the teachers with their assistants after some changes were made:

Principal: Mr Zirke Bondesio

Deputy Principals: Mr Pietman Swanepoel en Mrs Debbie Visagie

STIMULATION / Foundation Phase 1:

Group 1—(HOD) Marietha Malan and Patricia

Group 2—Sorine van Gas and Eva

Group 3—Liz Ramadikela and Constance

Group 4—MC Booyens and Marietjie

Group 5—Eveleen Scheepers and Debbie

Foundation Phase 3:

Group 11—Maroelien Smit and Emmie

Group 12—Karin Knoetze and Emmie

Group 13—Concilia Sekokotla and Eugene

Group 14—Henriette Braqnd and Sarah

Group 15—(HOD) Corinne Human and Lizzy

Junior School to Work Phase:

Group 16—Elna de Vos and Rentia

Group 17—Adri Wolvaardt and Rentia

Group 18—Annatjie Havemann and Anita

Group 19—(HOD) Marinda van Schalkwyk and Reginah

Foundation Phase 2:

Group 6—Jenine Esterhuysen and Tebogo

Group 7—(HOD) Ansie Mocke and Mavis

Group 8—Talita Kaufmann and Germina

Group 9—Annamarie Bosman and Paulina

Group 10—Charmaine Kruger and Tryphina

Senior School to Work Phase:

Group 20—Wilmie Lubbe and Georginah

Group 21—Marieta Landman and Bongani

Group 22—Janet Smit and Bettie

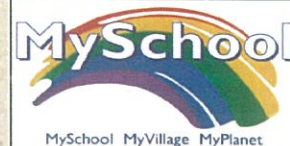
Group 23—Pietman Swanepoel and Andries

Meet our Therapists and Admin Staff in the next Newsletter.

**Happy
Birthday**

PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS:

Hennie Weldhagen - 5 January
Corinne Human - 8 January
Jana Smith - 29 January
Andria Oosthuizen - 31 January
Jenine Esterhuysen - 1 February
Betty Mbatha - 2 February



Please remember to use your card.

Each transaction is to Alma School's advantage!

If you do not have a My School or Makro card that is linked to Alma School, please contact the office for application forms.

PARENT DAY

28 JANUARY 2015 @ 17:30

We urge all parents to attend the evening, in interest of your child and information regarding your child's program. The therapists will also have a chance to speak.

SECOND HAND SCHOOL T-SHIRTS WANTED!

Please consider donating your child's school shirts that he/she has outgrown to the school's clothes bank. All shirts that are still in a good condition, even though the colour may have faded, are welcome and appreciated. Kindly send these shirts directly to the office.

Thank you!

RENTING OF

BUILDING AND TERRAIN

The following areas are available for renting:

- The school hall and kitchen
- Picnic Terrain and kitchen
- Lapa (Tea Garden) and kitchen
- Junior Play Grounds for children's Parties

Please contact the main office for costs, more information and bookings.

NATIONAL TEACHERS AWARDS

Marieta Landman, our "garden-guru" made it to the Provincial round of the "National Teaching Awards!! Congratulations with the excellent achievement, we are very proud of her.

A SPECIAL WELCOME

We are really thankful towards the Department of Education that served us with 2 extra posts:



Jenine Esterhuysen



Eveleen Scheepers