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ALMA SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS:

Welcome back

With our first newsletter for Quarter 3, we would like to welcome back each learner and parent after the holiday. Quarter 3 has a very busy program and we are already full steam ahead! Please take note of the following important dates:

- 4 August - Alma Dance (Sokkie) for learners
- 9 August - Public holiday – Women’s Day – school closed
- 15 August - Parent Support Group
- 16 August - Buddy Buddy Day
- 1 September - Casual Day
- 8 September - House sport
- 20 September - Interspes Sports day
- 27 September - Parents Day
- 29 September - School closes

Luhan van Staden

It is with regret that we inform our parents of the passing of Luhan van Staden, a learner from group 12, during the school holidays.

Our hearts go out to his family and our prayers are with them.

**** SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY ****

As you may have seen, a lot of changes are in process at Alma. We are busy looking at ways to improve the security at school and implementing new procedures. Because this is a process that takes time, we appeal to every parent / guardian to please bear with us.

- The biggest change is the reception office that moved down to the building near the main entrance. The reason for the move is to ensure that a staff member is close to the entrance at all times to monitor access. A pedestrian and boom gate will also be installed soon.

Please take note of the following important changes:

- The gate will only be open from 6h30 until 8h00 in the morning and from 12h45 until 14h00 in the afternoon. This will be the only time that vehicles will have access to the school premises and parents and taxis be able to drop off / pick up learners at the bus drop off point.
- Parents that bring their children to school after 8h00 will have to park in front of reception and accompany their children to their class from there.
- Parents that pick-up learners before 12h45 will have to report to reception to sign the learner out. A ticket will be given to the parent and needs to be handed to the teacher to indicate that the learner was signed out.

- Security cameras are also being installed throughout the school.
- Any person visiting the school during school hours, with or without an appointment, will have to report to reception to complete the visitor's log. The person will then receive a visitor's card that needs to be visible to other staff members when walking through the school.

We understand that some of the changes might be inconvenient, but please be assured that all upgrades and changes are for the safety of your child. We trust that the new procedures will be in place and working smoothly shortly.

Alma Dance (Sokkie)

There will be a dance (sokkie) in the school hall on Friday, 4 August, during school hours for the learners. The entrance fee is R10 per learner and will include an ice cream. Learners who want to attend may come to school wearing casual clothes.

Parent Support Group

Our third Parent Support Group meeting will take place on 15 August 2017 from 12h00 until 13h30. It will be presented in Alma School's tea garden. **Topic:** A discussion about my child in society. Please complete the attached tear-off slip and send it back to school as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Elna Griesel at the school.

Buddy Buddy Day

Our second Buddy Buddy Day for the year will take place on 16 August at Alma. Some fun activities are planned for learners visiting us from main stream schools in the area. Alma learners come to school neatly dressed in school uniform and the tuck shop will be open.

Casual Day 2017

It is nearly September and that means that **CASUAL DAY** is also upon us! The big day is on **Friday, 1 September** and we aim to sell more than 25 000 stickers this year. However, we need your assistance, parents! If the company/business/institution you work for wants to become involved with Casual Day, please contact Andria for further info on (012) 335 0252. You can also just give her a contact person's details at your workplace and she will contact them. The **stickers** still sell **@ R10 each** and it makes a definite difference in the lives of persons living with disabilities. Thank you in advance to all our parents who will support us with this fundraising!

Alma School personnel and SGB

There are also some changes in the classes and on the SGB:

Personnel: Congratulations to **Mr Andries Skosana** (previously class assistant and bus driver) that completed his Teaching Diploma in 2016 and is now appointed as teacher in Group 27. As Mr Pietman's former class assistant, he already knows the children and are familiar with the class routine and this made him the ideal candidate to take over Group 27.



Teacher Corinne Human is currently attending to Group 15 in teacher Henriette's place.

School Governing Body: Mr Etienne Bruwer resigned as chairperson and Me. Bernadine Benson was elected as new chairperson for the SGB. Mr Stanley Jacobs was elected as vice chairperson.

Many thanks to these parents who offer up their time to work with the staff to ensure that Alma School is managed to the advantage of our learners.

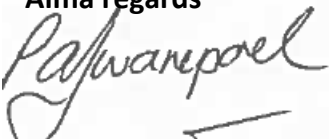
Recycling

We are doing recycling for a fundraising project here at school. The following products are being recycled:

- Paper
- Plastic
- Metal

Please send papers (e.g. newspapers, empty boxes, magazines, coloured and white paper, etc.) that you don't use, as well as empty tins and plastic (e.g. empty bags, plastic containers, cold drink cans, etc.) to school. We will appreciate it if the containers and tins can be cleaned /rinsed out before being sent to school. Let us make a difference in our environment by recycling and generate extra funds for the school at the same time.

Alma regards



PA Swanepoel
Principal



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP – Please send back to Mrs Elna Griesel

I /we _____ parent/guardian of _____

in group _____ will attend / will NOT attend (circle the correct option) the Parent Support Group

meeting on 15 August 2017 in the Alma School Tea garden.

Signature.....