

NEWSLETTER February 22, 2018

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ALMA SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS :

Important Dates:

- > 3 March
- Carnival and SGB elections
 Top Dog visit
- 9 March21 March
- Public holiday Human Rights Day
- > 28 March
- School Closes

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE SCHOOL:

SGB ELECTIONS

Parents are reminded of the SGB elections in March. The nomination and elections of parentmembers will take place on **Saturday, <u>3</u> March 2018 at 09:00 am** in the school hall (on the same day as the Alma Colour Carnival). Parents are asked to please ALL be there for this very important meeting as you need to choose members who will represent YOU and your child on the school's Governing Body.

A few things to know about being on the SGB:

- The term of office is for 3 years (March 2018-March 2021).
- Being a SGB-member does not give you/your child any privileges at school.
- There is no financial benefit or payment for serving on the SGB.
- You will need to attend 1 or 2 meetings per term at the school (normally on a Wednesday from 17:00 20:00).
- Sometimes you might be asked to help with additional tasks (e.g. help with the interviews of new teachers) and this sometimes happens over weekends.
- You will need transport to get to the school for the meetings and other tasks as these mostly happen after-hours.
- If you work at Alma School, you may not stand as a PARENT member of the SGB, but you may stand as a STAFF member.
- SGB-members serve in a specific portfolio (e.g. finances, safety & security, fundraising, quality of learning & teaching, etc.) so if you have experience or is qualified in any of these fields, please consider serving on the SGB.

COLOUR CARNIVAL

Our annual Colour Carnival will take place on 3 March 2018. As usual we need as many as possible donations. We ask, if you are able, to send the following/some of the following items to school:

Tomato & onion relish Mayonnaise Sweet Chilli Sauce Items for the Tombola and Junk table

TOP DOG VISIT

Top dog will visit Foundation phase 2 on 9 March 2018. Top Dog is a group of dog handlers with therapy dogs that visits hospitals, care centres and now also Alma School. They will visit us once a month (every 2nd Friday of the month) and the phases will take turns to socialize with the dogs. Our learners get the opportunity to brush, interact and walk with the dogs. On 9 February 2018 Foundation phase 1 had the opportunity to interact with them and they enjoyed it tremendously.

<u>SPORT</u>

We want to congratulate all the athletes who participated in January at Prospectus Novus School. We are so proud of you. 63 athletes participate in long jump, high jump, shot put, sprints and long-distance items. 35 of these athletes qualified to participate in the Interschools athletics meeting at Sonitus School on the 8th of February.

It was remarkable to see them in action, giving it all to make Alma School proud. They won 3 bronze, 5 silver and 4 gold medals (12 medals in total).

The following athletes won medals:

| Sphamandla Mgidi | - | Gold in long jump, |
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| Desire Maponda | - | Gold in 800m AND silver in 1500m |
| Kholofelo Mashigwana | - | Gold in 80m AND silver in 100m |
| Katlego Mphahlela | - | Silver in 200m AND silver in 100m |
| Keegan Potgieter | - | Bronze in 200m |
| Jason Jacobs | - | Silver in 100m |
| Phahamiso Pitso | - | Bronze in 100m |
| Cindy Ledwaba | - | Bronze in 100m |
| Makumbelo Dlongolo | - | Gold in 1500m |
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Congratulations to these athletes. You make us proud. These athletes, together with Angelique Bezuidenhout, Nenu Mokwena and Khanyisile Mkhwanazi will be going to Sasolburg to participate in the Gauteng meeting on the 27th February. We wish you all the best with the training and upcoming event.

HAIRDRESSER

The hairdresser will visit our school again on Wednesday, 28 February 2018. Please indicate in your child's contact book if you would like to make use of this service.

FUNDRAISING PROJECT

We are very excited about our new fundraising project that was initiated by Puma filling station in Mayville. All you have to do is to ask for the cash slip every time you fill up with petrol or diesel and send it to school. Alma School will then receive a percentage of the total petrol/diesel bought at Puma at the end of each month. Please take part in this fundraising project as Alma School will benefits from this. For any enquiries please contact Teacher Talita.

Alma greetings

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