



LADDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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HEADMASTER'S NEWSLETTER #21

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23 JUNE 2020

Homework Programme for Week 11

This week, **Monday, 22 to Friday, 26 June** will be used as a catch-up/consolidation week for learners from Grade 1 to 6. This will allow those learners who have fallen behind, the opportunity to catch up, and those who are up to date, a little time away from studying.

Staff Computers and Emails

All the staff computers are still being worked on this week. Please note some of the staff email accounts are still synchronizing whilst our IT systems are being upgraded. Please be patient with staff during this process. Please contact the school via telephone if you have any queries. (033 343 3256)

Scholarships

We sincerely congratulate the following pupils who have excelled and earned a scholarship/award to their respective High Schools next year:

- **Mark Conway:** Michaelhouse Academic Scholarship
- **Matthew Bishop:** St. Charles - All-Rounder Scholarship
- **Zach Bornmann:** St. Charles Academic Scholarship
- **Jodi Moreno:** Howick High Sports Scholarship
- **Adam Tilbury:** Maritzburg College - Laddsworth Closed Scholarship
- **Mia du Preez:** Grace College - Laddsworth Closed Scholarship
- **Amy Goddard:** Grace College - Laddsworth Closed Scholarship

Well done, we are very proud of your achievements.

New School Calendar for 2020 (Government Gazette No. 11)

Terms	Duration
Term 1	15 January – 18 March
Term 2	08 June – 07 August
Term 3	12 August – 23 September
Term 4	05 October – 15 December

Public and School Holidays 2020	
01 January	New Year's Day
21 March	Human Rights' Day
10 April	Good Friday
13 April	Family Day
27 April	Freedom Day
01 May	Workers' Day
16 June	Youth Day
09 August	National Women's Day
10 August	Public Holiday
24 September	Heritage Day
16 December	Day of Reconciliation
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Day of Goodwill

Preparation for Grades 1, 2, 3 and 6 return to School – 6 July 2020

- We look forward to welcoming our Grades 1, 2, 3 and 6's back to school on **Monday, 6 July**.
- Grade 1 and 2 will use an '**Alternate Day**' model where ½ the class will attend on one day and the other ½ the next. This is due to the large Junior Primary desks and group type layout of our Grade 1 and 2 classrooms. This alternate day approach will allow us to ensure plenty of social distance within the classroom with a 12:1 ratio per class.
- Grade 3 and 6 will follow the same '**Status Quo**' model as the Grade 7's. All the children will be seated at single desks and spaced at least 1.5m apart. We have achieved this spacing by removing all additional furniture and equipment from all the classrooms and have stored it centrally.
- Distance markers have been painted outside all the classrooms to help pupils observe social distancing rules when lining up.
- Designated playground areas have been allocated for each class where staff will be on duty at break-times. This is to ensure that social distancing and safety protocols are maintained while the children are enjoying some time outdoors.
- Movement between classrooms will be prohibited. Where possible specialist teachers will move from class to class to teach.
- Strict hygiene protocols will be applied whenever pupils enter or exit a classroom.
- Toilets and all door handles will be cleaned at least 3 x per day and access to all common areas will be strictly controlled.
- Starting and finishing times will be staggered to further assist us with social distancing and congestion at the beginning and end of each day and during break times.

SCHOOL TIMES – EFFECTIVE FROM MONDAY, 6 JULY 2020				
Grade	Entrance to the School	Day	Starting Time	Finishing Time
1	Top gate (Main Entrance) from 07h30	Monday to Thursday	08h00	13h05
		Friday	08h00	13h05
2	Top gate (Main Entrance) from 07h30	Monday to Thursday	08h00	13h05
		Friday	08h00	13h05
3	Top gate (Main Entrance) from 07h30	Monday to Thursday	08h00	13h35
		Friday	08h00	13h05
6	Top gate (Main Entrance) from 07h00	Monday to Thursday	07h30	14h05
		Friday	07h30	12h40
7	Top gate (Main Entrance) from 07h00	Monday to Thursday	07h30	14h05
		Friday	07h30	12h40

PLEASE NOTE:

Prep Sessions until 15h00 for Grades 4 to 7 (Monday – Thursday) – to be confirmed.

- The school will supply each pupil with 2 washable cloth masks. Learners may, however, wear any mask of your choice. The aim being for them to be comfortable while at school. Face shields may also be used, but **only** in the classroom. Face masks **must** be worn at all times, except during breaks when pupils are eating their snack and lunch.

I appeal to parents to prepare their children at home, by encouraging them to wear their face masks and wash their hands frequently. Please speak to your children about why it is very important to stay safe when they return to school.

Please see the suggestions below that will ensure the safety of your child on their return to school.

- Handwashing is the most important thing your child can do to keep everybody safe. Try and make regular hand-washing fun, and encourage them to use the same routine at school.
- Remind your child to always sanitize their hands before eating or starting activities, playing outside and after touching hard surfaces.
- Talk to your child about 'playing safely' when they are with their friends. Explain to them the importance of making sure they give others 'breathing space' - not to be so close to others that they can breathe on, or touch other children.
- **Social distancing is compulsory**; children must keep at least 1m away from others at all times.
- Explain to your child that they will need to eat their own food, and drink their own drinks. Sharing food, drink, stationery, books, clothing or anything else, is strictly prohibited.
- Explain to your child that it will be compulsory to wear face masks, for the safety of everyone at Laddsworth and the greater community.

It is our Guiding Principle that we will try to keep COVID-19 outside of the Laddsworth Campus. We require the Covid-19 Safety Protocols to be observed by all staff, parents, pupils and visitors to Laddsworth.

Please do not come to school:

- If there is any doubt, possibility or any indication that your child may be infected with COVID-19.
- Has come into contact with anyone who may be infected, or is showing any of the symptoms.
- Has had close contact with anyone who is showing any of the symptoms of COVID.19.

Contact the school immediately so that Close Contact Monitoring Procedures can immediately be put into place.

If there is any doubt in your mind, rather follow the recommended 'Self-Isolation' Protocols, until you have ascertained that your child is not infected, or has been cleared by a medical practitioner before returning to school.

We have worked hard to ensure that the school is safe, hygienic and that we have all necessary COVID-19 health protocols in place.

We certainly look forward to have all pupils back at school so that we can get back to some form of normality.

Take care and be safe!

Kind regards

G. Lambooy

Mr G Lambooy
HEADMASTER

Thoughts from the Headmaster

“Hope is a state of mind, not of the world.

Hope, in this deep and powerful sense, is not the same as joy that things are going well, or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously heading for success, but rather an ability to work for something because it is good.”

Vaclav Havel

“Hope is definitely not the same thing as optimism.

It is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out.”

Vaclav Havel