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## Unicorn News



### From the Headmaster's Desk

I often like to speak to other headmasters from a variety of schools, both independent and state schools. At times like these I sit back and bask in what we have and are continually achieving in our school. Many of these heads say that their parent body is uncooperative, some say their staff are reluctant to work and some say that their pupils are not attending school regularly. I need to thank each, and every single soul associated with our school. Yes, we are weathering this storm, and as hard as it may seem, we are succeeding. I know it is not easy and a simple thing like dropping your children off or picking them up, is now a controlled activity. Despite all this – we are extremely lucky to have the supportive parental body

we do! Your continued support of the school has made it that little bit easier for everybody involved. I thank you all for that – thank you for your patience, for your willingness to be part of the change and thank you, for always believing in us!

### Condolences

Our sincere condolences go out to Liza Kruger and family who also lost their dad last week to Covid19. Wiedse has been a member of our Unicorn community since his eldest started at Unicorn in Grade R in 2012. Our prayers and thoughts are with Liza, Zila and Karja at this sad time.

### Applications

Last week I indicated in the newsletter that applications must be made for 2022 onwards even if you already have a child in the school. We have had a few applications for new pupils which is always great. Please note: it is **not** necessary to reapply for a child already in the school. The enrolment rolls over each year automatically.

### Extra murals

Our extracurricular programme starts next week as per the letters which went out last week. We are looking forward to getting back onto the field.

There is a change to the Grade 4-7 sports letter. In that letter it states that Grade 4-7 will all come out at the same time on a Friday. This is incorrect. To alleviate the traffic, Grade 4&5 will come out at 12:50 and Grade 6&7 at 13:20. Apologies for that.

### Lockers

The lockers for Grade 4-7 are still available for sale. The cost is R200 a year and this is payable to Liana Pieters and Jenny Hayes at the front office. When the money is paid the pupils will be allocated a colour and a number and this will be their locker for the year. It is up to the pupils to supply their own lock and to keep their locker neat and clean inside.

## Kindness is Magic!

In these uncertain times it is still nice to be able to offer support to outside organisations where we can. As such, we have been approached by the Feral Cat Awareness organisation to offer them some support. We would like to encourage all Unicorn families to support the Feral Cat Awareness organisation.

How do you do this? Donations can be made in the form of cat food or any amount of money may be deposited in their bank account (bank details are shown below) which will go towards cat food. Alternatively, you may hand in your donations (food/money) at the front office where Jenny or Liana will collect it.

We will deliver the food to the organisation. We will run this initiative until the end of the term.

## Banking Details for the Feral Cats

**Acc. Name: Feral Cats Tzaneen**

**FNB Current Account: 62738011816**

**Ref: Food**

## Cultural Chit Chat

### ATKV DigiSpel Competition

We call on all the 'Unicorn Spellers' to enter the ATKV-DigiSpel. This competition runs from Grade 1 to Gr 7 and is for both Afrikaans Home Language and Second Language speakers. The closing date for entries is 19 February 2021. Please contact Mrs. Alida du Preez ([alida@unicornschooll.co.za](mailto:alida@unicornschooll.co.za)) for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!



Merensky Eisteddfod  
30 August - 3 September



Art Festivus  
20 September – 23 September

## Sport News

### **Congratulations!**

Isabella was selected for Limpopo Leopards Indoor Hockey U13 team. They participated in the PSI North Nationals in Pretoria from 17 to 19 December 2020. Well done Isabella!



### **Library**

Well done to the following children for being selected as Library Monitors:



Tsakani



Karja



Phego



Ilne



Irma

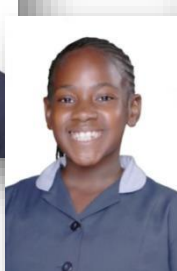
Mia

Karabo

Teya



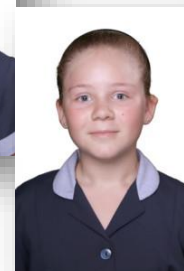
Uchi



Mashela



Amelie



Nina



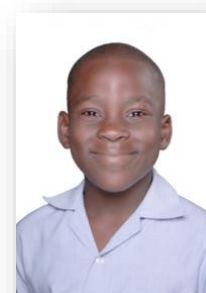
Josh



Linden



Reena



Masekela

## REMINDERS!

All Foundation Phase pupils (Grade 1 to 3) must leave the school premises after school dressed in their school uniform with shoes and socks on their feet. No parents/drivers/ lift club directors or any other persons are permitted to leave their vehicles at all and walk around the school premises in search of children. Please phone the school office if your child has not arrived at the arranged time to be collected and she/he will be located. Please adhere strictly to the drop-off and collection times.

**Hair:** Please make sure that your children's hair is neat, controlled, and appropriate for a young active child who needs to move a lot, go swimming, and wear a hat. Boys hair should be short and without fancy hairstyles and girls with long hair must tie their hair up and not have it hanging in their face.


**Earrings:** Girls with pierced ears may only wear plain gold or silver studs. No glittery diamante, pearl or hanging earrings are permitted to be worn with our school uniform.

**Hygiene:** Please remember that your child must wear a clean mask to school every day. It is recommended that a spare mask is carried in your child's school bag. Please assist your child to exercise proper hygiene and make sure that his/her fingernails are always kept short.

**Hockey Equipment:** Parents do not need to buy new hockey sticks or balls for pupils in the Foundation Phase. We have hockey equipment in stock available for pupils to use. If your child has a hockey stick or ball handed down from a sibling or friend, he/she may use these. Please make sure these items are clearly marked.

## Prestige Photo Day

Photo day was a success! A big thank you goes to all the parents for ensuring that children arrived looking smart. Process on how to order photos will be communicated in upcoming newsletters.



### Valentine's Day

Please remember that all pupils may come dressed in their civvies tomorrow in celebration of Valentine's Day. The money collected on the day will be going towards the Grade 7 leavers gift for 2021. The cost per child is R10 and payable to the teacher.

