

27<sup>TH</sup> March 2024

Dear Parent / Guardian

### **END OF TERM 1 NEWSLETTER**

As we near the end of yet another successful term, we have had a highly productive period with numerous achievements to commemorate.

#### **Sisekelo MBT Challenge**

Sisekelo expresses gratitude to all the sponsors for their contributions to the success of this event. Our cyclists found the route delightful and relished every moment of it.

#### **Here are some highlights:**

In the 55km category, it was a family affair in the 1<sup>st</sup> position with Collin and Jake Lovely crossing the finish line at the same time. Kusekhaya Cycling Club seasoned cyclist Maqhawe Ndlovu came second. The last podium finish went to Barry Murhead.

In the 30km males category, Kusekhaya Cycling Club cyclist Philani Msibi came out tops, as Sakhizwe Mahlalela ( Sisekelo student) came second, ahead of Sakhiseni Dlamini who finished third.

It was a great honor to see cyclists come down to Bigbend to support this initiative. The PTA still has T- shirts on sale @ only E60. All parents are entreated to support this fundraising initiative. After consolidating all donations made to the school, we will update you on the total amount raised.

#### **Here is a preview on how we will wrap up Term 1.**

##### **1. Interhouse Swimming Gala**

Today, we are having our interhouse swimming gala which will end at 11am. We expect all learners to depart from Sisekelo latest at 12 :15pm for the Easter Holiday. All our buses will take their respective routes including the one to Mozambique.

##### **2. Parent – Teacher Consultation – 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

All parents are reminded of the parent – teacher consultation scheduled for **4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 7am – 1pm**. This is an important exercise that will allow you to gain insight into your child's academic progress. Some learners may need to engage in discussions regarding changes in subjects based on their performance since January.

**Kindly attend by all means!**

##### **3. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

- We will have classes till break time and students will leave at 11am. Students will be receiving tasks for cycle 3 assessment.

- Students are expected to go and prepare themselves for project week trips.

### **Hockey Trip : 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April**

The hockey team will leave Sisekelo at 5am to Camp Discovery, Pretoria on Friday. After the camp, some Grade 11 students will be traveling with Mr. Mkhweli to join the rest of their class in Gauteng for a University Tour. Grade 12s will return to school with Mr Bhembe and Ms Thring.

### **4. Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Enjabulweni**

Some of our students will be participating in the Inter schools swimming gala at Enjabulweni. Consent forms will be sent to all relevant parents.

### **5. Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – 12 April – School Trips**

Grade 11- **Gauteng for University Tours** : Mrs Mwembo, Mr Mkhweli, Mr Ndjeh

Grade 10 – **Johannesburg** ; Goldreef City etc : Rev Cox , Ms Tsikisai

Grade 9 – **Non Stop Adventures** – Pietermaritzburg : Mr Zungu, Mrs Malaza, Principal

Grade 8 - **Babanango Outdoors** – Zululand: Mr Mathonsi, Ms Mkhathswa, Mrs N. Dlamini

**Grade 12** – All Grade 12 students will be engaged in learning throughout the entire week to progress with the syllabus, and the remaining teachers will be present at the school to conduct classes. Deputy Dr Tumwine will be available for administration. We hope the students will enjoy the space to themselves.

### **Returning from Trips:**

# **Gauteng / Johannesburg route** - students will be dropped off on the way to Bigbend.

# **Durban route** - we aim to arrive at school by 2 pm so that students can catch the Mbabane/Simunye Buses to get home. Parents have the option to pick them up if they desire.

# Students traveling to Mozambique will spend the night at the hostel and depart on Saturday morning to avoid traveling at night.

# Upon our return on the 12th of April, schools will be officially closed for Term 1.

### **6. Rugby Trip : 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April**

The rugby trip planned for the school holidays has been postponed, and a new date will be announced.

Wishing you and all our learners a peaceful and enjoyable time over the Easter holidays and term 1 break.

Boarders will return to school on Monday, May 6th, with classes resuming on Tuesday, May 7th.

Enjoy!

Regards

Principal