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Dear Parents,

Greetings in the wonderful name of Christ our Saviour. We hope you are well by God's grace despite the current environment. Solomon in Proverbs says; "Trust in the Lord oh my soul and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path."

Timetable

We have been adjusting our school timetable to comply with Covid-19 protocols. We have now finalized it. Mostly our break periods are staggered such that not all learners go out for break same time. At different times as indicated, two Grades will have break in class while the other two will have break in the park. The Grades then alternate for second break. This has been done for purposes of social distancing. We tried it this week and it has worked very well. Please check the adjusted times on the new timetable.

Change of Staff Grade 3 & 5

We have changed our teaching Staff for the following Grades. Mrs T Ndlovu; previously our Grade 5 class teacher is now Grade 3 teacher and Ms N Valashiya is now Grade 5 class teacher but majoring in Bible Gr 5; Afrikaans Grades 3--7 and Isizulu Grades 3; 5; 6 and 7. Mrs Ndlovu will teach most of the Grade 3 subjects and Gr 4 Mathematics.

Conquesta and SACEE Tests

Due to the disturbances of Covid-19 to the education sector, the school has decided that this year we will not do these external exams. The planning we used to do without disturbances has seriously been affected this Term and we do not want to disappoint our children. These exams should be written early September and by that time we will have not thoroughly prepared our learners. However next year, God willing we will do them again.

Toilet Blockage

We are experiencing intermittent toilet blockages at school since last week. The cause is from the works that were done by the Municipal Department when they were refurbishing the sewage pipes just outside the School yard in the park. We believe as they were flashing out the dirt, some of the mess interfered with our drainage system. We called a private plumbing company that came and flashed the system from our side and scooped out lots of sand.

However, as they continued to try to push out through the sewage drain from our side, at some point their machines got stuck. Because of this, they suspect that our main drainage pipe must have collapsed. An officer from the Department of Waterworks came this weekend and inspected the system. She promised to bring a machine to flush out the system possibly on Monday. We hope they will be true to their word.

Term 2 Exams

This is a reminder that we will do our delayed exams from the 31st August as per the reviewed timetable. Please find attached in-case you misplaced it.

Below is the revised timetable for the exams:

Day	Date	Time/Subject Morning session	Time/Subject. Middle Session
Monday.	31/08/2020	English.	
Tuesday.	01/09/2020	Mathematics.	
Wednesday.	02/09/2020	Social Sciences.	Creative Arts.
Thursday.	03/09/2020	Life Skills/Orientation.	Economic Management
Friday.	04/09/2020	isiZulu.	Bible.
Monday.	07/09/2020	Afrikaans.	Technology.
Tuesday.	08/09/2020	Natural Science.	

On the dates we have two subjects to be written, may the learners from home come early so that writing can start from 12:30 pm. We will make the church hall available for the children to write from. Your child will be allocated a specific desk to use which no other child will use.

Gratitude

We would also like to thank Mr & Mrs Jordan our Grade R parents who went out of their way and donated a humidifier for the Grade R class. Paterson Park truly appreciates the gesture.

Praying for the school

We know and appreciate that you are praying for your school. As a school, we are thinking that next week Wednesday may those that can, take it as a fasting day, praying for Paterson Park. This is our ambitious wish; that we have a Covid-19 incident free term. If by faith we pray, I believe WITH GOD EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Gwereti
VICE PRINCIPAL