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NEWSLETTER N2/2022 - MARCH 2022

Dear MBHS Parents / Guardians

We look back with gratitude to a term that earmarked the return to full-time school attendance and academic activities.

Our teaching staff, office staff, ground staff and learners have returned to school enthusiastically and ready for the new academic year.

We all contributed to solving the initial growing pains of returning to full-time learning and now at the end of the busy and successful term we can attest to a successful term at Muizenberg High School. Thank you to all parents and guardians for your continued support and loyalty.

In January 2022, we welcomed the most vibrant and energetic group of 2022 grade 8 cohort to MBHS.

In February 2022, we celebrated two academic awards ceremonies.

1. The grade 8 and 9 awards ceremony for the 2021 academic results, with the following top three achievers:
 - (a) **The grade 8 of 2021 top three achievers were: third position** - Victoria Kariza, **second position** - Jessica Kitoko and in **first place**, Kirah Rabie.
 - (b) **The grade 9 of 2021 top three achievers were: third position** – Jamie Thomas, **second position** – Aidan Seconna and in **first place**, Tannah Whitaker.

2. **At the grades 10 to 12 awards ceremony the top three achievers for the 2021 were:**
 - (a) **Grade 10 of 2021 top three achievers were: third position** – Lukhanyo Silihasa, **second position** – Sphokuhle Gxagxa and in **first place** – Nontombi Moyo.

 - (b) **Grade 11 of 2021 top three achievers were: third position** – Nicholas Marthinus **second position** - Zoe Heunis and in **first place** – Sasha-Lee Lewin

STAFF NEWS:

We bid farewell to our talented staff member, **Mr Jonathan Chuter**, who joined MHS at the beginning of 2022 as an itinerant music teacher. We wish him well in his future endeavours.

He performed excellently at the two academic awards ceremonies and he will be remembered for his passion for music for which he was known and respected in the department.

We welcome the new music teacher, Ms Carla Nicholson to the MHS family and wish her all the best.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP:

The induction of the 2022 RCL and guardians was another highlight. Congratulations to these learners who have been recognized as leaders by both their peer group as well the teachers.

Sasha – Lee Lewin and Elise Muyolo were elected as the 2022 head guardians.



RCL -2022

The RCL under the mentorship of Mrs M Barry will drive the *Pay it Forward (PIF)* society. In term 1, they have been extremely involved and were busy with planning and putting together a project on raising awareness on mental health to our learners. In term 2, they will introduce a drive to ask for donations of non-perishable food items to assist those in need.

THE ACADEMIC PORTFOLIO:

Teaching and learning is at the core of every day at MBHS.

To ensure excellence in curriculum delivery:

- all learners will receive a printed assessment booklet each term, with the **assessment timetable** as well as the **Work to be Tested** to enable them to prepare for their assessments and to be guided by the topics that will be assessed in formal tests.
- the *Blended Learning Policy* ensures that teaching and learning happens in class and at home on Google Classroom. MHS will continue to use Google Classroom as a platform to share learning material and to communicate with learners who might be absent with valid reasons as prescribed by the Department of Basic Education. Please support your child to be active on Google Classroom.
- the **SAIC** (School Assessment Irregularity Committee) regulates fairness and honesty in all assessments.

TERM 1 - ACADEMIC REPORTS:

The grades 8 to 12 reports can only be issued at the beginning of term 2. As the school and the whole country return to full-time learning, it is now necessary that the teaching staff meet with parents and guardians to give face-to-face feedback on the academic performance and conduct of learners.

Academic reports **must be collected by an adult parent /(s) or guardians** on the following dates:

1. **Gr 12: Tuesday 5 April 2022**, the evening will start with a compulsory **Grade 12** parents workshop from 6pm to 7pm and reports collection and feedback from all subject teachers from 7pm to 8:30pm.
2. **Gr 10 & 11: Tuesday 5 April 2022** – Reports collection and feedback from all subject teachers from 7pm to 8:30pm.
3. **Gr 8 & 9: Thursday 7 April 2022**, the evening will start with a compulsory **Grade 8** parents workshop from 6pm to 7pm and **Gr 8 & 9** reports collection and feedback from all subject teachers from 7pm to 8:30pm.

NOTE: Reports may **not be issued to learners** at all, therefore we appeal to all parents or guardians to please make arrangements to come and fetch reports and meet the teachers of your child to discuss your child's academic progress.

Analysing your child's academic report:

Please study the results carefully with your child and put measures in place where the results are concerning:

- pay special attention to the work and conduct rating/codes on the report.
- your child must have a homework diary with a copy of the timetable to pack books daily.
- your child must do his/her homework every day;
- children should read every day;
- Mathematics, Maths Literacy and Physics needs to be practised daily;
- your child's subject notebooks should be up to date and indicate the work done in class.
- Parents are allowed to sign and date their children's note books as per daily timetable to support the teaching staff.

The work and conduct ratings are an indication of how your child is behaving and performing academically in individual teachers' classes. If the ratings are poor, please address the issue with your child.

LOOKING BACK TO TERM 1:

In collaboration with Nordic Earth, 60 of our learners participated in a project to plant 2 000 Spekboom plants and 15 Pear trees to beautify our school grounds. The learners participated with an endeavour which will bear fruit for years to come. Our sincere thanks to Anki Riemer and her team for making it possible.

TERM 2 ASSESSMENTS:

- Grade 12 learners will write **mock June Exams** and the exam timetable will be issued in term 2. Feedback on Mock June Exams will be given on a separate report at the beginning of term 3.
- All subjects for Gr 8 to 12 will write term 2 assessments as prescribed by the Department of Basic Education. Learners will receive the assessment booklet with information on Term 2 assessments.
- All learners will be assessed throughout the term and will be expected to attend school until the last day of term 2 on 24 June. As these are formal assessments learners who are absent for an assessment have to hand in a **medical certificate** upon return to school.

TERM 2 EXTRA MURALS:

Extra-murals will commence with our winter codes in term 2. The list of sports and culture available for term 2 is as follows:

Sports: Chess, Cross country, Hockey, Netball, Rugby and Soccer.

Culture: Drama – Poetry/Scriptwriting

Music – Band/Choir/Guitar/Sound

Design – Fashion design/Prop design/Set design/Photography

All learners are encouraged to participate. We trust that we have the full support of all our parents. We would like to encourage everyone to come and support when we have matches.

ABSENTEEISM:

It is most disappointing that there are still learners who stay absent after they have written formal tests. Writing tests never signifies the end of a term. Teaching and learning continues right up to the last day of term. We request that parents, in the best interest of their children's academic performance, stand firm and ensure regular school attendance up to the last day of term.

Please do not make any appointments for your child during school hours. Learners need to be in class to benefit from teaching.

If a learner is absent due to illness, please notify the register teacher using the school Gmail address. Parents must please send a medical certificate to school for absenteeism during formal tests/exam days.

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHING STAFF:

Parents and guardians must be reminded not to request face-to-face meetings with teachers during school hours but rather to contact the Grade Head via the school Gmail address to discuss any concerns. All parents are encouraged to use the school allocated Gmail address when emailing teachers and for the school to streamline communication. Grade 8 parents will be given their school Gmail addresses at the teacher parents meeting at the beginning of term two.

TERM 2 CALENDER:

- The term will start on **DAY 2 - Tuesday 5 April** and end on **Friday 24 June 2022**.
- School starts at 08h00 and the academic day ends at 15h00 on Monday to Thursday and at 12h05 on Friday.
- The day could be extended for extra-mural programme, extra lessons or practicals. Parents/guardians will be informed timeously to make transport arrangements.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Learners wear the winter uniform in term 2 (See the uniform policy attached). Please note learners may **only wear the school jersey** under the blazer or the school all-weather jacket. Any other jacket or clothing item will be confiscated. We appeal to all our families to support the uniform policy and the school code of conduct. We do believe that our learners are proud of their uniform and we would like to ensure that they look presentable and that they take ownership of their uniform.

CELL PHONE POLICY:

Too many cell phones are handed in daily. **A covering letter accompanying the cell phone from parents must be handed in and the cell phone must not be brought to school every day except on the rare occasion. One letter will not suffice for the daily hand in of your child's cell phone.** If the cell phone is not handed in and goes missing, the school will not be held liable.

If a cellphone is confiscated, it will only be returned at the end of term after a R50 penalty is paid and NO EXCEPTIONS will be made. If there is an emergency, the office will contact you.

SCHOOL FEES:

School fees statements will be included in the envelope with your child's report. Please ensure that your child's fees are up to date and make payment arrangements if necessary.

HOLIDAY WISHES:

A sincere thank you to the academic staff who have worked tirelessly to deliver the curriculum to all learners. May they have a restful well-deserved break. Thank you to the office and ground staff for being the backbone of school activities every day and enjoy the break from school.

We trust that every Muizenberg family will have a safe holiday and return refreshed and ready for term two. Please adhere to the COVID protocols at all times.

We wish all Christian families a blessed Easter celebration.

Yours sincerely
P. Cupido
Principal
23 March 2022



REPLY SLIP

(Please cut off and return to the register teacher by Tuesday 5 April 2022)

I/We have read Newsletter N2/2022 and have noted the contents.

Name of Child Grade

Contact Telephone No. E-mail address:

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date 2022