



15 March 2019

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that the end of a very long and very busy first term has come. We want to take this opportunity to thank you, the parents, for the support and dedication you have shown to your children, the staff and our school.

**STAFF NEWS**

It is with a sad heart that we bid farewell to Ms Deane at the end of the first term. We want to thank Ms Deane for all her hard work and commitment to Get Ahead over the years. She will be sorely missed and we wish her well in her future endeavors in Bloemfontein. We welcome Mrs Mbulawa to the staff as she takes over from Ms Deane.

We also say farewell to Mrs Stone at the end of the term. We want to thank Mrs Stone for the motherly way in which she taught the Grade 5 class. Her helpfulness and kindness will be missed. Ms Ihlenveldt joins the staff as the Grade 5.2 teacher from the second term.

Mrs Murray will return from her maternity leave in the second term. We want to thank Mrs Josephs for helping out in the Grade 4 class. We really are blessed with substitute teachers who fill in for our full time staff, and who so capably get the job done.

**ACADEMICS**

Our learners have worked well and have settled down into their respective grades, however there is always room for improvement. We urge you to assist us with homework and to encourage your child to do his or her best EVERY DAY. Homework is an extension of the work that was done in class, and has a very important role in consolidating the work being taught during school time.

It is important to remember that marks are carried through the whole year and therefore one bad term can have a serious impact on the end of year results.

**SPORT**

Our boys and girls have had a busy and fruitful sporting first term. Many of our athletes competed in the Southbourne Athletics Day at the Rec. Special mention must be made of the following athletes who achieved medals in their respective races: Naeviyhad de Koker (silver medal), Sisonke Stemela (2 gold medals) and Inam Ndamase (1 bronze medal). Well done to all the athletes who took part in this event.

The T10 Cricket team made it to the semi-finals. We are very proud of our cricket boys who did so well in this tournament.

**BRANKSOME HALL**

The Branksome Hall girls came for their annual visit to GAP. They worked with the Grade 2, 3 and Grade 6 classes. These young ladies always prepare lessons of the highest quality for our learners to enjoy. Please follow our Facebook page to see what exciting lessons were presented to the children of GAP.

**Makerspace**

We introduced the brand new Makerspace and Computer Lab this year. What a wonderful space for our learners to be in! Mrs Frewen, Ms Alexander and Mrs Jakins, work tirelessly to prepare and present lessons to our children that are hands-on and inspire our learners to think out of the box. Watch this space!

## **FUNDRAISING**

Our big termly fundraiser for the second term is the "Collect-a-coin". Your child would have brought home an empty Twizza bottle with his/her name on the bottle. A letter, explaining how the fundraiser works, was sent home with the bottle. Your child has the whole of the second term to fill the bottle with coins. Please encourage your child to be a part of the fundraising initiative at Get Ahead.

Our Foundation Phase teachers hosted a highly successful and enjoyable Literacy Evening for our parents. Thank you to the teachers for all their hard work in preparing the evening and to all the parents and children that came along to have fun while learning.

Our Intermediate Phase teachers ran a successful Roadhouse. Thank you for all the hard work that goes into these events and to you, the parents and learners, who always support us. We cannot do any of our events or functions without your support.

## **SCHOOL FEES**

Banking details:

**Get Ahead Project Queenstown**

**Standard Bank**

**Branch Code 05112051**

**Cheque Account**

**Account number 082 664 188**

**Reference: Account number (found on the statements)**

## **UNIFORM**

The second and third term are our winter terms. Uniforms can be purchased from the office by Mrs Jakins. The uniform requirements are as follows:

### **GIRLS**

White, long sleeve shirt  
Royal blue school tie  
Red tunic  
Black stockings  
Black school shoes  
School jersey  
Name badge

### **BOYS**

White long sleeve shirt  
Royal blue school tie  
Grey long pants  
Grey long socks  
Black school shoes  
School jersey  
Name badge

Tracksuits may be worn to school. The white long sleeved school shirt and school tie is to be worn with the tracksuit. Pre-School children wear the school tracksuit to school in winter. **The changeover to full winter uniform is 6 May 2019.**

## **ACADEMIC TOP 10 FOR FIRST TERM**

Well done to the following learners for their outstanding academic achievements in the first term.

<b>GRADE 4</b>	<b>GRADE 5</b>	<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>Grade 7</b>
1. Likhona Mguzula	Mbalentle Bezu	Inam Ndamase	Lilitha Mahlakata
2. Okuhle Hexana	Sithabile Mavangwe	Unam Nyila	Kuhle Balintulo
3. Atshoo Ndamase	Ziziqhamo Lucando	Tuelo Melaketso	Thina Fatyela
4. Iminathi Matolweni	Sanelisiwe Mbengo	Simamkele Sifuba	Awonke Saleni
5. Achuma Mafanya	Qama Mapazi	Sonwabise Nyati	Khanti Ntabeni
6. Nyaniso Msutu	Sikhosonke Vananda	Uyathandwa Bottoman	Athenkosi Mjamba
7. Emihle Vlyman	Mihlali Sinukela	Lisakhanya Ngcambe	Abulela Bokweni
8. Anovuyo Nqaba	Oyintando Mbambosi	Uthimna Gqirana	Siphosethu Mtetweni
9. Iviwe Mazaka	Lisakhanya Ngqola	Ibenam Mpolweni	Simnikiwe Qana
10. Esona Mdodana	Uchenna Iloh	Mihlali Tshaka	Ntando Jaxa

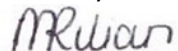
### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT TERM**

Tuesday, 2 April	-	School re-opens 08:00
Monday, 8 April	-	Extra Murals begin
Tuesday, 9 April	-	General Parents Meeting 17:45
Friday, 19 April	-	Freedom Day NO SCHOOL
Monday, 22 April	-	SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Tuesday, 1 May	-	Family Day NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, 1 May	-	Worker's Day NO SCHOOL
Thursday, 9 May	-	School Photographs
<b>Monday, 6 May</b>	-	<b>WINTER UNIFORM</b>
Tuesday, 21 May	-	Mario the Magician (R12 per child)
Wednesday, 22 May	-	Exams Start
Friday, 7 June	-	Exams End
		<b>All Collect-a-Coin Bottles to be returned</b>
Friday, 14 June	-	School closes 10:00

The staff and I wish you a wonderful holiday. Please be safe on the roads and enjoy the break.

We look forward to the second term!

Sincerely



**MRS KILIAN**

**OPERATIONAL HEAD**