

04 December 2019

Dear Parents

We did it! This year has flown by, and definitely been one to remember.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018:

- Our successful Super Hero Fun Run
- Grade 7 Farewell
- Grade R Stepping Up Ceremony
- Foundation Phase and Intersen Phase Prize Giving
- Makerspace into the curriculum
- Exposure of sport and cultural activities for our children

STAFF NEWS

- Ms Deane will be leaving Get Ahead at the end of the year to marry Mr Phillips in the new year. We want to thank Ms Deane for everything she has done for QGAP, and want to wish her well as she starts her new life in Tarkastad.
- Mrs Muller will also be leaving the Get Ahead family at the end of the year. We would like to wish Mrs Muller everything of the best for her new venture and deeply appreciate all her hard work and commitment to our school over the past 5 years.
- Mrs Kabeni gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. We know that he will bring endless love and happiness to their family.
- We welcome Mrs Dickinson to our staff as the Grade 2 teacher.
- Mrs Osorio will be marrying Mr Jacobsen in the holidays. We wish them both well as they start their lives together as a married couple.

Our sincere thanks to all the staff for all their hard work and dedication to their learners and their work. We are blessed with the best!

STAFF COMPLIMENT FOR 2020:

Grade R	Mrs Horn		
Grade 1.1	Mrs Baillie (Grade Head)	Grade 1.2	Mrs Smith
Grade 2.1	Ms Osorio	Grade 2.2	Mrs Dickinson
Grade 3.1	Mrs Murrary (Grade Head)	Grade 3.2	Mrs Naude
Grade 4.1	Mrs Olivier	Grade 4.2	Mrs Simons
Grade 5.1	Ms Qambela/Ms Alexander	Grade 5.2	Ms Ihlenveldt
Grade 6.1	Mrs van Deventer	Grade 6.2	Mrs Kabeni
Grade 7.1	Mrs Adams	Grade 7.2	Ms Mdlangu (Deputy Operational Head)
Art	Mrs Jakins	Makerspace and Computers	Mrs Frewen (Grade Head) and Ms Alexander
Sport	Mr Stofile	isiXhosa	Mrs Qambela

ACACEMICS

The fourth term was a short one, with little teaching time before the final examinations for the term commenced.

SCHOOL FEES

Grade R to Grade 7: R1,400.00 per month

Banking details:

Get Ahead Project Queenstown

Standard Bank

Branch Code 05112051

Cheque Account

Account number 082 664 188

Reference: Account number

Important information: Uniforms will be on sale from the primary school.

STATIONERY AND BOOK PACKS

Stationery and book backs will not be issued to any learners who have not paid the book pack fee (R870.00) by the first day of the school year. A reminder that learners are to have all their necessary textbooks by the first day of the school year. These textbooks are available at BTC and Spectra Upfront.

Learners will be receiving all the books they will need for their respective subjects per grade. They will also be receiving the writing stationery like pen, pencils, rulers and erasers, colouring in pencil crayons. It is of vital importance that parents please label ALL stationery, as it will be the responsibility of the parents to replace stationery should it get lost.

NAME BADGES

No new name badges will be issued to existing Get Ahead learner in 2020. Please ensure that your child's name badge is kept in a safe place during the holidays. The name badge is a **compulsory** part of the school uniform. Name badges can be made at Guard's Jewellers in Robinson Road. Name badges will be issued to all new learners to the school.

GENERAL:

The Grade 7 learners will leaving on Thursday 06 February 2020 to Forestway in Stutterheim for the Leadership Camp. This camp is always a favourite for our Grade 7 learners and we encourage you to allow your child to attend. Please refer all enquiries to Mrs Frewen, Grade Head.

We are very excited to introduce the NeuroNet programme to all our Grade R, 1 and 2 learners. **NeuroNet** is a research-based learning readiness program designed to help students develop fluency in essential reading, math, and handwriting skills. This programme will be run by the individual Grade teachers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays every week.

Get Ahead will be offering Badminton as a new extra mural in 2020. Badminton is a racquet sport played using racquets to hit a shuttlecock across a net. Although it may be played with larger teams, the most common forms of the game are "singles" and "doubles". The sport and cultural extra mural activities offered at Get Ahead will be finalised at the end of the year and will be posted on Facebook and our website. We strongly encourage your children to participate in an activity offered by the school. We have found that learners sign up for a sport or a club, and half way through the term just stop arriving for their activities. Commitment to a sport or a club is an important life skill that will bode well for your child and their futures.

Mrs Frewen will be running a Robotics and Coding Club in 2020. We look forward to this very exciting new chapter in our curriculum. All teachers will also be implementing the STEAM pedagogy into their lessons and we encourage you to follow this exciting way of learning on our Facebook page.

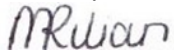
Our official website was launched this year. For further information about the school, please visit the website on getahead.org.za

IMPORTANT 1ST TERM DATES:

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| Wednesday 15 January 2020 | - | School starts for learners at 08:00 |
| Monday 20 January 2020 | - | Top 10 and academic badge assembly Grade 5 - 7
Parent Meet and Greet meeting at 17:30 |
| Tuesday 04 February 2020 | - | Foundation Phase Literacy evening for parents and learners |
| Thursday 06 February 2020 | - | Grade 7 Leadership Camp in Stutterheim |
| Friday 14 February 2020 | - | Valentine's Day Civvies Day and Cake Sale |
| 09 to 13 March 2020 | - | Branksome Hall from Canada school visit |
| Friday 20 March 2020 | - | School closes for the first term |

The staff and I wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May 2020 be a year filled with even more special memories and blessings in abundance.

Sincerely,



**MRS KILIAN
OPERATIONAL HEAD**