

St Patrick's CBC

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Dear Parents/Guardians

GENERAL UPDATE

This photo appeared on our school's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stpatrickscbc>) earlier this week. This is Oratile in Grade 1RT. She drew and wrote this message all by herself. This photo evoked so many different emotions when I saw it the first time – here are some of my thoughts:

1. Everyone longs for the normality of being together at school. It currently feels like we are building a puzzle, but half of the pieces are missing. We miss having all the pupils at school.
2. The sad reality of having to wear masks most of the time, which inadvertently robbed these little ones of the casual and unhindered social interaction that comes naturally for pupils at this age. I pray that this pandemic will not leave permanent emotional scars on any of us.
3. I loved seeing the big smiles on everyone's faces in the picture.
4. Children are so resilient. The Grade 1s are able to write full sentences in August, despite all the challenges they have had to face in their first year of 'big school' (this one filled my heart with joy).
5. **There is ALWAYS something to be thankful for!**



EXAMS

The **High School Exam** commences on **Monday, 31 August** and the **Senior Primary School Exam** on **Monday, 7 September 2020**. The September exams may either be completed at school or at home.

High School exam question papers are to be collected and dropped off at school on Fridays between 12h00 and 18h00 and the Primary School papers between 12h30 and 18h00.

Failure to complete and return them to school during the allocated time will result in the pupil receiving a zero for that assessment and may influence the pupil's progression to the next grade in 2021.

More detailed information and exam scopes were circulated earlier in August.

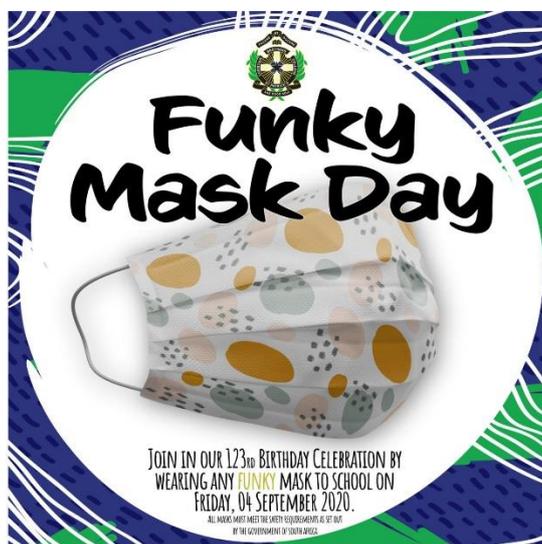
Please be reminded that the **Primary School** (Grades 1-7) will close at **12h30** for the duration of the exams from Monday, 7 September 2020, but will dismiss at normal time for the week 31 August to 4 September 2020.

SPRING DAY

As the pupils are already wearing civvies to school, they may wear **any hat or funny hair accessory** to school on **Tuesday, 1 September 2020** to celebrate the arrival of Spring. This is free of charge.

BIRTHDAY WEEKEND FUNKY MASK DAY

St Patrick's CBC is turning 123 years old next weekend. Sadly, this year there are no inflatable parks or 5-a-side soccer tournaments. COVID-19 regulations unfortunately do not allow for a school family get-together. We do have a few things planned for the day, but pupils may also wear a **civvies mask** to school on **Friday, 4 September 2020** as long as it adheres to government regulations.



BIRTHDAY WEEKEND SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

The annual **High School Special Assembly** will be held at **13h00 on Friday, 4 September 2020**. Unfortunately, this year's assembly will only be presented digitally via Zoom. The **2021 prefects** will be announced at this event. A link will be sent out during the coming week.

Grade 7s are also encouraged to follow the proceedings via Zoom. In previous years, this has always been the first high school event that the Grade 7 pupils were invited to as soon-to-be high school pupils. Even though they will not be able to attend in person this year, we want them to still see 'their' prefects being announced.

CIVVIES

Please be reminded that daily civvies must be **school-appropriate**. Pupils are to avoid dresses/skirts/shorts which are too short, necklines which are too low and pants which hang too low or are too tight.

If, in the opinion of the Head of School and/or the Executive Head, the outfit is inappropriate, the pupil will be requested to be fetched from school in order to rectify the problem.

BOARDERS

15 of our boarders have successfully completed their 2-week quarantine period and would join their peers back at school on Monday. We know that it wasn't easy. We are very proud of you guys.

ACHIEVERS' ASSEMBLIES

As promised, both Achievers' Assemblies at the end of July were recorded. To view, please click on the links below:

<https://youtu.be/51lr2l7VprQ> - St Patrick's CBC Primary School Awards Assembly

<https://youtu.be/Tx59ZXFlh2k> - St Patrick's CBC High School Awards Assembly

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNT

The school's **banking details have changed**. Please only use the FNB account (as per the banking details printed on the monthly fee statement). Payments can be made via **EFT or direct deposit** at FNB.

We also have a **SnapScan** option if you would like to make a card payment via SnapScan.

All you need to do is download the SnapScan App and add a card of your choice to your profile. When you make a payment, scan the code below, put in the amount and reference number, type in your pin and a payment will be made to the school account. Below, please find the QR code for St Patrick's CBC's bank account.



HOLIDAY TIME

Please be reminded that the school closes at **11h00 on Friday, 18 September 2020** for a 2-week holiday.

The **ECD Centre** will remain open for the duration of the holiday, except for the public holiday (Heritage Day) on Thursday, 24 September 2020.

Term 4

Teaching staff return Monday, 05 October 2020

Pupils return Tuesday, 06 October 2020

Pupils close Wednesday, 02 December 2020

Teaching staff close Wednesday, 09 December 2020

ECD Centre close Tuesday, 15 December 2020

Admin staff close Tuesday, 15 December 2020

2021 TEXTBOOK AND STATIONERY LISTS

The **2021 Stationery and Textbooks** lists were sent out earlier this week. Please note that the order forms, along with the proof of payment for the correct amount, should please be submitted to the Finance Office before Monday, 2 November 2020 (accounts@stpatricks.co.za). Please be reminded that St Patrick's CBC is a cash-free zone.

GRADE 9 INFORMATION MEETING

As per the term calendar, an online **Grade 9 Information Meeting** will be held at 19h00 on Wednesday, 9 September 2020. This meeting will specifically focus on the various subject choices for next year. The Zoom link will be sent out closer to the time.

SUPPORT

To all of our CBC family members affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in some or other way, please know that you are not alone. You are welcome to contact me (0828787004 or jtredoux@stpatricks.co.za) or the Support Department (mzwiegers@stpatricks.co.za) at any time.

Even though we make an effort to continuously improve the school, we always value feedback and suggestions.

We are in this together, and we will get through this together.

Yours sincerely



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EXECUTIVE HEAD