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Newsletter 1/18

Welcome back to all our children and parents. This newsletter contains LOADS of INFORMATION, please read carefully!



New arrivals:

Welcome to all the new children and parents who joined us! It is quite normal for you to be concerned and scared! Your little ones will most properly be clingy in the next couple of days. Parents please keep them in the routine by bringing them to school every day and please do not stay too long in the mornings. This will help to settle them as soon as possible. You are welcome to phone us during the day to enquire about their wellbeing.

We have a couple of new children and we want to welcome you all to our school. May your stay in Kidz Inc. be extremely enjoyable!

We welcome the following children:

Baby room : Henco Gryffenberg, Ivan Nkweb, Rae Cala, Steyn van der Spuy

Monkey Class: Izrael Govender, Katleho Leanya, Loyiso Mbolambi, Malachi Mwelwa, Tsholo Matolo, Christopher Vermeulen

Bear Class: Anga Kakaza, Lehlogonolo Chauke, Sienna Marriday, Tash Naidoo, Zaina Nandkoomar

Duck Class : Akhumzi Ngcongolo, Almirah Nkweb, Andreia Chatue, Khwezi Malinga, Skye Meissenheimer

Fish Class : Akeem Madkoto, Ethan Mandimkia, Peyton Marriday, Roana Mandiwana, Zackery Antill

Lion Class : Yousseff Michael



Birthdays:

Congratulations to all the children and parents who had their birthdays over the festive season! We hope you all had a wonderful, special day.

The following staff and children celebrate their birthdays in January. Congratulations!

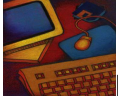
January :
1: Caleb van Tonder
4: Steyn van der Spuy
5: Francinah (cook),
7: Teacher Natasha, Lenah (Fish Class Assistant)
13: Priscilla (Monkey class assistant)
15: Rijger Smith
17: Zitha Mlotshwa
19: Palesa Lyones
23: Kaboentle Kole
24: Ongeziwe Nyathi
25: Araniya Gokul
27: Azmeer Aziz, Christopher Vermeulen

May your day be filled with lots of joy and surprises!

Please remember to donate a story book to our school library on your birthday.

Guidelines for your child's birthday celebration at school will be emailed to you ahead of the time. Kindly read through this carefully and please adhere to the guidelines.

Remember to ask your class teacher for the number of children in the class should you want to celebrate the birthday at school.



From the office:

Staff lay out for 2018 as follows:

Owner/Principal:	Tanya Bothma
Baby room :	Babra Mncube, Fridah Masemola, Maria Pade, Francina Teffo
Monkey Class :	Dineo Mosia, Sandy Alexander (teachers) and Priscilla Mzweleza (assistant)
Bear Class :	Elsabe Oosthuizen, Idah Maphala and Lucy Sibanda
Duck Class :	Natasha Klopper, Lizzy Jele
Fish Class :	Janet Maduray, Lenah Mfulwane
Lion Class/Grade R :	Clair Eatwell, Rebone Matlaila
Kitchen :	Francinah Koloago
General :	Elena Madisa

You are welcome to address any uncertainties directly with your child's teacher or with myself. We will try our utmost best to sort out problems as quickly and efficiently as possible. I am available daily from 08h00 to 16h00. (Fridays 08h00 – 14h00). If I am not available at the school, please feel free to contact me on my cell phone (083 302 4209) should you need to get hold of me.



Congratulations to Idah who was awarded Employee of the Year 2017.

School hours: To all our early bird parents : Please note that the school opens at 06h30 and the gates will only be unlocked at this time. The teacher on early morning duty arrives at 06h20 and needs a few minutes to prepare for your arrival.

Half day enrolments: A friendly reminder that half day ends at 14h00. Should you arrive later than the set time, you will be invoiced for aftercare. Cost is R50 per hour or part of.

Half day parents may pick up between 13h55 and 14h15. Please **do not arrive** earlier as the children are sleeping and are often disturbed and woken up. If you need to collect your child at an earlier time, kindly contact us to make the relevant arrangements.

Our school closes at 17h30 sharp and we request that you make sure that you arrive on time. We still allow for pick up between 17h30 and 17h45. **PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE LATER THAN THIS TIME.** A late arrival penalty will be charged should you collect your child late.

17h50 – 18h00 = R50.00

18h00 – 18h15 = R100.00

18h15 – 18h30 = R200.00

18h30 and later =R500.00

Parents meeting : A compulsory meeting for **all NEW parents** and parents whose children joined Kidz Inc. late in 2017, is scheduled for **Monday 22 January at 18h00.** You are welcome to bring your children along as we will provide supervision for them.

This is an important meeting where the policies and procedures of the school are discussed in depth! Please make sure that at least one parent attends!

Extra mural lessons: Please note the dates and times for demo lessons next week. Enrolment forms will be placed in the postbags. Enrolling in extra murals is not compulsory and I suggest that you do not enroll in more than 2 activities.

Grade R children are all automatically enrolled with Stimuzone computers as this is part of the Grade R curriculum. Grade R children may only enroll in ONE additional extra mural activity so that they do not spend too many hours outside of the classroom and missing out on important learning areas.

All completed forms must be returned to school. I will hand it over to the extra mural contractors.
Payments are made to the extra mural activity directly.

Please note that all children **have to re-enroll** in the activities even if you have taken part in the past. Swimming lessons are offered twice weekly although not on our premises. The children are transported to the pool in Robin Hills. Swimming forms can be obtained from the office.

Demo lesson times and weekly lesson times for 2018 will be as follows:

Experi buddies (Science lessons) :	Demo: Monday 22 January Lessons : Mondays at 09h30 for the Fishes and Lions
Stimuzone Computers :	Demo : Monday 22 January Lessons: Monday at 11h00 for the Fishes and Lions
Swimming lessons :	Tuesdays and Fridays from 08h00
Move (Ballet lessons) :	Demo : Wednesday 24 January Lessons: Wednesday at 8h45 for the Ducks, Fishes and Lions
Music Box :	Demo : Thursday 25 January Lessons : Thursday at 08h30 for the Monkeys, Bears, Ducks, Fishes and Lions
Soccer Starz :	Demo: Thursday 25 January Lessons: Thursday at 11h00 for the Ducks, Fishes and Lions
Rugga kids :	Demo : Friday 26 January Lessons : Friday at 11h00 for the Ducks, Fishes and Lions
Sporty girls :	Demo : Friday 26 January 15, 2018 Lessons: Friday at 11h00 for the Ducks, Fishes and Lions

Leo's Puppet theatre: The educational show "My 5 senses" will take place on Wednesday 24 January as part of our theme "My body and I". The cost of R40.00 for the show will be invoiced on your February account.

Security: The safety and security of our children is as much your responsibility as it is ours. Please do not leave the gates open! Our access gates should lock automatically – if this is not the case PLEASE bring it to our attention. Please do not wait for other "parents" in the parking lot to give them access through the gates. They may not be parents! If they are, they will have the access codes. Access codes will be changed from time to time. Please do not allow your children to put in the codes.

Class T shirts and Floppy Hats: Each child has received his/her new class t-shirt and new children also received their sun hat. (Unfortunately, this does not include the Baby room. The Monkey class receives shirts only, no hats)

Cost for the T-shirts are R65.00 and R90.00 for the **hats**. These will be invoiced on your next account. Hats stay at school. **Shirts must be worn on Mondays and Fridays**. Should you wish to order extra T-shirts, kindly ask your class teacher.

Art files: Each child receives an art file for all the artwork done in the class. The art files are sent home at the end of the term. You will be invoiced R15.00 on your February invoice for the cost.

Worksheet files: The Lion and Fish classes receive worksheet files. Cost of R20.00 will be invoiced on the February account.

The Fish class will use the same file for the whole year. The Grade R children will receive a new file for each term.

Summary of extras on the February accounts :

Puppet show	R40.00
T-shirt	R65.00
Sun hat	R95.00 (new children and Bears)
Art file	R15.00
Worksheet file	R20.00(Fish and Lion classes)
Grade R Homework File	R120.00 (R60 for term 2, 3 and 4)

Tuck Shop: We have a small tuck shop on Friday afternoons for the older children (Duck, Fish and Lion Classes). They may bring money along to buy from the tuck shop on Fridays only. Please make sure that monies are handed over to the staff for safe keeping. This tuck shop is not compulsory and you do not need to send money every week.

Year program: Our year program is included in this newsletter. Keep it on hand as many activities take place each month. Please diarize public holidays and school holidays when Kidz Inc. will be closed. Although all dates have been set, it may happen that we need to change dates. You will be advised of any changes as soon as possible. More detailed info will be given in newsletters on the different activities.

Snacks : A SMALL SNACK IS SUFFICIENT! Only sandwiches, fruit (already cut and peeled!), yoghurt and crackers (provita, tuc, salti crax etc.) are allowed. Please do not send sweets, biscuits (including mini maries, tennis, eat-sum-mores), tinkies, chips etc. No water, cool drink or juice, please!!!! We will provide. Babies/Monkeys only need a yoghurt per day. All other snacks will be provided by the school.

Please refrain from sending your child with sandwiches, biscuits, dry cereal and such when dropping them off at school! I do understand that most of you spend long periods in the car due to the traffic, but please leave uneaten food behind in the car. We follow a strict rule of sitting down while eating (choking hazard) and this is not possible in the mornings when the staff is busy receiving children and helping parents.

Newsletters : Newsletters will be emailed to both parents this year and a hard copy will be placed in your postbag outside the front door or just inside the door of Monkey class for the Monkeys and babies. Please check yours on a regular basis! There are postbags for siblings – please check if you have more than one child attending Kidz Inc.

Kindly refrain from placing pamphlets etc. in the bags. Should you wish to distribute info to other parents, this should be done via the office.

Girls clothing and hair: All girls **MUST** wear their long hair tied into ponies. We would also like to request that the girls preferably wear shorts and **NOT** dresses, skirts or one piece suits (cat suit). Should they wear a dress or skirt, please put shorts on underneath. Girls are only allowed small earrings/studs. **No other jewelry** such as bracelets and chains are allowed. We appreciate your cooperation.

Boys: Please do not dress your child in dungarees or pants with belts. The children struggle to undo these when using the bathroom and end up having accidents.

Shoes: We prefer that the children go barefoot in summer. Should your child arrive with shoes, kindly take it off when you put their bags away.

ALL CLOTHING SHOULD BE MARKED, SHOES INCLUDED!

Please make sure that an extra set of clothes is packed daily (an old set that can stay in the bag is perfect). It is extremely difficult when a child has an accident and we do not have clothes!

Medicine: No vitamins will be given at school. Only prescribed medicine will be given and only if it is written in the medicine file. Please do not leave ANY medication in your child's bag. Kindly apply sun block before you leave home.

Signing in and out: Kindly remember to sign in and out every day!

Please address any queries, concerns or problems with myself or your class teacher. We are here to care and prepare your child/baby for the big world out there.



Regards,

Tanya