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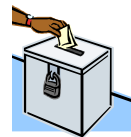
Dear Parents

At the beginning of 2012 we would like to wish you all welcome at our school. This year we will strive for excellence and achieve top results academically, culturally and on the sports field.

Parents play a vital role in our school's achievements and we urge you to attend sports meetings, parents' days and parents' meetings on a regular basis. Involvement shows support !

School Governing Body

During **March** of this year the new School Governing Body will be elected. This is the body responsible for finances and policies of our school. Parents are elected through a democratic process for a term of three years. The SGB meet once per term on average at the school. Parents with a passion for the education of their children are called upon to be available for election.



Please take note of the following dates :

- 03 February 2012 Notice of SGB elections
- 24 February 2012 Closing dates for nominations for candidates
- 02 March 2012 Profiles available for parents' perusal
- To be confirmed Elections

Nampo



All Grade 12 AMP and Agricultural Technology learners who wish to attend Nampo at Bothaville from 15 – 17 May 2012 should pay R600 towards travelling, entrance fees and refreshments.



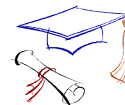
Please pay into the school account FNB 260347 (Bela Bela) a/c #54200017092

Youth Show - Mr C Smit

Learners who wish to join the Youth Show Club must please bring R150.00 for the annual subscription

Results for 2011

We achieved a 95.4% pass rate for Matrics with 18 distinctions from 66 candidates. Two learners did not meet the minimum requirements and one learner was unable to complete the exams. They will write the supplementary exams and we are confident this will bring our pass rate to 100% !



Staff Matters

For the first time in many years we started the new academic year without any staff changes !

Academic + General

- All school books must be covered with paper and plastic when learners return after this CoW weekend
- Please ensure that learners return with the correct school uniform and any outstanding stationery they did not have at the beginning of the term
- A proper bookcase will protect books and stationery from being damaged



Cell Phones

Despite parents and learners being told on numerous occasions there are many junior learners who have cell phones in their possession. If these are used in the classrooms, prep halls or dining hall, they will be confiscated



Compulsory Out Week-Ends

Please note that **no supper** is served on the Sunday of a CoW. Please send a packed 'healthy' meal with your child to eat on arrival at school, as they will only get breakfast on the following Monday morning.

- **All learners must be back at school on the Sunday afternoon by 17.00**
- **Full uniform is a ruling no matter what the mode of transport the child uses**



Valentines' Day

This year it is the honour of our Netball Girls that will be touring to Mauritius, to host this prestigious event. *Fire and Ice* is the theme. Entrance will be R30.00 single and R50.00 per couple.



Special valentines gifts will also be on sale

Uniform – (School + Other)

Please ensure that your child has the correct and enough changes of uniform to make life easier for them in the residence. The juniors wear the blue shorts and golf shirt every afternoon and all weekend so not less than **three changes** are needed. There are washing machines in each residence and the main laundry is available on certain days. When the learner leaves or returns to the school they must be in full uniform and that includes school shoes not **slip-slops or slippers**. Parents please assist us in this matter.

Our athletes and supporters wear their regulations and tracksuits to all sporting events. Parents must please ensure that all learners follow the dress code of the school. They must wear the different colour golf shirts for different events so **1 red 1 green and 1 blue shirt** is required.

It is also important that your child has the necessary sports clothing such as running shoes, togs for rugby and soccer as well as socks and shorts. It becomes a problem when we go to meetings and some of the learners don't have the correct sports uniform.

We would like our school to be seen as a unity. Thank you for your co-operation.

Adopt a Team



This year we want to launch a project where parents can adopt a team and assist them with sponsorships for equipment and kit i.e. jerseys : dresses : kit. This will work out at about R5 000 per team. If your child is playing in a specific team and you feel that you are able to support, no matter what the amount, please contact Mr Hattingh on 083 310 0369. Your name or your company name can be printed on the equipment.

T 20 Cricket



Our T20 Cricket team played in the semi-finals of the Limpopo league on Monday, 30 January. They performed very well and did their very best. Unfortunately they could not manage to ensure a positive result. Thank you to these dedicated boys for all their hard work during the season.

Rugby and Netball Practice



Next week we will start practising netball and rugby. Please make sure that you bring the correct gear to participate. We want to start the season with the same enthusiasm as we did with the athletics. Our first match is on 25 February 2012 against Noorderland on home ground.

Please encourage your child to take part in sport !

Athletics - Inter-house

After the long holiday we had to get training with the athletics immediately. It all started with a bang. The crows, hawks and owls were all ready for the battle. Each team equipped with their own war cry and motivated by a Grade 12 learner, showed us what sport is all about !

The day was a huge success. We had 347 athletes participating all hoping for either a gold, silver or bronze medal. Some of the athletes began to look like Christmas trees with all the medals worn proudly around their necks !

We would firstly like to thank all the staff involved in coaching, for assisting as officials and for all their encouragement.

The Class of 2012 we thank you ! You made such a huge difference

The OWLS won the trophy for the first time in 8 years ! Congratulations ! As for the best team spirit there was no competition for the HAWKS !

Congratulations to the following learners:

Zinhle Nkosi	Junior Victrix Ludorum
Samuel Meela	Junior Victor Ludorum
Masemola Mathabo	Senior Victrix Ludorum
Tumisang Ngako	Senior Victor Ludorum



Saturday 28 January, immediately after the inter-high on Friday, we went to Pretoria Technical High to participate in a friendly meeting. All 64 athletes did so well in their events. We competed against Pretoria Technical High, Clapham High and Primrose High.



Athletics - Inter-high

Our next big event will be the Inter-high on Saturday, 11 February 2012 at Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane. This will be the biggest athletics meeting we have ever had in the history of Settlers. There will be about 150 athletes that will be taking part. We would like to encourage parents to come and support the athletes on this special day.

We would also use this opportunity to ask any parents that could assist us with sponsorships for our new athletics outfits. At this point we do not have a proper athletics uniform for participation in the Inter-high. We would really like to make a good impression. This is a prestige event and we must look our best. The total cost of the uniform will be in the order of R11 000 and it will stay the property of the school. The 'logo' of your company can be printed or embroidered on the clothing.

Please contact Mr Hattingh if you can help in any way no matter how small at : 083 310 0369

Good luck to all the athletes !



Learners Accounts

Parents who have access to e-mail please supply your e-mail address so that statements can be mailed to you directly thereby allowing you to have updated accounts and records at all times.

Please e-mail details to Mr T Malatsi at : **finance@settlers.co.za**

Telephone

Telephone Numbers	014 – 001 7022 / 23 / 24 / 25
School and Residence Matters	078 3669470 081 4055881 (Admin Office Switchboard)
(Admin Office Cell)	082 0622267

- Bank Accounts**

There still seems to be confusion regarding the different bank accounts :

First National Bank Current Accounts Branch #260 347 Bela Bela	Settlers Agricultural High School - Settlers
Residence account	62258017162
School Fee account	54200017092
Uniform account	54200017117
Books and Stationery account	54200017117
Bus account	54200017117

Fax # General Matters	086 515 8462
Fax # Bus Account	086 542 5002

- School Transport ***** (Bookings 5 days before departure)**

Buses leave the school at approximately 14.15	
Builders Discount Zambezi Drive (Bus 1)	Approximate Arrival Time : 16.30
Midrand One Star Garage	Approximate Arrival Time : 17.00
Edenvale Hyper-rama (Bus 2)	Approximate Arrival Time : 17.00
Southgate Hyper-rama	Approximate Arrival Time : 17.30

Sunday : Southgate	Departs : 15.00
Sunday : Edenvale	Departs : 15.20
Sunday : Midrand	Departs : 15.00
Sunday : Zambezi Drive	Departs : 15.20

The transport for Lebowakgomo and Polokwane as follows:

Friday : Lebogokgomo / Polokwane	Departs : Approximately 14.15
Sunday : Polokwane / Lebowakgomo / Settlers	Departs : Discuss with driver
Banking Details : First National Bank Current Account Bela Bela 260 347 Selake Transport Services 62197535639	Contact : Connie Pholosi 073 044 2654 Fax # 086 542 5002

Enjoy this first CoW week-end of 2012 with your child

Yours faithfully

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Principal

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Newsletter Committee