



Beginning of Term I 2024

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Dear Parents/Guardians

It is my pleasure to communicate to you dear parents/guardians through the Newsletter once again. We have now gone past halfway through this short term. The new students/learners have settled in so well and already in the swing of the daily routines. All the learners are busy with activities. What a good start to the term and year we had. The learners are busy both inside and outside the classrooms and on the Sports field. I urge you parents to encourage the children to participate in the sporting and cultural activities. Our aim as Goldridge Primary is to produce a rounded student, physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

I really appreciate parents who give maximum support to their children. Communication with the class teacher is key as well as ensuring your children have done the assignments and hand them on time. The teaching staff are committed to excellence. They are ready to discuss any issues pertaining to your child/children if any appointment is made with the child's teacher through the office.

PREFECTS CAMP

The 2024 prefects attended a three day Leadership Training course at Jabulani Safaris on the 19th to 21st of January 2024. The team is well equipped to execute its duties effectively and efficiently. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the top leaders of the Prefects Team for 2024. These are as follows:-

Headboy – Valentine Mutatu
Vice Headboy – Prince Matore
Headgirl – Vishwaben Pandya

Vice Headgirl – Shanelle Matina

I wish them a very productive and successful 2024 as they lead the team.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Wellness issues are achieved by a combination of emotional, environmental, mental, physical, social and spiritual health.

SANITIZATION BREAK

On Monday 19th and 20th of February 2024, the school will be under a sanitization programme. Students will be home. The 21st of February 2024 is public holiday, Youth Day therefore pupils will commence lessons on Thursday 22nd of February 2024. Enjoy the short break with your loved ones. God bless.

The school would like to appreciate dental services that were offered by Dr Tsanga to all learners.

Mrs Muvango also came to give an awareness to the learners about Cholera and hygiene issues. This is most appreciated on the services they rendered.

INFANTS DEPARTMENT

All the learners have settled into their class routines with their new teachers. The grade ones have quickly adjusted to the routine of Primary school life.

The grade twos are in the swing of afternoon activities. I would like to thank all the parents and guardians for helping the learners with reading and homework. To the Grade One and Grade seven parents/guardians, thank you very much for the donation of cakes on Valentine's Day. We really appreciate your unwavering support.

COMPLIMENTS OF 2024 FROM THE SDC.

The SDC is a body responsible for sourcing resources for development and improving the welfare of our children.

In 2024 SDC looks forward to work together with all parents on various fundraising and development projects.

The SDC is made up of parents who have volunteered to work on developing the school. The committee is chaired by:

- Mr Chakanyuka,
- Vice chair, Mrs Mutemi
- Treasurer, Mr Chiunda
- Secretary, Dr Tavashure.

The door is open, and any parent is welcome so that we build our school together.

The SDC has several developmental projects lined up. For Term 1, 2024, the committee's priority is to purchase a good generator for the school. Thank you to all the parents for the overwhelming support during the Valentines event, we look forward to your continued support throughout the year.

UPPER SCHOOL

It has been a busy start to the term trying to reconcile the academics, the sporting and cultural activities. Most of the pupils have started on a good note and have made Goldridge their home.

Last week, was our Shona week which proved to be very successful and enjoyable. Learners enjoyed bringing in traditional foods as a way of valuing tradition and the importance of good nutrition. Such cultural appreciation of traditional foods should be taught to our children so as to embrace their culture.

Thank you, parents, for working hard in supervising the learners and ensuring the teachers efforts are complimented. However, there are still a few learners who need to be assisted throughout as they need close supervision.

Grade 5-7 parents are urged to have a heart-to-heart chat with their children on issues of discipline, hygiene, growing up and other important principles of life, stewardship, honesty, and other virtues.

HOME ENVIRONMENT

Now that the home is a learning environment in this era, it is mandatory that it is made conducive for learning with little or no disturbance at all. This allows effectiveness and smooth flow of academic activities.

As parents you are also urged to take time to check on feedbacks from the class teacher, as this enables you to be acquainted with your child's progress. We continue to value your unwavering support to the school. May you enjoy the mid-term break with your children.

LOST AND FOUND PROPERTY

There is a lot of lost and found uniform items in the Art room. It is disturbing the rate at which students are losing their belongings. Please may we ensure that all clothing items are labelled and checked as soon as the children come home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Grade 3 Trip to Great Zimbabwe
- Grade 1 Trip to Eye for the Wild
- Consultation – (Grade 1-7)
- Interhouse Choral Competitions
- Interhouse Public Speaking

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Fillies Tennis played at Bryden

- Bryden A 5 Goldridge A 3
- Bryden B 6 Goldridge B 2

Senior Tennis

- Singles - Goldridge A 0 Bryden A 8
- Doubles - Goldridge A 0 Bryden A 4

- Bryden B 5 Goldridge B 2
- Singles - Bryden B 2 Goldridge B 3

1st XI Cricket

- Bryden 205/4 Goldridge 43 All out
- Goldridge lost by 162 runs

2nd XI Cricket

- Bryden 105/7 Goldridge 66/4
- Goldridge lost by 39 runs

Colts Cricket - Goldridge A 35/9 Bryden A 135/5

- Goldridge vs Camelot

Colts cricket

- Camelot 45/7 Goldridge 46/2
- Goldridge won by 8 wickets.

Fillies Tennis

- Goldridge 7 Camelot 2

Senior Tennis

- Singles - Goldridge 6 Camelot 2
- Doubles - Goldridge 2 Camelot 8

Senior Cricket

- Goldridge 164/10 Camelot 32/10
- Goldridge won by 132 runs

Camelot Invitational Cross Country

- 1 Camelot 130
- 2 MCS 158
- 3 Goldridge 293
- 4 Alletta 351

MCS Senior Tennis Team Festival

- 1st MCS A
- 2nd Camelot
- 3rd Carmel
- 4th Goldridge
- 5th St Thomas
- 6th MCS B

MCS T 12 1st Team Cricket Festival

Goldridge 91/3 M.C.S. B 49/9

Goldridge 105/6 Carmel 106/1
Carmel won by 9 wickets

3rd place play off

Goldridge 80/6 M.C.S. 81/5

M.C.S. won by 5 wickets.

Goldridge 4 out of 6 schools overall.