

NEW ENGLAND PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 3/2018

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Dear Moms and Dads,

Welcome back everyone. It is wonderful to have everyone back safely, and to have the sounds of happy children filling the school again.

2018 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Your Committee for 2018 are:
Carol Kheswa (Treasurer)
Nondumiso Mphambo (Chairperson)
Simphiwe Ndlovu (Vice Chairman)
Megan Martin
Nosipho Biyela
Noella Kashasha
Nosipho Moya
Thabani Mpanza
Amanda Zokwe
Toni Puttick
Avril White
Bronwyn Hodge

Thank you all for volunteering your time to our school. It is going to be a good year!

THANK YOU: Ethan Naidoo (Giraffe Group) for your kind donation of plastic trays etc. Kayla McCabe (Parrot Group) for your kind donation of books and to Granny for the lovely shells. To those who have collected & sent in goodies for Arts & Crafts thank you and **PLEASE KEEP COLLECTING – tins and pretty printed serviettes.**

CONDOLENCES: Our heartfelt sympathy to the following families:
Zuhayr Dawood (Giraffe) and family on the loss of their beloved granddad and father;
and Ayabusiwa Phoswa (Dolphin) and family on the loss of their uncle and brother.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!

CONGRATULATIONS: To the following parents:
Lwandle Sibiyi (Hippo) and family on the arrival of their precious brother and son;
Khwezi Mncube (Parrot) and family on the arrival of your precious brother and son;
Shalaiya Singh (Giraffe) and family on the birth of their precious sister and daughter;
and Simesihle Zibula (Rhino) and family on the birth of your precious sister and daughter.
May these precious little angels bring you all much of joy!

STAFF NEWS:

- As many of you are aware Storm Bothma (Croco Group teacher) will be going on maternity leave at the end of the term. Mrs Eileen Hall will be teaching the Croco Group in her absence. We wish Storm everything of the best and look forward to meeting the newest member of the NEPP family!
 - I am sure you all join us in congratulating Juli-Anne Sparg and Rudy Botha on their marriage in the holiday. We wish you both many, many happy years together.
 - We will sadly be saying farewell to Mrs Botha (nee Sparg), Giraffe Group teacher at the end of April. We wish her much happiness and success as she begins this new chapter of her life.
- Miss Jade Hodgkinson has been employed to teach the Giraffe Group. She will be joining our staff on 14 May, as she needs to give notice. Mrs Hall, will be teaching the Giraffe Group until then.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL:** **FUN DAY:** Dress as your favourite Pet/Family member.
- THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL:** **ARTS AND CRAFTS:** We will be introducing our second batch of arts & crafts for the children to choose from.
- FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL:** Freedom Day
- MONDAY, 30TH APRIL:** School holiday
- TUESDAY, 1ST MAY:** Workers Day
- WEDNESDAY, 2ND MAY:** **SEAN THORNTON-DIBB OF “ MOMENTS FOREVER”** will be coming to take individual and group photographs of the children. These will be taken over 2 days as follows:
- THURSDAY, 3RD MAY:**
- WEDNESDAY, 2ND MAY:** Hippo, Parrot & Dolphin Groups
- THURSDAY, 3RD MAY:** Giraffe, Rhino & Croco Groups
- Please note:** You have each paid for **1(ONE)** set of photographs in your sundry expenses. If more than one set is required please fill out the tear off slip and return it by **Monday 23rd April. R90** per extra set of photos will be charged to your account.
- FRIDAY, 4TH MAY:** **HEARING TESTS FOR RHINOS & CROCOS:** – **NB: Croco and Rhino parents:** the cost of this is included in your sundry charges, but please return your permission slips.
- OTHER GROUPS:** Should anyone from any other class want to have their child’s hearing screened please ask the teacher for a permission slip and **R110** will be charged to your account.
- WEDNESDAY, 9TH MAY:** **HIPPO & PARROT GROUPS HOME VISIT:** If you would like to open your home to your child’s group please speak to your teacher. If you are able to help with transport please return outing slips asap. Thank you.
- THURSDAY, 10TH MAY:** **MOTHERS EVENING, 6pm-8pm** – We hope many moms will be able to join us for a couple of uninterrupted hours of “pre-school pleasure” with your New England child! Snacks and hot chocolate will be served. **NB: Don’t forget to bring your child! (No siblings if possible) Please RSVP for catering purposes.**
- FRIDAY, 11TH MAY:** **SLIPPER DAY - Please support Reach for a Dream by purchasing a sticker.**
- SUNDAY, 13TH MAY:** **HAPPY MOTHERS DAY** to all our Moms and Grannies!
- THURSDAY, 17TH MAY:** A **FIRE ENGINE** will be coming to school at 9:00am to extend our “Jobs people do” theme.
- FRIDAY, 18TH MAY:** **GARDENING DAY:** We will be having a gardening day to extend our “Jobs people do” theme. Each Group will have a section in the garden which they will “beautify” as a class. Details to follow shortly.
- TUESDAY, 22ND MAY:** **FUN DAY:** Children may come dressed as a Community Helper / Sports player.
- FRIDAY, 25TH MAY:** **TEKKIE TAX DAY:** Thea will be selling stickers / shoelaces. Please support this worthwhile cause. Stickers – R10.00; Shoelaces + sticker – R35.00;
- SUNDAY, 10TH JUNE:** Good luck to all our Comrades Runners! ☺
- WEDNESDAY, 13TH JUNE:** Educate & Fascinate will be doing a 5 senses show at 9:00am to extend our last two themes of the term.
- THURSDAY, 14TH JUNE:** **FATHERS EVENING: 6pm-8pm** – We invite all fathers to spend this evening at school with their New England children. We hope all dads will join in the fun of this special evening. There will be snacks and hot chocolate. Please fill in and return the tear off slip by Monday, 5th June for catering purposes. Thank you. **NB: Don’t forget to bring your child! (No siblings if possible)**

FRIDAY, 15TH JUNE: Miss Bothma will be having a party with the Croco Group to celebrate her birthday. Details to follow in the Croco's books.

SUNDAY, 17TH JUNE: **HAPPY FATHERS DAY** to all our Dads and Grandpas!
Happy birthday, Miss Bothma!

THURSDAY, 21ST JUNE: Mrs James will be having a party with the Dolphin Group to celebrate her birthday. Details to follow in the Dolphin's books.

FRIDAY, 23RD JUNE: SCHOOL CLOSSES at 10.30am for the holidays – aftercare as usual.

FRIDAY, 29TH JUNE: Happy Birthday, Mrs Puttick!

FRIDAY, 6TH JULY: Happy Birthday, Mrs James!

FRIDAY, 7TH JULY: Happy Birthday, Mama Sarah!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INSTALL THE D6 ONTO YOUR MOBILES AND / OR COMPUTERS, IN ORDER FOR US TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNICATION WITH YOU. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU

SCHOOL RE-OPENS: Tuesday 17th July

GENERAL:

SCHOOLING 2019: **NB: Hippo, Parrot, Dolphin & Giraffe Group Parents:**
Kindly fill in the tear off slip and return to school asap, to secure a space for your child for next year. Thank you.

MY SCHOOL CARD: Please remember to swipe them wherever and whenever you see the **My School** sticker on the till!

Thank you again for your never ending support. We hope you will find the time to enjoy at least one of the exciting events we have planned for this term.

If you have any concerns regarding your child or any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve our programme, please remember that my door is always open. If I do not know you have a problem I cannot help you find a solution, so please chat to me rather than share it in the car park. Thank you.

'Til next time
God Bless
Warm Regards

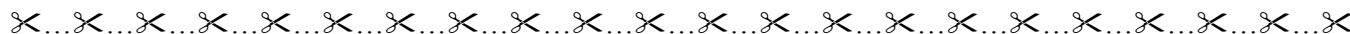
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CHILDREN'S PHOTOS

Child's name: _____ Group: _____

All children will have their photographs and class photographs taken. These you have already paid for. **If you would like additional sets or photographs** or of siblings together please mark the appropriate boxes and return this slip by **Monday, 23rd April**. **R90** will be charged to your account.

- I would like an additional set.
- I would like an additional set taken of my children together.



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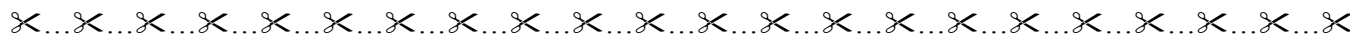
Please tick the appropriate block and return by **Friday, 11th May**. Thank you.

Child's name: _____ Group: _____

1. will be returning to New England in 2019, please keep a place for him / her
2. will **NOT** be returning to New England in 2019, as they will be moving on to _____
3. I am waiting to hear if he / she has been accepted at _____ (name of school)

If we do not receive your slip, we will presume that your child **will not** be returning next year, and **will not** need a place for 2019.

SIGNED : _____ DATE : _____



MOTHER'S EVENING: Thursday 10th May: 6pm – 8pm

Name: _____ Group: _____

Please would you fill out and return by **Friday, 4th May** to assist us with numbers for catering purposes.

- My child and I will be attending.
- We will unfortunately not be able to attend.



FATHER'S EVENING: Thursday 14th June: 6pm – 8pm

Name: _____ Group: _____

Please would you fill out and return by **Friday, 8th June** to assist us with numbers for catering purposes.

- My child and I will be attending.
- We will unfortunately not be able to attend.