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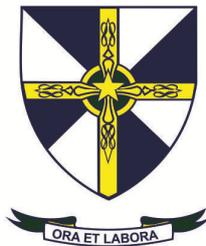
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NEWSLETTER NO 2**4 March 2016**

Dear Veritas College Families

Our Mid-Term Break is behind us and we look forward to the last stretch of Term 1. With a change in weather comes a change in our sporting codes and Netball and Soccer will soon be taking over from the very busy Swimming and Cricket season. Sports' practises are in full swing and academically the learners should be completing tasks and preparing for tests in order to attain good **CASS** (Continuous Assessment) results.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Ash Wednesday Mass, on the 10th of February, marked the beginning of Lent. The 40 day period of Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God. During our Religious Education periods the teachers will be engaging the children in various Lenten activities.

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

The easiest explanation, which can be given to families and friends who are not Catholic or who do not attend a Catholic School, would be something like this:

Q: Hey, your forehead's dirty. What's that on your forehead?

A: Ashes...they're from church.

Q: Why did your church put dirt on your forehead?

A: It's not dirt; they're ashes. Today's Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Catholics wear ashes to show that we want to change to get ready for Easter.

Q: Are they supposed to be in a shape or something? Just looks like a smudge to me.

A: It's supposed to be in the shape of a cross – like the one that Jesus died on.

Q: So you think you're something special because you're wearing ashes on your forehead?

A: No, just the opposite. It shows that without God, this is all we are – ashes. It's a way of admitting how much we need God.

Q: So how're you going change...going to become all holy on us?

A: Just trying to become what God wants me to be...a good person.

Q: I hear you guys give up stuff for Lent too. What for?

A: Giving up stuff – like snacks or watching TV or swearing – is kind of like exercise – it's hard work but it makes us stronger.

Q: So you can't have any fun for how long?

A: I can still have fun, I'm just going to be doing some stuff a little differently for 40 days...that's how long until Easter.

Q: Then you can go back to being your old self?

A: No, that's the point, hopefully I'll be an even better version of myself!



PRE-PREPARATORY NEWS

- Our annual **Pre-Preparatory Mini Sports Day** will take place on Saturday, 2 April on the Preparatory Sports' Field. Parents are requested to diarise this very special and exciting day.

FOUNDATION PHASE

- **Extra Mural Activities:**

We would like to thank all the learners who participated in the Swimming Programme during the swimming season thus far. They are still swimming during Physical Education as we are preparing for our **Fun Gala** which will take place next week **Friday, 11 March**. More details will follow soon.

Our **Netball & Soccer** practices have already started. Please encourage your child to participate & make the necessary transport arrangements.

- **School Attendance:**

One of the most important aspects of school is that it is organized, scheduled and predictable. Learners depend on the structure of the day. They know the main purpose for being in school is to learn and that routines are in place precisely to help them focus on that learning. When learners are repeatedly late or absent, these routines are disrupted.

Children who are often late /absent have trouble settling in and mastering routines. Lateness can disrupt their whole morning or even their day, especially if the late commute to school was stressful. The social experience has a powerful impact on a child's feelings about school and the ability to be academically successful. When a child continuously shows up late to class, other learners are distracted. Attention is drawn away from the teacher or instruction and towards the child who has just arrived. Over time, classmates may begin to criticize this child, affecting how he/she feels about himself/herself in school.

Part of your child's education is learning to be responsible. The school experience teaches children how to meet expectations. They learn to follow schedules, obey rules, complete assignments and keep track of their materials. Learning responsibility in school is a precursor to functioning in the working world. Attendance is one of the ways children show they can meet their obligations.

In many cases, a child's attendance depends on the parents' ability to help him/her be on time. Parents can teach their children organizational techniques that will help them get out of the house faster, such as packing their bags and laying out their clothes the night before school. Parents who drive their children must also remember to be punctual and responsible. After all, you are the primary role model.

Our first bell rings at 07:35. ALL learners should be in the classroom by then!

- **Reports:**

An important document pertaining to the Assessment Criteria used in the Foundation Phase will be sent out to all families in the next week. It is vital to encourage your child, and to support your child, to work to the best of his/her ability.

Mrs S. Van Vuuren – H.O.D. Foundation Phase

INTER/SEN PHASE NEWS

- **Academic Progress**

During Term 1 learners are assessed through a process known as **CASS** (Continuous Assessment) which basically means that every activity which they complete is assessed and included in the Term 1 overall mark. This mark includes Homework Activities, Class Work, Cycle Tests and Class Tests. This term has been a very busy term and teachers have commented that some learners are finding it difficult to manage their time adequately between doing sport and completing homework. There are many learners who are NOT completing homework activities at all and do not realise the negative impact this has on their CASS Marks.

We appeal to parents to monitor their child's work by paging through their exercise books on a regular basis and to encourage them to complete any incomplete activities that they may come across.

Next term the learners will be assessed through **CASS** and they will be writing formal **Examinations** as well.

The weighting of Continuous Assessment and Examinations, at Veritas Preparatory, is as follows:

GRADE 4	75% CASS : 25% EXAM
GRADE 5	60% CASS : 40% EXAM
GRADE 6	50% CASS : 50% EXAM
GRADE 7	40% CASS : 60% EXAM

- **Progression and Promotion Requirements**

In order to maintain a high academic standard at Veritas College we will continue to view 50% as the required percentage in order to pass a Grade.

In certain circumstances, after consultation with the Principal and Educational Psychologist, the following results will be considered for promotion purposes:

Grades 4 – 6: 50% in English
 50% in 3 other Subjects
 40% in 2 remaining Subjects

Grade 7: 50% in English
 50% in 5 other Subjects
 40% in 3 remaining Subjects

- **Reports**

Term 1 Reports, for all Grades, will be issued on the 5th of April and **Parents' Evening** for these Grades will be held on Thursday, 7 April from 16:00 – 18:00. Teachers will be available to meet parents in their classrooms.



SPORTS NEWS

SWIMMING

- **Inter-House Swimming Gala**

On Friday, 29 January 2016, we hosted our annual **Inter-House Swimming Gala** at the Brakpan Swimming Pool. A number of records were broken on the day.

Congratulations to Remo Venturi who broke all 5 records held in the under 13 age group.

Result from the Gala:

- 1st place – Edmund
- 2nd place – Dominic
- 3rd place – Catherine

- **League**

Our swimmers have been hard at work, getting themselves ready for the various league galas which we have participated in during the month of February.

We have two galas left for the swimming season:

- League Gala #5 on Wednesday, 02 March at St Dominic's Convent in Boksburg
- The Inter-Primary B Swimming Gala on Wednesday, 09 March at the Boksburg North Indoor Pool

Congratulations to Remo Venturi who broke the u13 Individual Medley, Butterfly and Freestyle records at the Edmund Rice Swimming Gala.

Congratulations to Courtney Murphy who broke the u12 Butterfly record at the Edmund Rice Swimming Gala.

EDMUND RICE SUMMER FESTIVAL

We participated in Tennis and Cricket matches at the Edmund Rice Summer Festival which was held from Wednesday, 24 February – Friday, 26 February at CBC Boksburg. Unfortunately many of the matches were cancelled due to rainy weather. In the matches that were played, our learners showed good skill and sportsmanship.



NETBALL

The netball practices have started and we encourage all the girls to get involved, learn new skills and be well prepared for the 2016 netball season.

- Times and days for Netball Practises:

Grade 1 – Monday and Wednesday from 13:45-14:30

Grade 2 – Tuesday and Thursday from 13:45-14:30

Grade 3-7 – Tuesday and Thursday from 14:15-15:15

- Coaches for the various teams:

Grade 1 – Mrs Lee

Grade 2 – Mrs Kapp

Grade 3 – Miss Jooste

Under 10 – Miss Vermaak

Under 11 – Mrs Jackson

Under 12 – Mrs Penman

Under 13 – Mrs Bottari



SOCCER

Our soccer practices will start this week and we encourage all the boys to get involved and be well prepared for the 2016 soccer season.

- Times and dates for Soccer practices:

Grade 1 – Monday and Wednesday from 13:45-14:30

Grade 2 – Tuesday and Thursday from 13:45-14:30

Grade 3 – Tuesday and Thursday from 14:15-15:00

Grade 4-7 – Tuesday and Thursday from 14:30-15:30

Practices for Grade 4-7 will take place on our Senior School soccer fields. Children will be transported to the Senior School and parents are required to fetch their children at the Senior School at 15:30. After School Care children will be brought back to school.

- Coaches of the different teams:

Grade 1 – Mrs Taylor and Mr Billson

Grade 2 – Mrs Selkon and Mr Billson

Grade 3 – Mrs Rees and Mr Billson

Under 10 – Dr Payaniandi

Under 11 – Mr G. Barton

Under 12 – Mr Xaka

Under 13 – Mr Wild

TENNIS

Tennis practises have been well attended and the players prepared well for both the Edmund Rice Festival, which took place at CBC Boksburg, and the Dominican Jubilee Festival, at St Dominic's Boksburg this term.

Practises will continue to take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 14:15 to 15:00.

Mr T. Wild – Sports' Co-ordinator

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT



For the 1st time in many years learners are 'shying' away from our Physical Education Programme and Sports' Practises, sadly with the support of their parents in certain cases. P.T. kit is conveniently left at home on Physical Education days or, in order not to be issued with bad marks, some parents willingly write letters stating that their child is unable to participate for some or other reason (sometimes legitimate but more often questionable).

It has also become difficult to enter more than one team into the league in certain sporting codes.

Children these days live a different life all together. Not only are they most often found glued to their computers, laptops, mobiles or tablets but they do not have as much exposure to the outside world as the people in previous generations did. Playing outside has become non-existent. Letting your child participate in some physical activity can actually help him/her do better at school, be emotionally stable and grow up to be a more rounded person.

The 'Healthsite.com' lists the following 9 reasons why every child should take part in sports, irrespective of their gender.

Helps develop the mind: According to Dr John Ratey, co-author of the book *Spark: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain*, an active child's brain develops much better than the brain of a child. He found that active kids have better cognition, focus on tasks more easily, have a faster reaction time and therefore perform better at school. Playing a sport also helps the child to be more social, make friendships, and sleep well; all of which are essential factors in mental development.

Helps the brain develop: A 2010 study conducted at the University of Illinois' psychology department found that regular physical exercise can influence both the brain structure and function in a child. Dr John Ratey found that when a child is active or plays a sport, the brain produces a protein called BDNF (brain derived neurotropic factor). This protein helps build nerve connections. The stronger these connections (which happens with continued physical activity) the easier it is for a child to learn and retain information.

Tones and builds stronger muscles and bones: While we all know that exercise helps build muscles, this activity is especially important for children. When a child plays sports his/her body becomes stronger, the muscles become more toned, bones are stronger and more resilient to stresses and strains of daily life. Sport also help a growing child's body become more flexible and therefore beat common ailments like joint pain later in life. Doctors say that a child who plays any sport or is physically active has joints

that are far more flexible and therefore less likely to degrade later in life — a common reason for bone and joint disorders.

Ensures proper gait, posture and balance: According to Angela Hanscom, a pediatric occupational therapist, children who are less active have poor posture and balance. She says that for children to have good gait and balance the child's muscles must be sufficiently strong. For this reason they need to move their bodies in all directions for hours at a time, on a regular basis and not just once or twice a week. This also helps get rid of a child's pent up energy and therefore helps him/her to focus better.

Improves the health of their heart and lungs: When a child plays a sport it is basically a cardio workout. This helps his/her heart pump blood efficiently and increases their lung capacity. All of which is essential for your child's health.

Boosts immunity: Not only does regular exercise help the body perform better but when the child is exposed to mud, and open air, soil and water borne bacteria his/her body gets a boost in his/her immunity. Once exposed your child can build resistance to the bacterium, helping him/her beat a whole host of common ailments.

Instills a sense of team spirit: When a child plays sport there are often times when the games are played in teams. This is where your child learns to be a team player. It teaches him/her the essential lessons of team spirit, playing not for selfish reasons but for their team as a whole. This also helps him/her understand the nuances of sharing and being selfless.

Builds that competitive spirit: Playing a sport teaches your child the spirit of competitiveness. Not only will this help your child learn that to excel at anything one needs to be resilient and strong (mentally), but will also teach him/her the importance of wanting to win at whatever they do. This can be detrimental too, as many kids hate to lose. This is when you can teach your child that losing is okay but trying to win is what is important.

Instills a never-give-up attitude: Your child learns a lot at home and from you, but practising what they learn is also an important aspect of growing. When a child plays a sport or is learning one, the tenacity needed to hone their skills teaches your child to never give up or back down. Another good lesson a child learns is how to overcome adversities and still achieve the goal he/she has set out to achieve.

CULTURAL NEWS

Choir

♪ Our Foundation Phase Choir Practice started on Friday last week. All learners from Grade One, Grade Two & Grade Three are more than welcome to join the choir. They always practice on a **Friday** from **13:00 to 13:30**. Please do not forget!



♪ Choir Practises for the Grade 4-7 learners is on a **Wednesday** from **14:15 – 15:00**.

PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



♥ Two **Outreach Initiatives** that we decided to participate in this term were:

♥ **International Childhood Cancer Day**

It was International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) on the 15th of February.

Learners were invited to show their support by wearing the ICCD Badge, the cost of which was R10. Together with this badge, children were allowed to wear civvies to school on that day.

Thank you, Veritas Families, for the support for this fundraiser. An amount of R8435,00 was raised. CHOC has conveyed their grateful thanks.

♥Operation Hydrate

Radio Veritas, a local Catholic Radio Station, made a request for Catholic Schools and Parishes to donate water which will be collected by the radio station and distributed to drought stricken, Senekal.

Instead of asking our learners to donate tinned food for Mass on Ash Wednesday, 10 February, we asked for donations of bottles of water. The response was overwhelming.

Learners used the donated bottles of water to form the number 800, as this year we celebrate the **800th Jubilee Year of Dominican Education**.

The Pope has declared 2016 the 'Year of Mercy' and Veritas Families are '*Giving Hope in the Year of Mercy*'

♥We continue to donate extra lunches, fruit etc., that learners bring to school on Fridays, to the Kwasa Pre-Primary School in Daggafontein. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

♥Thanks to all our learners (and parents) for donating R5 towards wearing civvies on Valentine's Day. This money has been banked into our Pastoral Care account and will be used to reach out to our community in various charitable ways.

GENERAL

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual photographs will be taken on Wednesday, 9 March 2016. Children must be dressed neatly in the summer uniform.

Lice:

It is that time of year again! With the change of seasons, we often have all kinds of funny bugs making their appearance.

The bane of many parents' lives is the head louse, a tiny, wingless parasitic insect that lives among human hairs and feeds on extremely small amounts of blood drawn from the scalp. Although they may sound disgusting, lice are a very common problem, especially for children ages 3 years to 14 years (girls more often than boys).

Lice are not dangerous and they do not spread diseases, but they are contagious and can just be downright annoying. Their bites may cause a child's scalp to become itchy and inflamed, and persistent scratching may lead to skin irritation and even infection.

Lice can spread quickly from person to person, especially in group settings (schools, childcare centres, sports activities and camps). Though they can't fly or jump, these tiny parasites have specially adapted claws that allow them to crawl and cling firmly to hair. They spread mainly through head-to-head contact, but sharing clothing, bed linens, combs, brushes, and hats can also help pass them along.

Children are most prone to catching lice because they tend to have close physical contact with each other and often share personal items.

Head lice must be treated immediately once the diagnosis is made. There are a variety of treatments available from chemists. A lot of information can also be obtained via the internet.

No pupil is allowed to attend school if he/she has any evidence of head lice or nits. Please check your child's hair and get the correct advice, if needed. We need to keep these little bugs under control!

GRADE 7 FUNDRAISING

A very big, thank you, to all our Grade 7 learners (and parents) for the effort that they put into making our Valentine's Day fund-raising a success. Thank you for the super new ideas and the donations. The Grade 7's made R9 000. This money will pay for part of their year-end outing and the remainder will go towards purchasing a gift for the school.

OPEN DAYS

Veritas Preparatory and Senior College will be holding Open Days on Saturday, 5 March from 08:00 – 11:00. Both campuses will be open for visitors.

Teachers will be available to meet prospective parents and various displays will be on show. Please inform your friends and families of this important day. Our present parents are welcome to come along too.

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

The new format for our **Veritas College After-School Care** appears to be running smoothly. A reminder to ALL parents that in order for all our children to be safe after school hours, children who are not fetched by **14:30** in the afternoon, and who are not involved in an extra-curricular activity, will be expected to attend the '**After-School Care/Homework Supervision Class**'.

Furthermore, learners who are not fetched directly after their extra-curricular activity will be required to report to the Homework Supervision Class. If they remain in the care of the Afterschool Care Facilitators for 45 minutes or more they will be charged the daily rate of R40.

A facilitator is on duty to supervise homework in a quiet and safe environment and care for the children until **17:15**. Thereafter there will be NO further supervision given. A **daily attendance register** will be taken of the learners attending each class and parents will be billed the required amount.

Parents who wish to make use of this facility on a regular basis will continue to have the option of paying monthly. (Please complete an **Aftercare Enrolment Form**, available from the Administration Office.)

The cost is as follows:

- **R40** per learner, **per day**.
- **R744.00 over 10 months** for regular attendance.
- **R677.00 over 11 months** for regular attendance.

Learners are required to **bring their own lunch** for Aftercare or they have the option of buying lunch from the tuck-shop which is open, and selling healthy meals, in the afternoons. Pre-booked lunches can be arranged with the tuck-shop. Lunch is **not** provided by the Aftercare Facility.

Parents/guardians must please fetch their children directly from the Aftercare Centre. Children may not wait in the car park for their transport.

We are happy to report that IBR Sheeting, donated by Steel & Pipes for Africa, will soon be erected in front of the Aftercare Kiosk in order to provide shade for the very hot classrooms there.

P.T.S.A

We thank Mr Michael Jardim (Chairman of the P.T.S.A) and all the members on the P.T.S.A for their hard work and dedication. Last year, through their efforts, the P.T.S.A. made R98 525.00. The P.T.S.A. will keep a portion of these funds to cover expenses this year and the remainder of the money will be given to the Pre-Preparatory, Preparatory and Senior Campuses. We are truly grateful for these donations. Parents will be informed shortly as to how the funds will be used. Last year's PTSA funds for the Pre-Prep was used to upgrade their playground with artificial lawn, while the Preparatory installed data projectors into their classrooms. We wish the 2016 P.T.S.A. the very best of luck for the year of fundraising that lies ahead. We ask that our Veritas parents offer their support to the P.T.S.A. in any way that they feel they can.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents are reminded that Grade 4 – 7 learners are required to wear their blazers to school every day.

FACEBOOK / COMMUNICATOR/WEBSITE



- If you have not as yet joined the 'Veritas College Springs South Africa' **Facebook** page you are really missing out on wonderful photographs of recent events as well as news and important updates.
- The **Communicator** is another wonderful application to have on your computer or cell phone to keep you in touch with happenings at Veritas.

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- Installing from the website go to: <http://www.school-communicator.com/downloads>
- Choose the applicable school from the download list
- Select the applicable operating system: Mac or Windows
- A dialogue box will appear. Choose Save File. Do not choose Run before saving the File.

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STAFF MATTERS

- We pray for **Mrs Freda Kelty** who continues to receive treatment for her illness and we ask that God may place his healing hands upon her.

- On a sad note, **Mr Samuel Magubane**, a loyal and popular member of the Prep Support staff, passed away last Sunday after a short illness. He was only 46. His funeral was held last Saturday and was attended by Support Staff from both Campuses. He will be missed by his colleagues, staff and by the learners of the school.
- Twelve of our teaching staff will be attending the NAPTOSA Long Service Awards on Tuesday, 1 March 2016. Congratulations and thank you for the contribution you have made in educating so many young children over the years.

Mrs C.M. Van Blerk	- 40 years
Mrs S.M. Jackson	- 35 years
Mrs F.M. Kelty	- 35 years
Mrs F.Z. Barton	- 30 years
Mrs S.G. Billson	- 30 years
Mrs L.M. Smith	- 30 years
Mrs A.M. Billings	- 25 years
Mrs S. Jansen van Vuuren	- 25 years
Miss D.L. Schroder	- 25 years
Mrs D.G. Shardlow	- 25 years
Mrs S. Mynhardt	- 20 years
Mrs B.J. Selkon	- 20 years

A Thought for the Day

A teacher takes
a *Hand*, opens
a *Mind* and
touches a *Heart*



Mrs S. Billson
HEAD OF PREPARATORY

Mr D. Connors
HEADMASTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

Term 1

March

2 March (Wednesday)	League Swimming Gala	
3 March (Thursday)	First Aid Course - Grade 7	
5 March (Saturday)	Open Day – Veritas Prep & Senior 08:00 – 11:00	
8 March (Tuesday)	P.T.S.A. Meeting	
9 March (Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Photos • Inter-Primary B Gala 	
10 March (Thursday)	Inter/Sen Phase Fun Gala at Veritas	
11 March (Friday)	Foundation Phase Fun Gala at Veritas	
17 March (Thursday)		<i>Feast of St Patrick</i>
20 March (Sunday)		<i>Palm Sunday</i>
21 March (Monday)	Public Holiday	<i>Human Rights Day</i>
24 March (Thursday)	Stations of the Cross	<i>Holy Thursday</i>
25 March (Friday)	Public Holiday	<i>Good Friday</i>
27 March (Sunday)		<i>Easter Sunday</i>
28 March (Monday)	Public Holiday	<i>Easter Monday</i>
29 March (Tuesday)	School Commences after Easter Week-end	

April

1 April (Friday)	Foundation Phase Parental Book Control	
2 April (Saturday)	Pre-Preparatory Mini-Sports' Day	
5 April (Tuesday)	Reports Issued	
7 April (Thursday)	Parents' Evening 16:00 – 18:00	
8 April (Friday)	End of Term 1 School Closes @ 12:00	
27 April (Wednesday)		<i>Freedom Day</i>
29 April (Friday)		<i>Feast of St Catherine</i>

Term 2

May

3 May (Tuesday)	Term 2 Commences	
5 May (Thursday)	Mass for Feast Of Blessed Edmund Rice & Ascension Day	
8 May (Sunday)		<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>Mothers' Day</i>
10 May (Tuesday)	P.T.S.A. Meeting	
14 May (Saturday)	Catholic Schools' Primary Netball Festival	
15 May (Sunday)	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Trinity</i>
21 May (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Preparatory Family Day • Catholic Schools' Primary Soccer Festival 	
27 May (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter/Sen Phase Parental Work Control • Catholic Schools' Bible Quiz (Veritas) 	
28 May (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Schools' Foundation Phase Netball & Soccer Day • Inter-Dominican Netball & Soccer Festival (Veritas) 	

June

4 June (Saturday)	Catholic Schools' Primary Hockey Festival
5 June (Sunday)	Catholic Schools' Sunday
6 – 10 June (Mon-Fri)	Catholic Schools' Week
11 June (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catholic Schools' Primary Cross Country• F/P Mini- Netball & Soccer Day
14 June (Tuesday)	P.T.S.A. Meeting
16 June (Thursday)	Public Holiday Youth Day
17 June (Friday)	School Holiday
22 June (Wednesday)	Group Photographs
25 June (Saturday)	Food Fair
27-28 June (Mon & Tue)	Athletics Run Offs

July

1 July (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inter-House Athletics at Senior School• School Closes for Mid-Term Break @ 12:00
11 July (Monday)	School Commences after Mid-Term Break
12 July (Tuesday)	P.T.S.A. Meeting
13 July (Wednesday)	Examinations Begin
18 July (Monday)	Mandela Day
20 July (Wednesday)	Examinations End
25 July (Monday)	F/P Parental Interviews Begin
26 July (Tuesday)	Hooked on Books
27 July - 29 July (Wed-Fri)	Edmund Rice Winter Festival (Veritas Hosting)
29 July (Friday)	F/P Parental Book Control
30 July (Saturday)	Dominican Day – 800 Year Jubilee

August

3 August (Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reports Issued• S/P Parental Interviews Begin
5 August (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass for the Feast of St Dominic• Inter-House Netball & Soccer• End of Term 2 School Closes @ 12:00

TERM 3

September

6 September (Tuesday)	Term 3 Commences
7 September (Wednesday)	Achievement Forms Submitted
8 September (Thursday)	<i>Birthday of Mary</i>
9 September (Friday)	Mass – Birthday of Mary Mother of Jesus
10 September (Saturday)	Dominican Chess Festival @ St Thomas Aquinas Witbank
13 September (Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catholic Schools' Choir Festival tbc• Veritas Art Festival – 16th September• P.T.S.A. Meeting
14 September (Wednesday)	Grade R School Readiness
15 September (Thursday)	Catholic School' Choir Festival tbc
17 September (Saturday)	Dominican Speech Festival @ St Thomas Aquinas Witbank
23 September (Friday)	Heritage Day Fun Walk
24 September (Saturday)	Lex Liston 8-a-side Cricket Tournament

29 September (Thursday)	Catholic Schools' Foundation Phase Athletics
30 September (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievement Forms Due • Pre-Preparatory Grandparent's Day

October

1 October (Saturday)	Dominican Arts & Culture Festival @ Dominican Convent
8 October (Saturday)	Foundation Phase Mini-Cricket Festival
15 October (Saturday)	Catholic Schools' Primary Tennis Festival
20 October (Thursday)	School closes @ 12:00 for Mid-Term Break
25 October (Tuesday)	School reopens after Mid-Term Break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 Thaba Morula Tour – 28th October
28 October (Friday)	Grade 7 Catholic Schools' Mass – Benoni
29 October (Saturday)	Catholic Schools' Primary Chess Festival

November

2 November (Wednesday)	Mass for All Souls
4 November (Friday)	Catholic Schools' Foundation Phase Gala
10 November (Thursday)	School Closes @ 12 for the remainder of the Year
11 November (Friday)	Year End Exams Begin
18 November (Friday)	Examinations end.
24 November (Thursday)	Grade 3 Retreat
25 November (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 4 Retreat • Grade 7 Outing
28 November (Monday)	Grade 5 Retreat
29 November (Tuesday)	Grade 6 Retreat
30 November (Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 Retreat • Foundation Phase Awards' Ceremony

December

1 December (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter/Sen Phase Awards' Evening • Pre-Prep Christmas Party
2 December (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Assembly • Grade 7 Valedictory Mass • School Closes @ 12:00
5 December (Monday)	Staff Administration Day
6 December (Tuesday)	Staff Administration Day
7 December (Wednesday)	Reports Issued from 07:30 – 09:00

