

RONDEBOSCH EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Greeting to everybody in the REPS family. I trust the Easter celebration was all you desired. The Covid-19 Pandemic has been with us for just over a year. For a prolonged amount of time, schools and their structures have been operating in a tense crisis mode. We were never supposed to cope with constant stress and our bodies are only built to deal with brief bursts of stress. In order to maintain emotional and physical fitness, batteries must be recharged. This is a rather serious matter and cannot be taken lightly. We have had consecutive long weekends and this helps to recharge the batteries.

We completed our first week of tests and it ran relatively smoothly. On the first day we had a number of learners at school who were not scheduled to do exams. Parents are requested to assist learners with test preparation and also ensuring that learners attend exams on the correct days. We are aiming to have a "new style" meet the educator type of meeting. This version of MTE will replace our traditional face to face meetings. This coming week sees another four-day week, see the completion of test schedule for this coming week. As a reminder there are **no RED and BLUE groups this week Tuesday and Wednesday**. The red and blue group alternate days' resumes **Thursday 08 April with the Blue group** attending and **Friday 09 April Red group** attending.

Grade 7 School jackets are available to be ordered. Parents may order the jackets from Aspire School wear, the address is Corner Iman Haron and O'Ókiep Road Lansdowne. Contact phone number is 021 6973073. Learners will need to accompany parents to be sized.

The new REPS School Governing Body is being finalised and their names will be announced in the next REPSnews. We would like to thank the outgoing SGB for all that they have sacrificed and for the monumental effort made during their term as governance members. They have left a legacy of hard work and commitment always putting the needs of REPS first. As the REPS community we appreciate each and every members' contribution.

The Western Cape Education Department has recently said farewell to the three education leaders. While two of these three senior officials have retired, Brian Schreuder (Head of Education) and Dr Peter Beets (Deputy Director-General: Curriculum and Assessment Management), we have also had to recently bid farewell to our respected District Director, Ms. Sanette Nowers, (Metro Central) who sadly passed away suddenly in March 2021.

The learners across the school have continued to demonstrate our school values with enthusiasm and commitment. Our school values trees have a growing number of flowers as our learners demonstrate our values in all aspects of school life. Well done to all those learners who have shown their teachers they are flourishing living our school values.

Stay safe
Warm Regards
Trevor Turner

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY

World Maths Day will be celebrated on 5 May this year. It runs for 48 hours to cover all global time zones. Far too often our children are made to believe that Mathematics is either too challenging or only for the "brighter kids". This is so not true! How are we as adults ensuring that our children are ready for Mathematics at school level? They must be exposed to numbers from an early age to develop their number sense. Spark an interest in numbers from as young as 2 years old! Playing encourages logical and critical thinking. Use words like bigger, smaller, more, less etc. Expose them to a number environment so that they will be less intimidated by numbers when commencing school. Do fun incidental play like:

Dominoes, Snakes and ladders, cards, Dot-to-dot activities, Snap for number recognition

Use car number plates to discuss: biggest number, smallest, add numbers.....

Draw attention to numbers on houses: is it odd or even....

Allow your child to "shop" with their own money and identify currency

Create numbers with play dough, Thread pasta while counting

Sing rhymes and jingles: 5 little speckled frogs, ten green bottles, 1,2 buckle my shoe.....

Dice games for identification of number Add 2, subtract smaller from bigger

Draw attention to numbers on soccer player's shirt

Draw attention to numbers on the clock – older can do digital and analogue

Make little fish with numbers and a fishing rod to identify number or answer sums

Use measurement when you are baking, use a scale to weigh

We are constantly exposing our older children to online competitions where children around the world compete> We would like more of them to choose Pure Maths instead of opting for Maths Literacy at high school. Our country needs mathematicians and scientists. It starts at 2 parents!

We are going to celebrate numbers on WORLD MATHS DAY (5 and 6 May at REPS) by having a dress up day. Please put on your thinking caps and allow the creative juices to flow. You have been given ample time to design a unique costume during the holiday period. Little novelty prizes will be up for grabs.



Foundation Phase Matters



A warm welcome to our new Grade 3 Educator Ms. Bester. We are extremely excited having you join our team. We trust that your skills and talents will be a great addition to our school. We wish you a successful journey with us.

How Can You Help Your Child Prepare for Standardised Tests?

Optimise brain power. ...

Encourage good study habits and challenge critical-thinking skills. ...

Know **what to** expect. ...

Look at your child's past performance. ...

Provide practice opportunities. ...

Relax and remain positive.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
06 April 2021	07 April 2021	08 April 2021	09 April 2021
ALL Grade 2's, 3's, 5's & 7's to be at school ASSESSMENT DAY	ALL Grade R's, 1's, 4's & 6's to be at school ASSESSMENT DAY	BLUE GROUP	RED GROUP
For the weeks to follow , please see below for calendar			



Rondebosch East Primary School

2021 Year Calendar
Term 1

March 2021							Weeks
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	6
29	30	31					7

April 2021							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
			1	2 Good Friday	3 Easter Saturday	4 Easter	
5 Family Day	6	7 World Health Day	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23 Schools close	24	25	
26	27 Freedom Day	28	29	30			

MYSCHOOL CARD

Thank you to all families who have signed up for a MySchool card and nominated Rondebosch East Primary School as the beneficiary. For those who are holders of Woolworths Rewards Cards, your card can be linked to the MySchool scheme raising the same benefits for the school. For further details and a quick sign up go to the site: www.myschool.co.za.

SCHOOL TIMES

Morning		
07:30 – 07:45	Grades 6 – 7	Perth Road
07:30 – 07:45	Grades 4 - 5	Staff Road
07:45 – 08:00	Grades 2 – 3	Staff Road
07:45 – 08.00	Grades R-1	Perth Road

Afternoon		
12:45	Grades R	4th Avenue
13:30	Grades 1	Perth Road
13:30	Grade 2	Staff Road
13:45	Grade 3	Staff Road
14:00	Grade 4 - 5	Staff Road
14:00	Grades 6 – 7	Perth Road

Friday Dismissal 12:30