

DINWIDDIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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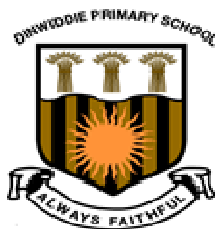
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Dinwiddie Primary School is to provide a primary educational institution that strives towards academic excellence within the bounds of a safe and secure environment.

We aim to provide development for each pupil to attain his or her own potential and so encourage competent, freethinking, well-adjusted citizens in an ever-changing society.

This will be achieved through quality teaching supported by all stakeholders.

VISION STATEMENT

Dinwiddie Primary School will endeavour to equip all learners with a solid foundation of knowledge and life skills to enable them to realise their goals in becoming successful citizens of the future.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY	
14	Dress inspection
14 - 24	Athletics (14:15 – 15:30)
15	Grade 1 Information Evening

OFFICE HOURS:

MON. - THURS.

07:30 – 15:00

FRIDAYS

07:30 – 14:00

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to all staff, parents and learners. We trust you are all well rested after the long break and are ready to tackle the busy term ahead.

The following educators have joined our Dinwiddie Primary family, and we wish them much happiness at our school:

Miss L Janeke	Gr.3
Mrs. C. du Preez	Gr.7

BOOKPACKS

A reminder that an amount of R400.00 needs to be paid for the bookpack for all learners.

Please ensure that this amount is paid by the end of January 2019.

APPOINTMENTS WITH TEACHERS

If there is a requirement to see a teacher, appointments must be made through the secretaries in the front office. Please note that teachers will only be able to see parents before or after school and **not during school time**. Once an appointment has been confirmed, please be considerate and keep the appointment.

If for some reason you are unable to keep the appointment with the teacher, kindly inform the school as soon as possible.

APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PRINCIPAL OR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dinwiddie Primary School has an 'open door' policy where parents are welcome to discuss any matter with the Principal or Deputy Principal. Appointments need to be made with Mrs. Conradie. Tel: 011 902-2310.

SCHOOL HOURS

Please be advised that school starts at **07:48** and closes at **14:00**. Latecomers cause disruption in the class, and **if a learner is persistently late, detention will be given to the learner**. If latecoming still continues, a meeting with the school Governing Body and the parent/guardian will be held to discuss the matter and further action will be taken.

SCHOOL HOURS FOR GRADE ONE LEARNERS :

- School will end at 13:00 for all grade one learners from 09th January to 25th January.
- As from Monday 28th January onwards school will end at 14:00 for all learners.

SCHOOL BAGS

Grade 1, 2 and 3 learners

A large firm plastic "box style" suitcase is acceptable. No stickers or graffiti are allowed on school bags.

Grade 4 to Grade 7 learners

It is compulsory for our senior learners to use the Dinwiddie Primary School suitcase which is available from Ebsons in Germiston and Simply School at the New Market mall in Alberton. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly visible on the front of the suitcase, where space is provided to write your child's name.

MONEY MATTERS

Please note that the school is not allowed to lend children money for transport, tuckshop etc. To avoid disappointment, please ensure that your children have the correct money with them on the day.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The weekly newsletter goes out every Thursday during the school term.



Many parents/guardians do not receive these letters which contain important dates and provide information about events and programmes pertaining to the school.

Please take note that in future:

- Learners with tablets will no longer receive a printed Newsletter as it will be loaded onto the tablet every Thursday.
- Learners with no tablets will still receive a printed copy (as in the past).

It is the responsibility of the learner to give the newsletter to his/her parent. Please ask your child for the newsletter each week.

NB: Parents may also access the Newsletter on the School's Website. Please visit us at www.dps.org.za

MEDICINES

Due to the sensitive issue of handing out medicines please be advised that the school will not hand out medicine to your child. Should your child fall ill during school hours, you will be contacted to collect your child. On this note, please ensure that we have your correct contact details. If they do change in the future, please update the school.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE is part of the school curriculum and all learners are expected to participate. A learner will only be excused from PE on presentation of a **medical certificate**. Learners must wear the official school PE uniform when doing PE (black shorts and house T-shirt). The PE uniform is also used for athletic practices and other sporting activities as well as life orientation lessons and arts and culture lessons. The house T-shirts are available from the school office at a cost of R120 each.



EXTRA MURAL PROGRAMME



The first term of the year is dedicated to athletics. Please find programme attached.

LEARNERS WAITING FOR LIFTS / TRANSPORT



To ensure the safety of all learners, all gates other than the one at the waiting area (next to the grandstand) will be locked at 14:15. Any learner not collected before this time must be collected at the waiting area. This ruling also applies to learners who stay for extramural activities.

Parents please assist us by:

- Ensuring that proper arrangements are in place to have your child/children collected promptly from the waiting area at the close of school.
- Speaking to your child/children about proper behaviour while they wait.
- Telling your child **not** to go home with a friend or anyone else unless previously arranged.

NB: The waiting area is not an aftercare facility. Learners may not be left unattended after 14:30 as there is no teacher on duty. The school will not take responsibility for the safety of learners after school hours.

The Governing Body ruling is that learners will not be allowed in the waiting area or school grounds after 15h30 once extra murals are completed.

The school gates and waiting area will be locked and the learners will be sent out. Therefore, please take responsibility for your child and make proper arrangements for his/her safety after school by ensuring that your child is collected on time after school. If he/she is participating in an extra mural activity, the collection time is at 15:30.

Herewith the list of teachers for 2019:

Principal		Mrs. G. du Preez
Deputy Principal		Mr. E. Pretorius
Gr.	1.1	Mrs. Subke
Gr.	1.2	Miss Partridge
Gr.	1.3	Mrs. Kriel
Gr.	1.4	Mrs. Du Plessis
Gr.	2.1	Mrs. Scheepers (HOD)
Gr.	2.2	Miss de Jager
Gr.	2.3	Mrs. Van Staden
Gr.	2.4	Miss Cebekhulu
Gr.	3.1	Mrs. Cronje
Gr.	3.2	Miss Da Costa
Gr.	3.3	Miss Janeke
Gr.	3.4	Miss Sibeko
Gr.	4.1	Mrs. Pretorius
Gr.	4.2	Mrs. Brijlal
Gr.	4.3	Mrs. Van Jaarsveld
Gr.	4.4	Mrs. Van Winkel (HOD)
Gr.	5.1	Mr. Guduza
Gr.	5.2	Miss Friend
Gr.	5.3	Miss Albertyn
Gr.	5.4	Mr. Nell
Gr.	6.1	Miss Mashele
Gr.	6.2	Mrs. Gouws
Gr.	6.3	Mrs. Le Roux
Gr.	7.1	Miss De Ru (HOD)
Gr.	7.2	Mrs. C. du Preez
Gr.	7.3	Mrs. Mogale
Gr.	7.4	Mr. Kruger
Gr.	7	Miss Thenga (HOD)
Computer Centre		Miss De-Reiners
IT Champion		Mrs. Mostert
Resource Centre		Mrs. Chowles
Teachers' Assistants		Miss Marothi
		Miss Sono

LABELLING OF ARTICLES

Please see to it that **your child's name is written on each and every item of the school uniform.**

Articles that are labelled correctly can be returned to the learner concerned. It is important to include both the first name and surname when marking items. Please also ensure that all items of stationery, purses, book bags etc. are clearly marked.

TUCK SHOP MENU

Our tuck shop menu and prices for Term One are listed below. The tuck shop is open at **first break** only.

MON.	Hotdogs	R 10.00
	Pies	R 14.00
	Salad Roll (Ham, Cheese, Tomato & Lettuce)	R 12.00
	½ Salad Roll (Ham, Lettuce & Mayo) or Cheese & Lettuce Roll	R 10.00
TUES.	Toasted Mince	R 14.00
	Toasted Chicken Mayonnaise	R 14.00
	Toasted Ham & Cheese	R 14.00
	Pies	R 14.00
	Salad Roll (Ham, Cheese, Tomato & Lettuce)	R 12.00
	½ Salad Roll (Ham, Lettuce & Mayo) or Cheese & Lettuce Roll	R 10.00
	Doughnuts	R 6.00
WED.	Burgers (Chicken)	R 15.00
	Pies	R 14.00
	Salad Roll (Ham, Cheese, Tomato & Lettuce)	R 12.00
	½ Salad Roll (Ham, Lettuce & Mayo) or Cheese & Lettuce Roll	R 10.00
	Doughnuts	R 6.00
THURS.	Russian Rolls	R 10.00
	Bacon Rolls	R 13.00
	Pies	R 14.00
	Salad Roll (Ham, Cheese, Tomato & Lettuce)	R 12.00
	½ Salad Roll (Ham, Lettuce & Mayo) or Cheese & Lettuce Roll	R 10.00
FRI.	Burgers (Chicken or Beef)	R 15.00
	Pies	R 14.00
	Salad Roll (Ham, Cheese, Tomato & Lettuce)	R 12.00
	½ Salad Roll (Ham, Lettuce & Mayo), Egg Mayo or Cheese & Lettuce Roll	R 10.00
	Doughnuts	R 6.00

Flavoured Water	R 9.00
Chubby's or equivalent	R 7.00
Plain water	R 7.00
Zoom	R 3.00

Various snacks are for sale as well. These range from between R2.00 and R 9.00.

SUMMER UNIFORM



Please ensure that all learners are dressed in the correct summer uniform as detailed below.

Girls

Regulation summer dress (when kneeling no shorter than four fingers above the knees)
Plain white ankle socks
Black shoes
Sleeveless pullover
School jersey (cool weather)

Boys

Grey shorts or trousers
White short sleeve shirt with school badge
Grey school socks
Black shoes
Sleeveless pullover
School jersey (cool weather)

(Please take note that dri-macs are not part of the summer uniform).

Kind regards

MRS. G. DU PREEZ
PRINCIPAL

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Your smile will give you a **positive** countenance that will make people feel comfortable around you.

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