

DINWIDDIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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	
26	Grade 2 and 3 Information Evening
30	Grade 1 Information Evening
31	Grade 4,5 and 6 Information Evening
FEBRUARY	
02	Grade 7 Information Evening

OFFICE HOURS:

MON. - THURS.

07:30 – 15:00

FRIDAYS

07:30 – 14:00

Dear Parents

SCHOOL HOURS

This is a reminder for parents/guardians to please take note that school commences at 07:48 in the mornings. If your child makes use of public transport, please ensure that the driver is aware of this time. Latecomers disrupt classes and learners that arrive late for school on a regular basis will receive a detention.

SCHOOL HOURS FOR GRADE ONE

Grade 1 parents, this is a reminder of the times until the end of the month.

- School will end at 13:00 for all grade one learners until Friday the 27th of January.
- As from Monday the 30th of January onwards school will end at 14:00.



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. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly visible on the front of the suitcase, where space is provided.

BIRTHDAYS

At Dinwiddie Primary School, we recognise that a birthday is a special occasion for a child. We therefore allow the learners to wear civvies on their birthday, subject to the **following rules:**



No civvies may be worn on a **Monday**.



Should their birthday fall on a Monday, Saturday or Sunday, they may wear their civvies on the **Friday BEFORE** their birthday.



If their birthday falls on a **public holiday**, they may wear civvies on the **following day** as long as it is **not a Monday**.



Should a learner's birthday fall during the **school holidays**, civvies may be worn on the **first Friday** of the new term.



If you are sending birthday treats for your child, we prefer for parents to send cupcakes (or cake that has been pre-sliced) to cater for the learners in the class.



If you are sending in cold drinks, please supply individually packed drinks. Eg. Small Liquifruit juices. No glass or 2 litre cold drink bottles please as the teachers do not keep cold drink cups in the classrooms.



Please make sure all birthday treats are clearly marked with the learners name and class. Treats are to be placed in the office foyer for the learners to collect later on in the day.



We wish to remind parents that the usual requirements for civvies day dress must be adhered to. If you are unsure, kindly contact the office for more information.



SCHOOL FEES

School fees are now due as follows:

Annual Payment <u>Per Child</u>		Monthly Payment <u>Per Child</u> (January - October)
Gr.1	R9 800	R980
Gr.2-Gr.7	R9 300	R930
Discount Options		
* An 8% discount will apply if fees for 2017 are paid <u>in full</u> by 31 January 2017. (Grade 1 R9 016 Grades 2 to 7 R8 556)		
* A 5% discount will apply if fees for 2017 are paid <u>in full</u> by 28 February 2017. (Grade 1 R9 310 Grades 2 to 7 R8 835)		

NB: If you make an electronic payment into the school's bank account please use your child's name and surname as the reference on the deposit slip and notify us that the deposit has been made via phone call, fax or e-mail or by sending in a copy of the deposit slip, so that we are able to allocate the payment to the correct account. The school fax No. is 011 902 1382 and the e-mail address is mail@dps.org.za.

The school DOES HAVE DEBIT AND CREDIT CARD FACILITIES, but cheques are regrettably not accepted as a means of payment.

ATHLETICS AND PE UNIFORM

If your child has been selected as an athlete, please ensure that he/she attends all practice sessions.

Should you require additional house shirts, they are sold at the school office for R100 each. Plain black shorts (rugby shorts) can be purchased from most clothing stores, and must be worn with the Dinwiddie Primary School House T-shirt.

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.
Thank you

Kind regards

MRS. G. DU PREEZ
PRINCIPAL

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Compromise must not undermine your own position.”



Nelson Mandela