



Matric Farewell 2016

To the stars.....



ORION *HIGH SCHOOL NEWS*

March 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....

We are very proud to present our first **"new look"** newsletter for 2017. This newsletter will be sent out on a monthly basis giving parents information on upcoming events, academic news, extra murals, extra lessons, sport and culture events.

WHAT HAPPENED IN FEBRUARY?

We celebrated Valentine's Day on the 10th of February with a picnic on the field.
A Well-deserved Mid Term was enjoyed by all from 24th to 27th February 2017.

THANK YOU:

A big thank you to all parents who constantly motivate learners to attend extra lessons.
To all the dedicated athletes, swimmers and chess players, thank you for all the time and dedication during practices and good luck with upcoming matches.
Thank you to the Drama learners for all their effort.
Thank you to all parents for your patience with traffic in the morning when dropping off your child.

MARCH:

During the month of March cycle tests will be written and it will be the final chance learners have to accumulate marks for term one. Learners must please make sure that their work is up to date and prepare well in advance. **School will end at normal time during March.**
Reports will be handed out after the school holidays in term two.
Please keep in mind that here will be **NO** school on **Monday 20th March.**
The school term ends on Friday 31 March at 12:00.

WELL DONE:

We have received confirmation that Orion College is compliant with UMALUSI (the quality assurance body of the GDE)

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

During April, the **new term starts on Wednesday, 19th April** for learners. The school will close for a **long weekend** on **Thursday 27, Friday 28 April and Monday 1 May, 2017.**

NEW SCHOOL:

All platforms for our new Orion College school has been completed and construction will happen soon.



The family of our colleague, the late Vincent Modau asked us to thank all the people who so generously donated money and tinned food. They assured us that the contributions will go a long way to ease their burden. Once again than you for your generosity.

LEADERSHIP WEEKEND: Our prefects and monitors came together for Leadership training and some fun on the 20th and 21st of January. Mr Sutherland presented a course on leadership on Friday during the school day, which taught the learners to understand the elements of being a good leader, as well as to identify their own particular leadership strengths. A vision and a mission were also created for 2017. Saturday dawned a bright and sunny day, which set the perfect tone for a braai and some fun at **Pines Resort in Krugersdorp**. Activities that involved teamwork and bonding were enjoyed by all, with the highlight being Mr Sutherland swooshing at top speed down a giant waterslide. Many thanks to all of those involved with organising and facilitating this fun event.



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VALENTINE'S DAY: Friday, February 10th, was the day Orion College set aside as the day of love and friendship. Teddies, chocolate hearts, sweetie pots, balloons, cards and badges were sold throughout the week leading up to the day, and learners supported in their numbers. On the day, a picnic was held during which boerie rolls and cupcakes were enjoyed. DJ Gift, a former learner of Orion College, entertained us with his great selection of music, which included song dedications by the learners. It was a wonderful day, and a pleasing profit of R1959,00 was made which goes towards the Class of 2017 Farewell taking place later this year.



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ACADEMIC NEWS.....



A learner from each Grade will be acknowledged for their meritorious performance during the month. They will be acknowledged during High School assembly



CERTIFICATES FOR TOP ACHIEVER OF THE MONTH

PRE-VOCATIONAL CLASS

THABANG PANYANE

SKILLS

MOSEKI SEATLANYANE

GRADE 8

CALVIN VAN NIEKERK

GRADE 10

FABRICE LABUTTE

VOCATIONAL

TAINÉ MIDDLETON

GRADE 7

LAURA-ASHLEY WEATHERBURN

GRADE 9

CHELSEA FEBEN

GRADE 11

ADAM DUNSTAN

GRADE 12

AIDAN FRITZ



2017 Term 1 Cycle Test Time Table

Start time: 8am sharp to 9.15am. NORMAL SCHOOL DAY COMMENCES AFTER EXAMS. SCHOOL FINISHES AT NORMAL TIME. Please ensure your child is at school before the start of the session.

	9 March Thursday	10 March Friday	13 March Monday	14 March Tuesday	15 March Wednesday	16 March Thursday	17 March Friday
Grade 7, 8 & 9		English HL	Afrikaans FAL	Mathematics	EMS	Natural Sciences	Technology
Grade 10,11 &12	CAT Paper 2	Afrikaans FAL	English HL	CAT Paper 1	Maths Literacy	Business Studies	Consumer Studies
Vocational Phase		Maths Literacy	Hospitality	English FAL	Life Orientation		

PLEASE NOTE:

The dates of the cycle tests have moved forward as indicated in the terms assessment forecast. This is due to certain subject's submission dates being moved forward by the district.

DEMARCATIONS:

Grade 7 to 9 and Vocational - will be given by the subject teacher by the 3rd March
Grade 10 to 12 - no demarcations - all work completed until 8 March will be tested

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10 Mar: Pre-Vocational outing to Maropeng
- 20 Mar: School holiday
- 21 Mar: Public Holiday - Human Rights Day – no school
- 22 - 30 Mar: HS Cycle Tests
- 24 Mar: "Orion's Got Talent" auditions from 2pm
- 31 Mar: School closes at 12 o clock.
- 24 – 26 Apr: HS Language Week



Language week for 2017 will be celebrated from **24 – 26 April 2017** and **not in March** as shown on the term planner. The highlight of the week will be the fun day and variety show on 26 April from 08h00 to 13h00. Children will have the opportunity to take part in a number of fun activities and we will end the day off with an open air variety concert.

All the learners will take part in the concert and we hope that the entire Orion family can join us on the day.

The school leavers of 2017 will be selling refreshments to collect money for their matric farewell.

EXTRA LESSONS

EXTRA MURALS

MONDAY	Maths	14:30 – 15:30
WEDNESDAY	Afrikaans	14:30 – 15:30
THURSDAY	English	14:30 – 15:30

MONDAY	Athletics	15:30 – 16:45
WEDNESDAY	Swimming	15:30 – 16:45
	Chess	15:30 – 16:45

Learners attending and showing dedication during practises and delivering an overall good performance during competition will be rewarded with a badge during assembly and will be acknowledged as the **"STAR OF THE WEEK"**.



On the 20th January 2017, we held our first Inter-House Athletics meeting where the learners represented their Houses and ran their hearts out to gain as many points for their team as possible. At the end of the day, the Gladiators came out on top with a mighty 69 points, followed closely by the Titans with 64 points and, in third place, we had the Spartans with 52 points.

We have had a very good term so far with regards to participation in our three sports – Athletics, Swimming and Chess. Our first chess meeting against Cedarwood on the 15th of February was a nail-biting battle which ended in a draw.

The following dates have been confirmed for our next sports meetings;

- ➔ 8th of March – Chess against Cedarwood @ Orion College
- ➔ 13th of March- Athletics against Cedarwood @ Orion College
- ➔ 15th of March – Swimming against Cedarwood @ Orion College




Your support and motivation regarding your child's participation in termly sport is greatly appreciated.



**SPORTS
STAR**

*OF
THE
WEEK*

SWIMMING
JP POTGIETER
DRAMA
AMARO DOS SANTOS
ATHLETICS
PERCIVAL KHOZA
CHESS
ZABRINA NICHOLSON

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The Orion College Chess Team

The chess team has 19 members this year which means that 27% of the high school pupils are playing chess. Advantages of playing chess!!!

Dendrites conduct signals from the neuron cells in your brain to the neuron they happen to be attached to. Learning and playing a game like chess actually stimulates the growth of dendrites, which in turn **increases the speed and improves the quality of neural communication throughout your brain**. Increased processing power improves the performance of your body's "computer", the brain. Please visit this website for more information. www.chess.com/blog/PRINCESTER/7-surprising-health-benefits-of-playing-chess

REMINDERS



Cycle tests are coming up - although we know assessments can cause stress for some of our learners it is important for us to know how they are progressing – just as it is for you.

Please help your child to prepare for any assessments coming up. Let them know they have your support – and that all we want is for them to try their very best.

Uniform: Please note that the uniform will be checked on an ad-hoc basis.

Wishing you all a fabulous rest of Term 1.

Louis Buitendag and High School Staff

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