

# ORION COLLEGE

## PRIMARY NEWS

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### AUGUST

**08th: Pyjama and Movie Day**

**09th: Women's Day (public holiday)**

**23rd: Concert Dress Rehearsal (whole school)**

**26th: Concert Matinee performance**

**27th: Concert Evening performance**

**29th: Concert Evening performance**

#### SEPTEMBER

**06th: Interschool Athletics**

**09th: SANBS Blood Drive**

**13th: World Literacy Day (Julia Donaldson)**

**19th: RACA**

**20th: End of Term (school ends at 11h00)**

### SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

If you are sitting with uniform items that no longer fit your child, please consider donating them to our second-hand uniform shop (in the admin office).

### JULY THEME: GRIT & GOALS



Dear Parents and learners,

#### THANK YOU

**Thank you** for your incredible support for our **Mandela Day initiative**. On July 18, each learner was able to fill a jar of hope with dry soup mix, for those in need.

A second big thank you, to the families who supported our **Barnyard matric fundraiser** - it was a great success.

#### TEST TIMETABLE

The Intermediate Phase learners (Grade 4 - 7) will start with tests for Term 3 on Tuesday, 6 August (see timetable below). Please ensure that your child has a dedicated, distraction-free study space, where they can create a study plan and avoid last-minute learning.

#### CHANGES TO THE CALENDAR

As the festival has been moved to October, the **Olympic Day** (scheduled for 26 July) will no longer take place.

**World Literacy Day (Julia Donaldson)** has been **moved to Friday, 13 September**. More details will follow in due course.

#### SCHOOL CONCERT

**In Term 3, the whole school concert rehearsal schedule will continue** on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

**Rehearsals are compulsory**. Please support your child by ensuring that they come to rehearsals. **Concert tickets will go on sale at the beginning of August 2024**.

#### PRE-LOVED TREASURES AND BOOKS WANTED

As part of the Summer Festival, there will be a books stall and White Elephant stall. When you do your annual clean-up, please do consider **donating your old treasures** that you no longer want, as well as **books** which you no longer need (**especially children's books**) to us. These donations can be left with the front office.

# INTERMEDIATE PHASE TEST TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 6 August	English
Tuesday, 13 August	Afrikaans
Tuesday, 20 August	Mathematics
Tuesday, 27 August	Natural Science
Tuesday, 03 September	History
Tuesday, 10 September	Geography

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## 6 Tips To Make Your Kid's Room Study-Friendly

- Create a distraction-free zone**  
Too many unnecessary objects in a child's field of view can easily affect their focus. Pro tip: involve your child in separating "study" things from "play" items.
- Natural light**  
A room with good lighting affects learning and creates a positive study environment than rooms with only fluorescents which can be harsh on the eyes.
- Set up a productive study space with the basics**  
Create the perfect study space for your child with a posture-friendly desk and a comfortable chair that will keep alert.
- Control noise**  
It keeps them focused and energetic. Although sound can put kids in a study mood, some songs can be counterproductive.
- Limit technology**  
A good learning environment should limit gadgets. Unless a laptop or tablet is required for their learning, other tech contraptions should be off-limits to help create a productive space.
- Use Suitable Colors**  
The best study spot should promote a positive study atmosphere. Brighter shades of green, yellow, and orange are said to increase concentration levels.

Have a lovely week.  
Barbra Robinson and the Primary School staff