



John Wesley School - **PINETOWN** **NEWSLETTER**

No. 1 of Term 3, 3 August 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

We warmly welcome our learners back to school after the June/July holiday. Tragically, the peaceful and rejuvenating holiday we all anticipated did not materialise as KwaZulu-Natal was devastated in parts by rioting and looting on a scale that simply defied belief. Our prayer during this ordeal was that the Lord would protect both our school and our community members. We will continue to uphold our province and our country in prayer as steps are taken by the authorities to ensure that devastation and criminality on this scale never happens again.

The COVID-19 pandemic, with its ongoing lockdowns and restrictions on behaviour and movement, has had a negative impact on all of us and our children are at risk of suffering longer term emotional consequences as a result. The violent riots and protests that we all witnessed in recent weeks have only added to the anxiety, stress, negativity and insecurity that the COVID-19 pandemic has already instilled in us. The past 16 months have seen our children experience significant emotional trauma, primarily by denying them the opportunity to act upon their natural and healthy impulses as children and, in many cases, exposing them to significant loss in one form or another.

We are taking great care to protect the emotional health of our learners at John Wesley School and we request that parents/guardians support our efforts by constantly monitoring the emotional health of their children and seeking the appropriate interventions, when necessary.

COVID - 19 PANDEMIC - STATUS UPDATE

We are pleased to note that the daily COVID-19 infection rate in our country appears to be on a downward trend as the 3rd wave of infections subsides and the general environment once again becomes safer.



We are delighted to be back at school once again providing in-person teaching in our classrooms. With the commencement of the 3rd term having been delayed by one week, we are grateful that we had the online option provided by ClassDojo at our disposal and we express our gratitude to parents/guardians who ensured that their children engaged with their teachers online from 19 July onwards. This ensured that we were able to commence with our 3rd term teaching as scheduled and no adjustments to our curriculum were necessary.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. **Monday 9 August 2021: National Women's Day (public holiday).** John Wesley School will be closed. School will reopen on Tuesday 10 August 2021.
2. **Friday 13 August 2021:** Trimester Two reports will be sent home to parents/guardians.

STAFF NEWS



We are delighted to report that both the **teaching and non-teaching staff members** at John Wesley School were vaccinated against COVID-19 during the June/July holiday. This was in addition to our senior staff members who were vaccinated before the holiday commenced.

The latest research published by the CDC, as well as prominent medical research facilities in the USA, indicates that vaccinations have been highly effective, not only in preventing hospitalisation and death from COVID-19, but also in preventing the transmission of the virus. In short, people who are vaccinated are significantly less likely to infect others than those individuals who have not been vaccinated. As far as John Wesley School is concerned, this means that the environment at school is now much safer, not only for staff members, but also for learners.

Extra-curricular Activities

We have been granted permission by the Department of Basic Education (DBE) to resume contact sport training at school. Accordingly, contact sports such as soccer and netball will be reintroduced into our extra-curricular programme with immediate effect.

URGENT APPEAL



Paper is very costly and producing workbooks and learning material for our children is a very expensive exercise. The termly donation by parents of a ream of white paper is tremendously helpful in allaying these costs. We appeal to parents to ensure that they make the required donation for this term as soon as possible, so that we can maintain the high standards to which we are accustomed.

(1) **One ream of white**
Mondi Rotatrim A4
paper per learner
per term.

(2) **Two toilet rolls**
per term.



2022 ADMISSIONS

Existing parents who would like to apply for their younger children to attend JWS in 2022 in Pre-primary are requested to please send an email to admissions@jwesleyptn.co.za to secure placement for their children. Parents are also encouraged to promote the school within their communities. Entrance Testing will take place in August and September of this year for Grade 1 to Grade 7 applications.



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Choose an affordable independent Pre-primary and Primary school that will give your child the best education and care, including an LSEN class for learners who find mainstream education challenging. We offer smaller classes, and Aftercare at an additional charge until 5:30 pm.

ENTRANCE TESTING for 2022 will take place during the month of August 2021. Applications are processed via email only. Please email admissions@jwesleyptn.co.za

School Fees start from R29 000* per Annum
Payable over 11 months January to November.

*EO&O Terms & Conditions apply



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SCHOOL FEES

We cannot stress enough the importance of keeping school fee payments up to date. We have noted with great disappointment that many parents/guardians are currently in arrears.

Please remember that your school fees guarantee both an excellent education and multiple future opportunities and prospects for your children that are not available to the vast majority of young people in our country. We encourage you to reflect on the immense privilege your children enjoy through being enrolled at John Wesley School and the fact that this outstanding institution wouldn't be able to offer this excellence and this privilege without income from school fees.

The John Wesley School community has a collective responsibility to ensure that the high standards at our school are maintained, especially considering that elsewhere in the education sector in our country, standards continue to decline year upon year. Therefore, should your school fee payments be in arrears, we appeal to you to rectify this as a matter of urgency.

Please note the following school fee payment procedures:

- Monthly school fee payments are due, in advance, on the 1st of every month eg. payments for August 2021 were due on or before 1st August 2021. The only exception to this would be if you have paid your fees for the year in full, in advance.
- When depositing school fees please remember to **quote your child's full name, grade and account number as a reference.**

JOHN WESLEY SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS:

School and Aftercare fees are to be paid into:

NEDBANK ACCOUNT NO. 1339 44 67 66

BRANCH CODE NO. 133926

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PRINCIPAL**

Matthew 11:28–30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."