

**DATE:** 9 February 2024 / Amberfield College Newsletter

## Weekly activities

<b>MONDAY:</b>	
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	

## Word from the executive principal

**Dear Parents**

Welcome to a new school year. "A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything can happen."

Denise Witmer

Gr RRR to 4 parents please ensure that you have the green disc displayed when you enter at the main gate.

Kind Regards:

Mr M Ponnen - Executive Principal

## Important dates and events

14 February 2024 - Valentine's Day

\*Please see the D6 Connect App for the detailed calendar

### BANKING DETAILS

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**Account Holder :** Amberfield College  
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**TO DOWNLOAD THE D6 COMMUNICATOR!**



We will update you on important school info daily!

### UNIFORM

Our Uniform shop is open  
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday 07:00 – 12:00  
 Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 – 15:00  
 Last Saturday of the Month 09:00 – 12:00

Contact us for more information



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## Pre – Primary news:

We, as the staff, cannot believe that we are already in the fourth week of this term. This term seems to be flying by and our little ones are getting used to coming to school every day. This year we only had a few sad learners, but this too is passing each day and we are so proud of our little ones.

### Welcome new parents

Welcome to all our new as well as our old parents. We are so glad to have you all as part of the family. We hope this year only brings laughter and joy.

We would like to humbly request that all our parents **read the communication sent out daily on the WhatsApp groups**. Very important information is shared on the groups. We don't want our little ones missing out on a special day because of parents putting the group on mute and then not seeing the information.

### Contacting the staff

Please adhere to the times given for communication between yourself and the teacher.

The teacher will only respond to messages during the following times.

**6:30-7:30 in the mornings (after 7:30 the teacher is busy in the classroom)**

**13:00 – 16:00 in the afternoons (After 16:00 no staff will respond to messages, as they are busy with their own families)**

We request that parents respect the teachers times.

**Please do not contact the principal. Please contact the teacher first, and if it is not solved, then only can you contact the Principal via email.**

### School clothes

It seems that there are many parents not marking / labelling their children's clothes. Unfortunately, the staff will then label the clothes with a permanent marker as there have been parents fighting with the staff when a child returns home without an item of clothing or it is the wrong item of clothing. As per our communication on the Orientation Day, NO staff member will be held liable for lost or mixed up clothing. **It is the parent's responsibility to label every item of clothing that the learner is wearing.**

### Aftercare

Please adhere to the times.

**Aftercare is from 13:15 – 17:30.** A penalty fee will be charged for parents fetching their children after 17:30. If you are stuck in traffic due to loadshedding please inform the Aftercare staff (Their cellphone numbers was handed out in the information booklet on the orientation day)

### Special days for Term 1

Friday 16 Feb: Cake and Candy sale.

Please send money with your little one so that they can buy something sweet.

Friday 23 Feb: **Backwards day**

**(Dress your little one inside out, socks on the hands, shoes on the wrong feet etc.)**

Friday 8 March: Water fun day

Wednesday 20 March: Schools close for the holiday (There will be holiday aftercare available)

Kind Regards

Ms L Pretorius

Pre-Primary Principal



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## Primary School:

Greetings and welcome to our first newsletter of 2024 where we will keep you informed of all that is happening in the Primary school. Our year has started off to a rocking start and we are full swing into teaching and learning!

### Parents' Information Evenings:

We held information sessions with parents from grade 1 to grade 7. These meetings were fruitful and well attended. A heartfelt thanks to those parents who took the time to attend. For those who were unable to attend, the teachers have shared the information on the WhatsApp groups. Please familiarise yourself with the content.

### Communication:

Please ensure that you have D6 and that you are on the WhatsApp class group, as these are the platforms via which important communication takes place. **If your child is absent or needs to be fetched early, you must communicate with the class register teacher.**

### Baseline assessments:

The Gr 1-7 learners have completed the baselines and learners who require extra support have been identified. These learners will receive an invitation to attend the intervention classes.

### Intercom:

As mentioned, teaching and learning is ongoing and our learners have a lot of content they must cover before the assessments begin. Therefore, we appeal to parents to avoid picking up learners early or bringing forgotten items to the office which necessitates the use of the intercom. Not only are you taking learners out of class when they should be learning, but you are also disturbing other learners.

### Drop-off zones:

Traffic is a huge problem, especially in the mornings and afternoons. Therefore, there are specific drop-off and pick-up points allocated to the different grades.

Grade 1 – 4: Top gate (Main Parking lot)

Gr 5 -7 – Bottom gate

*Learners from grade 5 -7 who have siblings in Grade RRR to Grade 3 have been given special tags that will allow them to be fetched at the Top Gate.*

For safety reasons, we urge parents to pick up children as soon as possible as staff are only on duty till 2: 45 pm and security cannot be held responsible for the learners' welfare/ safety.

### Home Learning Reminders:

Parents and learners of grade 4-7 will receive a Home Learning reminder weekly. Not only will this have a list of homework that learners have to complete, but it will also contain a list of teachers' contact details. Please take note of who is teaching your child this year and reach out if you have concerns/queries. Grade 1-3 will receive homework grids weekly instead of a Home Learning Reminder. They also receive a monthly reminder.

### Dates to diarise:

2 February	Intervention letters out (Gr 4-7)
5 February	Intervention classes start
9 February	Gr 4 – 7 Demarcations out
14 February	Valentine's Day – Beauty with a Purpose Charity Civvies
22 February	Intervention classes end
23 February	Jeans and Tekkies Day ( last Friday of the month)
26 February	Control Tests start
1 March	Gr 4 – 7 Cake & Cady sale

Kind Regards

Mrs B Derbyshire

Primary School Principal



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## High School News:



Welcome back to school. I sincerely hope that 2024 will be a fantastic year for everyone. We bid farewell to Mr Ngobeni at the end of 2023. It gives me great pleasure to welcome Ms Hattingh to our Amberfield College family as a Mathematics educator. We started this year with a very successful Orientation day for all the new learners as well as a smooth start for the rest of the learners on 17 January.

### **We are very proud of the Class of '23.**

99% pass rate (101/102)

63% Bachelors

28% Diploma

8% Higher certificate

with 37 distinctions. In 2024 our target is 90 distinctions.

### TOP 100 learner award



I want to encourage you, as parents, to please support our PRC committee and, if possible, avail yourself to stand for the PRC. It is an extremely important component of any school.

On Friday, 2 February 2024 during lesson 8, we had a brief discussion with the learners about bullying and the effect it has on people. We will continue discussing important topics like this with our learners. If you as parents have any ideas or suggestions for topics to discuss with learners, please inform us. We are also planning more workshops or talks for our parents around certain topics. Information to follow soon.

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Learners in High School must dismiss from the bottom gate. Too many learners are congregating in the car park. This is dangerous. The school does not want any learner to be run over by a driver.

At Amberfield College, we believe in open communication. Please feel free to contact any teacher or member of management if you have any queries or questions. We do welcome ideas from parents as well. The education of a child depends on the teamwork between the parents, learners and the school. Let us work together to make sure that all our learners reach their full potential and have FUN while doing it.



Kind regards  
Mrs. H. Share  
High School Principal

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## Primary School Culture News:

Dear Parents /Guardians

### Welcome to Term 1!

We have had an amazing start to the Cultural year and weekly activities! All cultural activities have started and are full steam ahead. In connection with the month of love, our students are loving their cultural extra mural activities. Learners had a variety of cultural activities to choose from, including; Marimbas, Drama, Art, Dance, Public Speaking, Singing, Student Christian Council, Hindu Student Council, and the new addition to the field - Choir! The Culture students are so excited for this upcoming year and all the fun filled activities they withhold. All cultural activities will continue as per usual during the course of the term, and end 15 March 2024.

## High School Culture News:

Dear parents / guardians

The high school Culture Department would like to welcome all learners and parents. We wish every single one of you a prosperous and successful 2024. We will do our best to make sure that we live up to our values and our motto.

Kindly note that for some of the Cultural activities the learners will go through a selection process. This is done to create the specific cultural group that are trained for different festivals and competitions wherein we aim to participate. Please note that no learner will be from participation in cultural activities. This is the same as try-outs with sport activities.

Cultural activities take place between 14h30 – 15h30. We offer the following cultural activities this term:

1. Marimbas
2. Art & Photography Club
3. Public Speaking
4. Debate
5. Dance
6. Student Christian Council
7. Student Hindu Council
8. Student Muslim Council

We kick started the year on a high with an amazing performance from our talented dance group, AADC.



Kind regards  
Ms Haughton  
Head of Culture: Primary School

Kind regards  
Mr L Mukhabele  
Head of Culture: High School

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Welcome to the start of the 2024 sport year at Amberfield College.

## Primary School:

The primary school learners have started very early with sport this year. Our Swimmers were in the water in the first week already, getting ready for the season ahead. Our Cricket boys have a very good start to the season with our U/13, U/11 and U/10 winning their games against Irene Primary.



## High School:

We hope that if you managed to get away this summer you had an enjoyable and memorable holiday. We also appreciate that many of our families spent the holidays at home and we hope that you managed to make the best of what Tshwane has to offer.

We had our Annual Inter-House Athletics and all our kids participated in their different Houses. The 3 Houses are Thompson (Blue Team), Newton (Green Team) and Edison (Red Team). All learners were divided in to their Houses and that will be their House until the Gr 12.

We are delighted to inform you that Thompson House won the Athletics Cup. The Newton House won the Spirit Cup and is the front runner of the House Cup.



We ask that parents encourage their kids to please take part in as many sporting codes as possible and also to be committed towards these sporting codes.

Kind Regards  
Mr N Liebenberg  
Head of Sport: Primary School

Kind Regards  
Ms R Hurn  
Head of Sport: High School



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