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JUNE NEWSLETTER 2025

*** FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK ***

Dear Parents, Educators and Staff,

As we approach the end of another academic term, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to making this term a success.

To our dear parents, your support and trust in us have been invaluable and your involvement in your children's education from attending parent-teacher meetings to assisting with homework, has played a significant role in their achievements.

To our incredible staff, your hard work behind the scenes ensuring that the school runs smoothly every day, whether you are an educator, administrator, maintenance or any other role, your efforts do not go unnoticed.

To our diligent learners, your perseverance and enthusiasm for learning inspire us all. Despite the challenges you may have faced, you have shown remarkable resilience and determination. Your hard work and commitment to your studies are evident in your accomplishments, and we are incredibly proud of each one of you. Continue to strive for excellence and never stop pursuing your dreams.

I would like to wish Mrs R Mariah all off the best, who will be on accouchement leave and we all await the new addition to the Mariah family

Regards

DF Millin Principal

ABSENTEEISM:

The high absenteeism rate is a serious matter of concern. It's every child's constitutional right to be in a school and education cannot be withheld from them. Continuous absenteeism is now infringing on the right of children to receive education.

MEDICATION:

If you should need some of your child's medication for home use, we would like you to collect and sign for it from the educators personally. No medication may be forwarded to the school, without it being in the sealed envelope, provided by the office to educators. Parents to ensure that the school is informed of any new changes to medication.

SICK LEARNERS AT SCHOOL:

Parents need to ensure that learners are taken care of before sending them to school. The school cannot take responsibility for administering medication to sick learners who come to school. Parents will be contacted to collect sick children at the discretion of the educator/staff involved

Please do not tell your child in the morning that if they feel sick the office needs to phone the parents. These incidents disrupt the class and office constantly; often learners are not sick enough to go home.

SCHOOL FEES:

School fees need to be placed at the top of your budget! Educators need to be paid monthly. The normal running expenses of the school must also be paid. Please contact Mrs de Villiers and Mrs Pretorius regarding outstanding fees.

DEBIT ORDER SYSTEM:

This payment method is available at school for your convenience. Parents who would like to use it must contact the office. We also offer a Credit/Debit card option at the Financial Secretary's Office.

UNABRIDGED BIRTH CERTIFICATES:

The decision made by the SGB of ZRC to have your child's unabridged birth certificate at school is now a compulsory enrolment document. All learners at ZRC need to have an unabridged birth certificate. Parents are reminded that a certified copy of the unabridged certificate must be sent to school.

SCHOOL FURNITURE:

Please take note that if your child damages a school desk, chair, or any furniture, or any educational & therapy equipment, the replacement or cost of repairs will be forwarded to the parent for settlement. It is also with great sadness and disappointment to note that we have learners who do not respect the property of the school.

ZRC SCHOOL BUS:

Please note that the ZRC School bus is a privilege and not a right. We are very fortunate to have a fully subsidized bus, but in a case of re-registration etc., we need to remind you that it's the parent's or quardian's responsibility to take your child to school.

Note: Please ensure that bus learners adhere to the school discipline code. Bus learners who do not adhere to this school discipline code will have to sit detention on a Friday, from 12:45-14:00, which means that alternative transport arrangements will be the responsibility of the parents.

IKHWEZI BUS: (PUBLIC TRANSPORT)

We have the use of an Ikhwezi school bus. There is one bus that departs from John Ross College at 06:30 and one which departs at 06:55 Mon to Friday. Tickets available from Ikhwezi ticket office: 035 7976200. Ensure that you monitor your child's behaviour on this public transport. There is a CCTV camera system on the buses. Learners who misbehave will be identified and asked to find alternative transport by the Ikhwezi bus company.

BIRTHDAYS:

Learners are allowed to wear civvies on their Birthday. If the birthday falls on Civvies Day, Weekend, or holiday, they may wear their 'civvies' on the Monday or Friday. Civvies must be sensible and modest. (Girls - no high heels, miniskirts, skimpy shorts, strappy tops, halter necks, dangly earrings etc. Hair must still be neatly tied back).

PARENT MEETINGS/UNSCHEDULED VISITS TO CLASSROOMS:

Parents, please make every effort to attend your appointments made with the educators. It is very important for you to meet and work together with your child's educator to ensure full potential is reached.

Please take note that NO educator will be allowed to leave the class nor take a call during teaching time.

Parents need to make scheduled appointments with the educator in advance. Any parent/visitor at school needs to report to the office and obtain permission to enter the school academic area during the academic day. Parents/Visitors need to respect the professionalism of the educator, and we need to safeguard our learners and educators.

LITTER:

This is becoming a major problem at school. Learners are reprimanded, but we would appreciate your co-operation by making your child aware of this problem, e.g. at home, while travelling/walking/jogging etc.

Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching.

DONATION OF SCHOOL CLOTHES:

We make an appeal to parents to assist with donating school uniform items if your child has outgrown them or if your child is leaving ZRC. This enables us to run a Thrift Shop and assist learners in need.

NEW UNIFORM:

Available from Kenarts Stationers, Union Street Empangeni (Gems School wear). Contact no 035-7721921

LOST CLOTHING / PROPERTY:

Please mark every item of clothing, shoes, and stationery clearly. We have lots of 'lost property' which we could return to the learners if items were marked.

LATE COMERS:

Learners coming late - we have continuous problems with leaners arriving late. This has a negative impact on academics. Thank you to those parents who have made an effort to end late arrivals. School starts at 7:30 am. Please be on time.

COLLECTION OF LEARNERS:

Please ensure that your child is collected by 14:00, after which the gates will be locked, and we will not be held responsible for learners who are left on the school premises. An alternative is to enrol your child at the ZRC Aftercare from 14:00 - 17:00.

COMMUNICATION:

All communication between the educator and parent is done in the <u>Homework Book</u>. Please do not write sick notes in the Homework Book. They must be on a separate A4 sheet of paper which will be kept in the child's file in the office.

TOILETRIES:

Toilet Rolls & Tissues:

Term 3 - Toilet paper: Gr 5-7 / BC3 (LdB) & BC4 (ZM)
Tissues: Gr 1-4 / BC1 (GM) & BC2 (CS)

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

RAFFLE DRAW: Amount Raised: R39 830.00

Lucky Draw Winners:

1ST PRIZE: - R1200 Takealot voucher - Gugu Mwandla
 2nd PRIZE: - R800 Takealot voucher - Lulu Nomandla
 3rd PRIZE: - R500 Takealot voucher - Lungelo Ngidi

Learners with most money:

Gr 4 RM - Ruan Eksteen - R1600 - Well done

Junior Phase class winners - C Khan - Gr 1 - R970

Senior Phase class winners - R Mariah - Gr 4 - R3053

Thank you, parent, guardians and all our learners for all your input and enthusiasm with the raffles. All these funds are utilized to make your child's stay at ZRC more exciting and enjoyable.

NO HOMEWORK POLICY: SP Gr 4 - 7

We have implemented a 'No homework policy' only for Gr 4 - Gr 7 during the formal assessment period. This is not to be wasted by learners, but to be utilized as additional time for learning.

CHANGE OF INFORMATION:

Please inform the office/school immediately if any of your personal details change. This data is used to update our *sms* system and useful when your child is sick or needs your urgent attention.

WHAT HAPPENED IN TERM 2?

NETBALL MATCH:

ZRC took part in a friendly netball match against Empangeni Christian School. Both the U9 And the U13 teams gave it their all, showing great teamwork.





GIRLS CLUB:



A sweet ending to the term to a delightful close with most delicious pancakes.

As part of their commitment to personal development and practical life skills, the session featured on table etiquette.

They had the opportunity to learn the art of setting a table correctly.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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School opens:

Audiologist at ZRC

Gr 7 & BC4 Entrepreneur Day

Budget: view at finance office

SGB Meeting: Budget Proposal

Spring walk

AGM

Heritage Day

School closes

22 July 2025

31 July 2025 & 1 August 2025

22 August 2025

20 - 22 August 2025

19 August 2025

5 September 2025

11 September 2025

24 September 2025

3 October 2025

