

MUIZENBERG JUNIOR NEWS

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Enter to Learn



Leave to Serve

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians

In a recent article published in the Daily Maverick, education researchers state that due to the impact of Covid-19, learners have lost 18 months that may never be recovered. They also warn that these learners could be disadvantaged into adulthood.

Schools have done their best to help learners make up for the learning losses by offering extra support and the Department of Basic Education has introduced Revised Annual Teaching Plans that trim the curriculum so that focus is shifted to the essentials in each subject. Despite this, research shows that learners have experienced significant learning losses and that they lag behind their peers of yester-year.

As parents and teachers, this concerns us; especially considering that our children could be disadvantaged and that they may not reach the goals we envisage for them, in the timeframes we have set. So, what can we do to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on the education system?

It has been found that parental involvement and learning at home are good predictors of scholastic success. Children, whose parents help them with homework and help them prepare for assessments or projects, develop the self-confidence and motivation that allow them to be successful at school.

In addition to these, helping your child with homework will highlight his/her areas of strength and weakness and allow for timeous remedial action and working together will grow the bonds between parent and child. The assistance of the parent will make learning more meaningful and motivate the child to greater aspirations.

Please take some time to read the article below. I am certain that the insights of the researchers who contributed to it will inspire you to knuckle down to working with your children so that as a team, teachers and parents can work to lessen the effect of the Covid 19-induced learning losses that threaten to impact our children.

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-08-30-covid-has-turned-south-africas-schooling-crisis-into-a-ticking-time-bomb/>

Kind regards
V. Erfort
(Principal)

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Happy Administrators' Day to these Kind, Helpful, Patient, Generous Ladies!



Ms Giliomee



Mrs Petersen



Mrs George



Mrs Groenewald

LOVELY LIMERICKS CREATED BY GRADE 7s

"The Wonky Donkey" by Miche Shaw

There was once a talented donkey
Whose eyes were crazy and wonkey
One day he got loose
And chased a goose
Wonkey Donkey had gone bonkey!

"Food" by Alix McKay

There was girl from York
Who ate with a silver fork
She ate the cake
That was on the plate
But her mouth was stuffed with a cork

"Mars" by Connor Fisher

I went with my grandpa to Mars
And we stole a bunch of jam jars
We were caught in the city
And oh! What a pity
Then we shot up into the stars!

"Bad taste" by Caeleb Wessels

I went home and saw a coke
I drank it and tasted like a yolk
The taste was so bad
My throat was not glad
That's when I started to choke

"Pork Chop" by Zeta Newman

There is a man from New York
Who liked to eat delicious pork
He ate his meal
What a yucky feel.....
He had eaten a piece of the fork

"The Lion" by Iman Davids

There once was a lion with a mane
Who loved to lie in the lane
He bumped his head
So it is said
That now he is insane

**"The Boy from Spain"
by Shannon Groenewald**

A boy was captured in Spain
They caused him a bunch of pain
He jumped on a tyre
And killed the king's squire
But, alas! He was hit by a train!

Grade 7 Limerick

We kids of the Seventh Grade
Really have it made
We're conscientious
Caring and tenacious
Of high school, we're not afraid!

GR 7 CHAMPIONS OF THE SPINE ROAD MATHS CHALLENGE



Onika Qabaka



Diago Jodamus went through to the final round!



Tabitha Taylor



Jihad Daniels



Kai West Miller



Nikhil Rathillal



Rushin Kenny

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Please return the Raffle Sheet that each family received last term. We have such special and exciting prizes this year!!

We have a weekend away for 4 people at the Uilenskraalmond Resort in Gansbaai

Canvas printing vouchers for the "rogues gallery"

R250 Jordi and Eli vouchers

55" smart TV

Beauty vouchers

Wireless headsets

.... Plus more!



DON'T FORGET OUR HOT DOG DAY

Dates: Wednesday, 29 September (Group B)

Thursday, 30 September (Group A) and Gr 7

Please prebook: R50 includes a hotdog, a packet of chips and cooldrink, plus civvies and a class entertainment treat



MJS CELEBRATES THESE GRADE 5 MATHEMATICIANS!



Congratulations to **Joshua Hall** (left) and **Jada Leigh Henri** (right) for their hard work and concentration which earned them places in the second and final round of the South African Mathematics Challenge. Both learners are in Grade 5G. These two Maths Boffins were the only learners from MJS to qualify for the second round, this year. Well done, **Joshua** and **Jada Leigh**!!



ELECTRIFYING EXPERIENCES IN GRADE 6



Electrical Circuits is part of the Grade 6 Natural Science and Technology curriculum. It is exciting to see all the words, terms and labels in our textbooks become real circuits with batteries, switches and bulbs which shine when we connect them correctly.



ART DEPARTMENT NEWS!

Mrs Antonelli inspires her artistic learners and enters them into competitions. This puts our school on the "Art Map".



Can you see how well Alix McKay, left, with her "Creative Contrasts" and Ayesha Adams, right, with her "Beautiful Chaos", combined Maths and Art in these 2 art works?

That's why Ayesha and Alix were chosen as **FINALISTS** in this competition! Well done, Alix and Ayesha!



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