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Dear Parents and Learners

It is hard to believe that we have been back at school for only three weeks. So much has happened. The Grade 4-7 learners have already written two cycle tests. The Gr R's and new Gr 1's have settled in and are finding their way confidently around the school.

### Dairies and Homework

Homework is given in all Grades, on a daily basis. All learners should be recording their homework in their diary. Parents need to check that the homework has been done neatly and correctly. If your child has not completed their homework, please make a note in the diary. By signing the diary, you are acknowledging that your child has completed all his/her homework tasks. The Gr 4-7 learners were issued with a homework timetable, which is pasted in on the last page of the diary. Your child should be adhering to these times. If the homework is taking longer, please let the teacher know. The Gr 4-7 learners must read for between 15-20 minutes every day, including weekends.

Please sign the merits and demerits page, thereby acknowledging your child's achievements and misdemeanours.

### Cansa Spray-a-thon

Once again Rand will be supporting CANSA by participating in the "spray-a-thon" on Friday 28 February. The children who wish to have their hair sprayed, will be charged **R10 per colour**. As an added extra, the learners who pay an **additional R15**, may have their handprints printed onto a tablecloth. The tablecloth will then be raffled off later in the year.

### Fundraising

This year I would like to change our usual fundraiser, Collect-a-Coin, to a raffle. In order for any fundraiser to be successful we need the support of the parents. If you are able to donate a prize or cash towards buying prizes, then please contact me on [joosterlaak@randschools.co.za](mailto:joosterlaak@randschools.co.za)

### School Hours

A reminder that the school day begins at 07:50, every pupil has to be at school on time in order to attend the line-up. At line-up messages are given and if your child is late they will miss out on this information. School ends at 14:30. No learner may be left on the property after 15:15, unless they attend the school aftercare. Fines will be issued to parents of children who are left at school.

### Aftercare

We have an aftercare facility at our school. Learners are provided with a light lunch and supervision of homework. The cost for aftercare is charged at a monthly rate of R550.00. Aftercare begins after school and ends at 17h30 sharp. Once off Aftercare fee R40.

### Tuckshop

Rand Preparatory has a card system, whereby money may be loaded onto your child's card. This is the only manner in which your child may purchase goods from the tuckshop. No cash is exchanged at the tuck shop. It is advisable to load your child's card once a week or even monthly, you may pay the money into your school fee account, reference tuckshop, and Mr Harris will allocate that amount to the tuck card. You are able to set a daily limit on the card, which ensures that your child does not overspend. The tuckshop offers a variety of lunches, as well as cold drinks, crisps, chocolates and sweets. The Prep school learners may not buy sweets in the morning or at first break.



### **School fees**

School fees are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month. Please pay your fees timeously as this assists in ensuring the school runs smoothly and is able to meet its commitments.

### **Grade 7 Valentine's Day Fundraiser**

The Grade 7's will be selling chocolates and roses as part of their Valentine's fundraiser. There will also be a cake and candy sale on Friday 14 February. Cash only will be accepted for the Valentine's Day gifts and the cake and candy.

There will be a civvies day on Friday 14 February – predominant colours white, red or pink may be worn with jeans. NO make-up or fancy jewellery allowed. The R6 for civvies will be debited to your school fees account.

### **Cycle tests for 2014**

The Grade 4 -7 learners write weekly assessments per Learning Area. Please make sure that your child studies for these assessments as they form a large part of the end of term marks.

Due to the many long weekends this term, please note that the Life Orientation cycle test will be written on a Wednesday.

The teachers will issue the learners with a brief telling them what to study. The brief and the book will be sent home the week before the cycle test. Please ensure the book is at school every day as the learners will continue to work.

If a learner is absent for a cycle test, a doctors certificate is required. The learner will not write the cycle test but receive the class average.

Please do not make doctor's appointments or holiday plans when your child is due to write a cycle test. All cycle test dates are in the school diary as well as listed below.

### **CYCLE TEST DATES**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 4</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 5</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 6</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 7</u></b>
14/02	Afrikaans	Social Science	Afrikaans	English
28/02	Social Science	Natural Science	Social Science	Natural Science
07/03	Natural Science	isiZulu	Maths	Social Science
14/03	isiZulu	Afrikaans	Natural Science	EMS
28/03	Life Orientation	Life Orientation	Life Orientation	Life Orientation
04 /04	English	English	isiZulu	Maths

Kind regards



Mrs J Oosterlaak  
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### REPLY SLIP

I / We, \_\_\_\_\_ parents of \_\_\_\_\_ in Grade \_\_\_\_\_,  
acknowledge receipt of Newsletter no. 2 / 2014.

Parents signature: \_\_\_\_\_