

# Disa Primary School Weekly Newsletter No. 1 of Term 1 - 2021

# Welcome back to 2021!

Let's walk this road together by making a difference in our learners' lives.



by Mr. Gregory Vlotman on February 16, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents / Guardians

I wish to welcome the Disa community back for our academic journey in 2021. We hope that you are well and wish you the very best for this year.

We want to acknowledge that 2020 was a difficult year for our school, staff, learners and parents. 2021 is building up to be a challenging year, too.

Despite this we have been resilient and persevered through extremely difficult times. This is a new year, with new challenges but we will have renewed energy to give our learners our very best.

So we wish to make a fresh start with all our dreams and aspirations within our grasp. We would like to encourage you to help us to support the learning and teaching experience of your children at DIsa.

This is made possible through your consistent encouragement, support, and involvement in the life of the school and your interest in the daily learning routines of your children in your home. Last year your support of our Learning @ Home Programme was successful because parents took up the challenge. Schools lean heavily on the contribution that parents and guardians make to their own children's learning.

We guarantee that our staff want to give their best, want the very best for our learners, and expect the best from our learners. As educators, we are continuously reminded of the value of what parent involvement means to learners and the school.

Let's walk this road together by making a difference in our learners' lives. While we do encourage our parents, we also do welcome our learners back and wish them the best for 2021.

We would encourage you to be aware and to stay safe during these COVID-19 times.

Thank you.

Yours in Education

Mr. Greg Vlotman Acting Principal



# THIS WEEK'S **TOP STORIES**

#### We must adhere to COVID-19 precautions

by Ms. Swanepoel on February 16, 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic is still with us and all South Africans must play their part in preventing the spread of the disease. We can do this by adhering to the following Golden Rules:

- 1. Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
- 2. Do not touch your face with unwashed hands.
- 3. Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Throw the tissue safely away.
- 4. Keep 1,5 meters away from others.
- 5. Stay at home if unwell. Contact your healthcare provider.
  - If your child is not well, please keep them at home!

#### School hours for learners in 2021

by Mr. Molteno on February 16, 2021

Please note school day times at Disa Primary School for 2021:

- Learners must be at school for COVID-19 screening daily by 7:30 AM
- Learners are to be collected promptly each day at 2:45 PM
  - Please note that there will not be extramurals at Disa Primary School in Term
     1 2021 due to the implementation of COVID-19 safety regulations.



#### Latest Amended 2021 School Calendar

via Department of Basic Education on February 16, 2021

The Department of Basic Education has published the updated academic calendar for schools in South Africa for 2021.

The amended calendar comes after the return of public schools was delayed by several weeks until 15 February, due to the impact of a second Covid-19 wave in the country.

The new term dates are as follows:

- 15 February 23 April;
- 3 May 9 July;
- 26 July 1 October;
- 11 October 15 December.



## 'Splitting' learner school attendance to continue

by Mr. Molteno on February 16, 2021

The school will continue to run splitting learner school attendance in 2021 where half the school's learners attend on one day, and the other half of the school's learners attend on the next.

The school is doing this in order to ensure that social distancing can be adhered to in classrooms, minimising the chance of COVID-19 transmission on the school grounds. The dates that your child must attend school are communicated by teachers via Grade Whatsapp Groups and learner diaries.

'Splitting' learner school attendance will continue at Disa Primary School until social distance measures in classrooms are no longer a legal requirement as part of the National State of Disaster Lockdown regulations.

# Grade Whatsapp Groups to be used in 2021

by Grade Heads on February 16, 2021

The school will continue to use WhatsApp groups to communicate with parents and guardians in 2021. Please ensure that you belong to the Grade WhatsApp Group of your child and that the school has your latest working cellphone number. Should you not yet be a member of the Whatsapp group for your child's grade, please write a note in your child's diary with the cellphone number to be added to the group.



# Full completion and daily use of learner diaries

by Grade Heads on February 16, 2021

Learners who are at school have received their school diaries. Please make sure to read through the front pages (the glossy pages) and to fill in all the required information.

Please make sure that you have completed all the sections that require information and signatures.

Your assistance with this will be greatly appreciated.

# Stationery payments for 2021 due

by Admin on February 16, 2021

A stationery payment of R350 is due for learners' stationery in 2021. Please ensure that you make this payment as soon as possible. No stationery will be provided to learners until payment is made in full.

#### School Shop hours in 2021

by Admin on February 16, 2021

Please note that the School Shop is open on Thursdays between these hours:

- 7:30 AM 8:30 AM and
- 1:30 PM 2:30 PM

The prices of uniform items are as follows:

- Short-sleeved Golf Shirt R145
- Long-sleeved Golf Shirt R155
- Fleece Top R190
- Tracksuit (Grades R 3) R455
- Sport Shorts R85
- Blazer (Grades 4-7) R435
- Poncho R150
- School Bag R225

#### New newsletter layout

by School Management Team on February 16, 2021

The School Management Team (SMT) welcomes feedback on this newsletter. Parents / guardians, and staff are invited to give their feedback on how it may improve. Should you have any ideas on how to improve this newsletter, please contact a member of the SMT.

Staff who would like to contribute to the school's newsletter are also welcome to approach a member of the SMT.

#### Happy Birthday!

by Admin on February 16, 2021

Disa Primary School wishes the following staff and learners who celebrated over the holidays, as well as those celebrating this week, a very happy birthday!

Date	Name	Surname	Detail
16 December	Leah	Stevens	Grade 4
17 December	Joel	Phiri	Grade 3
18 December	Olona	Maqaqa	Grade 2

18 December	Ms	Morgan	Teacher
18 December	Lwandile	Maxaulana	Grade 4
18 December	Lusiwe	Mabaso	Grade 6
19 December	Anothando	Buqa	Grade 3
19 December	Tanyaradzwa	Nogwavu-Saidi	Grade R
20 December	Lilly-Ann	Anthony	Grade 1
20 December	Caiden	Guenantin	Grade 1
20 December	Darryl	Kanongovere	Grade 2
20 December	Inathi	Mangaliso	Grade 6
21 December	Cayla	Stanbull	Grade 3
22 December	Ms	Zungu	Trainee Educator
22 December	Alulutho	Njokweni	Grade 2
22 December	Amyoli	Tyawana	Grade 2
22 December	Sharné	August	Grade 5
22 December	Liyabona	Nikelo	Grade 7
22 December	Ronaldo	Kristian	Grade R
23 December	Mohegun	Van Rooyen	Grade 6
24 December	Sakhekile	Vunda	Grade 2
24 December	Ashton	Mitchell	Grade 3
26 December	Ajay	Williams	Grade 1
26 December	Favour	Banda	Grade 3
26 December	Marahzoeq	Booi	Grade 6
27 December	Zaakiya	Tieling	Trainee Educator
27 December	Imange	Maqaqa	Grade 5
28 December	Ms	Sabatta	Teacher
29 December	Isabella	Siljeur	Grade 2
30 December	Paige	Meyer	Grade 1
30 December	Oluhle	Mdluli	Grade 4
30 December	Anothando	Isaac	Grade R
31 December	Thalia	Taljaard	Grade 1
1 January	Lukhanyo	Sotashe	Grade 3
1 January	Queen	Kalimbuka	Grade 4
2 January	Tinotenda	Solizwe	Grade 3
3 January	Yankho	Matope	Grade 2
4 January	Cameron	Adonis	Grade 1
4 January	Ciano	Webber	Grade 2
4 January	Kirsty-Lee	Carelse	Grade R
5 January	Yama	Maqhina	Grade 7
5 January	Mogammad	Ebrahim	Grade R
6 January	Lucky	Manda	Grade 1

6 January	Ropafadzo	Nyandoro	Grade 6
6 January	Baphumze	Thethi	Grade 7
6 January	Orlando	Buchener	Grade R
6 January	Junique	Hendricks	Grade R
7 January	Ayanda	Opperman	Grade 5
8 January	Ms	Banjwa	Trainee Educator
8 January	Gianna	Zeederberg	Grade 2
8 January	Lunam	Tapile	Grade 4
9 January	Vakalisa	Kalipha	Grade 1
9 January	Natasha	Chisvo	Grade 3
9 January	Gilliana	Mitchell	Grade 3
9 January	Niyole	Mabohlo	Grade R
10 January	Ilyaaz	Petersen	Grade 6
11 January	Ms	Mkosana	Teacher
11 January	Ondela	Rongwana	Grade 4
11 January	Sibulele	Mbingeleli	Grade 5
11 January	Nasiphi	Khwatshube	Grade 6
11 January	Sanelisiwe	Mgwaba	Grade 7
12 January	Mr	Masiza	Trainee Educator
12 January	Trisha	Skeepers	Grade 2
12 January	Lisakhanya	Ntonjane	Grade 7
12 January	Onika	Tyawana	Grade R
13 January	Isiphile	Genu	Grade 1
13 January	Lathitha	Mantshinga	Grade 1
13 January	Jaymelicia	James	Grade 3
13 January	Broocklyn	Makuwaza	Grade 4
13 January	Lelam	Mahashe	Grade 5
14 January	Inathi	Ngcwabe	Grade 1
14 January	Lisakhanya	Mbovane	Grade 4
14 January	Amira	von Johnston	Grade 4
14 January	Shameer	von Johnston	Grade 4
15 January	Felin	Kose	Grade 1
15 January	Awethu	Masiza	Grade 1
15 January	Inam	Masimini	Grade 5
15 January	Emihle	Dikgacwi	Grade 7
16 January	Vanessa	Banda	Grade 2
16 January	David	Nzolanzofou	Grade 5
17 January	Akum	Mondi	Grade 3
18 January	Abdou	Fall	Grade 2
18 January	Caleb	Raatz	Grade 5

19 January	Ms	Akers	Trainee Educator
20 January	Sarah	Mashece	Grade 3
20 January	Athenkosi	Yeki	Grade 5
21 January	Kayiba	Mxi	Grade 1
21 January	Hlumelo	Jilaji	Grade 2
21 January	Unako	Mciza	Grade 4
21 January	Esthella	Matenga	Grade 5
21 January	Kim	Benjamin	Grade R
22 January	Kelebogile	Belebesi	Grade 1
22 January	Esther	Mvalo	Grade 1
22 January	Onele	Siswana	Grade 3
22 January	Banathi	Hesi	Grade 6
22 January	Maria	Nakapala	Grade 6
23 January	Ms	Ntlapo	Trainee Educator
23 January	Carla	Hicks	Grade R
24 January	Ephraim	Mvalo	Grade 6
24 January	Axola	Zimemo	Grade 7
24 January	Kyle	Dortley	Grade R
25 January	Moses	Matenga	Grade 3
25 January	Owam	Xaso	Grade 4
25 January	Jayla	Oppelt	Grade R
26 January	Tafara	Chibaya	Grade 1
26 January	Keagan	Nogwavu	Grade 2
26 January	Azylia	Anthony	Grade 3
26 January	Joshua	Buchener	Grade 4
26 January	Caitlin	Leonard	Grade 7
26 January	Lilonke	Ndanda	Grade R
26 January	Khayone	Tatsi	Grade R
27 January	Aviwe	Mafa	Grade 5
27 January	Primrose	Suwedi	Grade 6
27 January	Peyton	Hektor	Grade R
28 January	Ms	Mawu	Support Staff
28 January	Bré	Jacobs	Grade 6
29 January	Ms	Ndylavan	Trainee Educator
29 January	Anelitha	Ndibongo	Grade 1
29 January	Akha	Pantshwa	Grade 4
29 January	Iminathi	Centane	Grade R
30 January	Jayler	Yon	Grade 1
30 January	Micaren	Losper	Grade 5
30 January	Xhantibonele	Nodilinga	Grade 5

30 January	Leeeroy	Mhangami	Grade R
31 January	Rejoice	Alfazema	Grade 2
1 February	Mason	Phillips	Grade 3
1 February	Aluncedo	Ngala	Grade 4
1 February	Bathabile	Sitole	Grade 5
2 February	Alakhe	Bobotyana	Grade 7
2 February	Okuhle	Zazela	Grade 7
2 February	Adam	Petersen	Grade R
3 February	Migcobo	Jako	Grade 1
3 February	Jemmah	Braaf	Grade 3
4 February	Philasande	Sibara	Grade 2
4 February	Amelia	Louw	Grade 5
5 February	Niarah	Mohammed	Grade 1
5 February	Anathi (Rosa)	Dakuse	Grade 6
5 February	Kwazi	Gladile	Grade 7
5 February	Storm	Maggott	Grade 7
5 February	Simamkele	Nguqu	Grade 7
5 February	Vuyo	Ndilele	Grade R
6 February	Joshua	Suwedi	Grade 3
6 February	Akanye	Nogqwazi	Grade 6
7 February	Yamkela	Skoti	Grade 6
7 February	Shekinah	Khombedza	Grade R
8 February	Promise	Nkhata	Grade 3
8 February	Lomiswa	Malomboza	Grade 4
8 February	Amara	Ruzvidzo	Grade 4
8 February	Lwandle	Tshofuti	Grade 4
8 February	Nokutenda	Masango	Grade 7
9 February	Lunam	Kaziwa	Grade 4
9 February	Takunda	Khombedza	Grade 5
10 February	Colin	Daniels	Grade 1
10 February	Kalina	Manda	Grade R
11 February	Salma	Moses	Grade 4
11 February	Trent	Tieling	Grade R
11 February	Inako	Tungilizwe	Grade R
12 February	Skyler	Bailey	Grade 3
12 February	Ruth	Kwilasi	Grade 3
12 February	Jonathan	Banda	Grade 4
12 February	David	Banda	Grade 5
13 February	Kaylen	Phiri	Grade 1
13 February	Pilanam	Basela	Grade 2

13 February	Alimise	Mengezeleli	Grade 4
14 February	Liam	Arnoldus	Grade R
15 February	Zavi	Raats	Grade R
16 February	Tarek	Ngomano	Grade 4
16 February	Kian	Maarman	Grade 7
18 February	Tinenyasha	Maroveke	Grade 1
18 February	Lukhanyo	Sothyantya	Grade 3
18 February	Jemma-Lee	Louw	Grade 4
19 February	Dale	Mitchell	Grade 2
20 February	Ropafadzo	Purazi	Grade 4
20 February	Onako	Dani	Grade 7
21 February	Akhani	Duda	Grade 1

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