



DISA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Disa Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Making School Great!

Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today. – Malcolm X



by **Mr. Vlotman** on June, 3, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parent / Guardian

Over the next couple of weeks we are going to discuss the following with you:

- a) Building a RELATIONSHIP with your child's teacher
- b) Communicate regularly with your child's teacher

- c) Look for things around the house that references learning or school work
- d) If you notice something and you are concerned
- e) What resources can you use to to assist your child
- f) What you can do when your child is struggling a bit
- g) When parents get drawn into the the learning process

1. Building a RELATIONSHIP with the your child/ren class teacher and school

- a) Building relationships is hard work. Your child's success is largely dependent on your ability to to develop a good working relationship with your child's class teacher.
- b) Unfortunately, there are 30 learners and often a minimum of 60 parents that the teachers must develop a good relationship or understanding with.
- c) Every parent has the responsibility to ensure that this relationship is effective in dealing with the progress of each individual child or learner.
- d) The key to success is how we communicate with each other.

2. Communicate regularly with your child's teacher. Here is a guideline how we should and could communicate:

- a) *This is done primarily by using the diaries and Whatsapp facility*
- b) *Be careful how you communicate and how we use words*

Very often our attitude is revealed by the words we use. Our unhappiness leads us to use words that are confrontational and aggressive. Respectful communication goes a long way in establishing a cordial relationship.

- c) *Greet the teacher first before dealing with the issue at hand*

Teachers receive messages from numerous parents. Be kind, cordial and respectful by greeting first.

- d) *Explain your question clearly*

Teachers need to know what parents are requesting in a clear and concise manner.

- e) *Be polite even if you are unhappy*

We largely attract the behaviour we project. If we are hostile and confrontational then it becomes difficult to be kind, cordial & respectful

- f) *Please restrict your messages between working hours (7am-5pm)*

Teachers have a separate life from their life at school. Give them the opportunity to recharge their batteries. Your angels do exhaust them too.

g) *Be honest*

We can't read minds, or read between the lines. Tell us what is really happening if it is relevant to your request or the learners progress.

h) *Tell us about the good things too*

Too often our communication centers around complaints or negative news. Share with us the good news. When the teacher does well, acknowledge them, when your child shows signs of progress at home, share this too.

i) *Don't be shy to ask questions*

We can only help if you are clear about your concerns and be specific about what you want and need to know. You do have the freedom to ask questions about your concerns.

j) *Remember teachers are human*

Teachers do make mistakes. They are unhappy, sad and frustrated from time to time. Accept the fact that they won't be chirpy all of the time. They experience the same emotions as we all do. Support them & they will come through for you.

k) *We are a team*

Parents / guardians and teachers are a TEAM. This means that we all have to work together towards our common goal. The wellbeing of our learners is what the team is designed to do.

Parents / guardians, we hope these few TIPS may help this team to work better together.

Yours in Education



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THIS WEEK'S
TOP STORIES

Happy Birthday!

by [Admin](#) on June, 3, 2021

Disa Primary School wishes the following staff and learners who will celebrate their birthdays this week, a very happy birthday!

| Birthday | Name | Surname | Detail |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| 10 June | Mrs | Tame | Intern Teacher |
| 10 June | Blake | Wichman | Grade 1 |
| 10 June | Boitumelo | Mabohlo | Grade 7 |
| 11 June | Oyama | Blekiwe | Grade 5 |
| 11 June | Oyisa | Maci | Grade 6 |
| 12 June | Chulumanco | Kaleni | Grade 1 |
| 12 June | Anna | Chiheya | Grade R |
| 13 June | Zayden | Ncapayi | Grade 3 |
| 14 June | Michaela | Chimwamwa | Grade 1 |
| 14 June | Hayden | Wichman | Grade 1 |
| 14 June | Olothando | Manana | Grade 2 |



