



# Kwetter Letter

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= Please read all the information =



## 1. STAFF MESSAGE

### WHAT DOES THE TEACHER SAY?

Lizette Brunner is a Grade 1 teacher at Durbanville Preparatory School and has 12 years' experience. Teacher Brunner says: "We find that children are becoming less independent and this hampers their ability to learn new things in the class and to carry out tasks independently. We expect preschool children to be able to tie their shoelaces, dress themselves and carry their own school bags. Unfortunately, there are lots of them who cannot even carry out these basic tasks without assistance. Moms who are in a hurry, carry their children to class and do everything for them, simply because it is easier and quicker than letting the child do it. Children are very rarely given tasks at home, such as helping mom with the food, laying the table, clearing the dishes, feeding the pets or taking out the garbage. These are all ways in which children can be taught responsibility and to work independently in class. Children do not have perseverance and give up easily when they struggle with something. They do not have enough courage and are not comfortable to try new things.

"Teachers are easily criticized by parents. Parents often have feelings of guilt because they are single parents, or have a lack of time and they are looking for quick fixes for problems concerning their children. Remember, scolding a teacher in front of children, teaches them that they do not have to respect authority. Rather make an appointment, or personally contact the teacher if you have a concern".

"Parents often request me to separate children in class due to conflict between them. I always tell these parents that I would rather work with the two children, to teach them how to deal with conflict and personality differences. This way children learn social skills. It is a golden opportunity for both children to learn something valuable".

"Parents sometimes sabotage children's swimming lessons for example, by not sending their swimwear to school if the child does not like swimming". We experience that children who are overprotected, often have poor social skills and very little interaction with friends. It is as if the new generation children unintentionally manipulate and control their parents. And parents allow it. For example, where children insist on taking ballet or music lessons, but then lose interest and give up after only one or two lessons. It is important to teach children not to give up too easily. Let them at least finish the term. Parents have an excessive desire that children should be happy and therefore children cannot deal with disappointment. We clearly see this in team sports. Children are so focussed on the scoreboard and who the winner is, that they cannot simply play and have fun. Competition is healthy, but an excessive competitive attitude is often a perception created by the parents. If children do not win, they cry...".

Teacher Lizette says it is important that parents support their children with homework and create a routine whereby they can perform it diligently, but she asks parents not to do the homework for their children. "Children must learn that it is their own responsibility". She experiences that children do not have the initiative to come up with their own games, because they are constantly told what to do. "They do not know role-play games like "let's go shop". Try to make a playdate with a friend once a week, so that children can make turns to play carefree with each other. Children are often so overburdened with extramural activities that they seldom find the time for carefree, creative play. We notice that they cannot take the initiative to start a project or to complete homework on their own. They have to be assisted. Children get used to being programmed".

ROOI ROSE – AUGUST 2017

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

**Arrive : 06:45 – 07:15**

**Adjourn : 12:30**

- Covid forms are handed out on a Monday and must be back at the school on the Tuesday.



## **2. Birthdays**

- Congratulations to our learners who will be celebrating their birthdays in SEPTEMBER! Hope you have loads of fun!

**NB:** We know that birthdays are very special, but we can unfortunately not allow any party packs, cupcakes, or any refreshments at school during the period of Covid.



## **3. Extra Mural Activities**

Monday - Playball ; Drama ; Ballet  
 Tuesday - Golf ; Swimming  
 Wednesday - Netball ; Rugby Academy - (**Remember tackies**)  
 Thursday - Swimming ; Tennis - (**Remember tackies**)  
 Friday - Dance Mouse

Playball	Debbie 082 440 4708	Golf	Jonathan 074 369 0253
Swimming	Ellen 082 920 8747	Ballet	Karlien 083 297 5714
Netball & Rugby Academy	Venessa 083 660 4707 Dawid 081 575 2682	Tennis	Diaan 071 895 1619
Dance Mouse	Elden 078 998 3688	Drama	Lydia 073 829 0593

\* PLEASE CONTACT THE RESPECTIVE COACHES DIRECTLY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES.



## 4. Theme for the week

06/09/2021 – 10/09/2021  
VEGETABLES



## 5. Educational

### 5.1 WE LEARN TO WRITE LETTERS

- The correct method of writing is very important.
- Start at the dot, look at the arrow and follow the direction of the arrow.  
*See example on the hard copy annexure that your child receives with the newsletter - Letters "a", "b", "c", "d", "e" & "f".*

### 5.2 CREATIVE WORK

- We are going to build a transport item tomorrow, 3 September 2021. Choose any type of transport.
- Plan, at home, how you are going to build it. (Parents, work with your child and spend quality fun time together).
- If you want to paint, please paint the separate parts at home.
- Bring all the parts to school to stick, push in, tie together or screw tightly, etcetera...!
- Put in plastic bag with child's name on.
- The final product will be assembled at school.

### 5.3 EISTEDDFOD

- Good luck to all the learners who will be participating in Choral Verse on 14 September 2021. We ask the relevant parents to support your child by regularly practising the poem with your child.
- Further information will be communicated by the coach via the WhatsApp-group.

### 5.4 PERSONAL HYGIENE

- Learners must come to school clean and neat.
- Girls' fringes must not be in their eyes.
- Boys' hair must be neat and short.
- Hands must be clean.
- Masks must be clean.
- Faces must be clean.
- Teeth must be brushed.
- HK T-shirts must be clean.
- We are PROUD Hasie Kwassie learners!



## 6. General

### 6.1 IMPORTANT DATES

Please diarise the following important dates:

#### Thursdays

#### Fridays

03 September

17 September

22 September

24 September

#### News file

#### News file back

Spring Day / Casual Day

Golf Day

Go-kart Day

Heritage Day

- *Further dates and information for the rest of the term will be added in line with the amended school calendar.*

This programme is subject to change.  
Please also refer to the Riebie-Chatter  
Web & D6

### 6.2 CONTACT THE SCHOOL

- Should you have to contact a Hasie Kwassie staff member, please call between **10:30 and 11:00** and ask to speak to your child's Teacher.

### 6.3 T-SHIRTS & DRYMAC'S AS WELL AS HASIE KWASSIE SCHOOL BAGS FOR SALE

- Hasie Kwassie T-shirts available @ R100-00 each.
- Dry Mac's available @ R200-00 each.
- School bags @ R50-00 each.

#### 6.4 SPRING DAY & CASUAL DAY: 3 SEPTEMBER 2021

- We are celebrating **SPRING DAY** and **CASUAL DAY** here at the school on Friday, 3 September 2021.

We invite all our Hasie Kwassie learners to be part of Casual Day! Learners can pay in R20-00 at their class teacher to receive their sticker. (Please send the R20-00 in an envelope with your child's Name and Surname and Casual Day written on the envelope).

This year's theme is "**Courage and Kindness**". We ask that learners wear something purple, if possible. Learners may also wear a funny "funky" hat with something purple in the hat. Be creative and display the theme in your hat!

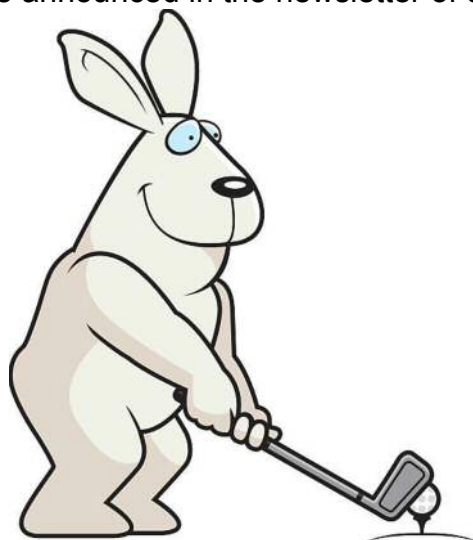
Let us Riebies make a difference in the community and be the change that we would like to see in the world.

All funds raised will be divided between Casa Caritas and Con Amore.



#### 6.5 GOLF DAY

- Our Golf Day takes place on 17 September 2021.
- Thank you to all parents who have donated towards our Golf Day.
- We still need the following:  
**Chips and peanuts, for snacks at our golf station.**  
**Parent assistance – to join the crew at our golf hole on the day.**  
 Please send an urgent email to [anke@riebie.co.za](mailto:anke@riebie.co.za) if you can assist.
- Any other donations or sponsors is most welcome and will be appreciated.
- The class competition, for the class who procured the most sponsors, has been extended. The winning class will be announced in the newsletter of 9 September 2021.





## 6.6 GO-KART DAY: 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

- ❖ Hasie Kwassie learners will participate in **Go-Kart Day** on 22 September 2021.
- ❖ We ask parents to dress learners according to our **Theme**, as below:

### THEME: BUNNIES

#### Girls

2 Ponytails with white ribbons.  
Any colour beads around the neck.  
White T-shirt & comfortable pants.  
White socks.

#### Boys

Hair, neat.  
White T-shirt & comfortable pants.  
Tie/Bowtie.  
White socks.



Each teacher will share a photo on her WhatsApp-group of a painted bunny face. We kindly request parents to make-up your child with face paint, as on the picture. Also paint your child's mask with a nose and bunny whiskers.



Parents, please note that children will participate with their socks on. (The white socks will represent our bunny paws).



Parents who want more sponsor forms must please request it from the class teacher. Please send a note with your child.



We will have a parade to the start of the race and will appreciate your assistance in making up our learners to look like "Bunnies"! The Hasie Kwassie staff will also be giving "bunny ears" to each Hasie Kwassie learner.



Let's make it fun for all the Hasie Kwassies!



## 6.7 GRADE R - 2022

Grade R – enrolment is closed, and placements have been finalized. We are already looking forward to 2022! Parents will receive information before/by the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> term, regarding the Know-my-Teacher event where all the necessary information for 2022 will be shared with parents.

For any information regarding Gr R applications, please send email to [naomi@riebie.co.za](mailto:naomi@riebie.co.za).

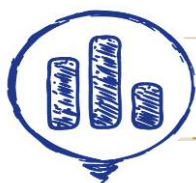
## 6.8 GRADE 1 – 2022

As already communicated, the date for the online applications is as follows:

**Grade 1 - 2022 online applications open at 08:00 on 13 September 2021, and close on 8 October 2021.** Parents must apply **ONLINE** as soon as possible after the applications open, on [www.gdeadmissions.gov.za](http://www.gdeadmissions.gov.za) in accordance with departmental guidelines.

Please keep checking the school newsletters and the d6 for further information in this regard.

The school is currently busy working through the documents handed in by parents and will communicate with parents within the next week regarding any possible outstanding supporting documents.



## 7. Finance

SCHOOL FEES FOR HASIE KWASSIE IS R1530-00 per month,  
PAYABLE IN ADVANCE FOR 12 MONTHS.

### **BANK DETAILS**

Name : VAN RIEBEECKPARK PRIMARY  
 Bank : FNB (CHEQUE ACCOUNT)  
 Branch code : 205609  
 Account Number : 62749134243  
 Reference : Gr R and Child's name & surname

- Contact Ms Liesl van Straaten in the finance office for any enquiries.



## 8. Waiting Class

**06 September 2021 – 09 September 2021**

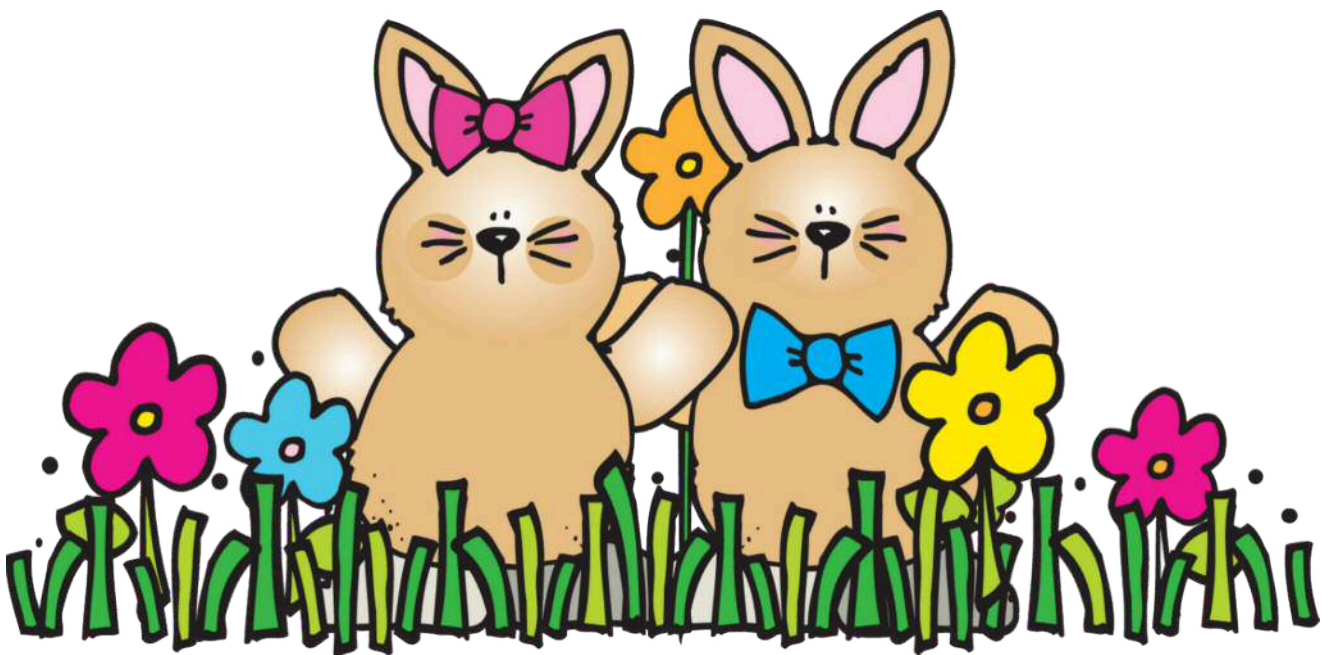
**Classroom: Teacher Anke**

**WAITING CLASS 12:30 – 14:00**

**(Waiting class rotates between classes on a weekly basis. Waiting class is only for learners with older siblings in Van Riebeeckpark Primary School).**

**NO TUCK SHOP**

**TOMORROW, 3 SEPTEMBER 2021**



**LYNETTE | SONJA | CATHY | ANKE | VERUSHKA**