



12 April 2023

CIRCULAR 1 / TERM 2 2023

Dear LGS Parents/Guardians

Term 2 (12 April 2023 – 23 June 2023)

Welcome back to school and the start of Term Two 2023. As usual, we look forward to a busy and exciting academic and sports programme.

“Caring for Others”

Mrs Radebe, the principal of Maizelands Farm School conveys her sincere gratitude to our LGS families for your generosity and kindness in the provision of food items for her learners.

Fundraising

Thank you for your continual support in all our fundraising endeavours last term.

We continue to raise funds for the purchase of laptops, whiteboards and projectors. Currently, we have been able to procure laptops for all educators in grades 4 to 7 and projectors for grades 4 & 7. In time, we would like to purchase additional laptops and projectors to equip every grade with these resources to further develop our teaching and learning.

There will be some exciting fundraising events taking place this term. We will kick off with our Book Character Day in April, followed by a Cake Sale, Movie night and Pyjamas & Hot Chocolate Day in the colder months of May and June.

Curriculum

Term two comprises of eleven weeks with some public holidays in between. Within these weeks, educators and staff are focusing on the coverage of the term's curriculum and the preparation of our half-yearly school-based assessments, control tests and examinations. With your continued support and participation in ensuring that your daughter completes her daily homework, practises her orals/presentations and most importantly, studies regularly for all assessments, tests and examinations, we are bound to receive even better results in their half-yearly reports.

Continuous Assessments will take place throughout the term for our foundations phase. Our intermediate and senior phase will write school-based assessments in the first eight weeks of the term and begin their half-yearly control tests /examinations at the end of their eighth, into the ninth week.

School Governing Body Elections

Congratulations to our newly elected governing body members; Mr D Konar (parent member), Mrs S Seedat & Miss S Mathura (educator members) and Mr J James (non-educator member). We thank you for your interest in the governance of LGS and look forward to your contributions in the future.

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Staff News

At the end of term one, we bade farewell to Mrs J Lochner who took early retirement to focus on her health and well-being. We trust that Mrs Lochner will visit us regularly as many of our parents and girls have formed close bonds with her. Mrs Lochner's smile, friendliness and ability to always make our sick girls feel better, will surely be missed.

Sadly, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs B Conradie, who will be retiring at the end of April. As head of the intermediate and senior phase, Mrs Conradie's expertise, wisdom and knowledge will be missed as we adapt to her absence.

Mrs Maharaj will be returning to LGS, taking over from Miss Van Wyk who will be assisting in the Afrikaans department.

Ascension Day- 18 May 2023

Thursday the 18th of May is celebrated by many Christian families every year. Many staff members may apply for a day's religious observation leave and not be attending school on that day. With the probability that the majority of staff will be away, parents/guardians will be requested to keep their daughters at home. School work will be provided for that day.

Dates to Remember

| Dates | Public Holidays / School Closed |
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| 27 April 2023 | Freedom Day |
| 28 April 2023 | Special School Holiday |
| 1 May 2023 | Workers' Day |
| 18 May 2023 | Ascension Day |
| 16 June 2023 | Youth Day |

Development Projects

Major repairs continue at the swimming pool. In the first term, emergency repairs took place with the replacement of the pool weirs, ensuring that the water is in the best condition for our swimmers. Our maintenance team, headed by Mr James continue to repair the collapsed shale retaining wall at the pool, improving the area by creating much needed seating for our girls, parents and future visitors.

We look forward to our parents / visitor's toilet completion and thank Mr James for his creativity and skill in the conversion of some of our existing toilets to accommodate adults when visiting the school.

To ensure that our learners and staff are safe during the school day, internal gates have been erected and monitored by our security staff.

Money Matters

Sadly, over one hundred and fifty parents have not contributed to school fees this year. These parents are not abiding by their signed commitment / agreements to pay the school fees in full by the 28th of February or to pay monthly instalments throughout the year.

Longmarket Girls' School cannot continue to supply the high level of education in small-numbered, air-conditioned classrooms with the many codes of sports and activities, without being able to maintain the staff, resources and buildings.

I appeal to those parents to contact the Bursar and make immediate arrangements for payment, avoiding the handing over of bad debt to Stowell & Co, if it has not taken place already.

School fees can only be paid by *cell phone banking*, *electronic transfer* or *stop-order*, NO cash for payments will be accepted by the school.

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From the Sports Department

The sports department got off to a busy start. It was new territory for Mrs P. Solomon, but together with Mrs Mellett, the team soon got the PE and extra-mural activities into full swing.

Congratulations to the following house captains and term 1 sports captains:

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| Swimming captain – Kuhle Hlengwa | Swimming vice-captain – Yama Radebe |
| Basketball captain – Amahle Mdakane | Basketball vice-captain- Awande Zungu |
| Tennis captain - Gabby Hadebe | Tennis vice-captain – Mpilo Mchunu |
| Chess captain – Svava Harrilall | |
| Junior choir captain - Hannah Maclou | Senior choir captain – Zinzi Sigcau |

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| <u>Ashton:</u> | House captain – Nandi Ndlovu | Vice house captain- Ompile Ditsi |
| <u>Nicolson:</u> | House captain – Emma Addison | Vice house captain- Awande Zungu |
| <u>Mileman:</u> | House captain – Ntwentle Zulu | Vice house captain – Gabby Hadebe |
| <u>St. George:</u> | House captain – Zinzi Sigcau | Vice house captain – Yama Radebe |

Term 1 Extra-Curricular Activities:

Swimming:

We resumed our squad swimming training with the guidance of Odette Randelhoff. Whilst our pool was under repairs and maintenance, we were lucky enough to continue our training at Scottsville Primary School. We were very grateful to Scottsville for the opportunity to use their facilities. The girls participated in various mini galas throughout the term, showing a huge improvement, ending off the season on a high by placing 2nd at the Inter-schools D-Gala which was held at Epworth.

Basketball:

As always, learners showed a keen interest in basketball and participated enthusiastically throughout the season. LGS played a number of matches against various schools, such as MCS, Bisley, Pelham and Scottsville & St Nicholas. LGS won most of their matches this season and showed great sportsmanship. The coaches were happy with the results and efforts, and look forward to an even more successful season in Term 4.

Tennis:

We are happy that more and more learners are starting to show an interest in tennis, despite the summer heat on the courts. We have been lucky enough to have Coach Jordache come in and work with our coaches to teach our girls some new skills. Our first team tennis girls played some exciting matches during the term, playing many of their games at Kershaw Park.

Rounders:

We introduced rounders in term one for the grade 3 and 4 girls as an extra activity for them to learn and participate in. Many girls showed a keen interest in rounders and it was a huge success. We look forward to continuing with rounders in the years to come!

Cultural Extra-Curricular:

Chess was popular as ever, with a number of juniors keenly joining the ranks. The team played some convincing matches. Choir, Music, Drama, and library clubs catered for various learners' interests too. LGS now has a music band!

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The Enviro Club enthusiastically undertook projects in our school and community that showed the learners how we can be more environmentally savvy. Recycling is back at LGS. Please send your recyclable items to school.

Term 2 Extra-Curricular Activities:

This term's extra-curricular activities began on 17 March 2023.

There are a variety of activities available for learners this term and we are looking forward to seeing the participation and dedication of the learners. We encourage learners to participate in at least one extra-mural activity. This usually means two days per week of commitment. Commitment is key. We urge learners to attend the chosen activity for the duration of the term. We have a busy season in terms of fixtures against many other schools for hockey, netball, cross country and tennis. Please refer to the term calendar for fixture dates.

- The JP's will be participating in a mini hockey festival at Epworth later this term, as well as two mini hockey festivals hosted by LGS against various schools.
- Our Open 1st teams of netball, soccer, basketball, hockey and tennis will soon be sporting new kits. These are currently being purchased and customized for LGS.

Please come and support your child/children by watching their sports matches. It really means a lot to them to play in front of spectators.

Mrs P. Solomon and Mrs Mellett
SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Thank you for the continual support of your daughters, the staff and the school.

Yours sincerely



Mrs D. Petersen
Longmarket Girls' School
Principal



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