



THE ROOSEVELT TIMES

Dear Parents and Guardians

I would like to reiterate my sincere welcome to all new and existing parents. It is heartening to see the school growing and to watch our learners return having developed and matured over the holidays. I say this with pride in our learners as we see Roosevelt High as an extended family. Because we care and despite the school numbers growing, we are able to offer smaller classes than many other schools – our Grade 8 classes have a maximum of 29 learners! This enables educators to know the learners by name, already, and to display genuine interest and concern in our children. To this end, we aim to improve our communication with you and trust that you will communicate your concerns and suggestions with us. If you have any changes to your phone numbers, addresses or e-mail addresses, please inform the school.

I trust that all your children have settled in for the new year and are already committing themselves to their academic work at home. This applies to all learners. Time passes very quickly and before you know it the end of the term will be upon us. The cycle test programme has already begun. Without consistent work there are bound to be very disappointed learners at report time. Parents – do not let your children tell you that they have no homework. There is always school work to do at home such as revising the day's work, preparing for future lessons, summarising, and of course, reading.

The formal extra lesson programme will be issued shortly. Parents, extra lessons are held at the school and are free of charge. Extra lessons are not compulsory unless you have been informed differently. While making your decisions on extra lessons, please bear in mind that educators have volunteered to offer these extra lessons having already worked a full day (the SMT starts the day at 06h30 and all other staff at 07h15), have extra-mural duties, marking and preparation. This is evidence of the commitment of the teachers and it would be wise to benefit from this commitment by attending the extra lessons.

By now you should all be well aware that each learner is required to have a reading book at school **every day**. We are very focused on improving reading and comprehension skills and your co-operation is both vital and appreciated. Please ensure that your children have books to read.

We have been very busy already. Cricket and tennis fixtures have taken place and an educator's debating training session was held over the weekend which was attended by some of our educators. Thank you to all the Grade 8 and 9 learners who stayed at school to support the cricket fixture last week. Please be reminded that support is compulsory for Grades 8 and 9 for every home fixture. As per the letter you received, you will receive notification when Roosevelt is hosting a fixture.

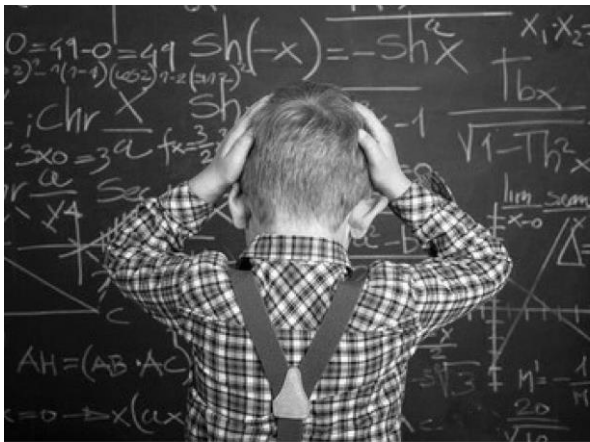
Regarding the buildings - the brick and mortar classrooms are progressing well. We are tiling the floors of some of the classrooms as the existing floors are cracking. We have been painting certain areas of the school and I am very proud of our teachers who have been improving the interior of their classrooms.

Thank you to all of you who continually support the school in all our efforts.

Yours in education

Mr W. de Wet

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