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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – MRS V. NAIDOO

Dear Parents and Learners

I trust you are all well and keeping safe. We thank God for a blissful end of a successful academic term.

We were faced with a few challenges with a few teaching staff resigning, however, the school has ensured that suitable, fully qualified educators were employed.



Educators have provided all the revision to ensure that our learners are well prepared for the First Controlled Tests. As social distancing is still the order of the day, learners are constantly reminded of Covid-19 protocols. Dropping off learners and traffic congestion in the mornings is still a concern and parents are requested to please drop off learners close to the main entrance of the school. There is only one entrance to school for learners and visitors, as we have to maintain strict security measures. It has come to our notice that parents are calling an UBER to fetch learners. I must place on record that parents who make private arrangements to fetch learners with an UBER must inform the school, as no learner can exit the school gates without a school permit. The school will not be held liable for transport arrangements made by service providers.

The Grade 10/11/12 learners will be physically attending school for the First Term Holiday Intervention classes. As a means of assisting our learners to step up their academic performances, the school has rolled out a robust Intervention Academic Programme which commenced from January 2022. It is encouraging to note that many learners attend these classes after school, we are urging all parents in all grades to encourage learners to take advantage of the additional Intervention classes after school. Please ensure that learners are fetched promptly after the sessions.

First Term Progress reports will be issued at the beginning of the Second Term. Subject educators have been tasked to engage learners with learning and assessments during the First Term break.

Our school will be engaging in a few co and extra - curricular activities in Term 2 and parents will be informed via the school circulars of the forthcoming events.

If your child has any flu like symptoms, that includes coughing, fever, shortness of breath, headaches, pains please seek medical attention before returning to school.

Looking forward to a successful new term. On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and myself, I would like to wish you and your families a well-rested first term break.

God bless you always

"We are limited, not by our abilities, but by our vision." – Kahlil Gibran

Mrs V. Naidoo
Principal

H.O. D's REPORT – Miss U Mothilal (GRADES 8-12)

MEPS has started the new Academic Year successfully. Due to the co-operation of our educators and learners our academic programme has been efficiently completed for Term 1.



Our Matric learners have been given additional support with the Grade 12 Mentorship Programme and Saturday/Holiday Intervention classes. Each matriculant has been assigned to a mentor educator to give them additional guidance in this year. The Intervention Programme has also been conducted with our Grade 10 and Grade 11 learners to prepare them adequately as well.

Learners need a good balance between academics and sport so this sport has been introduced in Term 1. Our Physical Education educators have organised Volleyball matches which our learners have thoroughly enjoyed. This also promotes team spirit among learners while keeping them physically healthy.

We look forward to a productive academic year ahead. Thank you to our parents for your ongoing support.

REPORT – MRS A MAKADA (GRADES 4-7)

What a fabulous term it has been.

Thank you for all the support that I have received. It is good to see so many learners back at school after the COVID pandemic.



Many learners are happy to be back at school too. We welcome all of you. We hope that this year will be a fruitful and enjoyable one. Each learner at our school is valuable to our school. We would like to see our learners achieve the best results academically.

Each learner starts at a different point and progresses in different ways. Some children will need more time and support than others to achieve standards. Celebrating success, progress made and focusing together (children, parents and teachers) help children to recognise how far they have come. Also we would like to see our learners learn and display good values and characteristics. There should be team spirit, unity and harmony to ensure we function well and achieve much.

We as educators are always here to support and assist our learners and to iron out any problems that our learners may experience at school.

REPORT OF FOUNDATION PHASE HEAD -MRS A MAHARAJ (GRADES RR-3)

Dear Parents and Learners

It is indeed a pleasure to report on the progress of our Foundation Phase learners in which majority of the learners are now attending school physically. We are running the online program concurrently and nothing gives more joy than seeing their happy faces back to school.



Some learners have come in after 2 years since the Covid-19 Pandemic. MEPS is very proud of them for the manner in which they have adjusted to changed environment.

Educators ensured that lessons are done physically in class and on the online platform so that no learner is disadvantaged.

All learners from Grades R-3 came in to write their First Term Controlled Tests physically at school. Our team of educators together with SMT, ensured that all COVID 19 Protocols were maintained whereby learners were screened and ensured social distancing.

Our Foundation Phase learners had outdone themselves in creating beautiful pieces of artwork for Valentines Day. More activities are scheduled for Term 2 including Easter Hunt, Reading Festival, and our Sports Activities.

Learners were given a talk on Oral Hygiene, Tooth brushes and Colgate toothpaste was distributed to our learners.

Thank you to our parents for your continuous support. We are looking forward to trying some new innovative measures to ensure that the Foundation Phase learners are developed holistically.

I wish you and your families a safe First Term break.

OUR LEARNERS ACHIEVEMENTS



Darius Narainsamy started Karate at the age of 7, at Mount Edgecombe Private School. He has progressed to blue belt 2. On Thursday the 24th of March, he will be attending a tournament taking place in Qerbeha. He will be proudly representing his club, ASKDSA and our school. In this tournament he will be up against athletes from other provinces in his age category and if he is placed he will be going to New York in October.

Congratulation Darius!



TERM 1

OUR LEARNERS ACHIEVEMENTS

FOUNDATION PHASE

Grade RA & Grade RB

Let the adventure begin....

Welcome children, we are glad you're here.

we're all going to have a wonderful year.

we'll draw and we'll write,

we'll sing and we'll play,

we'll paint and we'll build,

and learn new things each day!



We're a class who
Enjoys working together
Learning together
Cares for
One another & always
Makes sure
Everyone feels important!



Grade 1A – Valentine's Day 2022

VALENTINES DAY 2022 turned out to be quite an amazing day for my little grade 1 learners. These angels have so much love to give and they always remind me that love is all around us every day, from a smile, to a hug a beautiful compliment or an I love you mam, they always amaze me. Being back physically at school after a long time, my learners enjoyed dressing up in their casual attire and they looked awesome. Love was definitely all around on Valentine's Day as learners took pride in making cards to take home to their parents. It was a day filled with fun and excitement and most of all LOVE ♥



Grade 1B – Visual Arts Project

The Learners were asked to make a model of themselves using recycled material such as toilet roll holders, wool etc. and decorate as they wish. Being their first project for the term learners were enthusiastic. Learners presented beautiful, fun, colourful and creative replicas of themselves. One may say we have designers in the making. Well done to my grade 1b learners for an excellent job done 🌟



FOUNDATION PHASE

Grade 2A

The class of Grade 2A learners used their imagination and creativity to design a Valentine's Day card for their loved ones. The presentation was shared with both physical and online learners. Learners were able to share their love and emotions to their families and friends. I am extremely proud of them all. Well done learners for the great effort.



Grade 2B – Fluttering Love

My little Grade 2B sweethearts embraced Valentine's Day with much love and excitement. They used their creativity and made beautiful butterflies. Love is certainly like a butterfly, beautiful and bold.



Grade 3A – Valentines Card

Grade 3 learners strengthened their visual learning by creating a mobile Valentines card. They familiarised themselves with different art elements/tools which tweaked their interest in the activity. It improved their motor skills and enhanced their creativity. It was a fun activity to improve eye -hand coordination while expressing themselves.



Grade 3B- Life Skills

The grade 3's created various animal masks for visual arts that was based on the theme of emotions. They thoroughly enjoyed painting their mask's and creating different emotions.



INTERMEDIATE PHASE/ SENIOR PHASE

Grade 4A – Valentine's Day

Love was in the air on the 14th of February when the grade 4s pieced together a beautiful card for their loved ones. Learners thoroughly enjoyed their completing their artwork as they learnt about friendship, caring and sharing. Well done Grade 4s!



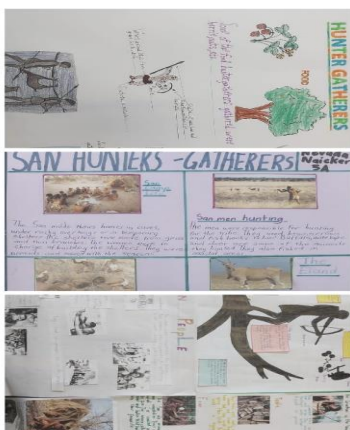
Grade 4B-Life Skills

Developing coordination and motor skills is one of the topics that we covered in Life Skills this term. Learners used their creativity and fine motor skills to mould beautiful pieces of clay work. Clay work helps improve hand/eye coordination and build fine motor skills. This activity nurtured our learner's creativity, boosted their imagination and increased their self-confidence. We are so proud of them!



Grade 5A

Well done to grade 5A on their excellent posters. You all have a tremendous amount of talent, knowledge, and potential. I feel so proud to have you as my students. Remember, your hard work will never go in vain! Be diligent towards your dreams and you will reach the stars!



5A
EXCELLENT
POSTERS
WELL DONE !

SO
PROUD
OF YOU



Grade 5B– Life Skills

Grade 5B had displayed their creativity and love during the month of February. These are a few of the positive messages that they created for Life Skills



INTERMEDIATE PHASE/ SENIOR PHASE

Grade 6A and Grade 6B

Our Grade 6 learners were given the task of preparing and presenting Persuasive Speeches on some interesting topics. Below are some of the speeches that were presented.

Being a YouTube star is a real job by Caleb Pillay

Many people across the globe are fascinated by the possibility of leaving their day jobs to earn an income on YouTube. But one would also wonder, is this a real job or this way of earning an income just about how bright your smile is in front of the camera.

Good morning to all. Today, I will give you some facts confirming that being a YouTube star is a real job.

Passion, discipline, hard work and consistency are the qualities one would need to be successful in their career and this is exactly what almost every successful YouTube star possesses. It is awesome knowing that being a YouTube star does not require you to have a strict 9-5 working days. Although you may skip the traffic, you are still required to put in the hours of work. It takes several hours to record and edit videos. Researching different topics, analyzing their viewer's interests and getting to click the like button. Being consistent and hardworking is another trait of a YouTuber. Videos need to be uploaded timeously and viewers are likely to give their negative comments at times. This requires you to be strong, level headed and confident. Many YouTubers started from humble beginnings using a simple android phone to manoeuvring expensive equipment. This shows the passion they possess in moving to greater heights.

The income is amazing, however just like any business person, consistency is key. You have to keep the vision moving otherwise it will fall away. YouTube stars also looks at brands to promote.

I strongly believe that a YouTube star is a real job. Its vision, passion and hard work not just a pretty smile.

INTERMEDIATE PHASE

Grade 6A and Grade 6B

McDonald's is better than KFC by Kiandra Payton Reddy

Good day to my teacher and fellow class mates. Today I am going to present my views on why I believe McDonalds is better than KFC.

When you think of KFC, you think about fried chicken and wings. However, when you think about McDonald's, you think about the variety of food combos and desserts that cater for the entire family.

McDonald's is known for their beef and chicken combos with yummy chips. You can also choose from a veg burger, fish, nuggets and salad. You can order milkshake, cool drinks, juices and hot drinks. My favourite is the Big Mac which has a burger, chips and a drink. McDonald's uses 100% beef for their burgers and contains no preservatives. All their burgers are grilled while KFC fries their chicken in oil and has a high salt content.

McDonald's has a great breakfast menu while KFC's menu is limited. If you have a sweet tooth like me, you will enjoy McDonald's delicious desserts. You can choose from an apple pie, cakes, donuts, ice cream, sundaes and my personal favourite...an Oreo McFlurry. KFC only offers ice cream based desserts.

McDonald's is also kids friendly as they have happy meals with toys and a child playground area.

McDonald's uses bright colours to attract customers. If you are registered on their app, you can earn points and receive discounts on your favourite meals. It is also reasonably priced and personally I find their service is much quicker than KFC, therefore I believe that McDonald's is better than KFC as you have a variety of tasty treats to choose from and you are getting value for money. I choose McDonald's...any day...anytime...I'm loving it!

Disclaimer: This is not an advertisement for McDonalds or view of the school. It is a learner input as part of learner development.

WHY KIDS SHOULD NOT HAVE CELL PHONES by Meliyah Naidoo

Good morning to my teacher Miss N Rajbally and my fellow classmates. Today I am going to address you, on an important topic **WHY KIDS SHOULD NOT HAVE CELL PHONES?**

Many kids in today's generation are introduced to cell phones at a very young age. Do you think it's a good idea? I don't!

Kids today have replaced their toys by the use of a cellphone: playing games, listening to music and going on social media, they have become addicted to them.

A perfect example, of what I witnessed, my beloved cousin was given a cell phone at a very young age, it was okay at first, as she didn't know much about social media.

Once she was introduced to WhatsApp and other social media sites, her routine changed. Due to her being constantly on her phone had a negative impact on her grades. She distanced herself from us all, not attending any functions, it was just her and this evil cell phone. Soon she was receiving life threatening calls, this resulted in her parents taking away her phone.

My fellow classmates do you want to go through this?

The stress and all this problem at a young and tender age.

I believe we should focus on being kids and living a happy and carefree life.

Being kids, we are privileged in so many ways, not having to focus on adult responsibilities, our primary focus should be on producing excellent results, by completing our assignments and learning for our exams.

We should always remember that all our parents' sacrifices are not in vain, as they always ensure we have the best of everything, the least we can do is to make our parents proud by educating ourselves. Remember kids that education is the key to success, not cell phones.

INTERMEDIATE PHASE/ SENIOR PHASE

Grade 7A & 7B



PICTURED: THE
GRADE 7 LEARNERS
WITH THEIR MUGS



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

To commemorate the month of love the learners from Grade 7 showed their artistic flair by sculpting mugs out of clay for their loved ones. The theme of love showed through their art with carefully painted hearts, teddy bears and cartoon characters.

Grade 8

Grade 8A – Creative Arts

Learners of Grade 8A were very creative when they were given a task for Creative arts to work with clay. These are the beautiful handcrafts that were made by the Grade 8A students.



Grade 8B- Creative Arts

With this project, Grade 8 Creative Arts learners inquired into Art and Design. They created these beautiful clay pots as their term assessment. Well done Grade 8B! Here are just some of the pots that are adding colour to Miss A Anthony's classroom.



SENIOR PHASE

Grade 8C- **Fun with Photosynthesis**

Learners in Gr 8 observed the process of photosynthesis. Simple science showed us how photosynthesis occurs in green leaves.



GRADE 9

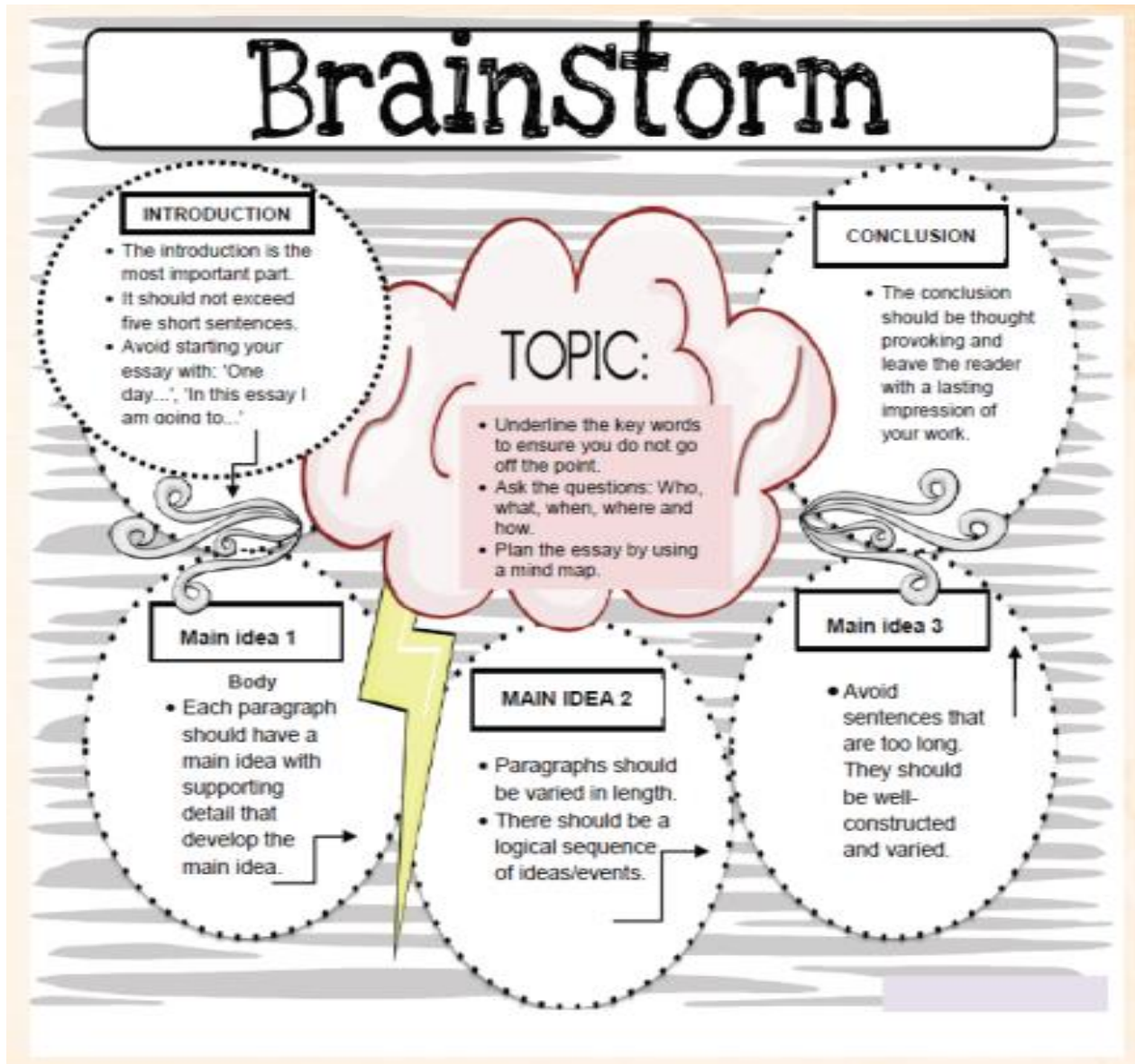
Grade 9A – Natural Science

Grade 9A grasped concepts of the Systems in the human body. Natural Sciences is always fun to experience in the laboratory where learners can experience visual/kinaesthetic learning with our models. Here shown in the picture are Esther Pillay, Zhanae Naicker and Abesh Puthroo.



ENGLISH – ESSAY WRITING

Writing essays in high school is an essential basic skill that every student needs to succeed in high school, college and in the workplace. Since you can never be sure, what individual teachers want, developing a typical essay format that you can use when writing an essay for a test or homework can be helpful. These basic tips will help you write a successful essay:



GRADE 11A AND GRADE 11B

Practical Fun with Physics at MEPS



Photo credit: J. Cheerkot

The Grade 11 Physical Sciences class at MEPS were happy to be back at school in full swing after all the COVID disruptions. Physics is a practical subject and learning is best done hands-on. Dr M. Govender and his students conducted an experiment in the lab to verify Newton's Second Law. The setup above was used to test whether force is directly proportional to acceleration for a constant mass. Most of the work done in Grade 11 is tested in Grade 12, so the students are diligently preparing themselves and having fun while learning.

GRADE 12A & 12B

HULDEBLYK

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THILESHNEE MOODLEY – 12A

Dit is met 'n swaar hart dat ek hulde aan 'n opvoerder, mentor, vaderfiguur en meestal 'n heer wil bring wat ek vir ewig sal onthou. Die ware maatstraf van 'n man is hoeveel liefde hy gee, hoe onbaatsugtig hy deel, wat hy ook al kan doen om ander te help en hoe hy diegene rondom hom ophef met 'n vriendelike woord, 'n kompliment, 'n nederige oor of net 'n warm glimlag. Met hierdie maatstraf was my onderwyser Mnr. Maharaj onmeetbaar.

Mnr. Maharaj is 'n nederige, intelligente en 'n wonderlike mens. Hy is 'n man van karakter en intergriteit wie se gees en humoristiese geaardheid die lewens van sy leerders geraak het. In die opvoeding stroom is die sterkste krag die band tussen die leerder en opvoerder. Hierdie band lei tot akademiese sukses. Wat hom uiters spesiaal maak, is sy mentorskapstyl. Hy is 'n ondersteunende mentor wat my geïnspireer het om altyd na die sterre te reik. Die band met Mnr. Maharaj is soos geen ander nie. Die liefde en aanmoediging wat ek van hom ontvang het, het my altyd get motiveer om na die beste te streef.

Al sal my woorde nooit genoeg wees om al die harde werk wat hy vir my gedoen het te waardeer nie, sal ek hom altyd in my hart onthou. Dankie dat jy 'n briljante opvoerder was.

Holiday Intervention Classes

DATE	GRADE 10A	GRADE 10B	GRADE 11A	GRADE 11B	GRADE 12A	GRADE 12B
MONDAY, 28 MARCH 2022						
SESSION 1	LIFE SCIENCE TOURISM	LIFE SCIENCE TOURISM	AFRIKAANS	AFRIKAANS	ACCOUNTING GEOGRAPHY	ACCOUNTING GEOGRAPHY
SESSION 2	PHYSICAL SCIENCE	PHYSICAL SCIENCE	MATHS MATHS LIT	MATHS MATHS LIT	LIFE SCIENCE IT	LIFE SCIENCE IT
TUESDAY, 29 MARCH 2022						
SESSION 1	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	PHYSICAL SCIENCE	PHYSICAL SCIENCE	MATHS MATHS LIT	MATHS MATHS LIT
SESSION 2	MATHS MATHS LIT	MATHS MATHS LIT	LIFE SCIENCE TOURISM	LIFE SCIENCE TOURISM	PHYSICAL SCIENCE BUSINESS STUDIES	PHYSICAL SCIENCE BUSINESS STUDIES

GRADES	HOLIDAY INTERVENTION TIMES
10-12	SESSION 1 -8:00AM TO 09:00AM
	SESSION 2-09:10 AM TO 10:10AM

STAFF NEWS

We welcome the following educators to our MEPS family:

Dr M. Govender

Mrs S. Govender

Mr C. Mostwell

Mr A. Rajkumar

Mr C. Sauls

Miss P. Dudball

Mrs K. Sewpersad

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Welcome
to our
family.
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Congratulations Mrs. A. Sarjoo on the safe arrival of your gorgeous baby, May God Bless you and your family, Stay Safe and enjoy this beautiful time.

Online Programme

Please ensure that your child attends lessons timeously, and that deadlines given for assignments and tests are met. If your child is unable to attend lessons, or is unable to submit work on the due date, please ensure the form educator and subject educator are informed.

Educators will make contact with you with regards to getting your child onto the school's WhatsApp groups, which are used to send out important information. Please note that if there are any subject queries you may contact the school who will then contact the respective educator.

Ensure that username & password are kept safely – do not lose the password.

School Fees:

Please note that the school fees for 2022 has been increased minimally. No cash payments to be made at school. Only EFT/ Card payments will be allowed. Failure to honour school fee payment arrangements may result in your account being handed over for collection and further procedures as well as your child/ward being deregistered from MEPS. Statements have been emailed to parents, should you have not received your statement, kindly contact the Finance Team on accounts1@mepschool.co.za and Bursar@mepschool.co.za

Banking Details for MOUNT EDGECOMBE PRIVATE SCHOOL

BANK: STANDARD BANK

ACC NO: 053029534

BR CODE: 057829

BRANCH: UMHLANGA RIDGE

PLEASE USE LEARNER'S NAME AND GRADE AS REFERENCE.



Dates to Remember

School Closes on: Friday, 25TH March 2022

Closing Times are as follows:

- **Grade RR-3 – 09:45 am**
- **Grade 4-8 - 10:00 am**
- **Grade 9-12 – 10:15 am**

School Reopens on: 05th April 2022

EASTER WEEK-END – 15 April 2022 – 18 April 2022

Freedom Day – 27th April 2022

Worker's Day – 1st May 2022 (Sunday)

Public Holiday – 02 May 2022

Ascension Day – 26th May 2022