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## JANUARY, 2018 NEWS LETTER

### PARENTS WELCOME LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL: 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2018 school year at New Kids Care. Thank you for choosing our preschool for your child's early education. Our main focus is to prepare your child for Kindergarten and beyond while having fun and providing a wonderful experience for both you and your child.

I am looking forward to continuing this positive experience with you and your child.

#### TO NEW PARENTS

The early childhood years have long been recognized as *extremely* important in the development of a child. We're honoured that you trust our preschool to work with you in providing this rich and stimulating school foundation for your child. The warm home environment you provide for your child and ongoing communication with us will ensure that your pre-schooler continues to grow into his or her own special person.

In order to help your child transition to the preschool, we will provide you with a visit day on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. On this day, you or another family member should try to attend with your child during the designated time for a short visit. If you are unable to make your child's scheduled visit time, please let me know and I will get the necessary information home to you during your child's first week of school.

During the school year some classes may grow slightly as children in need of our services enter the preschool. Other classroom teachers or assistants may also enter during the school year to accommodate our children's needs. We will keep you updated as changes occur. We hope that you will find us to be a great TEAM for your child this year. We have many fun activities planned!

#### COMMUNICATION

New Kids Care promises to provide rich experiences for your child by exposing him or her to exciting and motivating themes and vocabulary in the classroom. You will receive monthly newsletters which will be posted on the preschool website during the school year, as well. Some children will have daily communication sheets, including children who may have special needs or 3 year olds who may have limited language to discuss their day.

Adding to the list of tools we use for communication purposes, we have introduced a new App in order to maximize our communication efforts with our parents. The App is called **D6 SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR**. D6 is highly interactive desktop communication. Just download for free and install it on your computer or mobile phone to receive news, calendar events and more directly on your desktop.

### Other tools of communication which parents are already familiar with are:

1. **Communication Book:** A5 booklet parents and teachers can write messages between themselves when necessary
2. **WhatsApp:** all parents will be added on our broadcast list
3. **Email:** can be used for general enquiries
4. **Newsletter:** can be accessed from our website and D6 School Communicator

I ask that you parents to communicate with me when you have any ideas, questions and/or concerns. Working together, we can provide the best possible preschool experience for your child. I can be reached at [director@newkidscare.co.za](mailto:director@newkidscare.co.za) or my acting principal at

[principal@newkidscare.co.za](mailto:principal@newkidscare.co.za) or call 081 445 3576, before or after school. I do prefer email, if this works for you. Please know that I will return your emails and calls as soon as I am able to and that if it is an emergency during the school day, you may reach me through the office (012 790 7006). During the school year, we will have opportunities to discuss how your child is developing at school.

### PICK-UP REGISTRY

Parents are requested to sign a **PICK-UP REGISTRY** when they fetch their children. Note that if your name is not on the registration form the school will not allow you without the parent consent.

### EXTRA-MURAL

Sports and music play a very important role in the early learning development of a child. It is for this reason that New Kids Care is offering various sporting activities and music as part of the curriculum. All our extra mural activities will resume on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2018, for more info enquire at the reception.

We offer the following extra mural activities:

#### SPORT

- Swing ball, Netball, Swimming and Art (**compulsory**)
- Soccer and Volley Ball (**not included in the fee structure**)

#### MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL

- Piano, Bass guitar, drums, Lead Guitar, Percussions and Vocals (**not included in the fees**)

#### DANCE LESSONS

- Ballet, Contemporary, Hip Hop and African dance (**not included in the fees**)

### PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The school is intending on forming a Parent Teacher Association that will assist in organising the school's events. We are appealing to parents to volunteer to be part of this association. More information will be given on our upcoming Parent's Meeting.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENTS	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Photo day	8 February 2018	10h00	NKC Premises
Parents Information Session	10 February 2018	9h00	NKC Premises
Valentine DAY (Kids to wear Red and White)	14 February 2018	-	NKC Premises



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## **BIRTHDAY'S**

We seem to be having a few challenges in the area of birthday parties and the party packs. We Parents and school agreed that for health purposes (i.e. children that may be allergic to certain foods kindly prepare the following for your children's party packs: PLAIN CUP CAKES (no colorants and icing sugars or creamed cakes allowed), 1 lollipop, 1 Niknack packet and a 100% juice.  
Party times are 10h00 am or 14h00pm

### **Parents kindly remember the following for our little ones:**

- Label all your child's belongings
- Always put extra changing clothes in the bag
- School knocks off at 17:30, a penalty fee of R30 is payable after every 5 minutes from 17:30.
- Make sure the school is informed of your child's allergies or any special needs.
- School gates are open for drop off at 06:30am
- Birthday party times are 10:00 am or 14:00 pm.
- If there are any changes with fetching of your little one kindly inform the school who will be fetching your little one from school in advance.

## **UNIFORM**

We have had a lot of challenges with both our new and old suppliers but have now managed to sort it out. Kindly inquire from reception for your little one's size of uniform and choice of accessory listed below:

### **For purchases kindly make deposits to the following :**

**Cecil Trading and Project (PTY) Ltd**

**STD BANK**

**Account NO: 013361805**

**Branch Code 012445**

**Branch Name Lynwood Ridge Cheque account.**

- HAND GLOVES
- SCARF
- SWEATER
- BEANIE
- TRACKSUIT
- GOLF T- SHIRTS
- LONG SLEEVED SHIRTS
- SPORT SHORTS
- CRICKET HAT
- SHORTS/SKORT

## COLOURS OF THE WEEK

Monday	Green
Tuesday	Pink
Wednesday	Purple
Thursday	Yellow
Friday	Blue

## SCHOOL FEES

- We are experiencing late or no payments at all and ask that parents kindly update their records with the office.
- PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL FEES ARE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE BY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH MONTH CHILDREN WITH UNPAID FEES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND CLASS AS OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup>, ALL UNPAID ACCOUNTS WILL BE HANDED OVER FOR COLLECTION ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup>.
- Use your child's first and second name as reference for your payment.
- To the Parents that registered for the sports, kindly insure that the R100 is included in the fees every month
- Late payment after 2<sup>nd</sup> will pay penalty fee of R100.
- School account FNB LYNWOOD RIDGE, 62582189421, BRANCH CODE 252045

Regards

Nthabi and NKC Team