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# Japari Newsletter



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Dear Parents

## Parent Support Group

A reminder to all parents of our Support Group Meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday 19 June, 18:30 for 19:00. The stressors of parenting in our modern society are well known and a Support Group can really fill a gap and make you feel less alone. They are a place to find resources and support. They are also a safe place to vent. It is okay to feel what you are feeling. A place where you can share your thoughts, triumphs and challenges, helps you to appreciate the child you have.

Dana Labe is a Clinical Social Worker who has been in practice for over 30 years. The topic is “Strategies To Help Your Child Calm Down” when they become frustrated and react emotionally or aggressively. She will also share some self-care strategies for parents.

There is no charge for this group and light refreshments will be served. Parents meet in the staffroom and can park inside the school grounds.

## Technology

Technology is becoming a part of everyday life. There are apps to help you buy, give, join, play, volunteer, connect, share - just about anything you can imagine.

People spend more than eight hours a day with technological devices, yet most of us do not know how they work or how to make their own.

Stream is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Robotics, Engineering, The Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student enquiry, dialogue and critical thinking. The end results are students who take thoughtful risks, engage in experiential learning, persist in problem solving, embrace collaboration and work through the creative process. These are the innovators, educators, leaders and learners of the 21st century!

Japari is looking to introduce Coding and Robotics into our curriculum. This will initially be in the form of an Extra-Curricular Club. The Robot, Pepper, will visit Japari on Monday 10 June during our Assembly. Our children will be able to talk to and ask her a number of questions! Pepper can currently be found in banks, retail stores, hotel concierges as receptionists, at car dealerships and even in people's homes around the world.

Parents will receive a brochure on Monday giving details of the programme. We will initially open this programme to Grade 5, 6 and 7 students.

Kind regards

Steve Rees  
Headmaster



If parents would like to pay school fees with a credit card and do not have the time to come to the finance office, please use the following payment link  
<https://www.walletdoc.com/pay/japari>

## Reading Week

24 – 28 June

The Reading Department  
is busy preparing for  
Reading Week.



This year, reading games and activities will be based around our theme 'African Wildlife'. The Travelling Bookshop will be here on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> with a wonderful display of books at reasonable prices.

The highlight of the week will be a visit on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>, from a young 12-year old award winning author, Stacey Fru - pictured above. She has written a number of books which sell at R170. Anybody wishing to order her books can send their money to the librarian, Mrs Taylor.

At 10.30 on the Friday, parents are invited to celebrate Japari's birthday with us. Afterwards tea will be served in the Lapa and school will close for half-term.

**And...we are also preparing for our Concert Performance at the end of this term.**

Miss Manley and her team working on the backdrop for the stage.



***Look out for updates and further information in upcoming news bulletins!***



**WEEKLY PROGRAMME**  
**WEEK ENDING 14 JUNE 2019**



Mon 10 June	Grade R-3	<b>Soccer Practice</b>	13:10 – 14:10	Zoo Lake
	Grade 4-7	<b>Soccer Practice</b>	14:10 – 15:30	Zoo Lake
	Grade R-3	<b>Netball Practice</b>	13:10 – 14:00	School
	Grade 4-7	<b>Netball Practice</b>	14:00 – 15:15	School
Tues 11 June	Grade R-3	<b>Soccer Practice</b>	13:10 – 14:10	Zoo Lake
	Grade 4-7	<b>Soccer Practice</b>	14:10 – 15:30	Zoo Lake
	Grade R-3	<b>Netball Practice</b>	13:10 – 14:00	Zoo Lake
	Grade 4-7	<b>Netball Practice</b>	14:00 – 15:15	Zoo Lake
	Grade R-3	<b>Tennis Practice</b>	13:10 – 14:00	Zoo Lake
Weds 12 June	<b>Soccer Matches (for selected boys only)</b>			
	U9/10/12 vs Knights Preparatory		Away back at school 15:30	
	<b>Cultural Activities</b>			
	Grade R-3	Crafts	13:15 – 13:45	
	<b><i>There will be no choir or marimbas due to concert practice</i></b>			
Thurs 13 June	<b>Netball Matches (for selected girls only)</b>			
	U10/11, U12/Open vs Bellavista		Away back at school 16:00	
	Grade 1-3	Chess	13:15 – 13:45	
	Grade 5-7	Computers	13:45 – 14:15	
Fri 14 June	<b>No Mini Soccer</b>			

**SHIN PADS ARE COMPULSORY FOR SOCCER PRACTICE AND MATCHES**  
**CHILDREN HAVE TO HAVE THEIR OWN RACKETS FOR TENNIS**

## **From the Sports Desk**

On Friday 24 May, we played our Mini Soccer fixtures. The boys played two wonderful games with much fun had by the boys, parents and coaches alike. Well done to Ephrem Gabore for his four goals and Tinevimbo Tswatswa for his three in both matches. Keep it up boys. The boys had three wonderful matches on 31 June with great excitement all around. We had some awesome team work with goals coming from Lwazi Mokhine - 1, Tine -1 and Ephrem - 5 in the three matches. A huge thank you to all the parents for their support and encouragement – it is much appreciated by the boys and the coaches.

On Wednesday the soccer boys played against Kings Robin Hills. A very close game for the U9s who lost 5-6. Well done to Ona Masondo - 2 – he gets player of the week, Kananelo Hlapane - 2, Matthew Letsoalo -1 for their goals. The rest of the teams did not have the best of days and also lost. No goals for Japari. Hard work and straight passing ahead boys.

On Thursday the netball girls played another friendly against Sandhurst Preparatory. A lovely afternoon of netball with some definite signs of improvement in some of the girls. Well done to Giorgia Lockhart-Barker for player of the week as well as Karabo Masukela and Lethabo Ngoye.

Well done to Ethan Nyamkondiwa for receiving his swimming team scroll.

There were no matches for either soccer or netball this week but we are scheduled to play in a Derby Day at Bellavista on Friday and then a Mini Soccer Festival for U9s at Cedarwood on Saturday.

If the children who borrow kit could please return them it would be appreciated. The U9/10/12 soccer boys are due to play a fixture on Wednesday against Knights Preparatory. The scheduled fixture was cancelled.



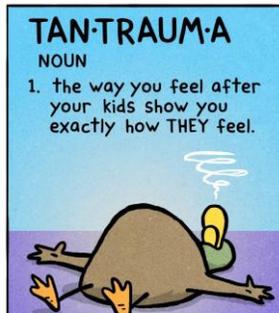
***U9 and U10 ready for their match***



***Netball girls against Sandhurst***

**Mandy Wheeler**

**Head of Sport**



## Parenting Support Group

**Wednesday 19 June 6.30 for 7pm**

### **“How to help your child to calm down”**

Dana Labe is a Clinical Social Worker who has been in practice for more than 30 years. She will be offering a discussion group for parents on how to help your child to calm down. The evening will take the form of some input followed by an opportunity for discussion and learning from each other.

In this group we will consider:

- What is happening for your child when they “lose their cool” and what they are trying to communicate
- Some strategies for preventing “hyper-arousal” and for promoting good emotional regulation
- Some strategies for self-care for parents

#### **Term 2 dates**

**Monday 06 May – Thursday 08 August**

***Half-term break - close 28 June – return 08 July***

Public Holiday: Sunday 16 June – Youth Day

Monday 17 June – Holiday (Youth Day observed)