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Friday, 20 February 2026

Silvies@60 – Honour the past, shape the future

NEWSLETTER: Grades 8–11

Dear Parents/Guardians, Staff and Learners,

As we continue with Term 1, we thank every family for the steady support you provide. Our theme, Silvies@60 – Honour the past, shape the future, calls all of us—learners, parents, and staff—to build a culture of excellence, discipline, and pride in our school.

Our academic standard for 2026: 60% and above

In 2026, every learner is expected to achieve 60% or more in all subjects throughout the academic year.

Please note: 60% and above applies to all forms of assessment, whether informal or formal, including classwork, homework, projects, tasks, tests, practicals, and examinations.

Appreciation to parents/guardians

Thank you to all parents/guardians who ensure that learners arrive:

- On time
- In full school uniform
- Prepared to learn each day

Your consistent routines at home directly improve learner performance at school.

The 5 Nuggets to succeed at school and in life

Let us keep reinforcing these simple but powerful habits:

1. Come to school every day and be on time for every lesson.
2. Pay attention: listen actively, take notes, and ask relevant questions.
3. Set a personal study timetable and stick to it.
4. Use available resources daily: textbooks, teacher notes, study guides, and past papers.
5. Be your brother's keeper: support, encourage, teach, and learn from one another.





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School fees: Keeping accounts up to date

We kindly encourage parents/guardians to pay school fees and keep accounts up to date. School fees play a direct role in sustaining learning resources, school operations, learner programmes, and academic support initiatives.

Monday, 23 February 2026: Interhigh Athletics

We wish our athletes well as they participate in the Interhigh Athletics Meeting at Pilditch Athletics Stadium on Monday, 23 February 2026.

Important notice:

- There will be no formal school on Monday.
- Only selected grades and selected subjects will have classes.
- The Grade Guardian will communicate the specific arrangements for those classes.

Learner Leadership: Executive council meeting

The Executive Council of Learner Leaders will hold an executive meeting on Monday. Mrs Gqirana will communicate the time of the meeting with the parents/guardians of the Executive Council learners.

Term tests underway

Learners are still busy with Term tests. We encourage:

- Consistent revision
- Early preparation (no last-minute learning)
- Good sleep and healthy routines
- Attendance for every lesson, especially during assessment periods





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Weekend task for parents/guardians and learners

This weekend, we encourage parents/guardians to spend **30–45 minutes** with your child to complete the following:

- **Accountability:** Check the test timetable and confirm what must be studied next week.
- **Integrity:** Ensure work is done honestly—no shortcuts, no copying.
- **Perseverance:** Identify the hardest subject/topic and plan a small daily improvement step.
- **Respect:** Discuss respectful behaviour at school (to teachers, peers, and learning time).
- **Punctuality:** Plan the week's transport/wake-up routine to avoid late-coming.
- **Excellence:** Set one clear goal for next week (e.g., "I will improve by 5% in Maths" or "I will complete all tasks on time.")

Let us work together to shape disciplined, confident, and high-performing learners.

Have a safe and blessed weekend.

Yours in education,

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