



## MARYVALE COLLEGE

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Dear Maryvale families

16<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Welcome back to the new school year. We wish you a year filled with blessings, happiness and good health. Our wishes for you this year are:

“Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.  
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you.  
Deep peace of Christ to you.”

### [John Rutter - A Gaelic Blessing Lyrics](#)

Welcome to all new parents and children, we hope you have been met with warm hearts, and we wish you all a happy stay at Maryvale.

We congratulate the high school teachers and Matriculants who achieved a 100% pass rate. A special mention goes to Bontle Bokaba who achieved a 90% average and 7 distinctions. 71 Distinctions were achieved from the class of 46 pupils. We are extremely proud of these achievements.

The school year has begun in earnest, pupils are following their timetables, swimming began yesterday and afternoon activities “kicked off” on Monday.

### Forms

Please return all documents that have been handed out by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure all forms are signed and completed in full. If your child has a medical condition please inform their register teacher so that all staff are aware of it. Newsletters will be emailed from next week, if you do not receive an email please contact the office [primaryadmin@maryvalecollege.co.za](mailto:primaryadmin@maryvalecollege.co.za) so that Ms Ilaria can load your contact details on the system.

### Parents' orientation

All **new parents and Gr 1 parents** are invited to meet in the hall on 30<sup>th</sup> of January at 5.30p.m. to be welcomed to the school and teachers. This is a chance to meet one another and be introduced to Maryvale and its routines. A follow up meeting will be held in classes at 6.00p.m. for new and old parents to meet class/subject teachers and be informed of the expectations of the Grade and the teachers. Children whose parents attend will be granted a free civvies day on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February.

### School times

School starts at **7.25a.m.** Please ensure your child is on time so that he/she does not miss valuable teaching time or tests which are done first thing in the morning.



## **OPENING MASS**

This will be celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January at church, parents are welcome to attend the Mass at 8a.m. It is the first Mass of the year where we ask for God's blessing over the school, teachers, children and families. We welcome Father Toni Nunes, we wish him a very happy stay at Maryvale.

## **Cycle Tests**

Gr 4-7's write cycle tests. The teachers will be revising last year's work in the tests until such time as they have covered new content or skills.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan: English

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb: Maths

2<sup>nd</sup> language Creative writing ( Gr 4-6)

Technology(Gr 7)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb: History

Tuesday 29 Jan: 2<sup>nd</sup> Language

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb: EMS(Gr 7)

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Feb: English creative writing(Gr 4-6)

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>: Life Orientation/Skills

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb: Geography

## **Tuckshop**

Welcome back to Mrs Pillay who runs the school tuckshop, we look forward to many healthy cooked meals throughout the year. The tuckshop is open from 7.15a.m. until 2.15p.m.

The menu will be sent out for 2 weeks:

Wednesday16: Pie, mash& gravy

Friday18: Vienna, chips & roll

Tuesday 22: Mince & roti

Thursday 24: Beef Curry

Thursday17: Chicken strips & rice

Monday 21: Mac & cheese

Wednesday 23: Burgers

Friday 25: Hot dogs & ice-cream

## **Swimming**

The following classes will attend swimming:

Tues: 4P, 2W,3L,7W,3H,4G.

Thurs: 1P,6S,Gr R,5L,2Z,5C,1E,7R.

Pupils are to wear their P.T. uniform to school with their swimming costumes underneath. White golf shirt, black shorts, white socks & white takkies. A black swimming costume is compulsory.

## **Feed a Friend**

We will continue reaching out to those less fortunate, please may Gr R-3 pupils bring an extra sandwich on a Tuesday and Gr 4-7 bring on a Thursday. These are sent up to the Parish to help feed the homeless. Your generosity is much appreciated.

## **Uniform**

Maryvale uniforms are available at Stadium Sports (2 doors down from Video Town in Highlands North) & Alges. Stadium Sports is linked to MY SCHOOL, for every item bought the school receives a % of the cost. The 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop is also operational and we thank Mrs Singh for her time and effort she dedicates to this. A sale of unclaimed uniforms will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January from 6.30a.m. - 7.30a.m. Pre-school t-shirts and house t-shirts are on sale at the office.

## **Purses**

School purses are available at the office. These can be worn around the child's neck so that the money is always on the person. Valuables must be given to class teachers for safe-keeping at the beginning of the day.

## **Heatwave**

Due to the heatwave we are experiencing, pupils may leave their blazers at home. Please ensure children have a bottle of water at school each day. School caps are on sale at the office for R100. Apply sunscreen to children to protect them from the sun. Jerseys may not be worn in summer.

