

11 March 2022

END TERM LETTER - TERM 1 2022

Dear PEPPS Parents/Guardians

We are so grateful that all our pupils were on campus and are safe and healthy.

Our Vision and Mission indeed capture the essence of what we do:

Vision: *Creating Tomorrow's Leaders.*

Mission: *PEPPS develops independent, critical and creative thinkers through progressive, holistic education.*

PROGRESS REPORTS:

The **school will officially close for the holidays on Thursday, 17 March 2022 @ 12:00.** We request of you to please make the necessary transport arrangements. We kindly remind you that regretfully, ***should your school fees be outstanding, your child will unfortunately not receive his/her progress report via ADAM email and you will also be denied access on ADAM, until the account has been settled in full.*** Reports for Term 1 will be emailed on Wednesday, 16 March 2022.

ADAM

If you can't access ADAM, please send an email to Ms van Niekerk at vanniekerkm@pepps.co.za.

It is very important that you keep track of your child's progress on ADAM, as the teachers tell a story on ADAM about your child's progress during the term.

MEDICATION:

We are **not permitted to hand out any medication. If you see your child is sick at home already, please give him / her the appropriate medication before sending them to school.** We often get pupils that have been unwell for a day or more who gets sent to school with the idea that the child will be medicated at school - we kindly ask of you to rather keep the child at home and seek medical attention (take your child to a doctor). However, just to assure you, in the case of your child getting sick at school, we will contact you as soon as possible to inform you about the situation.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT:

It is absolutely necessary that you **KNOW what is going on in your child's life and even more so with your child's school work.** Please, encourage them and make them feel loved and valued and worthy. However, be the parent - not the friend. Have a set routine in place and be consequent. Please make sure that your child's homework is done and completed and also - study time is study time!!! Make sure they **prepare well in advance for any tests or exams.** At the end of the day, it is purely for their own benefit. If they have finished their homework, **there is always revision or reading.** Your commitment towards your child's education will play a big role in your child's future!

LIBRARY:

Reading is VITALLY important. It **broadens your child's vocabulary as well as general knowledge.** As the saying goes - **practice makes perfect!!** Please MOTIVATE your child to read as much and as often as is possible. Be an example to them. Here at school, our pupils are encouraged to read and make use of the library too. Pupils are allowed to take a book from the school library on a loan basis. Unfortunately, should a book gets lost or damaged in any way, a replacement fee of R150.00 will be charged.

DISCIPLINE & TV CONTROL:

It is very important to have a firm routine at home and a consequent set of rules in place. Remember, you are the parent/guardian NOT the friend! Be loving and kind and fair though, but show your child the way – it is for his/her own good in the long run. We very seriously request from you to please not let your child watch television after 20:00pm during the nights when your child has to get up for school the next morning. Children need to get enough rest in order to be healthy and bright and alert at school the following day. Another matter of concern is the kind of programmes/movies we often hear children are watching. Do you **KNOW what your children are watching on television?? Limit their time for watching television daily and guide them towards more age-appropriate or informative programmes.**

SCHOOL RE-OPENS:

School is officially opening for the second (2nd) term again on Tuesday, 05 April 2022. ALL COVID RULES TO BE ADHERED TO - PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD WEARS A MASK.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| 1. 05 April | - | School starts for pupils |
| 2. 06 April | - | Grade 8 Parent Consultation 17:00 – 18:00 |
| 3. 08 April | - | Dress up for April Fool's Day |
| 4. 12 April | - | Grade 4 – 7 Parent Consultation 16:00 – 18:00 |
| 5. 15 – 18 April | - | Easter Weekend (Normal school resumes on 19 April) |
| 6. 27 April | - | Freedom Day (Public Holiday) |
| 7. 28 April | - | World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character |
| 8. 02 May | - | Long weekend (Normal school resumes on 03 May) |
| 9. 02 June | - | Ascension Day |
| 10. 04 June | - | Maths Bootcamp (by invitation – hosted in Polokwane) |
| 11. 08 June | - | Exam starts (School will end at 12:00 daily until the end of the term) |
| 12. 16 June | - | Youth Day (Public Holiday) |
| 13. 23 June | - | School closes |

ARRANGEMENTS FOR 16 AND 17 MARCH 2022

On Wednesday, 16 March, the school will close at 13:40. No extra-curricular activities. **Full school uniform must be worn** on Wednesday. After care will only be until 15:00 and will also end for the term on 16 March.

On Thursday, 17 March, pupils are allowed to wear civvies. **An academic programme is still in** place for the last day of school, and your child **must** attend – penalty points will be issued for unexplained and unexcused absence. We will be learning, but also having some fun. School closes at 12:00 for the holidays.

Please read the PPP (Policies, Practices and Procedures) that you will be receiving via email and sign and send back the **behaviour agreement and acknowledgement of acceptance, and IT policy** which will be sent home with your child. **A copy of the PPP document is also available on the school website for your reference.** Please take the time to familiarise yourself and your child with the content of the document.

For those of you that have access to Facebook, please have a look for us and **like** us.

From everyone here at PEPPS Mokopane College, we would like to wish you and your family a blessed holiday! If you do go on the roads, please take extra care and come back safe. We are looking forward to welcoming you back on board again in the new term!

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