



# Howick Preparatory School

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Newsletter 01/ 2012

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year for 2012. I hope that you all experienced a restful break over the Festive Season and that 2012 is a good year for you all.

In particular, I would like to welcome all our new pupils and parents. I hope that your time at Howick Prep will be a happy and successful one. Welcome also to Mrs. Preston who joins the staff in both the Phys Ed and Sport Departments. Mrs. Preston will head up the Phys Ed Department and be in charge of all Grade 1 and Grade 2 sport in the school. We wish her all the best in her new role with us. Welcome also to Ms. Kiln and Mrs. Liversidge who will be standing in for Mrs. Green and Mrs. Murray respectively whilst they are away. Mrs. Beaumont will also be assisting us in the Front Office whilst we complete the process of filling the vacant secretarial position.

We want your child to be happy and successful at Howick Prep and believe that you, the parent, play a key role. That role is to continually show interest in and support your child. The child who knows that his or her family is interested in and supports the school programme, will almost always have fewer problems in school and will enjoy greater success. Please share with your child's teacher any information regarding his or her special needs that will help us better serve your family. We believe that communication among parents, learners and educators is critical in assuring learner success.

All learners were given a copy of the Term Calendar today. Please diarise any important dates that may involve your children. Learners were spoken to today with regards their commitment to the extramural programme and will be expected to honour their commitment to their team by being available for both practices and fixtures during the week and on the weekends.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP:** I wish to thank Mrs. Claire Nanni for all her efforts in running the School Uniform Shop. Please take note of the times that the School Uniform Shop will be open as from Monday 16 January 2012:

Monday	07h30 – 08h30
Wednesday	07h30 – 08h30
Friday	12h00 – 13h00

**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS:** Should you wish to have your weekly newsletter emailed to you, please forward your email address to Mrs. Widdows at [info@howickprepschool.co.za](mailto:info@howickprepschool.co.za) Parents who currently receive their newsletters via email do not have to re-submit their email addresses.

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**NEATNESS / UNIFORM CHECK:** A full uniform, neatness and hair check will be conducted on Monday morning next week after assembly. Please ensure that your children have the correct school uniform and that their hair conforms to what is expected, as laid down in the School Code of Conduct.

**SCHOOL FEES 2012:** An “Agreement to Pay School Fees” form was issued to all Learners. It would be appreciated if these could be completed and returned to school by Monday 16 January. Enrolment Forms, which were issued to all new Learners, need to also be returned to school by Monday 16 January. A reminder that the School Fees for 2012 are as follows:

Per Annum	R11 000
Paid by 29 February	R10 000 (10% discount of R1000)
Per Term	R2 750 x 4 Terms
Per Month	R1 100 x 10 Months (January – October)

Cheques made payable to: Howick Preparatory School

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BANKING DETAILS</b> Standard Bank Howick (058325) Account No: 052462080</p>
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**ENROLMENT AGREEMENT:** A reminder that these forms have been handed out to all New Pupils and need to be completed in full and returned to school by Monday, 16 January.

**CELL PHONES:** It is school policy not to allow learners to bring cell phones to school during the day. Learners found in possession of cell phones will unfortunately have their cell phones confiscated and locked away for safe keeping. Phone cards @ R25 per card are available from Mrs. Beaumont at Reception, should your child wish to use the card phones which are available. The school will contact parents in case of any emergency.

**PARENTS MEETING:** Parents are invited to meet with their child’s class teacher on Monday evening 16th January at the following times:

Grade 1	17h30 – 18h00
Grade 2	18h00 – 18h30
Grade 3	17h00 – 17h30
Grade 4	16h30 – 17h00
Grade 5	17h00 – 17h30
Grade 6	17h30 – 18h00
Grade 7	18h00 – 18h30

**SCHOOL TIMES:** Due to the increased teaching contact time required with the implementation of the new C.A.P.S. document this year, the school day has been extended by half an hour on a Friday. School will therefore finish at 13H00 on a Friday afternoon from tomorrow, Friday 13 January, for the entire school.



**JOBURG2C FUNDRAISER:** Howick Prep School has once again been offered the huge opportunity to be part of a substantial financial fundraiser by being involved in the Joburg2C stage mountain bike race. ([www.joburg2c.co.za](http://www.joburg2c.co.za)). This entails managing one overnight stop, catering and accommodating mountain bikers at Glengarry Resort, Kamberg on Tuesday, 01 May 2012. We view this as an opportunity to raise substantial funds for our planned Grade R, Aftercare Centre that is due to be built this year. What we need is about 100 parents, grandparents and helpers, guided by a steering committee of 6 or 7 co-ordinators. Anyone is welcome to be involved. Please contact Debbie Preston on 083 775 6296 or at the school during the day if you can be involved or need more information. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

**ZEBRA CROSSING:** Please be aware that there is a Zebra Crossing in the school grounds leading from the Aloe Garden to the school Boarding Establishment. This is a very busy crossing for the boarders who continually cross between the school and the Boarding Establishment and it is expected that cars stop at this crossing and look for pupils who may be crossing or wanting to cross the road.

**J.P. SPORT WEATHER PROCEDURE (GRADE 1 – 2):** A decision will be made by 11h00 on whether practices or matches will be cancelled due to rain. In the case of a cancellation, the following procedure will apply:

- Those parents who would like to collect their children before 13h00 or between 13h00 and 14h00 are most welcome to do so.
- If your child attends Aftercare, they are to go to lunch at 12h30 and remain at Aftercare.
- If your child does not attend Aftercare, and you are unable to collect him/her before 14h00, he/she will be looked after in either the J.P. Library or the School Hall by the coaches until 14h00.

**S.P SPORT WEATHER PROCEDURE (GRADE 3 – 7):** A decision will be made by 12h30 on whether practices or matches will be cancelled due to rain. In the case of a cancellation, the following procedure will apply:

- Those parents who would like to collect their children at 14h00 or between 14h00 and 15h30 are welcome to do so.
- If your child attends Aftercare, they are to go to Aftercare at 14h00 and remain there. They are not to return to school.
- If your child is not part of the Aftercare and you are unable to collect him/her at 14h00, he/she will be looked after in the J.P. Library or in the School Hall, by the coaches, until they are collected at 15h30.

**MINI CRICKET (GRADE 1 & 2):** If parents are going to buy their child a cricket bat for mini cricket practices and matches, could they please buy them a size 1 or 2 cricket bat. Your son cannot 'grow' into his cricket bat. Using a cricket bat that is too big teaches a child bad habits and they learn poor technique.

Yours sincerely

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