



Bizweni Primary School

Information Guide

2024

Grade 1-7

Dear Parent /Guardian,

A very warm welcome to Bizweni Primary School!

Please see the important information below:

1. COMMUNICATION:

By now you should have been added onto your child's class WhatsApp group. All important messages and communication from the school and teacher will be sent home via these groups. **Please notify us should you not be a part of this group.** For all other queries please see the contact details below:

- Administrative inquiries: Beulah admin@bizweniprimaryschool.co.za,
- Finance: Nina accounts@bizweniprimaryschool.co.za
- Grade 1: lauren@bizweniprimaryschool.co.za
- Grade 2: lushano@bizweniprimaryschool.co.za
- Grade 3: jessica@bizweniprimaryschool.co.za
- Grade 4: cheryl@bizweniprimaryschool.co.za
- Grade 5: kayla@bizweniprimaryschool.co.za
- Grade 6: tanya@bizweniprimaryschool.co.za
- Grade 7: lennox@bizweniprimaryschool.co.za

Newsletters are sent out during the term to keep parents informed. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram as well to keep up with exciting events and see photos of your children.

2. AFTERCARE FACILITY:

Aftercare facilities are offered at Bizweni Primary. The Aftercare runs from 13h00 to 17h30, Monday to Friday. Should your child not be enrolled in the Aftercare program, please collect your child promptly after school. **There is a waiting class for siblings which runs from 13:00 to 14:15 which parents are not charged for.** The Aftercare offers a supervised Homework Period.

Ad-Hoc aftercare arrangements can be made at a daily cost of R80.00 per day.

3. BIZWENI UNIFORM:

All school uniform items can be purchased from the Admin Office. Our uniform is as follows for the Grade 1-7 learners:

Summer:

Boys:

- Golf Shirt
- Shorts
- White/Grey Socks
- White/Grey tekkies/Grey or Green Slops
- Sports shirt

Girls:

- Golf shirt
- Skorts/shorts
- White socks
- White/Grey tekkies/ Grey or Green slops
- Sports shirt

Winter:

Boys:

- Tracksuit jacket and pants
- Golf shirt
- Fleece
- White/Grey socks
- White/Grey tekkies

Girls:

- Tracksuit jacket and pants
- Golf shirt
- Fleece
- White socks
- White/Grey tekkies

A plain black school bag and a green school cap is compulsory for all learners.

4. CURRICULUM

Our school follows the CAPS curriculum. We follow the Jolly Phonics/Grammar Program from Grade R-7. Being an Independent School allows us the flexibility to extend the children's learning and offer some additional learning opportunities and programs while still remaining CAPS compliant.

5. CULTURAL & EXTRA MURAL

Internal (included in school fees):

We offer a Creative Arts Program (BUZZ) for learners in Grade R-3. We also offer Computer Lessons (Stimuzone) for learners R-7 as part of the school day on a weekly basis. The Grade 4-7 learners attend art lessons at the Fine Art studio during class time.

After school our teachers offer a variety of extra-mural activities which children have the option of participating in. Some of these extra-murals are offered throughout the year, such as Gymnastics, and others change on a termly basis. Some of the programs which have been offered this year are Athletics, Ball Skills, Soccer, Art, Eco-Club, Hockey and Chess.

External (not included in school fees)

We also have external service providers who come into the school and offer Rugby, Cricket, Karate, Guitar and Ballet lessons. These services are offered at an additional fee paid directly to the service provider. Contact details of the various coaches will be supplied at the start of the first term and parents can then communicate directly with the relevant coach.

6. PAINTING SHIRTS

The learners will be using paint and other exciting mediums from the beginning of their school year. A T-shirt or an old, short sleeved shirt or an apron is ideal to send to school to ensure they do not ruin their uniform or clothing items.

7. STATIONERY

A stationery list has been sent out for the Grade 1-7 learners on the class WhatsApp groups. If you have any items remaining from the previous Grade that are in good condition please feel free to reuse them. The container on the list will be reused each year.

Please label all items with your child's name and surname. Please do not cover the books as the teachers will create book covers with the children during school time.

Please make sure all items are sent to school on the first day of school next term.

8. ABSENTEE LETTERS

When your child has been absent from school please notify the school via e-mail or WhatsApp on the school phone as this notification is needed for record keeping purposes. If your child is absent for three or more days they will need a note from a doctor. If your child is absent for an assessment they will also need a doctor's note.

9. ILLNESS

Please do not send your child to school if he/she is feeling unwell. Should a learner present symptoms during the school day, Beulah will notify parents.

10. LUNCHBOXES

We would like to suggest that your child brings wholesome, healthy snacks to school. Please do not send sugary biscuits, sweets, fizzy cool drinks or chips. We do allow the learners to bring a treat on Friday's or to bring money to spend at the school tuck shop which is open during playtime on a Friday only.

11. MONEY

We make use of the Karri App for all events. Please download this app and familiarize yourself with it as it is a more convenient and safer payment method. We try and limit the amount of cash on the school premises as far as possible. Please feel free to contact admin should you encounter any problems.

12. MY SCHOOL CARD

We urge all Bizweni parents to join our exciting method of fundraising which runs throughout the year. My School cards are available at our Admin Office from Sue-Ellen. One can also download the My School App to register or alternatively visit www.myschool.co.za and apply online.

Simply present your card at the till point of the participating stores and ensure that the transaction is captured. A percentage is then sent to Bizweni as fund-raising money, which helps with the ever -increasing financial needs of our school. This in turn helps us to cater for any improvements that will benefit our children.

13. NOTICES

During the term important notices are sent home with the learners. Please return all reply slips and information promptly.

14. MEDICATION

Should you need us to administer any form of medication, we will need written consent and a detailed instruction from the parent/guardian before any medication will be administered. Medication is not allowed to be sent to school in a learner's bag, but should be handed directly to a teacher.

15. MARKING OF ITEMS

We ask that you mark all clothes, lunchboxes and bottles clearly. When marked items are found, it is easier for us to return it to the owner. **Items that are left at school for more than a month will be donated to Heartlands Baby Sanctuary and school uniform that is not marked will be sold at the end of each term.**

16. SCHOOL HOURS

Please take note of these times. Punctuality is of utmost importance, ensuring that learners and educators are not disrupted by latecomers. Your support in this is appreciated.

Grade R	MONDAY TO FRIDAY	07:45 – 13h00
Grade 1 & 2	MONDAY TO FRIDAY	07:45 – 13:15 Friday ends at 13:00
Grade 3 – 7	MONDAY TO THURSDAY FRIDAY	07:45 – 14:15 07:45 – 13:00

17. IMPORTANT DATES 2024:

Term 1: 17th January – 20th March

Term 2: 3rd April – 14th June

Term 3: 9th July – 20th September

Term 4: 1st October – 11th December