

The Management, Administration and Staff welcome all students and parents/ guardians to a new year that we hope will be another good one for Legae Primary School. For those of you who have just joined us thank you for choosing our school and we hope that our school meets your expectations. Newsletters are sent out thrice a term. You can also read it online by visiting our site <www.legaeprimary.com>

One new teacher has joined us this year. She is Ms Boitshwarelo. She will teach std 4.

MEET – THE- TEACHER DAY: In first term it is essential that you come in to meet your child’s teacher and discuss how to help them with their schoolwork. Parents and guardians meet as a group in their child’s classroom. If you have more than one child you can still meet the teacher individually. MEET- THE- TEACHER day is on Tuesday 25 January for the whole school. The group meeting will begin promptly at 5:10pm, but teachers will remain in their class up to 6:00pm for parents who have more than one child in the school. You can still come in to discuss your child with the teacher at other times during the term, but please understand that an appointment has to be made. Parents/guardians are not allowed to meet with teachers during lesson time as this disrupts their teaching. Please do not phone teachers directly during lesson time as they are instructed not to use cell phones while in class.

CHECKING AND SIGNING OF HOMEWORK: Parents will be informed about this and homework timetables during the above meeting. Children will be given homework diaries in which the day’s homework is written and in which parents can record their comments. Parents must check that homework is completed correctly and sign the homework to ensure that this essential part of schoolwork is being done. Students will be punished for failing to do homework or not getting homework signed. We have problems with students who do not do homework and your contribution is necessary.

UNIFORM AND HAIRSTYLES: Please read the prospectus for our school regulations. In summer we do not allow tracksuits or brown corduroy. Legae tracksuit tops may be worn in summer in lieu of a school jersey. Black or brown shoes can be worn with beige or brown socks.

For P.E. or sporting activities a white T shirt (or one with our logo) and white shorts must be worn with white socks and white sports shoes. Std 1 to 4 students may come in PE uniform and remain so dressed for the day whereas std. 5 to 7 students who have PE before break can come dressed in PE uniform, but must change into full school uniform after the lesson. Std. 5 to 7 students who have PE after break must come in full uniform and change into PE uniform at break. For swimming black or brown swimming costumes are worn with a black or yellow swimming cap. Std. 1 and 2 must come dressed in PE kit when it is their day for swimming because it is easier for them to change clothes. Girls must wear a one-piece swimming costume. Hairstyles must be simple and neat. We do not allow boys to have plaited hair or lines. Girls’ hair ribbons or bands must be brown or yellow. Girls are allowed one pair of plain stud or sleeper earrings.

LOST PROPERTY AND LABELING OF CLOTHING: Every year we have many items of clothing that are put in lost property and are never reclaimed because they were not labeled. Please label your child’s property so that it can be easily reclaimed.

CONTAGIOUS ILLNESSES: We ask that parents/guardians assist the school by not sending their child to school if they have an illness that can be easily spread like ringworm or chickenpox. Teachers will prepare work for students who are absent. Please do not send your child to school if you are aware that they are sick. Parents are called to collect their child if they are unwell.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES: Afternoon Activities begin on Monday 24 January (next week). Students from standard 3 to 6 are expected to remain on one of the days set aside for their standard and have to take 2 activities. Afternoon Activities are from 2 pm to 4pm. If you do not want your child to do activities please send a letter to the Head Teacher stating the reasons. Tuesdays are for remedial lessons. Students who have to remain for remedial lessons will be told so in advance. Standard Sevens do afternoon lessons on Monday and Wednesday from 2-4pm and on Tuesday from 2-3pm. They may do activities on Thursday. Some activities involve students from across the standards and they will be given special permission to remain on that day. In addition, we have outside activities offered at the school but they come at an extra charge. Please pack an extra lunch for your child when they remain for afternoon activities.

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION: There will be a teacher on duty from 7:00am to 5:00pm from Monday to Thursday and from 7:00am to 2:00pm on Friday. **The school is not responsible for any child before or after these times.** Std. 1 and 2 students are dismissed at 12:30pm and **MUST** be collected **BEFORE** 1:30pm. Students remaining for afternoon activities **MUST** be collected at 4:00pm. Those not remaining must be collected between 1 and 2:00pm. On Tuesdays students remaining for remedial lessons and all Std 7s dismiss at 3:00pm. On Friday all students must be collected before 1:30pm. Students not collected by the time the duty teacher knocks off will be left unsupervised. It is imperative that contact numbers are left with the school and are written boldly in the diary and on their school bags (particularly for the infants) and that the child knows additional contact numbers, for example a relative or a family friend. Students who use buses must know the driver's number. Parents should also have it. Please choose combi drivers carefully as some do not have patience or do not bother to learn the child's routine. Children are not allowed to leave the school campus until their transport has arrived nor are they allowed to buy from the stalls outside. They should remain in the designated areas so that they are easily found.

PTA: There will be an AGM to elect a PTA committee and you will be inform of the date through your child.

2011 CALENDAR: We are aware that the government has changed the school calendar so that schools are closed during winter. However, we are unable to change our calendar for this year, as it was set before government notification. We will consult with parents this year as to whether we should adopt a similar calendar. A year and term calendar, and Afternoon Activities List will be sent with your child this week.