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Dear Parents/Guardians

Another busy week has zipped by and we are all very excited and looking forward to our Assumption Day festivities and of course, our Big Walk which is just around the corner!

FINANCES

Thank you very much to those parents who are keeping their school fees up to date. It is sincerely appreciated. Parents who are in arrears are urgently requested to see to it that their fees are paid in full a.s.a.p. in order to avoid suspension of their child.

ASSUMPTION DAY

On Wednesday 15 August we will be celebrating Assumption Day with Holy Mass at 08:00, celebrated by Archbishop Slattery. The Assumption Sisters will be joining us for this special occasion.

After Mass the students will each receive a little treat. The remainder of the day will be spent playing games, such as tug-o-war, mini-soccer, mini-netball, volleyball, etc. Students should; however, still bring their PT uniforms to school as the Athletics trials will continue as usual.

Although there will be no formal schooling on this day, **students should nevertheless come to school in school uniform for Mass**. Afterwards they may change into civvies (or PT uniform) for the day's games. Please don't let them wear expensive clothing as they might become very dirty throughout the day. Also please make sure that all pieces of clothing are properly marked.

BIG WALK

On Wednesday 8 August we will officially launch the Big Walk! All students will receive their sponsorship forms and detailed information about the Big Walk. **Please ask your child for these documents.**

The school is literally buzzing with excitement because of this big event planned for 1 September. On this day, apart from our usual fun activities such as waterslides, tug-o-war, obstacle races, mother-daughter soccer etc, we will also have our Big Walk.

The Big Walk is aimed at raising funds for the school and is in fact the ONLY fund raising event for the year. This year we are keeping our target the same as last year at R200 000 and as explained last year, the money made with the Big Walk of 2017, 2018 and 2019 will go towards paying for the new offices at the Therapy centre at school, as well as the new store rooms. Both the storerooms and the offices were already built last year.

The funds raised during our annual Big Walk always go towards projects that will benefit the students. In the past, the Big Walk funds were used to erect the brick walls around the school premises, to upgrade the media centre, to develop the play garden, to upgrade the pre-school

area, to finance the TV's in each classroom, to revamp and upgrade the school hall and to erect the covered walkway. These are all things that benefit each student and are all projects which were financed by Big Walk money. It is amazing to think that none of these things would have been here had it not been for the Big Walk and the wonderful support we have always received from our parents.

I have had one or two parents in the past stating that they will not participate in this fund raising event as they pay their school fees and cannot see why they have to pay more. To those parents I just want to say that although they pay school fees, these fees are exclusively used towards paying salaries and running costs of the school. There is no extra money for development, and that is where the Big Walk comes in. **Once a year** we ask parents to support us in raising funds for the school. Other than this, the students' Code of Conduct, signed by both the student and the parents, state: "*I further promise to be active in projects which are used to obtain finances in order to keep school fees as low as possible.*" Please support us in this project – in the end everybody benefits!

Each student is requested to bring in **R550** in cash donations (unfortunately we have had to increase this amount by R50 this year simply because the toys are becoming really expensive). Once they have done this they can then choose from a variety of exciting toys, cash vouchers, sport equipment and other items.

Apart from this there is also a cash prize of R2000 for the student who brings in the most money, R1500 for the second most and R1000 for the third most money paid in.

There is also a prize for the class who brings in the most money (civvies for a week, lunch and a movie) and for the class who brings in the second most money (civvies for 3 days and lunch). Should we meet our target of R200 000 on 1 September, the whole school will be treated to a fun day of water games, slides and other fun activities later in the year, compliments of the school.

Students who did not participate in the fund raising will unfortunately not be allowed to take part in the water games later in the year. We feel that it is unfair towards other students who went through a lot of trouble to get donations and then allow students who did not bother at all, to also join in the rewards. I am confident though that EACH AND EVERY student will participate and do their share for the Big Walk. If EACH AND EVERY student participates, then the target of R200 000 will easily be reached.

All in all it is going to be a fun-filled day for the whole family and everybody, including granny and the neighbours, is invited to come and join us. This year our theme for the Big Walk is "funny hats" so let's see how creative you can get with this one!

Medals will be awarded in various age categories for the persons who walk the longest distance on this day. **Registration starts at 08:00** and the official Walk will take place in and around the school grounds from 09:00 to 11:00.

Parents, and visitors who would like to also take part in the actual walking are more than welcome to do so at R50 per person. Please be sure to **register before 8:30** on the morning of 1 September as we have to start walking at exactly 9 o'clock.

Delicious giant Hamburgers, and Boerewors Rolls will be available, as well as cold drinks, sweets, candy floss, popcorn and chips throughout the day. Please also support us in this. In addition to all of this we will be running a cake stand and parents are requested, as always, to please make donations for this stand.

Parents, please help us make a huge success of this day by attending, buying food etc, taking part in the Walk and also in helping your child to raise funds on his/her donation form.

NB! NB! Under NO circumstances should students be going from door to door to ask for money donations. The idea is that family members and friends be approached to help with the collection of money.

It is also VERY IMPORTANT to note that the students must look after their sponsorship forms. If a sponsorship form gets lost, the whole amount of R550 will unfortunately have to be paid in.

In the end, all our students benefit from the money being raised and at the same time they also get something back in return. Please bear in mind that the toy the students receive after collecting their R550 is just to say thank you for taking the trouble.

We can only make a success of this effort if we have the co-operation and support of all our parents, and judging by the overwhelming success we had last year and the year before, and the year before..., this year is bound to also be hugely successful again!

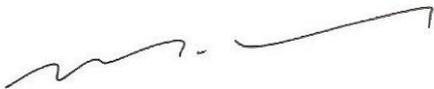
MUSIC FESTIVALS

This year Assumption will be hosting the Music Festivals which will be taking place on Thursday 16 August and Friday 17 August. Our Junior Revue group will take part in the Foundation Phase Music Festival (16 August) and our Senior Choir will take part in the Intermediate Music Festival (17 August). Parents are welcome to attend.

GENERAL

- Tomorrow is a paid Civvies Day.
- The Tuck Shop will again be selling Mince and Cheese Snackwiches tomorrow at R15 a piece.
- **There will be no newsletter next week as the School closes on Wednesday 8 August for the long weekend. Thursday is Women's Day and Friday is a school holiday. Happy Women's Day to all the women in our lives – we would be lost without you!**
- **Happy 66th Birthday to Assumption on Wednesday 15 August!!!!**

Kind regards



M. Enos (Principal)

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DONATIONS FOR TEA GARDEN

I,parent of in grade.....

am willing to donate items/an item for the Tea Garden on Big Walk day. (Items such as square cakes, koeksisters, tartlets etc. are welcome)

I will be bringing:.....

PLEASE NOTE: Donations for the Tea Garden must be brought to school on 1 September, no later than 8 o'clock.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!