Good day Parents,

**Message from the Principal**
The past Easter Weekend presented a wonderful opportunity for learners, teachers and parents to rest and to spend some quality time with family and friends. We are however realistic and know that the academic program is again in full swing and that a lot of hard work is lying ahead. Good luck to the learners and teachers who will certainly make this four day working week a productive one.

**Grade R Meeting for Parents on Tuesday 30 April 2019**
Grade R parents are invited to attend an important meeting on Tuesday, 30 April 2019 at 17:30 in the school hall, regarding online applications for Grade 1 in 2020. The application process will be explained to parents in detail, so it is very important for all parents to attend this meeting.

**Parenting**
Enrolling your child at a quality School and paying School fees every month does not guarantee an automatic pass at the end of the year. Parental involvement and support with regard to homework tasks and preparing for tests is absolute key in the academic growth and success of every learner at Aston Manor Primary School. Parents are encouraged to show interest in the academic program of their children on a daily basis. Parents are to please familiarize themselves with the Assessment Circulars that have been posted on the D6 Communicator. Please look at important dates and draft a study plan/ schedule together with your child in order to ensure that enough time will be spent on all the subjects in the next six weeks.

**AMPS Music Festival, Thursday 19 September 2019**
The upcoming Music Festival promises to be the biggest cultural event the School has ever undertaken and we are very grateful for the positive response from the parents. The cost involved per learner taking part is R150.00 and any outstanding payments must be done by Friday 26 April 2019.

**School rules**
Parents and learners are please to take note of the following provision in the Code of Conduct for learners in the front of the Homework Diary:

**CONDUCT – GENERAL:**
22. Learners are required to attend School during the prescribed School hours. School hours are from Monday to Friday from 07:30 to 13:55. Punctuality is of the utmost importance, whether coming to School or being fetched on time. NO learner may leave the School premises during School hours without permission from the Headmaster. A letter from the parents or guardians must be submitted to the teacher / office, well in advance of the appointment date. Parents must however, where at all possible refrain from this practice as it can be detrimental to the progress of the learner.

23. Parents fetching their children during School hours must produce their Identity Document at the office and sign the “Leavers’ Book”. A Drivers Licence will not be accepted as means of identification. No child may be taken directly from the classroom.

24. Parents wishing to make an appointment with an educator regarding academic or behavioural queries must communicate via the homework diary, indicating more than one date and including a contact number. Appointments will be after School at a time that the teacher is available.

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**Vision Statement**
To maintain a high standard of education through commitment

**Mission Statement**
Aim to set our learners on a journey of exploration into the world of knowledge, thereby preparing them for life. Manage and promote a healthy culture of learning by offering learners a modern computer center, varied extramural activities and informative excursions based on sound teaching practices. Prepared to lead by example, act with integrity and strive for distinction. Success will be determined by attitude and commitment.
25. Injured learners are to be brought directly to the office to be attended to in the sickroom.
26. Learners must realize that the leaving of books or items of clothing at home will result in them having to face the consequences. Phoning home in such instances will not be permitted.

**Sports results and upcoming fixtures:**

**a) St Dunstan’s Easter Festival results**

**Under 13 netball**
- AMPS vs Laerskool Rynfield B: AMPS lost 13 - 6
- AMPS vs Bedfordview Primary: AMPS lost 12 - 7
- AMPS vs St Dunstan’s College: AMPS drew 6 - 6
- AMPS vs Laerskool Rynfield A: AMPS lost 15 - 5
- AMPS vs Rynfield Primary: AMPS lost 7 - 5
- AMPS vs Redfern Primary: AMPS won 18 - 1

A “massive” thank you to Mrs Hatton, Miss Mc Neill and Miss Scheepers for accompanying and coaching the under 13 girls at the above mentioned festival. Your hard work and commitment is much appreciated.

**2nd Team Rugby**
- AMPS vs St Benedict’s Private School: AMPS won 46 - 0
- AMPS vs King Edward Preparatory School: AMPS won 22 - 20
- AMPS vs Laerskool Bredell: AMPS lost 19 - 12
- AMPS vs St Dunstan’s College: AMPS won 22 - 0

A “gigantic” thank you to Mr Du Plessis and Mr Posthumus for coaching and accompanying the 2nd team to St Dunstan’s. Your hard work and enthusiasm is much appreciated.

**b) King Edward School Easter Festival**

**1st Team Rugby Results**
- AMPS vs Bryanston Primary: AMPS won 19 - 0
- AMPS vs Monument Primary: AMPS lost 19 - 17
- AMPS vs Hurleyvale Primary: AMPS won 27 - 7
- AMPS vs Bedfordview Primary: AMPS won 35 - 0

Another “big” thank you to Mr Klue and Mr Mostert for coaching and supporting the 1st team Rugby boys at King Edward School. The hard work will pay off in the future.

**Upcoming Netball League Matches**

- **Wednesday 24 April 2019**
  - Under 9 to under 12 netball vs Tom Newby Primary (away)
- **Thursday 25 April 2019**
  - Under 9 to under 13 netball vs Olifantsfontein Primary (away)

**Upcoming Rugby League Matches**

- Under 9 to under 13 rugby vs Laerskool Northmead on Wednesday 24 April 2019 (home)

**Winter Uniform**

Parents have the opportunity to purchase winter uniforms from our school’s official stockists namely MS Uniforms and Boundary Silk Bazaar. Please contact both suppliers in order to determine availability of stock.

Contact: MS Uniforms (011) 050-7842
Boundary Silk Bazaar: (011) 975-2119
2nd Hand Clothing Shop
The AMPS clothing shop is open on Tuesdays from 07:15 – 9:00 and parents are welcome to purchase second hand school uniform at very reasonable prices. Parents are also requested to donate old good quality school uniform to the clothing shop to ensure that we have enough stock available for the needs of our learners.

D6 Communicator
Please note that all school correspondence will be done via the D6 Communicator. Please load on to your phone’s Android via the play store and Iphone via Istore. You can also download on to your desktops www.school-communicator.com/downloads

School Fees
We have noticed that there are a lot of parents who’s fees weren’t paid last month. PLEASE ensure that your account is up to date by no later than the 7th May 2019.
A BIG THANK YOU to all parents to who have paid their school fees.
Please contact Mrs Nel on finance@amps.za.com should you have any queries.

AMPS – R1255 per month
GOOSEY – R1435 per month
AFTERCARE – R845 per month

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