



## **From the Principals Desk**

**Dear Parents,**

A big welcome to all parents, learners and staff to the 2020 academic year. I believe we all had a wonderful festive season with our family and friends. Happy New year to everyone, I wish everyone a blessed 2020.

We welcome the following staff members to the Da Silva Academy family, Mrs Govender (Grade 3A), Mr Hautmann (Grade 3B) and Mrs Robbertse our new secretary. I also welcome all new learners and parents to the Da Silva Academy family, may our journey together be successful, positive and great.

2020 is starting with a bang. I am sure parents have noticed the changes made in the office area which brings a few changes regarding the admin section. Appointments with myself, the Principal, Mrs Grobbelaar the Financial manager, Mrs Da Silva the Director and Mr Da Silva the Chairperson are strictly to be made by our receptionist Mrs Robbertse. Parents will unfortunately not be assisted if appointments have not been made. Following is our Interhouse athletics taking place Friday 24 January 2020 and our leaders are going on the development camp the weekend of 31 January- 2 February 2020.

Parents Introductory evenings are taking place through out this week, it is of most importance for parents to attend this meeting as school information is shared with parents as well as parents meeting the class educator/s.

It brings me so much joy to see how our school has grown, showing that what we stand for is what we are actively doing.

**Yours Sincerely,**

**Miss T. Hautmann**

# Intermediate Head of Academics

Dear Parents & Guardians



Welcome to the Intermediate Phase, there is an exciting year awaiting, designed to promote and enhance your child/ren's growth and development. By now, we trust that all Da Silva's will have settled comfortably, and we are ready for our curriculum and routine.

## Meet my teacher



**Mrs R. Jankie**

**Mathematics Gr 4**

**&**

**SS Gr 5-7**



**Miss R. vd Walt**

**English Gr 4**

**&**

**Life Skills Gr 5-6**



**Miss V. Saayman**

**Computers Gr 4-7**

**Reading Gr 4-7**

**Creative Arts Gr 7**



**Mr JP. Robbertse**

**NS & Tech Gr 4-6**

**NS Gr 7**

**LO Gr 7**



**Mrs S. Visser**

**Afrikaans Gr 4-7**



**Mrs M. Blignaut**

**Mathematics Gr 5-7**

**&**

**Technology Gr 7**



**Mrs J. Fourie**

**English Gr 5-7**

**&**

**SS Gr 4**



**Mrs T. Hautmann**

**EMS Gr 7**

### **• School Hours**



School starts at 07h15 and ends at 13h30 for half days and 17h00 for full days. Kindly help us by communicating the school hours with learners transport as learners to start the day right with all of us and end it well, please also note no learner will be allowed to leave classes

before the last period unless it is an emergency and that should be communicated with the office.

We wish to achieve excellence by providing quality school programmes and moulding self-directed learning learners, providing ability-driven curriculum to cater to students different learning needs, using varied instruction and assessment modes for engaged learning to enhance learning experience for our students .The following are therefore of great importance:

- **Homework**

This should be done at home for half day learners and aftercare for full days and should be signed daily. Learners are to please do the homework on their own. **NO ONE SHOULD DO IT FOR THEM.** Only with your guidance.

- **Projects and Assignments**

There will be work sent home that forms part of report mark; this should be taken into consideration as it also helps boost learner's marks. We wish to request total parent involvement in the learner's tasks, by checking, guiding, providing relevant resource as per the task, abide by due dates and sign each and every task. Helping and guiding learners in projects and or assignments does not mean **DOING IT FOR THEM**, they need to be actively involved and given chance to discover some things for themselves as we promote learner centered approach.

- **Cycle Tests and exams**

These are the end of term assessments that will be communicated in detail, however for term 1 we will write cycle tests and the rest of the information will be communicated.

- **Aftercare and Intervention**

As part of meeting our learners halfway and providing various opportunities, there is aftercare available at school from 14hr00 until 17hr00 strictly, this is where learners are supervised with incomplete work or homework, none the less we still request parents to go through the learners books for monitoring. Projects and assignments are not to be done during the aftercare. Intervention sessions are meant for struggling learners whereby they are given attention to help them perform to the best of their abilities. For more information on these please liaise with the office.

Do you wish to see any subject teacher in regard to the learner's work? Please make appointment with the office.

We look forward to working with you and your children to develop a love of learning, foster self –worth and encourage children to build positive relationships. Children succeed best when there is positive relationship established between the teacher, child and home. Together we can.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R. Jankie



# Foundation and Intermediate

## Head of Academics

Dear Parents,



I am pleased to welcome you to the 2020 academic year. Hope you had a wonderful holiday. A brand-new year has started and we wish every single one an amazing 2020. It's going to be a fabulous year filled with lots of exciting activities and lots of learning.

We ask parents to help us start 2020 on a good high note by making sure your children are wearing the correct uniform. It is Compulsory for learners to wear the correct uniform on the correct days. Please take note of the following for the school uniform:

### **Summer:**

**Grade R – Boys:** orange golf shirt with black shorts, black school socks and black school shoes. **Girls:** School tunic, black school socks and school shoes.

**Grade 1 to 7 – Boys:** White school shirt with the school badge on, school pullover (optional), black short pants, long black school socks and black school shoes. **Girls:** School tunic, short black school socks and school shoes.

### **Winter:**

**Grade R - Boys and girls:** Da Silva Academy tracksuit with the orange LONG SLEEVE shirts (shirts can be purchased at school office), black school socks and black school shoes. Girls may wear their tunics with black stockings, school jersey (black with school badge on) and school shoes.

**Grade 1 to 7 –** Da Silva Academy tracksuit with the orange LONG SLEEVE shirts (shirts can be purchased at school office), black school socks and black school shoes. Or the boys may wear their white long shirt with the school badge, school jersey with school badge, long black school pants, black school socks and school shoes. Girls may wear their tunics with black stockings, school jersey (black with school badge on) and school shoes.

**Only Intermediate Phase** (Grade 4 to 7) wear the ties. Grade 4 to 6 wear the orange and black tie. Grade 7 learners wear the Black tie with the school badge on and all Grade 7 learners to please have the blazer which is black with the school badge.

**Fridays:** Learners to please wear their House shirts (Red, Yellow, Green and Blue) with the PE shorts and proper black or white tekkies on Fridays.  
**STRICTLY ONLY FOR TERM 1**

**WHOLE SCHOOL:** Orange golf shirts and shorts are to be used for any sports. Learners will change into their sport clothes after school before their activity.

**PE Uniform:** Orange golf shirts and shorts with proper white or black tekkies. Learners come to school dressed in this uniform on the days they have PE.

I also want to inform all parents about Da Silva Academy's Communication from the school to the parents. We have the Da Silva Academy App, which is Da Silva Academy's own app on the app store. This will keep parents updated with all the information and activities of the school. Please download the app and be involved in all activities.

Da Silva Academy is also part of the D6 Communicator. Parents are welcome to download this app but we encourage parents to download the school app. The school will also send letters home for extra murals and other matters.

Let's make 2020 a year full of success. Remember a dream doesn't become a reality through magic. It takes sweat, determination and hard work. Work hard with your children to help them reach their dreams and don't forget to **BE PROUD** of them.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Blignaut



# Foundation Head of Academics

Dear Parents,



Welcome to all our parents old and new to the Da Silva Academy family. I trust that we will have a great year ahead with a lot of exciting adventures and hard work.

Foundation phase learners need to be at school latest 07:15am, class will start at 07:30am. Homework will be sent out every Monday in their homework books. Please ensure that it is completed everyday as it is part of their spelling test work (done every Friday) and assessments that will be done throughout the week, all work in the assessments are covered during class time.

Physical Education works on a 6 day cycle rotation, the homework sheets will specify which day the class has PE. On PE days learners are to wear their orange PE shirt, black shorts and takkies. Please pack extra water for that day. PE lessons are during the school day.

Reminder to parents to please label everything (lunch boxes, water bottles, jerseys anything sent to school) and please pack healthy lunch boxes. Learners may buy food at school for R40, tuckshop is also available for sweets after school.



Yours Sincerely,  
Mrs Pereira



# Crèche and Grade R Head of Academics

**Dear Parents,**



Welcome back and I hope that everyone had a well-deserved rest.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our additional crèche teacher Mrs L. Fourie and we hope you will feel right at home with us.

Grade R and crèche learners had their parents introductory evening on the 16 January 2020 where they received information packages which contained all the information there is to know about our school. In the package there is an indemnity Form and a marketing permission form which has to be signed and returned to school as soon as possible as we cannot take your child on any outings if the form is not signed and returned back to the school. I would like to thank all the parents that managed to take time off to attend this meeting. If you were not able to attend, kindly check your child's school bag from time to time as we will send all the information in their homework books. Kindly go through all the pages and sign them to acknowledge that you have read and understood all the information provided. All the signed papers need to be returned back to school as soon as possible.

Grade R learners will have homework as well and Parents are encouraged to take learners homework very seriously as it may contain revision work for their assessments. Kindly assist learners with their homework but do not do it for them because learners will only learn if they attempt to do it on their own.

Kindly remember to send empty 2L ice cream tubs to school if you have not sent it yet. A friendly reminder to please mark all your child's stationery and clothing to help us identify it in case it gets lost.

I am looking forward to knowing all the learners and Parents.  
May we have an awesome year ahead.

**Yours Sincerely,**

**Miss B Novela**

# Head of Sports

## Dear Parents



Welcome back to our new and old learners and parents. I look forward to what 2020 has in store for our sports.

We are starting our year with a high note. Our Inter-House athletics will be taking place THIS Friday 24 January 2020 at High School Grenswag. Learners received letters on Friday 17 January 2020 with all the necessary information.

Learners are to please be **dropped off at High School Grenswag on Friday 24 January by 06:30am** and **collected by 14:00pm STRICTLY**. They are to wear their house shirt (Yellow, Green, Blue or Red shirt) with the school shorts and bare foot. If your child is wearing tekkies, it will be their responsibility to look after their shoes.

Parents to please pack good lunch in a throw away bag or you may send tuckshop money as there will be a tuckshop available.

**We encourage our parents to please join us for this day as it is an eventful day full of singing, running and cheering.**

Learners that are place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be attending the Branch Athletics meeting on Friday 31 January 2020 at Fields College. Letters will be sent home on Monday 27 January 2020 informing parents whether their child will need to attend. For these athletes, we are going to need parents to send the learners original birth certificate to school to get a copy certified. Parents please make sure to look in your child's bag if they receive a letter and bring this document to school as soon as possible. This is only for learners 9 years and older.

Kind Regards,  
Miss C. Grobbelaar



# Athletics™





# Disciplinary Head



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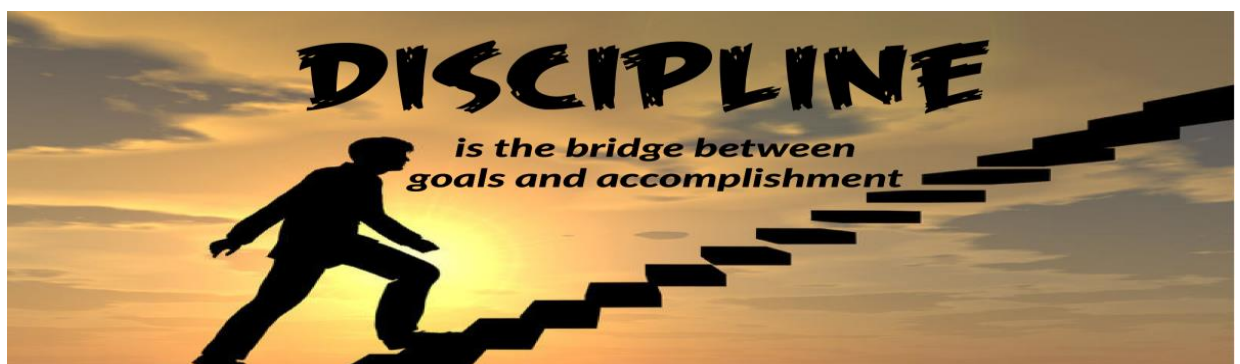
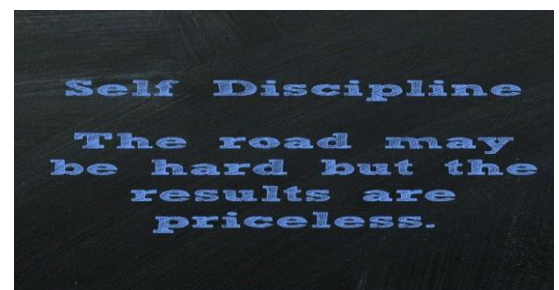
Welcome back to all the learners and parents after a well-deserved holiday. Each year is a new beginning to be filled with exciting opportunities. As parents and teachers, let us work together to uphold each learners' ability to strive towards their best potential.

The demerit system is in place. I would like to encourage all the learners to show their best behaviour this Term. I kindly ask the parents to please assist and support our educators; as good behaviour is taught at home. The demerit system works as follows:

- ✚ Each learner will get 3 warnings, after that, learners will receive a demerit slip which parents need to sign to show their acknowledgement. This demerit slip **MUST** come back the following day.
- ✚ After 3 demerit slips the learner will have to attend detention on the misconduct the learner made, which will be on a Friday from 14:00pm-15:00pm.
- ✚ Detention letters will be sent to parents in advance informing parents of the date that the child will need to attend detention.
- ✚ We will imply this system to ensure that each learner and their parents know exactly what is tolerated and what is not.
- ✚ On a positive note, merit slips will also be given for learners who behaves, who achieve good marks and who are always there to assist their educators. This merit slips will be handed out in every assembly.

Yours Sincerely

Mr. Robbertse



# Chairperson



Dear Parents,

We welcome all staff, learners and parents to Da Silva Academy for the year 2020. I hope that we all had a wonderful festive season and ready for the new year.

I would just like to say a big thank you to all parents that co-operate so well through out the year 2019 with their school fees. I'm sure all old parents have noticed the changes around the school. With your co-operation of paying your school fees on time we were able to build 3 new classes and expand our admin area. We appreciate your effort. Please take note of the following with regard to our fees.

- **SCHOOL FEES MONTHLY:** ONLY SCHOOL FEE= R1600  
SCHOOL FEE AND AFTERCARE= R2100

**\*SCHOOL FEES ARE TO BE PAID BY THE 3RD OF EVERY MONTH FOR THAT MONTH ie, FEBRUARY SCHOOL F.\***

- **ANNUAL EVENT FEE:** R1100. EVENT FEE IS TO BE SETTLED BY 3 FEBRUARY 2020

Parents receive school fee statements on a monthly basis. The invoice for the next month's school fees are invoiced between the 15th-20th of each month ie, February school fees will be invoiced between 15-20 January. These statements are emailed to parents monthly. If you do not receive emails, please ensure to update contact details in the office.

If school fees are not paid by the 3rd of each month, a fine of R250 will be added to the child's/ren accounts as stated in the contract as well as R15 per phone call made regarding school fees. NO arrangements will be accepted as we are an Independent school and rely solely on school fees. If school fees are not paid for 1 month it will result in the learner losing his/her space at Da Silva Academy and the account will be handed over to the lawyers.

Parents are encouraged to pay school fees via EFT, Bank deposit or swipe at the school office. **NO cash** will be accepted for safety reasons.

Standard Bank  
Barongwa Branch  
Account Name: Da Silva Academy (Pty) Ltd  
Account number: 370 681 053  
Reference: Child's name and surname

First National Bank (FNB)  
Rustenburg Square Branch (Code: 202009)  
Account Name: Da Silva Academy (Pty) Ltd  
Account number: 62839285542  
Reference: Child's name and surname

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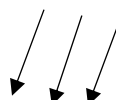
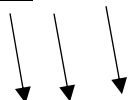
Mr. T Silva

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## **Program for January, February and March 2020**



**N.B- Please take note of the following dates and activities:**



<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Day</i></b>	<b><i>Activity</i></b>	<b><i>Additional Information</i></b>
20 January 2020	Monday	Creche class outing	Creche learners will be going to Geelhout Gardens
20 January 2020	Monday	Grade 1 Parents Introductory Evening	ALL Grade 1 parents are to please attend parents introductory evening between 16:00pm-17:00pm STRICTLY
21 January 2020	Tuesday	Grade 2 Parents Introductory Evening	ALL Grade 2 parents are to please attend parents introductory evening between 16:00pm-17:00pm STRICTLY
22 January 2020	Wednesday	Grade R Outing	Grade R learners will be going to Rusties Lodge
22 January 2020	Wednesday	Grade 3 Parents Introductory Evening	ALL Grade 3 parents are to please attend parents introductory evening between 16:00pm-17:00pm STRICTLY
23 January 2020	Thursday	Grade 4-7 Parent Introductory Evening	ALL Grade 4-7 parents are to please attend parents introductory evening between 16:00pm-17:00pm STRICTLY
24 January 2020	Friday	Interhouse Athletics	Interhouse Athletics at Grenswag High School. NO SCHOOL for Grade R-7. Learners to be at Grenswag by 07:00am and picked up by 14:00pm STRICTLY.
28 January 2020	Tuesday	Grade 1A Outing	Grade 1A learners will be going to Ten Flags
29 January 2020	Wednesday	Grade 1B Outing	Grade 1B learners will be going to Ten Flags
31 January-2 February 2020	Friday-Sunday	Leadership Development Camp	The leaders will be going to Fraaibos
4 February 2020	Tuesday	Grade 2A Outing	
6 February 2020	Thursday	Grade 7 Outing	Movies
11 February 2020	Tuesday	Grade 3A Outing	Grade 3A learners will be going to Kgaswane Nature Reserve
12 February 2020	Wednesday	Grade 3B Outing	Grade 3B learners will be going to Kgaswane Nature Reserve
13 February 2020	Thursday	Grade 3C Outing	Grade 3C learners will be going to Kgaswane Nature Reserve
14 February 2020	Friday	Valentine's Day	Learners may wear red, pink and white home clothes.
18 February 2020	Tuesday	Grade 4A Outing	Grade 4A learners will be going to the Rustenburg Herald

19 February 2020	Wednesday	Grade 4B Outing	Grade 4B learners will be going to the Rustenburg Herald
20 February 2020	Thursday	Grade 6 Outing	Grade 6 learners will be going to Putt Putt
21 February 2020	Friday	Grade 2B Outing	
25 February 2020	Tuesday	Grade 5A Outing	Grade 5A learners will be going to Rainhill Farm
26 February 2020	Wednesday	Grade 5B Outing	Grade 5B learners will be going to Rainhill Farm
27 February 2020	Thursday	Grade 4C Outing	Grade 4C learners will be going to Rustenburg Herald
4 March 2020	Wednesday	Grade 2C Outing	
4 March 2020	Wednesday	Grade 4-7 learners start with their Term 1 Cycle tests.	
16 March 2020	Monday	Grade 4-7 learners end with their Term 1 Cycle tests.	
16 March 2020	Monday	Creche Term 1 Parents Evening	ALL Creche parents to attend parents evening between 16:00pm-17:00pm STRICTLY.
19 March 2020	Thursday	SCHOOL CLOSES.	School CLOSES for the WHOLE school at 10:00am.
20 March 2020	Friday	Staff CPTD Day	School is closed for all learners.

**\*Please note that dates and venues are subject to change. Parents will be informed of any changes.\***