



# GIBSON PILLAY LEARNING ACADEMY

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## Insights...

Welcome back to all our learners for the commencement of the second term. We trust that you have achieved the results you desired, if not, please put in the necessary effort to ensure you achieve your objectives.

Our first term was full of events with one of the major highlights being the school invasion by 947 on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. We are looking forward to the continued support and teamwork from parents and learners to ensure that our school continuously moves forward...



Some photos from another successful support program held during the school holiday

### Dates to diarise

| Date                   | Event  |
|------------------------|--|
| 19 <sup>th</sup> April | Good Friday  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> April | Family Day   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> April | Debate Finals  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> April | Freedom Day  |
| 01 <sup>st</sup> May   | Workers Day  |
| 08 <sup>th</sup> May   | National Elections                                     |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> May   | Slipper Day & Lupus Awareness Day                      |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> May   | Internal Moot Competition                              |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May   | Internal Oral History Competition                      |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May   | Takkie Tax Day (learners to wear uniform with takkies) |
| 06 <sup>th</sup> June  | Blanket Run  |
| 07 <sup>th</sup> June  | National Donut Day                                     |
| TBA                    | Mid Year examinations (Awaiting department timetable)  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> June  | Foundation Phase Reports will be issued                |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> June  | Grade 4 – 9 Reports to be issued                       |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> June  | Parents Meeting  |

### School Excursion

School excursions will be scheduled very shortly. We encourage all parents to send all learners as the excursions are all curriculum related. Parents are also urged to pay the excursion fee on time to avoid disappointment.

### D6 Communicator

All parents are urged to download the D6 Communicator and open the App regularly. The quickest and most efficient way to communicate important information is through the D6. If you require any technical support then please call the number listed in the App. Please also ask your transport providers to install the App as well. You are able to install the App on more than one device. Please note that this will be the last hard copy issued, newsletters will only be uploaded to the D6 going forward. The importance of the D6 communicator cannot be over emphasised as relevant information for the term ahead is communicated and urgent information is sent via this platform. We will soon be moving to the D6+, more information will follow.



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## 2020 School Fees

### 2020 Registration Fee

Listed on the left are the school fees for 2020. As previously communicated, please ensure that the 2020 Registration fee is paid by no later than the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2019. You will also be required to complete and return the re-enrolment form before the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2019.

Parents are requested to please adhere to these dates as the school is being inundated with requests for space. Once parents pay the registration fee and return the form, it confirms their children's space and it gives us an indication of how many new learners to accept.

### School Diaries

As communicated on various platforms, the school diary is compulsory and must accompany the learner to school daily. Many learners are forgetting their diaries at home and this leads to demerits. It also hampers communication between parent and teacher if the diary is not brought to school. The cost of the diary is R70.

### Co-curricular Activities & Extra-curricular Activities

We are still offering various activities at school. Parents must please encourage learners to participate. The codes offered are soccer, netball, chess, table tennis, art, public speaking and choir.

### Re-enrolment Forms

All learners will be receiving re-enrolment forms on the 09<sup>th</sup> of April. Parents are required to complete the form and return it to school on or before the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2019. If your child is not returning to our school, please send us an email or letter confirming this. We will then issue a letter to you confirming your intention which enables us to give the space to another child. The form and the registration fee work hand in hand. If the form is handed in but no payment has been received by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, your child's space will not be confirmed for 2020.

Confirmation is determined by the handing in of the form **and** payment of the registration fee.

### 2019 Assessment Day

Our 2019 assessment day for 2020 registration is scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2019. The cost is R150 per child. Parents are encouraged to pay this fee as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. For more information you can call the school on 011 855 0672.

### Grade 10 2020 Subject Choices

Current grade 9 learners will be required to hand in their subject choices by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2019. The subjects choices will be finalised by the SMT using the Mid Year results as one of the qualifying criteria. Parents will be informed thereafter. Please note that the school has qualifying criteria for certain subjects. Please familiarise yourself with the document which will be handed to your child.



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*On the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, our school participated in the Mr & Miss Royal Highness pageant. We also took part in many items at the event. Mr MS Pillay was asked to give an address on Cancer and the importance of continuing the fight against it.*

| Grade 1A        | Grade 1B        | Grade 1C           | Grade 2A            | Grade 2B            | Grade 3A               |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Chante Van Wyk  | Tyesha Thikeson | Adriana Munsamy    | Boitelo Rantekoa    | Bailey Bernard      | Johannes Barahemana    |
| Ria Ramanjalu   | Leah Pillay     | Kiana Naidoo       | Owais Mohamed       | Cailin Can Wyk      | Nikesh Singh           |
| Chloe Idas      | Aphiwe Mponzo   | Carlisle Scholtz   | Kayleigh Papa       | Elihle Kubeka       | Christopher Padayichee |
| Thoriso Ladwaba | Njabulo Modau   | Katelyn Klein      | Azmat Hossain       | Reneiloe Teleko     | Theonique Golden       |
| Tyra Ismail     | Sharalyn Nayana | Nkosinathi Ndlovu  | Kayden Pillay       | Thabile Rasethuntsa | Dominique Padayichee   |
| Grade 3B        | Grade 4         | Grade 5            | Grade 6             | Grade 7             | Grade 9                |
| Teogan Thikeson | Yashen Singh    | Nakara Van Rheede  | Anjali Chetty       | Tiana Kisten        | Ciara Idas             |
| Darshni Sunker  | Skylar Brown    | Wandile Mngcungusa | Sinelisiwe Mosikare | Mamello Matshoge    | Lushay Fredericks      |
| Miguel Packaray | Anjalo Chetty   | Saqwati Chauke     | Jehil Ghurbarun     | Lonwabo Mfokazi     | Robyn Morris           |
| Caitlyn Bikhani | Alexa Lewis     | Darian Morris      | Yurisha Poonisammy  | Nandini Sinan       | Hayden Dajee           |
| Alicia Iyer     | Imihle Boloang  | Meshani Naicker    | Keshan Govender     | Liam Brown          | Ammaarah Basha         |



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| Grade 9        | Grade 10         | Grade 11          | Grade 12           |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Amel Du Preez  | Tenisha Ismail   | Priyanka Singh    | Montinique Smith   |
| Shanika Singh  | Lee-Anne Moonlal | Noluthando Nyembe | Courtney Fortuin   |
| Candre Van Wyk | Sinoyolo Qumba   | Dumoluhle Nkomo   | Tshilidzi Rathogwa |
| Samir Gobrie   | Quwin Tukulu     | Songezo Goxo      | Andile Meso        |
| Tyrone Khunjwa | Tebogo Mwelase   | Leah Egambaram    | David Letchman     |

### Learners visiting House Shops

It is with extreme concern that we are appealing to parents to strongly discourage their children from visiting the various House Shops close to the school. There are many people loitering around and GPLA learners somehow become a target. Transport providers must also be asked to drop learners at the school gate. It must be noted that during the first term, the roof of one of the shops frequented by learners caved in. Luckily our learners were not in the shop at the time. Last week, one of the learners was robbed of his cell phone. Parents must please be aware that educators are not on duty at the shops as it is away from the school.

### My SchoolCard

We encourage all parents to please apply for a MySchoolCard from Woolworths. There is no cost involved and the school receives a kickback every time you shop at Woolworths and swipe your card. If you require a form, please ask your child to visit the office and ask Madam Joan for one.

### School Fees and Statements

Please ensure that school fees are paid on or before the last day of the month to avoid incurring any late penalties. Parents are also encouraged to look at their statements regularly and raise queries within three months. Please also note that all school related issues **must** be directed to [gpla05@telkomsa.net](mailto:gpla05@telkomsa.net) or [gpla07@gmail.com](mailto:gpla07@gmail.com) and not to any other address. [gplaqueries@gmail.com](mailto:gplaqueries@gmail.com) must only be used for account related queries.

### Term Plans

Parents are encouraged to continuously look at the term plans issued as it contains many important dates including examination dates for the foundation phase. During this term, we are unable to provide dates for certain tasks from Grades 4 – 12 as they are given to us by the GDE. Once we receive these dates, we will update learners and parents accordingly. Learners are required to complete certain tasks on scheduled days, please ensure that they are prepared. All learners were issued with term plans today and it will also be uploaded to the D6 communicator. If you require any clarity, please contact the school and you will be assisted.



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## Detention

As communicated previously, detention is administered every Monday and Wednesday from 14:30 – 16:00. Details regarding offences can be found in the diary on page 9. It remains the responsibility of the parent to make arrangements for learners and please consider that the school gates lock at 16:00. Parents must please ensure that learners are collected at this time since educators also leave school at this time.

## Outreach Program

Thank you to all learners and parents for your support during the first term towards our Outreach program. For the first term we were able to hand out vegetable packs to the elderly in Lenasia. This week Friday, the 05<sup>th</sup> of April, party packs will be handed out to learners less fortunate.

*Remember that giving is not just about making a donation, its about making a difference.*  
Kathy Calvin

## Parents Meeting

Thank you to all parents that have attended the meeting, together we have mapped out a way forward that will benefit our learners. To parents that have not attended, please contact the school urgently to schedule appointments with educators. This will assist in avoiding mistakes made in the first term.

## Uniforms

Its is compulsory for learners to be dressed in their proper school uniforms, it remains part of the school code of conduct. We have noticed that a number of learners are not only altering the width of their trouser but also adding elastic bands and zips. Parents must please note that this is not permitted at all. Regarding hairstyles, lines are not permitted for both girls and boys. This is stipulated in the diary on page 7.

## Channels of Communication

In order to facilitate the smooth flow of information and to allow parents to freely communicate with the school we encourage parents to follow the following flow if queries are raised:

1. Raise an issue with the class or subject educator
2. If you are not satisfied, escalate to the HOD
3. If you are still not satisfied, raise it to the Deputy Principal and ultimately to the principal
4. At all times we must remember that the diary is the first form of communication which can be followed up by a phone call or email. The final step would be to visit the school in person but these visits must be scheduled

## Appointments with Educators

Please note that all parent appointments can only be made after 14:30 as we are unable to remove an educator from a class during contact time for a meeting. Scheduling an appointment also enables the educator to plan for the meeting.

*When you cut it for me,  
write it for me,  
open it for me,  
set it up for me,  
draw it for me or find it for me,  
**All I learn is:**  
that **you** do it better than me...*

Please feel free to contact the school if you require any clarification

Yours in education

Mrs M Papa  
(Principal)