



Jacaranda
Academy



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IMPORTANT DATES - INTERIM

5 April 2024 – International Kid's Yoga Day
 10 April 2024 – Grade 4-5- Rhino & Lion Park
 18 April 2024 – Grade RR – Grade R to Grade 8 – Nan Hua Temple, Bronkhorstspuit
 22 April 2024 – Earth Day
 29 April 2024 – Boba Tea Day
 30 April 2024 – Grade 7-8 - SACEE Writing Competition – Closing Date
 3 May 2024 – Werksmans Workshop (Tentative Date) – Jacaranda Journeys
 11 May 2024 – Mother's Day Celebration
 17 May 2024 – Sports Day
 ◆ 24 May 2024 – Africa Day
 31 May 2024 – Night Blossoms Art Competition

08 June 2024 – Father's Day Celebration
 13 June 2024 – Youth Day
 26 July 2024 – Grandparent's Tea
 03 August 2024 – Women's Day Celebration
 13 September 2024 – School Play – Alas Alice
 14 September 2024 – School Play – Alas Alice
 18 September 2024 – Heritage Day – Fashion Show & Braai
 11 October 2024 - Cullinan Mine Visit for Grade 7 & 8
 31 October 2024 – Halloween



Mrs. T. O. Balla

DEAR PARENTS

In an age where digital devices play an increasingly central role in our children's lives, it's more important than ever for us to hold the reins on their digital experiences. We often find ourselves navigating the challenges of parenting in a digital world, where social media and gaming can have profound impacts on our children's well-being.

As we witness the effects of excessive screen time on mental and physical health, both in the news and within our own communities, it's clear that we need to take action. However, many of us struggle to know where to begin or find the time to implement necessary boundaries and safeguards.

1. **Establish Clear Guidelines:** Set clear rules and expectations for digital device usage, such as limiting screen time, designating tech-free zones in the house, and specifying appropriate content and apps.
2. **Lead by Example:** Model healthy tech habits yourself by demonstrating responsible device use and prioritizing offline activities and family time.
3. **Open Communication:** Foster open communication with your child about their digital experiences. Encourage them to share any concerns or issues they encounter online without fear of judgment.
4. **Use Parental Controls:** Utilize parental control features on devices and apps to monitor and manage your child's online activities, including setting time limits, filtering content, and restricting access to certain websites or apps. (viz. Qustodio, Net Nanny, and Norton Family. These tools allow you to monitor and restrict your child's internet usage, block inappropriate websites, and set time limits for device usage)

5. **Educate Yourself:** Stay informed about the latest digital trends, risks, and safety measures. Attend workshops, read articles, and engage with online resources to enhance your understanding of digital parenting.

6. **Encourage Balance:** Encourage your child to engage in a variety of offline activities, such as sports, hobbies, and spending time with friends and family, to promote a balanced lifestyle.

7. **Monitor Online Interactions:** Regularly check your child's online interactions and social media accounts to ensure they are engaging with positive influences and avoiding potentially harmful situations, such as cyberbullying or inappropriate content.

8. **Establish Trust:** Build a foundation of trust with your child by respecting their privacy while also being vigilant about their online safety. Let them know they can come to you with any concerns or issues they encounter online.

By implementing these solutions, you can help reduce anxiety around tech use, establish clear boundaries, manage and protect devices effectively, and ultimately keep our children safer and saner online, providing you with much-needed peace of mind. Let's together hold the reins of our children's digital life.

Regards,
Mrs. T.O. Balla
Head of School - Jacaranda Academy





Easter Egg-stravaganza : A Hopping Good Time at Jacaranda Academy!!!

Our recent Easter Celebration at school was an egg-stra-ordinary event, and we're excited to share some highlights with you.

The Easter Bunny made a special visit to Jacaranda Academy spreading joy and laughter among our Grade RR to Grade 5 learners. The excitement was palpable as our learners eagerly awaited the arrival of this furry friend, who hopped around the school, bringing smiles to all.

Every learner had the pleasure of receiving a delightful Easter Egg, adding a touch of sweetness to their day. We believe these small gestures contribute to creating cherished memories that our learners will carry with them for years to come.

We're thrilled to announce the winners of our Geldhof Giant Chocolate giveaway! Drumroll, please...

1. Liminathi Ngqatawuli
2. Kevin Das

Congratulations to these lucky winners for their sweet victory! We hope you enjoy your delicious prize and share the joy with friends and family.

In the spirit of giving, one exceptional learner stood out by collecting the most tickets.

- Winner : Alessandro Lottering
 2nd Place : Devashin Arumogam
 3rd Place : Keabetswe Monwa & Bokang Monwa

Well done! Your enthusiasm and dedication truly paid off, and we hope the prize brings you happiness.

We want to express our gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of our Easter Celebration, from the teachers and staff to the parents and, of course, the learners. Your support and participation make these events truly special for our Jacaranda Academy community. A special thanks to Mr Shaun Kelly, (Alyssa, Grade R dad) for being our Easter Bunny, Geldhof Chocolatier, Mrs. Jermaine Nair and Beyers Chocolates.

May the joy and warmth of Easter continue to resonate with each of you. Wishing all who is celebrating a wonderful and restful holiday season!





EASTER CELEBRATIONS 2024



Leap Day Celebrations at school

A day that only graces our calendars once every four years, was celebrated in style by every grade.

From captivating artworks to mesmerizing songs, to adorable diy crafts to lively dances to poignant poetry and an informative speech each class showcased their talents and creativity and rose to the occasion.

It was a beautiful, vibrant day filled with energy of our learners; while everyone questioned where they will be the next leap year, our Grade 8 learners realised matric and Grade Rs in Grade 4!

The School hosted an open-air disco where learners and teachers alike grooved to the beats, making sweet memories that will last a lifetime.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the learners, teachers, and staff who participated and worked hard to make this day extra special. Let's continue to embrace the spirit of joy and celebration during the year.



Celebrating Imagination: A Spectacular Book Character Day at Jacaranda Academy

On 8 March, Jacaranda Academy was transformed into a bustling parade of literary favourites as learners and staff came together to celebrate Book Character Day.

This annual event, aimed at fostering a love for reading and creativity, proved to be a success, igniting imaginations and bringing beloved book characters to life.

From classic storybook heroes to modern-day icons, our school was adorned with an array of colourful costumes and imaginative ensembles. Characters leaped off the pages and into reality, with learners embodying the essence of literary figures with enthusiasm and flair.

From Harry Potter and Hermione Granger to the Cat in the Hat and Matilda, every character was a testament to the diverse and captivating world of literature.

Throughout the day, classrooms buzzed with discussions about favourite books, book characters, and the importance of reading. Learners eagerly shared recommendations and exchanged tales of adventure, sparking an enthusiasm for exploring the pages of a book.

Book Character Day not only provided a fun and memorable experience for our learners but also underscored the invaluable role that literature plays in shaping young minds.

By celebrating the power of storytelling and imagination, we reaffirm our commitment to nurturing a lifelong love for reading and learning.

Until next time, may the magic of books continue to inspire us all.



Grade 8

Learners using their knowledge on structures and pylons to "build bridges"

Bridges serve as vital links, uniting once isolated realms and facilitating human connection. The notion of "building bridges" resonates deeply as it symbolises the endeavour to unify disparate entities, be it places or people.

Thus, a bridge transcends mere infrastructure; it embodies a profound connection and embodies hope.

Great effort from the learners with wonderful support from Teacher Lina



Grade 7

Pencil Drawings with shading (Subjects of Choice). They also created 2D lettering techniques.



Grade 7 and 8 Creative Art Art Form 3D



CRITERIA FOR PREFECT SELECTION 2024

Applications for prefect selection for 2024 officially closed on 18 March 2024.

Mrs. Balla, Miss Rika and Miss Scrooby, together with our teachers, now have the task of sifting through all applications received, to select the new prefects of 2024.

Criteria is determined using the points below

Leadership Abilities

1. Initiative:

How proactive is the learner in taking on leadership roles or organising events/initiatives? ../10

2. Decision-making:

How effectively does the learner make decisions and solve problems?../ 10

3. Teamwork:

How well does the learner collaborate with peers and motivate others towards common goals?../10

Academic Performance

1. Academic Excellence:

How well does the learner perform academically, considering grades, class participation, and dedication to studies?..... /10

2. Intellectual Curiosity:

Does the learner demonstrate a thirst for knowledge and a willingness to learn beyond the curriculum?...../10

Communication Skills

1. Verbal Communication:

How effectively does the learner communicate ideas and instructions to peers and teachers?..... /10

2. Written Communication:

How clearly and persuasively does the learner express themselves in writing? /10

3. Listening Skills:

How well does the learner listen to others and consider different viewpoints?/10

***Character and Integrity**

1. Integrity:

Does the learner demonstrate honesty, integrity, and ethical behaviour in all situations?.../10

2. Respect:

How respectfully does the learner treat peers, teachers, and staff members?/10

3. Responsibility:

Can the learner be trusted to fulfill their duties and represent the school with dignity?..../10

Extracurricular Involvement

1. Participation:

How actively does the learner engage in extracurricular activities, clubs, or sports? /10

2. Contribution:

What positive impact has the learner made in extracurricular activities or community service projects? /10

Overall Suitability for Leadership

Rate the learner's overall suitability for a leadership role on a scale of 1 to 10, considering all the above factors and any additional observations. Total average of 13 indicators / 130 converted to a percentage.



RIKA MARIA RAJKUMAR CHESS TOURNAMENT/ JACARANDA ACADEMY SOCCER ACADEMY

Rika Maria Chess Tournament - Inaugural Event ✦

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the partners of Ekurhuleni North Chess who graced us with their presence and actively participated in the tournament.

Congratulations are in order to all the players for their outstanding performance. It is with great pleasure that we announce that all proceeds from this event will be allocated to charitable donations.

Join the School's Soccer Club ✦

Looking to step up your soccer game? Join the Schools Soccer Club! Why? Because it's more than just a club - it's a community where you'll hone your skills, make new friends, and experience the thrill of competition.

Plus, with expert coaching and regular training sessions, you'll see your game improve in no time. Don't miss out on the fun and growth opportunity. Join us today! ⚽



FIELD TRIP - APARTHEID MUSEUM

In a quest to enhance our learner's understanding of our nation's history, the Grade 6, 7, and 8 students embarked on a memorable excursion to the Apartheid Museum. This educational journey served not only as a break from the routine but also as an opportunity to delve into important curriculum content that aligns with our commitment to a comprehensive and enlightening education.

The Apartheid Museum, situated in the heart of Johannesburg, stands as a poignant reminder of South Africa's complex past and the resilience of its people. Our learners, with eager minds and open hearts, navigated through the museum's exhibits, immersing themselves in the stories and artifacts that chronicle the struggles and triumphs of the apartheid era.

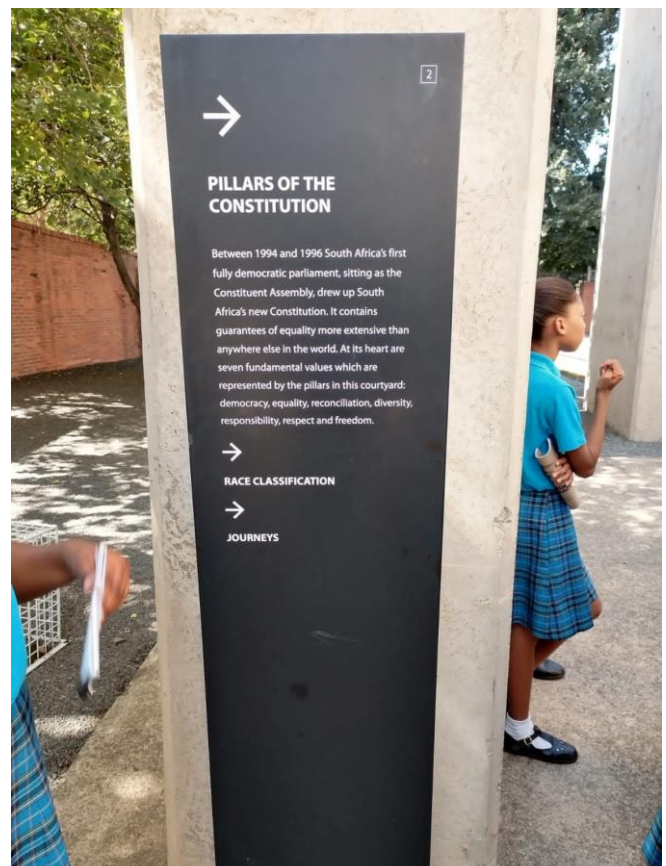
This excursion was meticulously designed to complement the school curriculum, providing our learners with a hands-on experience that deepens their understanding of historical events and social dynamics. The interactive nature of the museum allowed our learners to engage with primary sources, fostering critical thinking and empathy.



As our young minds explored the various exhibits, they were not only absorbing historical facts but also gaining valuable insights into the importance of tolerance, unity, and the ongoing pursuit of justice. The Apartheid Museum excursion serves as a testament to our commitment to equipping our learners with a holistic education that extends beyond the classroom.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated teachers who accompanied our children on this journey, ensuring a safe and enriching experience for all. It is through such collaborative efforts that we continue to nurture inquisitive minds and cultivate a deep appreciation for our shared history.

In the spirit of fostering a love for learning and an understanding of our roots, we look forward to more educational excursions that inspire our learners to become informed, compassionate, and engaged citizens.



ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION 2024

As March unfolded, we found ourselves gearing up for a celebration that brings a touch of Irish charm to our school grounds—St. Patrick's Day! This vibrant and lively occasion has become a beloved tradition at Jacaranda Academy, fostering a sense of camaraderie and appreciation for the rich cultural tapestry of the Emerald Isle.

On 18 March 2024, our school was awash in shades of green as we come together to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. This festive event is not just about donning green attire and enjoying lively tunes; it's an opportunity to delve into the meaningful symbolism behind this spirited day.

The Meaning of St. Patrick's Day:

St. Patrick's Day commemorates Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who is credited with bringing Christianity to the country. While it has religious roots; the day has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture and heritage. It serves as a reminder of the resilience, warmth, and spirit of the Irish people, wherever they may be.

Shamrocks:

Often associated with St. Patrick, the shamrock is said to have been used by him to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity. Today, it has become a symbol of good luck and a cherished emblem of Irish identity.

Leprechauns:

These mischievous little beings from Irish folklore are often depicted as guardians of hidden treasures. Their presence adds a whimsical touch to the celebration, reminding us to find joy in life's playful moments.

Symbolisms of St. Patrick's Day:

The Colour Green: Beyond being a fashionable hue on March 17th, green holds symbolic significance. It represents the lush landscapes of Ireland and is also associated with luck and rebirth.

Celebrating Together:

Our St. Patrick's Day celebration at Jacaranda Academy was filled with exciting activities, lively music, and even a bit of Irish dance. Learners were encouraged to embrace the festive spirit by wearing green and participating in the various themed events organised by our dedicated staff.

Let's always celebrate diversity that makes our school so special. May the luck of the Irish be with each and every one of us!



PARENT -TEACHER MEETING 2024 / CLASS PARENT VOLUNTEER MEETING 2024

PARENT / TEACHER MEETING FOR TERM 1

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you who took the time to attend the Parent-Teacher Meeting for Term 1

Your active participation and engagement are invaluable in ensuring the success of our learners. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and collaborate on ways to support their growth and development together.

Your commitment to your child's education is truly commendable, and I look forward to our continued partnership in nurturing their academic and personal growth throughout the school year.



CLASS PARENT VOLUNTEER MEETING 2024

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of the parent's that took time out of their Saturday morning, to attend our class parent volunteer meeting.

We will communicate the names of our class parent's for 2024 in due course.



AUDIENCE WITH STAFF / SAFETY PROTOCOL AT JACARANDA ACADEMY

AUDIENCE WITH STAFF PROTOCOL

In an effort to streamline communication and ensure that we address your concerns efficiently, we would like to inform you of the protocol for requesting an audience with school staff, including The Head of School, The Admin Office and Educators.

Our teachers and staff have planned schedules during the day; to respect their time and maintain a smooth workflow, we kindly request that parents refrain from arriving unannounced at the School, during school hours.

Procedure for Requesting an Audience is as follows:
If you have any concerns or queries, we encourage you to follow this procedure:

1. **Email Communication:** Please direct your concerns or queries via email to admin@jacarandaedenglen.co.za, this will ensure that your message is documented and reaches the appropriate staff member promptly.

1.1 **Subject Line:** Use a clear and concise subject line indicating the nature of your concern or query.

1.2 **Content of Email:** Clearly outline your concerns or queries in the body of the email.

1.3 If your matter is specific to a certain teacher or staff member, please mention their name in the email.

1.4 Our Admin Office will respond to your email as soon as possible, acknowledging receipt of your message.

1.5 **Scheduling an Appointment:**
If deemed necessary, The Admin Office will assist in scheduling an appointment for you with the relevant staff member Between 14h30 to 15h30 (however not on Tuesdays)

By following this protocol, we aim to ensure that your concerns are addressed in a timely and organised manner.

We appreciate your co-operation in making our communication process more efficient and respecting schedules of our dedicated educators and staff.

Please note teachers are at school until 15h30 and The Admin Office is opened until 16h30.

SECURITY PROTOCOL

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our school community, we would like to inform you of some security protocols that's being implemented at Jacaranda Academy.

Your co-operation and understanding in this matter are crucial for the well-being of our learners and staff.

Access Control:

We have implemented restricted access to the school premises, allowing entry only to authorised personnel, parents and visitors with a legitimate reason. On arrival, all visitors will be checked with a metal detector.

Learners will only be allowed out of the school after extra murals (unless an email or letter requesting exemption from these activities is sent to admin@jacarandaedenglen.co.za) or for emergency purposes.

NB:

Foundation Phase – Finishing Time: 14:30 (Grade R – 3)

Senior Phase – Finishing Time: 15:30 (Grade 4–8)

Visitor Management:

A strict sign-in and sign-out procedure is enforced for all visitors, including parents and guests.

Authorised individuals will be provided with a visible badge or a form of identification.

Learners Release Procedures:

Strict procedures have been implemented for releasing learners to authorised individuals *ONLY*. An updated list of authorised individuals for each learner has to be maintained, and identities will be verified before release. Please fill in the form sent home, with all the details of authorised person/s fetching your child.

Parental Involvement:

We encourage your active participation in maintaining a secure school environment.

Regular updates about security measures will be provided, and your co-operation is essential.

Thank you for your understanding as we work together to create a safe and secure learning environment for our children.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS 2024

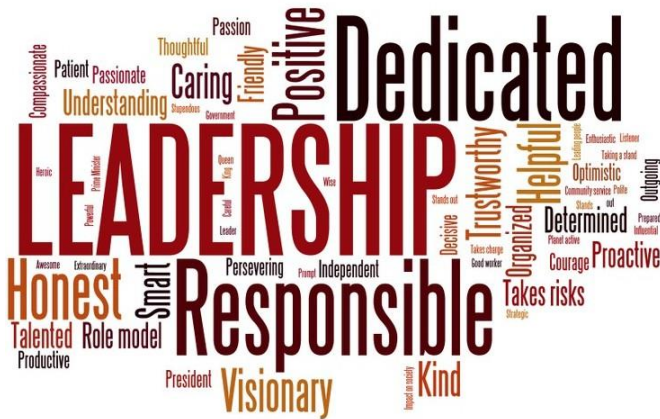
We would like to share that Grade 8 learners are actively working on founding the first-ever Representative Council of Learners - RCL.

This council will include two learner representatives from each grade (Grade 4-7) with RCL management to be led by the Grade 8 learners.

We understand the importance of keeping you informed throughout this process. As soon as the formation of the RCL is concluded, we will provide updates to the entire school community.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in our school community.

Together, we are shaping the future leaders of tomorrow.



WHY DO SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO READ?

Millions of children globally struggle with reading comprehension, yet with proper support, 90-95% can overcome these obstacles. Focus issues, dyslexia and language barriers are common challenges.

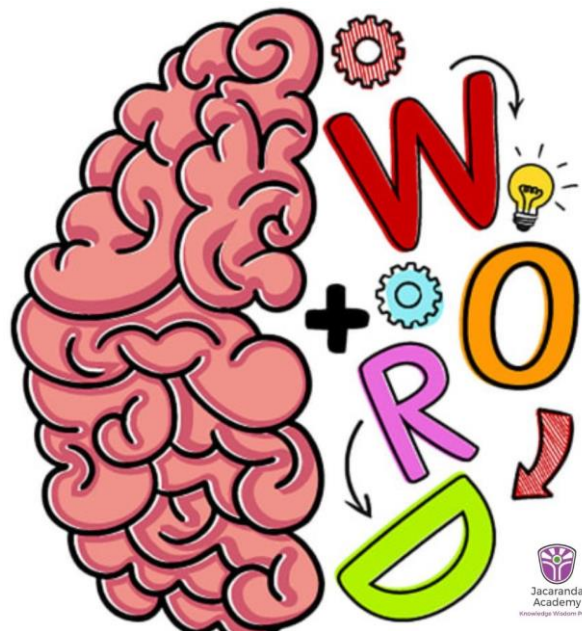
Introducing decodable books can significantly aid readers. Engaging children with their interests, one-on-one reading assistance, reading out aloud and educational games can foster a love for reading. Choosing appealing books to your child, embracing challenges, and being a reading role model are vital. Seek help from educators and online resources for additional support.



HOW SHOULD MY CHILD LEARN TRICKY WORDS?

Tricky words come in two types: those that aren't yet decodable but are crucial for reading and spelling, and those that never become fully decodable.

Repetition is key to learning tricky words, as frequent exposure helps children remember them better. Reading a lot helps build a visual catalogue of words, aiding in spelling retention. Using strategies like highlighting tricky words in different colors can also reinforce their significance in reading.





EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13:30 - 14:00	Enrichment lessons & Reading	Tumbling Tigers	Athletics	Enrichment lessons & Reading	Swimming And
14:00 - 14:30	Games Day • Chess • Scrabble	Dance	And Indigenous games	Speech & Drama (concert) or Karate	Term Sport (Athletics)
	<u>School Ends at 14:30</u>	<u>School ends at 13:30 for</u>	<u>School ends at 14:30</u>	<u>School ends at 14:30</u>	<u>School ends at 14:30</u>
		Learners not doing the above			

Senior Phase (Grade 4 to Grade 8)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14:30 - 15:00	Enrichment lessons & Reading	Tumbling Tigers	Athletics	Enrichment lessons	Swimming or
15:00 - 15:30	Games Day • Chess • Scrabble Or French	Dance	And Indigenous Games	Club Day • Drama/ Public Speaking/ Debate/ Spelling • Reading/ Book Club • STEM club Or Karate	Term Sports (Athletics)
	<u>School Ends at 15:30</u>	<u>School Ends at 14:30 for</u>	<u>School ends at 15:30</u>	<u>School ends at 15:30</u>	<u>School ends at 15:30</u>

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: STAFF

Miss Rika Rajkumar - 3 March



FUN FACT :

Miss Rika is a qualified pilot by profession

FUN FACT :

Miss Deborah loves PS Caramel chocolate and is from Malawi



Miss Deborah - 3 March

**Here's hoping you had an amazing day filled with sparkle and joy
With love from the staff and Management of Jacaranda Academy!!**



MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Jacaranda Academy would also like to extend our warmest wishes to the following Learner's that celebrated their birthday in the month of March



Rika Rajkumar - 3 March
Deborah Mkandawire - 3 March
Reneesha Mohammad - 3 March
Tumisang Sibanda - 4 March
Ethan Sithole - 4 March
Anarachi Bywang - 10 March
Craig Ndlovu - 12 March

Matteo Govender - 16 March
Amyoli Mazomba - 17 March
Blessing Akporokah - 18 March
Ayushi Chatterjee - 23 March
Bamile Xulu - 24 March
Winnifred Pippah - 29 March

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Jacaranda Cafe

Standard menu is available on demand and special items are made each weekday.

Parents should ensure they are added to the Jacaranda Tuck Shop group chat to be notified on special items and place orders.

Banking Details



Capitec Business

Account Holder :

Jacaranda Edenglen (PTY) LTD

Account Number : 1051273773

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School Terms

Term 1: 17 January- 20 March

Term 2: 3 April- 14 June

Term 3: 9 July- 20 September

Term 4: 1 October- 11 December

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