

West Rand Early Learning Centre



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RE: A Warm Welcome Back to Term 1!

Dear Learners, Parents, and Guardians,

A very warm welcome to the start of Term 1! We hope you had a restful holiday break and are ready for an exciting year of learning, growth, and new adventures. We are thrilled to have you back! A special welcome is extended to parents/guardians who have joined the West Rand family for the first time; we look forward to the wonderful things we will achieve together. We are also pleased to welcome new members of staff; Mrs T Dube and Ms K. Katz. A special congratulations is extended to Mrs Gloy (nee Taute), who got married in December!

Key Information for Term 1:

- **Operational Times:**

Grade	Monday- Thursday	Friday
Early Learning Centre	07:00-17:00	

Kindly take note of the following requirements to support your child's comfort, safety, and participation in daily activities:

1. Please ensure that your child brings a hat or sunscreen for protection during outdoor play.
 2. Parents are required to provide a pillow for their child's comfort during nap time.
 3. Children should wear comfortable clothing suitable for early childhood learning activities, including sensory play with sand, paint, and other fun and engaging materials.
 4. A change of clothes must be provided and kept at school in case of spills or accidents.
 5. Kindly provide a list of any allergies or food items your child should avoid. This information may be sent directly to Teacher Letty or Teacher Kelly.
- **Communication:** We encourage open communication. You can reach the school office or specific teachers via the school telephone number or email during office hours.

Thank you for entrusting us with your precious little ones. We appreciate your cooperation and partnership in ensuring a safe, nurturing, and enjoyable learning environment.

Take note of the provisional school calendar attached. Detailed communication will be shared using email or WhatsApp.

We wish all learners, staff, and families the very best for the term ahead!

Sincerely,

Mrs E. Brown

Principal



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2026 (PROVISIONAL) SCHOOL CALENDAR

<u>TERM 1</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
(12)14 January to 27 March	1 – NEW YEAR'S DAY 12 – Staff Team Building 14 – Staff Prayer & Fasting 21 – Staff Prayer & Fasting 23 – NATIONAL READING DAY 26 - Parents & Techers Meeting 27 – Fire Drill 28 – Staff Prayer & Fasting 30 – Compulsory Themed Civvies Day	01 – 09: NATIONAL STORY TELLING WEEK 04 – Staff Prayer & Fasting 06 – Prefect Training 11 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 13 – Inter-House Athletics 16-20: Spiritual Emphasis Week 16 – PTA Executive Meeting 18 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 20 – Optional Civvies Day @ R10 21 – INTERNATIONAL MOTHER TONGUE DAY 24 – Fire Drill 25 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 26 – Inter- Schools Athletics	02-03: Education Advisory (Harare) 04 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 05 – Staff Communion 10 – School Board 11 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 13 – Optional Civvies @ R10 18 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 16-19: SAU Principal's Advisory 17 – Fire Drill 21 – WORLD POETRY DAY/ HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 22-28: SAU Spiritual Emphasis Week 23 – Compulsory Parent/Teacher Consultations 25 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 27 – Compulsory Themed Civvies Day 28 – Christian Education Emphasis Day 29 – Open day
<u>TERM 2</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
08 April to 26 June	03 – GOOD FRIDAY 06 – FAMILY DAY 10 – Optional Civvies Day @ R10 13 – Parents & Teachers Meeting 15 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 16 – Academic Recognition Ceremony 21 – Fire Drill 22 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 23 - WORLD BOOK DAY 27 – FREEDOM DAY 29 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 30 – Photo Day	01 – WORKER'S DAY 06 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 08 – School Excursion 13 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 20 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 26 – Fire Drill 27 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 29 – Compulsory Themed Civvies Day	03 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 09 – School Board 10 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 12 – Optional Civvies Day @ R10 15 – SPECIAL SCHOOL HOLIDAY 16 – YOUTH DAY 17 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 23 – Fire Drill 24 - Staff Prayer & Fasting

<p><u>TERM 3</u></p> <p>21 July to 23 September</p>	<p><u>JULY</u></p> <p>22 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 23 - Academic Recognition Ceremony 27 – Parents & Teachers Meeting 28 – Fire Drill 29 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 31 – Compulsory Themed Civvies Day</p>	<p><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>BOOK LOVER'S MONTH 03-07: Spiritual Emphasis Week 05 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 09-15: SAU Spiritual Emphasis Week 09 – NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 10 – PUBLIC HOLIDAY 12 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 14 - Optional Civvies Day @ R10 15 – SAU Christian Education Day 19 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 25 – Fire Drill 26 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 30 – Annual School Concert</p>	<p><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>READ TO LEAD MONTH 01-04: SID Virtual Science and Faith Integration Seminar 02 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 08 – INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY 09 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 11 - Optional Civvies Day @ R10 16 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 18 – Heritage Dress-up 21-23: Annual School Camp 22 – School Board 24 – HERITAGE DAY</p>
<p><u>TERM 4</u></p> <p>06 October to 09 (11) December</p>	<p><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>07 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 14 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 15 - Academic Recognition Ceremony 16 - Optional Civvies Day @ R10 21 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 27 – Fire Drill 28 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 30 – School Excursion</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>GRAPHIC NOVEL MONTH 04 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 11 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 17 – School Board 18 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 20 – Class Parties 24 – Fire Drill 25 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 26 – Annual Awards Ceremony</p>	<p><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>02 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 09 - Staff Prayer & Fasting 16 – DAY OF RECONCILIATION 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY 26 – DAY OF GOODWILL</p>