

# ROBERT HICKS SCHOOL

*HATS off to 2023*



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23 January 2023

## Prefect induction

Our prefects were inducted on Friday 13 January. We wish to congratulate them and their families on this wonderful achievement:

### PREFECTS 2023

Awakhe Mtshali  
Bokang Mahlangu  
Busisiwe Ncube  
Caleb Sekhu  
Calina Mawela  
Jonathan Atemza  
Kayleen Sewshanker  
Langa Zantsi  
Lehlogonolo Mothle  
Lesedi Lenong  
Letlotlo Moatshe  
Luzelle Jamal  
Manala Makau  
Masego Moropa  
Maude Miti  
Mercy Terega  
Monare Letswalo  
Nontanda Kwababa  
Reratilwe Princess Modise  
Sera Pillay  
Siyanda Skosana  
Tomiwa Atanda  
Tshimologo Mashishi  
Tyler Wessels  
Uzair Shah



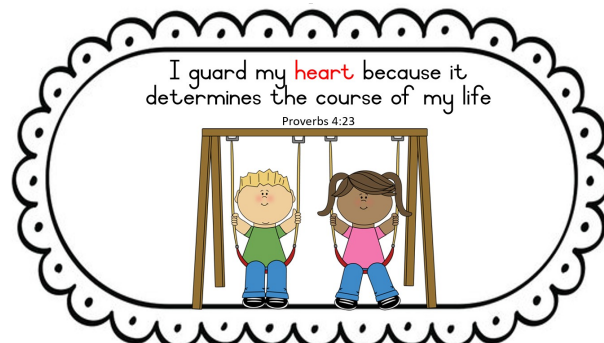
Induction of our 2023 prefects

## THIS WEEK

- 24 January: Interhouse Gala
- Programme of Assessment goes out

### Points to remember:

- **Please check and sign your child's diary daily**
- **Please notify the register teacher if your child will be absent**
- **Please let the school know if you did not receive this newsletter by email so that we can add you.**



# ALL XS

The Allxs cards is paid for by the school. The admin fees are also paid by the school. The most important point, especially for your child, is that they keep this card safe. It is like a bank card that can be used by anyone. We are very strict in this regard, as unauthorised use of someone else's card constitutes THEFT, and we handle such cases on that premise.

## KEEPING THE CARD SAFE

- 1) The safest place of the card is on the child's person, albeit in a money pouch or on a lanyard.
- 2) Please do not punch a hole into the card, as this can damage the chip.
- 3) The tuckshop plans to stock lanyards and pouches at a cost of R25 each, but you can source your own.

## REGISTERING THE ACCOUNT

- 1) Your child's card is uniquely hers/his.
- 2) In order to register, please go to the unique website that can be found at the bottom of the card as indicated below:  
<https://rh.allxs.co.za>
- 3) Click on register.
- 4) All your child's details. Siblings can be linked as well.
- 5) Your child's unique card number needs to be added.  
It can be found at the top right corner of the card.

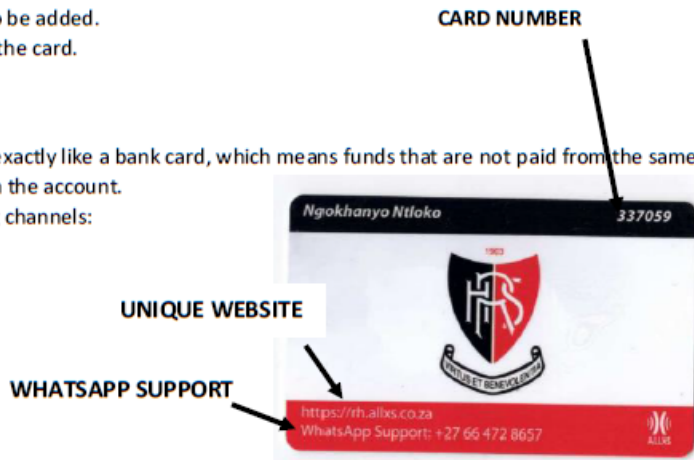
## LOADING MONEY

- 1) Please bear in mind that this card works exactly like a bank card, which means funds that are not paid from the same bank, can take up to 48 hours to reflect in the account.
- 2) You can make payments via the following channels:
  - a. EFT deposit
  - b. Bank transfer
  - c. ATM deposit

The banking details are as follows:

*ALLXS MEDIA*  
*Nedbank*  
*Branch Code: 198765*  
*Account Number: 1160993106*

Alternatively you can load money on the unique website.



**VERY IMPORTANT!!!**

Always use your child's CARD NUMBER as reference; otherwise Allxs does not know who to allocate the funds to.

## SOME FREQUENT PROBLEMS PARENTS HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN THE PAST:

1. QUESTION: I AM HAVING DIFFICULTY REGISTERING.  
ANSWER: Please contact Whatsapp support. Although we as school have become relatively knowledgeable with the system, they are most able to help.
2. QUESTION: I LOADED MONEY, BUT IT IS NOT REFLECTING ON THE CARD  
ANSWER:
  - (a) Please allow 48 hours for the payment to go through if you are not with Nedbank. Alternatively, do a direct payment.
  - (b) Did you remember to add your child's card number? If not, please contact Whatsapp support, forward proof of payment, together with the card number. They will allocate the funds to the account.
3. THE TUCK SHOP SAYS THERE ARE NO FUNDS ON THE CARD, BUT I CAN SEE THE FUNDS ON THE ACCOUNT  
ANSWER: Sometimes the card comes into contact with something magnetic, and the card becomes unreadable. Let your child come to me; I'll reissue the card and it will be readable again.
4. MY CHILD HAS LOST HIS/HER CARD.  
ANSWER:
  - (a) The majority of times the card is returned when picked up. If he/she waits a day, the card usually resurfaces.
  - (b) However, should the card remain missing, a temporary replacement card can be issued, but it will be at the cost of a new card, which is R40. If there is R40 in funds on the card, a new card is linked to the account, and a payment in the form of a sale item is put through the POS for the replacement card. A new card is then ordered from Allxs. This does, however, take a bit of time, as they are waiting for a number of cards to be printed so that a bulk print can be processed.



To facilitate communication between parents and the school Robert Hicks School uses d6 connect for all administrative and communication needs. Every parent needs to ensure that they download the d6 connect app and link their child on the app. The app can be downloaded from the Google Play or the Apple App Store.

**As communicated during the Parent Information Evening we are introducing a compulsory, but non-counting additional subject known as General Knowledge.**

We live in an age where we have tunnel vision; learners do not know what is going on around them. In order to broaden their horizon and make them more aware of the world they are living in, we are introducing a subject known as General Knowledge. The mark will reflect on the report card, and the learner is eligible for a subject award at the end of the year.

All the relevant information will be available via

- (1) the email
- (2) The Whatsapp groups
- (3) The notice boards at Ms de Witt's classroom
- (4) Learner can also opt to look up the information on the internet.

The information will be made available on Mondays, and the question sheet will be handed out on Tuesdays. They must be returned by Friday each week.

The categories are as follows:

History

Sport

Art

Science

My body

Life and Living

South African Geography

World Geography

Local awareness (current news around me)

World awareness (current news around the world)



**PLEASE DO NOT DO THESE QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CHILD;  
IT IS FOR THEIR BENEFIT AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT.**

- The use of computers, laptops or any internet enabled devices (iPad, phone, iPod, Xbox) SHOULD be in a common area of the house NOT IN THE BEDROOM! Need an alarm – buy a clock radio!
- Parental monitoring is vital – walk past and see what your child is doing, who they are talking to and what sites they are on....be aware if their mood changes. This is NOT invading their privacy at all...it is parenting in the digital space.
- Make sure there is no response to rude or harassing emails. (keep a record in case of further investigation)
- Advise your child to immediately exit any site that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried. Basic protective behaviour principles apply.
- If the harassment continues....the current email account can be deleted and a new one started. The new email address should only be given to a selected few.
- If receiving harassing messages on social media – have the sender blocked & report to the site.
- If you have found inappropriate content about your child on a website or are informed about this situation please contact the ISP and or Police ASAP.
- Have a family internet contract and set house rules about what information your child can put onto web-sites or share with others.
- Be aware the majority of children WILL NOT tell a parent if bullied or harassed online for fear that they will lose internet access!!
- Make sure that your children understand that they will not get in trouble if they tell you about a problem.
- Parents must learn about the internet with their child – get your child to share their knowledge of the internet with you in a fun environment
- Spend time online with children, just as you would with many other activities such as sport, board games and walking the dog – learn and explore together
- Install filters and other monitoring/blocking software to minimise dangers. This is already done in schools but filtering software should also be installed at home.
- Know the sites they are accessing to ensure suitability. Filters CAN sometimes fail to protect and can be bypassed by a 'tech savvy' child.
- ABSOLUTELY NO EXCHANGE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION!
- Children Under 13 ARE NOT ALLOWED on Facebook, Instagram, Tiktok, SnapChat, iTunes and many more. Don't support your child to break the rules & they won't be the only one without these accounts. Learn to say NO!
- Social Networking Profiles SHOULD BE SET TO PRIVATE. Use all the security settings available to make the site as safe as possible.
- Friends on social networking sites should be people that your child knows in real life. This is one way to reduce possible risks. Anyone can be anyone online.
- Learn the lingo so that you can decipher some of the content if required.
- Teach children that information on the internet is not always reliable.
- Very close supervision for young children is recommended. There should be a limit to the email correspondence/msn to be a list of friends and family that has been approved.
- Whatever your children use, you must use as well. Set up accounts on the same sites to ensure that they are suitable and the interactions appropriate. Engage with them online. This also allows you to know how these applications work.
- If your child is playing online games it is YOUR responsibility to make sure that YOU know how to play the game too in case of problems. Play online games together.
- Do not let young children 'google' aimlessly with no supervision. Children need to be taught about search engines and how they work.

## Our theme this week is “How to stay safe”

Cyber Safety affects everyone with a smart phone. Your child does not have the necessary skills to stay safe while using the internet in any form or shape. It is our duty to keep them safe, as there are many predators out there who prey on innocent little children. Here are some tips to addressing and managing this very important issue.

