

28 July 2023

Dear Parents,

REBUILD OF GRADE R (EXISTING ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK), 1 AND 2 BLOCKS

Greetings! We are excited to share some incredible news with you, marking a significant milestone in Winston Park Primary School's history. This achievement has been a long time coming, and we hope you share in our enthusiasm.

In our school's 48th anniversary year, we continue our commitment to providing an exceptional learning environment for your children. With this in mind, we have exciting plans underway to convert our prefabricated blocks into solid brick structures. These blocks were initially built as "temporary structures" 48 years ago and have served our school admirably throughout the years.

Since our last AGM

During our last AGM, we shared our vision to enhance the school's infrastructure. This included rebuilding the Grade 1 and 2 blocks with an additional floor for specialty classrooms. We have made significant progress in planning this and have decided to include the rebuild of the administrative block at the same time. This block will house the Grade R classrooms and provide them with direct access to the field near the Rose gate entrance. Next year, the Grade 1 classes will move to the current Grade R classrooms location. Then, we can begin rebuilding the Grade 1 and 2 blocks in the new year. The administrative block will move to the current Grade 1 classrooms location. It's a challenging project to coordinate, although an opportune time to combine all three initiatives.

Your dedicated MANCO, SGB, and Building Committee, led by architect Amanda Lead, from Lead architects, have meticulously designed the conversion plans. After multiple iterations, and input from teachers and various stakeholders, the SGB approved the plans on 22 June 2023. We are happy to announce that they have been submitted for approval to the eThekweni Municipality and Department of Education.

A look at what's planned?

To involve our parents in this important project, we're thrilled to provide a link to the SGB approved building plans on the school's website: <https://www.wppschool.co.za/building-plan>

There, you'll also find the 10-year plans, together with a flyover, created by Lead Architects in July 2015, with the planned incorporation of the Bennet House property into the school campus. Please note that these plans extend beyond the current Grade R, 1, and 2 block rebuilds and are subject to future funding availability.

Join us in envisioning the future of our school through the recently approved Grade R, 1, and 2 block rebuild plans. These plans will result in improved learning spaces for our children over the next planned year and a half. We invite you to share our excitement, and eagerly anticipate the positive impact this upgrade will bring to our school community. **Save the date** for an **informative evening presentation** on the process to date, the transition, and way forward, **with architect Amanda Lead in attendance**. Join us on **Thursday, 03 August 2023, at 18H00 in the school hall**.

We acknowledge the significant investment this project entails for our school's infrastructure and express our heartfelt gratitude to the parents for their unwavering support. Your commitment has been crucial in realizing this ambitious plan for our school's growth and development.

When are we looking to start construction?

As construction progresses in phases, we will provide regular updates on the project's progress and any new developments. Feel free to contact us with any questions, support, or suggestions during this exciting journey. Further details, including the anticipated timing, will be shared on Thursday, 3 August 2023.

Where can you assist?

We have created a short survey to gather insights on how parents can assist the school to contribute to the success of this project, such as through sponsorships, donations, and/or the sharing of potential business partnerships or contacts. Your participation in this survey is vital, as it helps us identify collaborative opportunities for making this project a successful community endeavour. Please take a few moments to complete the survey, as your input is greatly valued.

Please click on the following link to access the survey: <https://forms.gle/48SUXEWu7KoVDGZ28>

Your thoughts, suggestions, and recommended contacts are invaluable in uncovering funding opportunities and connecting us with potential partners who are eager to join us on this journey. By sharing your insights, we can leverage the resourcefulness of our community to establish meaningful partnerships and solutions. Together, we can secure the additional funding and resources required to make this infrastructure improvement a reality for our learners, within our planned time frame.

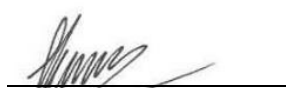
Thank you in advance for your valuable feedback. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us through Elaine David on principal@wpps.school.co.za or 031 767 3214.

Let's join forces and continue to build an exceptional educational environment at Winston Park Primary School, our "small school with the BIG Heart". Together, we can nurture the potential of each child and create a remarkable learning community.

Yours sincerely



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