

SISONKE SCHOOL

"Bringing life into Education"

Parents Handbook

"Our rightful place as educators
Is to be removers of hindrances,
Each child in every age
Brings something new into the world from
divine regions.
It is our work as teachers to recognize
the individual in each child
And guide them in their development
To the path that is right for them"



About the school

Sisonke School uses a variety of educational philosophies to bring about the best education for your children. School is not just a place for children to get their minds educated, school is also place of joy where, if approached in the right way, a true understanding of life can be explored. A place where children enjoy learning, celebrate their culture and are guided to find their inner individual nature.

- Sisonke school aims at Educating the whole child, the head, the hands and the heart.
- Every subject is taken from the text book and brought to life for the children through stories, music, poetry, drama and practical activities.
- There is no principal at the school, the teachers run the school together.
- Teachers and parents work closely together.
- Subjects such as music, sport, art, gardening and crafts feature strongly on the curriculum.

Meet the teachers

Sisonke School has a strong team of highly competent and dedicated teachers. They are committed to giving your children quality education for life. With patience and love the teachers will carefully guide your child's development.

Elizabeth N. Mwehle - Pre-school

My support and contribution in Sisonke School is to give all the small children a good education and provide a safe and secure environment for them to grow. I have a diploma in child day care which I finished in 1998. My work experience is 11years in one of the other schools in Port St. Johns. I am still doing an E.C.D course and I will continue to follow courses in Education. My belief is:

*Children learn where they live
If a child lives with security
He learns to have faith
If a child lives with approval
He learns to like himself
If a child lives with praise
He learns to appreciate*

Tembelani Daniso- Pre-school

Hi! I am Tembelani. I am very happy to be working with your children. I am willing to help all

your children and guide them in becoming the best they can. My focus at the school will be on gardening (permaculture) and hands on skills and crafts. I would like to meet all of the parents personally as it is important for us to be friends and work together for the good of the children. I am very excited about meeting and working with the children and parents of Sisonke School.

Sindile Joel Nogwina - Class. 1

My dear parents, I am Sindile, I am a male of 32years old and I live in Sicambeni. I am very happy to be a teacher in this new school with a very exciting philosophy. I love to work with children and it is a real pleasure for me to teach your children and share the experience and development with them. I want to be a lamp in their eyes every time we meet and my biggest wish is that your children will enjoy learning at our school.

Lumka Ngxokile - Class. 2

Hi I am Lumka, I am 22 years old and I am staying at Greensfarm. I am looking forward to meeting you all. I like being a teacher and spending time with children helping them to learn what is good in the world. I will be doing lots of

sport, music, singing and dancing with the children. To be a teacher is a lovely duty because you are a light in the darkness.

Noluvo Gogi - Class. 3/4

Hello I am Noluvo, a lady of 26 years old, I am married and I am one of teachers at Sisonke school. I am looking forward to teaching your children and facilitating their development. Children are blessings to world and I will be the morning star to them. I am excited to meet you beautiful parents because this school cannot function without you. This is our responsibility as teachers and parents to work together to keep this special school existing. God bless you all.

Mimi Buyze

Hi, nice to meet you I'm Mimi. I am 30 years old and I will be teaching English here at Sisonke school which I have lots of years of experience in. I am also going to be working in the office in the mornings assisting and being a bright light within our school. I look forward to meeting you all personally and am very excited about working with the children in this wonderful new way.

Pippa Colebourne - Teacher trainer

Hello and Molweni to the community of Port St. John's. I am a trained teacher from England and have been living here in your beautiful country for 4 years. My dream is to make a difference in

Education and give children the best start possible in life. Life isn't always easy when you get older, but it can be made easier if you understand yourself and the world, are able to turn your hand to anything and have self-belief in who you are. It is also important to me that children celebrate their culture. Here in Port St. John's the wonderful Xhosa culture is still strong. With your help, we will be doing our best to ensure that the children have chance to experience traditional crafts, hear the old stories of the elders, sing, dance, drum and gain a deep understanding of their language and culture. I look forward to getting to know you all and together giving the young ones in our world a brighter future.

General school information

School Fees

There is no fixed amount for school fees. Each parent's monthly contribution will be decided on an individual basis, which will be discussed during a financial interview with the teachers.

Stationary

There will a one off payment of R150 at the beginning of the year. This will cover all stationary costs.

School times

8am - 12.30pm Pre-school (Kindergarten)

8am - 2.30pm Class 1,2,3&4

Term dates

OPEN

CLOSE

Term 1 - 16th Jan

20th March

Term 2 - 14th April

27th June

Term 3 - 14th July

26th Sept

Term 4 - 6th Oct

5th Dec

Uniform

Uniform is not compulsory but should any parents wish to make use of one we are indicating a brown tracksuit with a white t-shirt. Tracksuits will be available from school at the start of term for R120.

Food

Children need to bring some fruit or yoghurt for snack and their own pack lunch to school with them.

NO CHIPS OR SWEETS ALLOWED

Language

Subjects will be taught in English, with separate lessons for both English and Xhosa languages_

Religion

Sisonke is a Christian based school that celebrates children from all religions and beliefs.

Thank you for choosing Sisonke School we look forward to working together.

