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# NICO NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF NICO MALAN HIGH SCHOOL



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

**"Gratitude makes sense of yesterday, gives peace for today and creates dreams for tomorrow!"**

With these words of an anonymous author as inspiration, I say thank you to all teachers, learners and parents. We were able to start all activities again without any interruptions or restrictions and had a very busy term.

### Personnel matters:

Me Riekie Woolley joined us as a Natural Sciences and Physical Sciences teacher.

Mrs Marizelle Coetzee is on maternity leave. Congratulations on the birth of little Renier on 2 February 2022.

Me Deoné Schoeman will take her place until the end of April 2022.

### Infrastructure:

After two years where we could do very little due to financial pressure, it's nice to be able to pay attention to our buildings again. The changing rooms by the pool have been upgraded, gutters in front of the school have been replaced and the hall boasts a sanded floor, new entrance hall, bathrooms and kitchen. We also hope to start soon with classroom floors that need urgent attention. A generator has also been installed in order for us to be able to operate effectively without power outages.

### Tuck shop / Cafeteria:

Mrs Elsie de Wet who ran the Lollipop Tuck Shop for 13 years of operation retired at the end of the term. We thank her very much and wish her a peaceful retirement. Upgrades will take place in and around the tuck shop over the next few weeks. We apologise for any inconvenience during this time. Grill & Company Family Restaurant will then provide service to our learners under the name of Grill Café @Nico.

### Discipline:

It is worrying how many incidents of "vape" and bullying behavior are reported. Please help the school by talking to your children about this.

- Vape - this is treated as smoking and is totally unacceptable at school.
- Cyberbullying

Your child could perhaps bully or be bullied with his/her cell phone. Messages in crude language are sent to each other and usually erupt at school. The time we have to spend on such matters is really unnecessary. Let's respect each other! See also the information on the above attached hereto.

*Enjoy this short holiday with your child.*

## NICO - GREETINGS

F.J. LÖTZ

## OVERVIEW:

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# CLASSROOM NEWS

## PROMOTION CRITERIA:

Continuous assessment requires learners to work constantly throughout the year. The weight of the June and December exams plays a big role in a learner's success. Please note the following promotion criteria at the end of the year:

### Grades 8 - 9:

Continuous assessment until September counts for 40 % of the year mark with the June exam carrying the greatest weight. The annual exam counts 60 %.

### Grades 10 - 12:

Continuous assessment until September counts 25 % of the year mark with the June exam carrying the most weight. The annual exam counts 75 %.

Please note that your child should not think he / she passes due to the marks of term 1 and term 3. He / she must work continuously.

Several learners are struggling to adapt to the new work tempo. Parents can help learners utilize their diaries more effectively and in doing so they will be enabled to stay up-to-date with tests, assignments and tasks.

It has come to our attention that the reading and listening capabilities of many of our learners are limited. You can assist by becoming involved in the following capacity:

- Let your child read a paragraph or passage and ask a few questions on the content.
- Read a piece aloud to your child while he/she listens. Ask a few questions on what he/she remembers.

With the help of these simple methods, you can perhaps contribute to your child's improvement in reading and listening which are essential for effective study.

**Unfortunately, the school does not have printing facilities for learners' assignments. If assignments are done on a computer, please have a hard copy printed for submission at the school. Learners may submit handwritten assignments.**



## PASS REQUIREMENTS:

### Grades 8 - 9:

Home language: 50 %  
First Additional Language: 40 %  
Mathematics: 40 %  
Any other 3 subjects: 40 %  
Any other 2 subjects: 30 %

### Grades 10 - 12:

Home language: 40 %  
Any other 2 subjects: 40 %  
Any other 3 subjects: 30 %

**Exam: 30 May - 15 June**  
(still to be confirmed)

## SUBJECT CHANGES:

Subject changes for Grade 10 can be done until 4 May 2022. Please make sure that you make an informed decision in the best interest of your child.

**No further subject changes are allowed for Grade 11.**

## PARENT EVENING:

Parent Evening takes place on Tuesday 12 April 2022. Please attend it!

## TEXT BOOKS:

Text books rented at the school must be kept in a good condition. If such a book is lost or is submitted in a poor condition, the replacement value will have to be paid.

***The school reopens on Tuesday 5 April 2022 at 07:25 with day 2 of the timetable.***

# SPORT NEWS

OUR LEARNERS HAVE DONE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL IN A VARIETY OF FIELDS. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR ACHIEVERS. A WORD OF THANKS TO OUR COACHES AND PARENTS FOR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT.

## ATHLETICS:

Congratulations to the following athletes:

### SA CHAMPIONSHIPS: GERMISTON (15 - 18 March 2022)

Wesley Aucamp: 7th shot put  
Alet Bezuidenhout: 7th high jump  
& 12th triple jump  
Bryan Katoo: 5th 100 m heat  
& 8th 200 m heat  
Jané Venter: 10th 400 m hurdles  
DJ Zietsman: 9th high jump

### ASA TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS: The following athletes will participate in Potchefstroom this week.

Bryan Katoo  
Cindy Strydom  
Minandi Venter



## TENNIS:

Elandré van Loggerenberg has been selected to represent the u/15 Eastern Cape team at the National Schools week, in Pretoria, from the 18th to the 22nd March 2022.

## BIATHLON:

Anya de Ridder and Steffan Rademeyer have been selected to represent the u/17 team at the SA Biathlon National Championships from 1 - 2 April.



Please remember to share  
your sport news & results  
with us.

#5TT



Mr. Jannie Venter, Jané Venter, Alet Bezuidenhout, Bryan Katoo, Wesley Aucamp en DJ Zietsman in Germiston

Remember to follow us on  
Facebook, Instagram & YouTube



# OTHER MATTERS

## GENERAL:

### CELL PHONES:

No cell phones are allowed on the school grounds until 14:00. A category-B transgression: Cellphone is handed in at the office until end of day.  
Penalty: immediate detention.

### SCHOOL FEES:

We hereby appeal to parents to please keep school fees up to date. Nico Malan does not receive any extra subsidies in addition to the R 200 per year per child. Remissions granted are also not refunded by the department. We are therefore dependent on school fees to maintain the service and standard that the school provides. Capital projects cannot fit within the budget and extra funds must be generated for them.  
Your school fees are incredibly important for sustainability.

### CLOTHING:

School blazers (with formal school uniform) are compulsory on Fridays. This applies to terms 1 to 4.

**Mondays - Thursdays** learners can choose to wear formal or informal school uniforms. When learners have LO sport on their timetable, they may wear their school tracksuit and takkies to school.

### GOVERNING BODY:

Mr Bull Janse van Rensburg (chairman), Mr Christo Joubert (vice-chairman) and Mr Willie Goussard (treasurer) were re-elected to their respective portfolios.

**We thank the Governing Body for their selfless work.**

### REMINDER:

Children may not attend extra-mural activities in the afternoons if they are absent from school in the morning. If you are absent on a Friday morning you may not attend Saturday activities.



## FUNDRAISERS:

Our 2nd golf day was held at the St Francis Links on the 29th January 2022. A memorable summers' day with 100 golfers on the field was had.

Thank you to all our sponsors and players for making this event a huge success and a highlight on our calendar.

Congratulations to Mr S.G. Ferreira who won the KIA Sonet, from the Kia Win a Car fundraiser.

## OTHER:

The Inikollig Arts Festival was held on the 22nd and 23rd of March. Thank you to all those who supported this event. It's good to be able to have events once again.



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# OTHER MATTERS

**Preliminary term programme attached;  
keep an eye out for any changes per SMS / D6 communicator.**

## @NICO:

**Thank you for your support!**

@Nico Clothing Store's hours:

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday:**

11:30 - 14:30

**Friday:**

11:30 - 13:30

Pricelist available on our website / D6.

## WEBSITE:



Scan me, I am available  
in English and Afrikaans

## ALUMNI:

We have a dedicated [Alumni Facebook page](#).  
Please follow us.



## MYSCHOOL:



**With MySchool you help the school to  
generate funds on a monthly basis.** We ask  
our parents and supporters to please make  
Nico Malan High School a beneficiary on your  
**Woolworths MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet**  
card.

[Register](#) here if you still don't have a card,

## LIVE-STREAMING:

All A-rugby field home games will be live-  
streamed via our YouTube channel. Please  
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Please contact our marketer, Kerry Bell-Cross  
[marketing@nicomalan.co.za](mailto:marketing@nicomalan.co.za)

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