

20 June 2016

Dear Parents

From the Office of the Executive Head

In this age of gender correctness which I am all for, especially I think we forget the importance of our positive male role models so this week we salute our dads who set us on the track to independence: for their wisdom, protection and inspiration. There is a reason Christ taught us to call God 'abba.' Despite many folk misrepresenting this as a kind of pet name for God like 'Daddy' (see this article which refutes that assumption:

<http://aramaicnt.org/2009/06/21/abba-isnt-daddy-the-traditional-aramaic-fathers-day-discussion/>) it does

refer to a more intimate connection to our Creator, along with an awe for his works however. Thank you to all our Meridian fathers who have struggled to provide for their families and who have most importantly led our children to know Our Father in Heaven. May you have a super week filled with victorious sports teams, Xbox and the knowledge that you have the respect and love of your children.



Staff News:

Condolences

It is with enormous sadness that I must announce the passing of staff member, **Zukiswa Ndiniso**, after a long fight with Cancer. She is mourned by her husband, Joseph, an employee at Curro Durbanville and their three children. Our flags will fly at half-mast all week in her honour.

***Zuki, you were loved by all those who worked with you: gone too soon, but remembered for your resilience and determination. You fly to the Lord on the wings of the prayers of Meridian Pinehurst.
Rest now.***



Congratulations

Well done to **Mrs Lara Leader** who received distinctions for two of her examinations in Advanced ECD Education recently.

Farewells

We bid a sad farewell to the following staff members who are leaving us at the end of term:

Nursery: **Ms Tanya Heyns (Group 4)** is furthering her career at another Curro school.
Ms Inge Wahl (Afternoon Reception) plans to study fulltime.
Mrs Lauren Goncalves (Afternoon Assistant) will be staying at home with her young family

FP: **Mrs Janice Matheus (Grade 1)** is pregnant and will be raising her family from home.

Aftercare: **Mrs Annatjie van Tonder** is retiring (again), but will be available for short notice Help.

Sport: **Mrs Carine Comerma** has been travelling in from Stellenbosch is also going to be at home with her children.

High School: **Mr Douglas McIntyre** leaves us to start his own business from home.

We also thank **Ms Michaela Thomas and Ms Kelly Adams** who helped us out while Mrs Mariska Roman and Ms Bonnie Pieters were on maternity leave.

We are all enormously sad to bid farewell to see these valuable educators leave our school, but are happy for them that they will be moving into areas which will benefit their families and futures. We remind them that once they have Meridian in their hearts, they will be part of us forever.

Learner Achievements

We are enormously proud of **Bevan Blankenberg** in Grade 11 who achieved 100% for Visual Arts this term. Move over Rembrandt! A 'Blankenberg' will be worth a fortune soon. He promises to remember us, the little people, when he is famous. His teacher, Mrs Leonie Smit, an artist in her own right, has this to say about his performance:

'Bevan has achieved 100% for his practical and theoretical examinations in Visual Arts. This learner is an artist to the core and his passion for the arts and his understanding of the symbolic measures of this discipline show maturity years beyond his age. He can stand his ground in any reputable gallery.'



Leonie Smit,

Well done to the following learners for their beautiful Handwriting which earned them Honours or Highest Honours in the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod for the lost art of Handwriting:

Hamilton Ward	92%	Grade 2
Brugita Strauss	92%	Grade 3
Sethu Hermanus	90%	Grade 3
Chulumanco Ndlazu	81%	Grade 2
Kim Taei	80%	Grade 2



Security at Meridian

The police have confirmed that the recent accounts on Facebook of abductions in the area were hoaxes, but be assured that we are on high alert still and as you can see had already begun work to move the fences to enclose the school buildings as per a previous decision.

From next term, there will be a staff member stationed at the gate to the Foundation Phase from 7:00 in the morning as well.

School This Week

Classes continue this week with many teachers in the high school especially going over examination papers for vital learning and beginning new sections of work. Do not be conned into allowing your children to stay home. THEY WILL BE MISSING WORK if they stay off school.

The Grade 11s are being trained on the Modlin App in Mathematics so it is vital that they attend school all week in order to receive the full benefit of this support.

Dates to Diarise:

Monday, 20 June: Grade 4-7 examinations end

Ms Tanya Heyns' birthday

Ms Linsey Hartman's birthday

Tuesday, 21 June: **Ms Heimie Groenstein's birthday**

Foundation Phase Parent-Teacher Meetings

Modlin Training for Grade 11s

Wednesday, 22 June: Nursery Parent-Teacher Meetings

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Ms Keri Lötter's birthday

Thursday, 23 June: Nursery Parent-Teacher Meetings

IP Staff Team Building: 13:30

Friday, 24 June: **School Closes**

Primary Schools National Inter-Curro Sports at Curro Langebaan: CB away
High Schools Inter-Curro Nationals at Grantleigh

Saturday, 25 June: Nursery Team Building
Ms Martha Noah's birthday
Monday: Holiday Care

Holiday Birthdays:

28 June: **Ms Genevieve Piedt**
30 June: **Mrs Mandy Moyce**
04 July: **Ms Mari Nienaber**
05 July: **Ms Annchen Mulder**
06 July: **Mrs Zukiswa Ndiniso RIP**
08 July: **Mrs Marijana Coetzee**
11 July: **Mrs Luise Etzebeth**
14 July: **Mrs Liezl Berry**
16 July: **Ms Nuraan Jappie**
18 July: **Ms Althea Marinus**



School Re-opens on 18 July for teachers and 19 July for learners



As we enjoy the rain, we give thanks to our Father for it. Please remind all who transport you on your holidays that they carry Meridian's precious cargo.

Godspeed home.

Matthew 6:9-13
New International Version (NIV)

9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

10 "Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation,^[a]
but deliver us from the evil one.^[b]

Yours in education

Colleen Bentley
Executive Head

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