



Weekly Newsletter

23 November 2016

INSPIRING THOUGHTS FROM THE OFFICE

I am not someone who wants to get stuck in the past. It is, however, fantastic to be able to look back and see how things have changed up until now - how the inexplicable of then, now become the logical - how God's plan has played out in my life - how values which were rubbed off on me have now made such a big difference - how children who were sent across my path live out what I made them aware of - how they have grown up and are now making a difference in other lives.

With the Curro Castle's little ones this past weekend, I experienced an intense flashback once more. I experienced their own interpretation of the musical *Grease*, some with swaying hips and others with a solidified stage-fright moment. I think back to the excursion on which my matric Woodwork teacher took me and a few other students in his brand new Datsun 120Y. First it was a nice meal at the Spur, and thereafter *Grease* the movie...1978. He was a teacher who made me believe in myself - and still does it (on Facebook no less). I think back to so many preschool concerts - with dads who had to take the stage and join in with the dancing. Those petite bodies now adults - already making a big difference where they live and work. I know this because I see it (also on Facebook - thank you social media).

Sometimes we focus so much on ourselves or on people of our own age group in the big survival competition; in the I-am-better boxing ring we try and punch each other in the face over social or work-status street fights, that we forget that we are not the future. It is the young people and children who are the future. We waste God's valuable time on ourselves instead of trying to have a positive influence and rub off good values on the children around us. It is so easy to say that we are busy. Take some time and stand still before this year closes its eyes for ever. What are we busy with? What were we busy with up until now?

If you don't make a dent in the universe, you don't belong at all. (Steve Jobs) If you want to make a difference and create a better tomorrow for your environment, your country, the world - just take a child's hand.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thu 24 Nov	Junior Choir: Sing in Harmony performance
Fri 25 Nov	Foundation Phase Christmas hat day Senior Choir: Sing in Harmony performance
Sat 26 Nov.	WP Underwater hockey trials (Curro Langebaan)
Tue 29 Nov	Grade 1: 2017 Visit
Wed 30 Nov	Exam ends Grade 4 to 11 WCMA & WCYO Prize-giving
Thu 1 Dec	Foundation Phase Prize-giving
Mon 5 Dec	Christmas carols by candlelight & picnic
*Tue 6 Dec	Foundation Phase Christmas songs morning Prize-giving Grade 4 to 11
Wed 7 Dec	School closes at 10:00

*NB - Left out of the previous newsletter.

SING IN HARMONY

Apart from our Senior Choir's performance in the next round of the Sing in Harmony television series, our Junior Choir has also been voted in as the viewers' choice. We are very proud of them. They are taking part this coming Thursday at Durbanville High School.

Our Senior Choir has a big surprise for the judges, with a special song written by Esta Steyn. Our choirs are going to set the screen on fire.

Please note: Junior choir members must be in the primary school foyer at 12:00 on Thursday morning. The Junior choir is first on the programme, which starts at 19:00.

Parents who attend the evening, may take their children home with them after the performance. Please phone the primary school administrator to notify her.

PRIMARY SCHOOL TABLETS 2017

As mentioned before in our Project Meerkat newsletter we are going in a new direction next year with the use of tablets as a teaching aid. We would like familiarise learners in the intermediate phase (grade 4 to grade 6) with the use thereof before they start using it as the source of their textbooks. The current grade 5 parents have already purchased tablets for their children and we will maintain the status quo with the grade 6 learners next year, except that the textbooks will also be available in hard copy online.

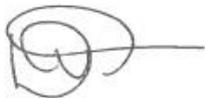
We will therefore be phasing in the concept from 2017 with the grade 5 group. The school will buy the 2-in-1 devices on which the software will be downloaded and which will assist with curriculum delivery in the classroom. Parents buy their children's textbooks online.

During 2018 we will extend the concept to grade 6 and in 2019 to grade 4.

REPORT CARDS – LAST DAY

Reports will be handed out in the classrooms, the same as the other three terms, just before school closes. You as parents will therefore not have to come to school to fetch the reports.

We would like to close off the year with a special walk-out (grade 7's who are leaving the school) and walk-in (grade 7's who are staying at Curro Langebaan).

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dirkie Victor".

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INFORMATION FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

Herewith we would like to inform our parents that we now have credit/debit card facilities available at the school. You are welcome to use your card to pay school fees.

CLOTHING LOUNGE HOURS

Please note the following hours for the Clothing Lounge:

Monday – Thursday: 07:30 – 09:00

and break: 13:00 – 14:30

Friday: Closed

Please note only socks, ties and belts are sold at the Clothing lounge, and are payable only by credit or debit card.



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