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# GAME/CHANGERS

11 January 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians

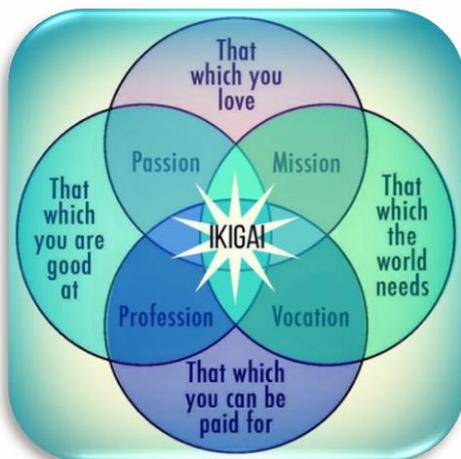
From the Office of the Executive Head

Welcome to an exciting year at Meridian Pinehurst. A special, warm welcome is extended to all our new families – we hope that you will very soon feel part of our unique Pinehurst family. 2017 is an historic year for us:



- We are beginning our fifth year since the school was founded.
- We shall host our first ever National Senior Certificate examinations, with our first matriculation class, our Pioneers of 2017.
- The school has grown to another block of classrooms and our hall, tuckshop and additional administration block will be ready for use in February.
- We are spreading our wings and this year have welcomed 29 new staff members to our campus, most of them in growth posts.

In my opening address to staff I spoke about **JOY** being a feature of our teaching. And joy can be found in the most surprising places. Enjoy this [example from Barcelona, started by one little girl](#). In this season post-Christmas, it is especially fitting to consider how the hope of the Christ-child brings us profound, inner happiness, which is a reflection of the blessing we have received from our Saviour, hence The Beatitudes in St Matthew's gospel being translated as either, 'blessed...' or 'happy...' (Matthew 5: 3-12).



An interesting assessment of your own life may be found in the Japanese concept of Ikigai which suggests that true joy can be found at the confluence of doing what you love, what you are good at, what you can be paid for and what the world needs. The sweet spot of all of these is Ikigai.

Career change anyone?

We educators have it all: **passion, mission, vocation** in our chosen **profession**.



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Congratulations and welcome to the new staff on their new appointments in 2017

## Administration

<b>Gizelle Marais</b>	Marketer
<b>Juliet Otto</b>	PA to the Executive Head

## Sports Co-ordinator and Intersen Life Skills

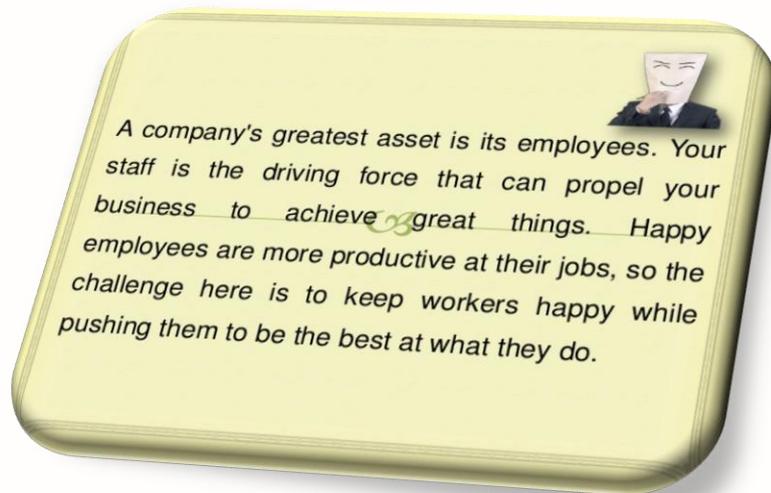
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## General Staff

<b>Beverlene Gordon</b>
<b>Zoleka May</b>
<b>Garnett Papier</b>
<b>Nompumezo Stana</b>
<b>Lendon White</b>

## Aftercare

<b>Erica de Jager</b>
<b>Marisca Olivier</b>
<b>Marshaleen Pietersen</b>
<b>Nozuko Wondo</b>



## Nursery

<b>Kelly Adams</b>	Group 2 Assistant
<b>Kelleigh Grieb</b>	Group 4 Educator
<b>Leanne Ivory</b>	Group 5 Educator

## Music Part-time Staff

<b>Reinhardt Liebenberg</b>	General; Voice; Choir
<b>Lizette Pretorius</b>	General; Choir Accompanist

## Foundation Phase

<b>Jason Roode</b>	Grade R Assistant
<b>Rafiqua Israel</b>	Grade 2
<b>Jade Phillips</b>	Grade 2
<b>Natalie Capes</b>	Grade 2
<b>Lauren Broeksma</b>	Grade 3





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## Intersen Phase

<b>Linda Heyliger</b>	Grade 4 (moved from FP)
<b>Shelley Hillier</b>	Grade 4
<b>Catherine Ricketts</b>	Grade 5
<b>Carla Coetzee</b>	Grade 6
<b>Hanno van Eeden</b>	Grade 7

## High School

<b>Grant Sollons</b>	Mathematics
<b>Patricia Almano</b>	Afrikaans FAL; CAT
<b>Bronwen Adonis</b>	Business Studies
<b>Brionne Frankish</b>	Geography
<b>Lynette Slabbert</b>	Music; Creative Arts
<b>Ansa Cronje</b>	Life Sciences
<b>Wendy da Silva</b>	Afrikaans FAL



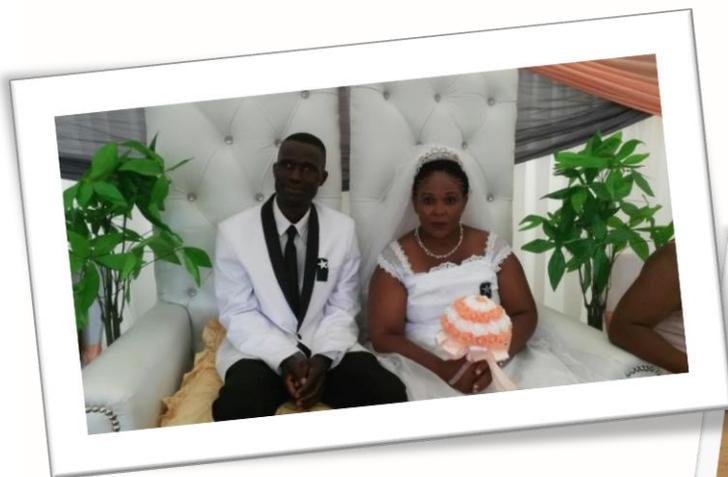
## Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Mrs Luciah Njanina** and her husband on the death of **Mr Njanina's father**. RIP

## Congratulations

Mrs **Lara Leader's daughter, Jade Leader** is congratulated on her excellent matriculation results at Curro Durbanville.

Hot off the press: shots of the **Makua wedding** over Christmas. Congratulations **Lukas and Melidah**.





### Important information for 2017

- From next week the following compulsory supervised waiting classes will be in operation to ensure the safety of learners around the campus. Note that no food will be served and no homework will be overseen:

Grade R – Grade 2 Transport Taxi Learners (who wait for older siblings): 13:00 – 14:30  
High School Bus Learners: 14:40 – 16:00

Please ensure that you collect your children timeously after school to prevent unattended learners loitering.

- The entire school campus, including the Nursery and Aftercare will be **closed on: Monday, 20 March and Friday, 28 April.**
- There will be no school for Grade 1-7 on **30 January** in order for the staff to attend systemic Curro training. There will however be 'holiday care' for those children enrolled in Aftercare. Grade R will operate as usual.
- Please ensure your child is in possession of a school hat (available from Reception/ online) and that it is used in this heat. No hat; no play will be in place from Monday in the Foundation Phase.
- Advertising space is available on an annual or quarterly basis in this newsletter. Address your enquiries to Mrs Heyliger at: [linda.b@curro.co.za](mailto:linda.b@curro.co.za).
- Please adhere to the drop and go regulations – if you are walking your child into class, please do not park along the grass in front of the school buildings – this is for kissing and going only.

### Dates to Diarise this Week

Saturday, 7 January: **Ms Mariska Roman's** birthday

Monday, 9 January: Grade R-12 teachers return

Tuesday, 10 January: Staff Meetings

Wednesday, 11 January: school re-opens for 2017 Academic Year – Grade R-12

Thursday, 12 January: Intersen Sport begins – see letter on My Hub.

Friday, 13 January: **Ms Berenice Constant's** birthday

Monday, 16 January: Foundation Phase Sport begins  
High School Sport begins  
Nursery Parent Evening





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I wish you all a JOYFUL 2017 with Christ at the centre to ensure the essential [Ikigai](#).

**THE EIGHT BEATITUDES OF JESUS**

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart,  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of  
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

**Matthew 5:3-10** Lord Jesus Saves †

Yours in education

Colleen Bentley  
Executive Head



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