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17 January 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

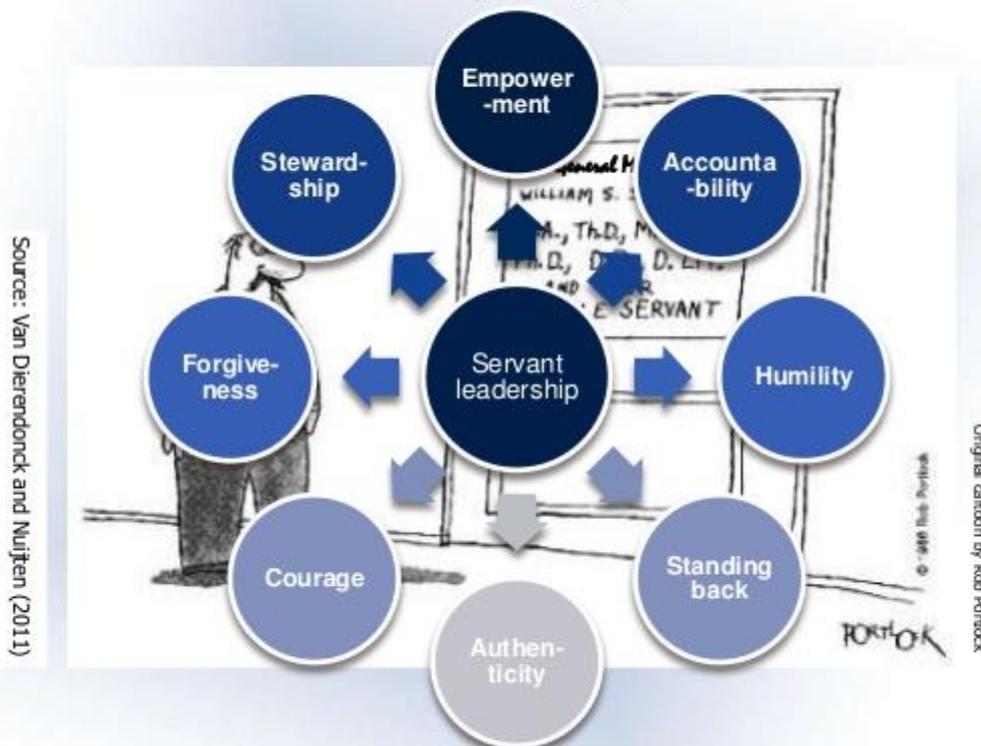
From the Office of the Executive Head

While there are many variations on the model of servant leadership, the essential ideas of business leader, Robert Greenleaf, are what propel the Meridian Pinehurst ship. These were unpacked in our opening meeting with the entire staff last Monday. The concept gels perfectly with our Christian faith in that it speaks to a focus, not on ourselves, but the 'other.'

“The servant-leader is *servant* first... It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first.” - Robert K. Greenleaf.

Servant leadership is a philosophy and set of practices that enriches the lives of individuals, builds better organizations and ultimately creates a more just and caring world.

Servant-leader(ship)



This is the ethos in which we shall be nurturing your children. You will notice that key to this style of leadership is that it involves the **empowerment** of learners. Our young leaders will also be taught these leadership concepts.





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2017 Matric Pioneers

The Pinehurst Pioneers made history on their first day of school in 2017: MPH enters the Big League.



With Grade Head, **Mrs Celeste Butler** and Register Teachers, **Mrs Wendy da Silva** and **Mrs Luise Etzebeth**, our matrics are set to take on the year.





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News from the USA

Hey all my fellow Meridian Pinehurst students

With the new year beginning, it's a good time to start some new things. I already know that 2017 holds many new and exciting adventures that we as a school will embrace fully and support each other through.

I want to congratulate and wish luck to all our Grade 12s It's amazing (and shocking) that our school is already 5 years old and it's been an awesome experience watching the school grow and expand under your leadership. Meridian wouldn't be the same without you as our pioneer class. We as a student body build and mould our school, and with a group so crazy and active with such high spirit, no wonder we have such a great atmosphere at school.

Welcome to all the new Grade 8s. I hope you find the same comfort and joy at Meridian as I have. Some advice: You are going to experience a lot at Meridian, the student body is crazy and the teachers just as much, but believe me, that's what makes us special. Our school supports everyone in every occasion and adventure, no matter how small or big.

High school can be hard but being a part of a family, just like we are at Meridian, makes it so much easier to handle.

Good Luck for the years to come! I can't wait to meet you all in June.

I really want to encourage all Grade 9,10 and 11 learners to research AFS and the Kennedy Lugar Exchange Program, this is really a great way to open up our school to the world and get our school on the map, and remember the more we get involved in AFS the greater chance we have of hosting an exchange student at our school. This is also open to families at Meridian High School. The opportunities are endless; AFS is always looking for host families.

I've received my return date and with Five months to go, I feel antsy to get home.

Greetings from America.

- Allyson Adams.

AFS Exchange Student





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School Uniform

GRIT has informed us that the following uniform items will be out of stock as a result of a late rush on uniform in Meridian schools countrywide.

Grey skorts: sizes 22; 24; 26

Grey skirts: sizes 24; 26; 28

Blue short-sleeve shirts: sizes 32; 34; 40

Grey shorts: sizes 26

Sport skorts: 9-10; 11-12; 13-14; M

You may purchase grey skorts, shorts and skirts from Pep and purchase either a long-sleeved shirt (and roll up the sleeves) or obtain the blue shirt from Ackermans. Learners without correct kit will not be penalised obviously.



Please note that high school learners are required to wear their blazers when travelling to and from school.

On behalf of the school I really do apologise for this inconvenience.

Car Discs

Please assist the security staff in ensuring the safety of our learners by obtaining car discs from Reception for all vehicles collecting or dropping your children at school. This facilitates smoother traffic flow as well as controls access to the grounds. Please remember to remove the Meridian disc before you sell your car.

Taxi Transport Children Waiting Class

This compulsory waiting class will be in operation from 13:00 – 14:30 for Grade R - Grade 2 transport learners waiting for older siblings. This will take place in the Fantasy Room under the care of **Mrs Jeanne Miller**. Please note that this class is **only for taxi transport children**. Other children who need to wait for siblings/ the bus must be placed in aftercare.

Dates to Diarise

Monday, 16 January: Health and Safety Meeting
Nursery Parents' Meeting

Tuesday, 17 January: Foundation Phase Parent Meetings

Wednesday, 18 January: Intersen Phase Parent Meetings

Thursday, 19 January: High School Parents Meeting (Grade 9-11)

Friday, 20 January: Athletics Day (FP and IP)

Saturday, 21 January: Staff Team Building



Don't forget to notify us if your contact details have changed.



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I wish you a fruitful week in service of the Lord.



Popular hymn by Graham Kendrick

Yours in education

Colleen Bentley
Executive Head



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