



18 January 2016

Dear Waterstone Family

It is with anticipation and excitement that we welcome you to the beginning of the 2016 academic year. Waterstone College is a different place in 2016 with the completion of the Castle, Foundation Phase building, Prep school hall and the new Learn to Swim centre.

I also make special mention of our new families joining Waterstone College in 2016 – may you experience a warm and comfortable Waterstone welcome.

The good matric results of the class of 2015, and the impressive qualities of our matriculants, remind us annually of the professional educators that we have at Waterstone College. Well done to our matric teachers, who with hard work and dedication from our students, achieved a 100% pass rate.

The High School students have returned from successful pre-term camps and activities. All our staff members across the school have been busy and productive during last week, creating readiness to inspire excellence and to ensure that we start the year off on a positive note.

I would like to draw your attention to a few important issues relating to the start of the year.

Whole School Staff Development: Do not accept mediocrity

The whole campus staff development event on the first day of our school day took the form of a drumming session where we were taken on a journey of fun, working together and making beautiful music. There was a lovely sense of comradeship and a willingness to work together for the best interest of our community. We can be sure that Waterstone College has some talented individuals who have committed themselves to Waterstone College. We as a staff have also the concept that we will not accept mediocrity in terms of our service, lessons, teaching, coaching and from our pupils. 2016 is our year, the year in which we celebrate ten years of excellence.

2016 Windscreen Stickers for Parents and Teachers

The 2016 windscreen stickers have been issued to all students. Please display the sticker in the top left hand corner of the windscreen so that this can be easily identified. Please note that the sticker is required for entrance to the school after 16h00 and over weekends. The Castle parents will receive different coloured stickers as this will allow you access to the Castle in the mornings and after school.

Building Progress

During the past four weeks, the old pre-prep section of the school has been demolished, and the earthworks are being prepared for the new sport fields. We hope to start planting grass by the end of next week. We appreciate the memories of the start of Waterstone College in those buildings. In order to make

way for progress we had to demolish all those buildings; unfortunately we had to cut down some of the trees; a decision we did not take lightly. The new buildings and sport fields reflect an exciting and innovative future for Waterstone College.

Waterstone Football Academy.

Due to a contractual dispute, Mr Ryan McConville has decided not to return to Waterstone College. We are saddened by his decision but take this opportunity to thank him for the huge contribution that he made at Waterstone College. The programme needs to move forward and we are currently in negotiations with Gavin Andrew. Gavin is a very well-known coach in our community. He has an impressive Curriculum Vitae and will bring to our programme a sense of maturity, experience and stability. Gavin will be appointed as the Technical Director of football at Waterstone College and the senior coach. We are all extremely excited about this prospect and have full confidence in Gavin and his coaching team to take Waterstone College Football to great heights.

The year ahead

There is a fantastic sense of energy and enthusiasm on the campus as teachers, students and parents once again inhabit this school of opportunity and growth. We look forward to a year of fulfilment and significance.

SPECIAL INVITE

We would like to invite all parents, teachers and students to attend the first Sunset braai to be hosted by Waterstone College. We invite to bring your picnic baskets, chairs, and drinks to a special evening of socialising and spending time as a community. We will switch on the flood lights and enjoy the evening together. There will be no charge and entertainment will be organised for the pupils. This event will take place on 29 January 2016 at 18h00 on the school football field. Details to follow.

God Bless



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“BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM YOUR GOD”

Psalm 46