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From the Principal’s Desk

"Respect for Self, Respect for others. Respect for the environment"

As we approach the June examinations and parents, learners and educators are working hard to prepare our children for these very important assessments, it is important for the partnerships we have worked so hard to forge, to stand united so that our children are able to enjoy success. In looking for some inspiration, I came across the following passage from John C Maxwell’s book:

Success one day at a time.........

"The way to the top” Read, heed and learn from these amazing people who are so willing to impart their wisdom-

“My friend Zig Ziglar once told me he visited the Washington Monument on a trip to Washington DC. As he arrived with some friends, he heard a guide announce:

‘Ladies and gentlemen, there is currently a two hour wait to ride the elevator to the top of the Monument’, the guide then paused a moment, smiled and added, ‘however there is no wait should you take the stairs’

Zig’s story reveals something about success. In truth there are no elevators to the top. If you want to make it there, you have to take a long series of steps. How many steps you’re willing to take and how long you’re willing to keep climbing, determines how high you will go.

To all our learners who will be preparing for their first examinations of the year, continue believing in yourself, work hard and remain focused on every step you take because the harder you work, the greater your luck and achievements will be.

T.Rae
Principal

Safety - With the weather fast changing there are many children who arrive in the dark and more alarmingly leave after dark. Parents please ensure that the necessary arrangements have been made to get your children home. We are now working closely with Bramley Child Protection to ensure our children do not become one of the statistics we have read about in the papers this week.
Bathroom Etiquette is something that should be taught at home and continually reinforced at school, yet we continue receiving complaints. Parents, we appeal to you to assist us in this regard by discussing the following issues with your children:

- Foodstuff may not be taken into bathrooms
- Children to leave the facility in the same condition that they would like to find it.
- Taps to be switched off after use
- Report poor behavior when witnessed
- Toilet paper should be used appropriately and disposed of after use

EXAM SCOPES have been issued and learners need to prepare adequately for the exams. Please ensure your children are learning.

WINTER UNIFORM
With the changing weather, the children must wear their FULL winter uniform.
**BOYS:** Long grey pants, white long sleeved shirt, tie, grey branded socks.
Pullover jersey, Blazer, Black Lace-up shoes.
**GIRLS:** Grey Tunic or grey long pants, green checked shirt, grey branded socks, Pullover or Cardigan, Blazer, Black school shoes.

BEANIE/GLOVES/SCARF SET IN FOREST GREEN
We have been offered these sets to sell before winter. Each set only costs R50,00 and order forms were issued to the learners. Please return as soon as possible with the correct amount so we can beat the cold.

CHESS NEWS Chess did very well at Houghton in spite of missing our number one Girl (Alice Zhang) and our number one player (Rehan Naidoo) having to leave early. We beat Houghton B 9-3 and Bramley 9.5 – 2.5. Rehan and Stephanie won 2 points each (from 2 games); Ethan, Shane, and Kai 4 points each; Kia 1.5; and Jonathan 1. Fixtures next week are unclear at this stage as Houghton has indicated that it is no longer able to host. Leading teams are Houghton A with 3 wins from 3 matches, Fairways with 3 wins from 5 matches, and Halfway House with 1 win from 2 matches. Eddie Price (011)782-7544

BARN DANCE: Fairways Primary will be hosting a barndance on 16 June 2018 from 18h00 – 21h00. Tickets are R30 each or 4 for R100. Food and drinks will be sold.

SCHOOL RAFFLE – Thank you to the families who have already supported our raffle initiative which will be drawn at our assembly on the 8th June. Please note that every learner was issued with an order form to sell 10 tickets at R50,00 each ticket. We are guaranteed clear profit if every child, teacher and parent purchases a ticket.

NEWSPAPER DRIVE: Please remember to bring all your waste paper and Magazines to school. We have made 1.4 Tonnes but need more!!

TOYZONE AND MELROSE ARCH supporting the Smile Foundation are having a Kids Cycle Race on 27 May 2018 at 9:00am. [www.smilefoundationsa.org](http://www.smilefoundationsa.org) for details.