NEWSLETTER 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

25 January 2019

I trust that you have all now settled down to the new school routine and that you are all enjoying being back at school.

I spent a lot of my time reflecting on the 2018 academic year, to find solutions to improve the academic performance of our learners and for growth of our beautiful school. Through reflection I have come to the conclusion that it does not matter whether you are an educator, parent, guardian or learner, parent or child, coach or sportsman; relationships are all important. If we want to be successful on a higher level, we need to be willing to work on forging stronger relationships with all our stakeholders. Every stakeholder in our school community needs to be prepared to serve on the lowest level in order to lay the firm foundations on which to build relationships.

Integrity, is all important and it becomes the foundation on which other qualities like respect, dignity and trust are built. If this foundation is faulty then our success becomes more difficult to achieve. What is our most important relationship? Relationships in the home must most certainly be the most important relationships because if these are sound other positive relationships will become easier to forge. Building and maintaining strong families benefits us all in every aspect and ultimately leads to success.

In conclusion, I leave you with the following short course on building sound relationships by John C. Maxwell: “The least important word is I. The most important word is WE. The two most important words are PLEASE and THANK YOU. The three most important words are ALL IS FORGIVEN. The four most important words are WHAT IS YOUR OPINION? The five most important words are YOU DID A GOOD JOB. The six most important words are I WANT TO UNDERSTAND YOU BETTER”

May the week ahead be one where we focus on developing stronger, relationships with, our partners, spouses, children, friends, teachers and members of the public.

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THANK YOU: To all the parents who attended the Parents Orientation Meetings that were held last week. It all bodes well for the future if our learners and teachers have the support of their families as evidenced by the 49% of parents who attended from Grade R – Grade 7. We will continue making every effort to ensure that we get the remaining 51% of the parents on board. Together we can make a huge difference in the lives of our children.

HOMEWORK SPECIAL NOTICE

- Parents, please note that homework needs to be done by children and usually involves completing work not finished in class.
- In the Foundation Phase (Gr 1-3), homework consists of reading (this needs to be done daily), learning of spelling, bonds and tables. On occasion, children will need to prepare for projects by collecting materials and doing research.
- In the Intersen/ Senior Phase (Gr 4-7), homework is based on subjects taught that day.
- Children are encouraged to do the homework on the day they receive it to avoid unnecessary back-up.
- All children from Grade R -7 should be reading on a daily basis
- They should be learning bonds and tables
- They should be revising the work covered on the day.
- Where children are completing work which was not completed in class, the instruction will not be written up for homework as it impacts a small group of children.

Parents, we are working on teaching our children accountability. Please do not sign off homework that has not been done.

TRANSPORT- Parents please be aware of who is transporting your child/children as we have noted some taxis are critically overloaded.
Check that the driver has a valid PDP and that his vehicle is roadworthy.

EXTRA MURALS: The Extra – murals are well underway and parents and children are reminded that learners who have committed to a sport need to give 100% attention to practices and league matches. We expect all children to be appropriately dressed at all times. Please ensure that your children are fetched timeously after the practice or league match.
WE WISH TO FIELD THE STRONGEST TEAM POSSIBLE THIS SEASON and ALL SWIMMERS WHO ARE PLACED WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO SWIM FOR THE SCHOOL TEAM.
Swimmers need to wear the correct green school costume and have a swimming cap in order to swim.

PTA (Fund Raising Committee) The first meeting of 2019 will be held on Wednesday 30 January at 17:30 in the staff room. ALL parents are welcome to attend.

CHESS NEWS It is gratifying to see that attendance was well into the twenties over the last couple of days. A reminder that Mondays is primarily for Seniors and Team Squad, Thursdays for Juniors and beginners. You are welcome to attend twice a week if you like, or on the “wrong” day if there are special circumstances, but please let me know if this will be happening so that I am prepared for and can cater for the situation. Eddie Price (011)782-7544

AFTERCARE- Sherpa Kids is our service provider for parents who wish to make use of this service. It is currently from 12:00 – 18:00. Forms can be obtained from the Administration Office or contact Lucette on 083 579 8711

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