NEWSLETTER 5

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

7 February 2019

The following poem by an unknown author has been selected as the thought for the week, for those of us who have felt overwhelmed by day to day pressures:-

Promise yourself to be so strong that
nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet
To make all your friends feel that there is something in them
To look at the sunny side of everything and
make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and
respect only the best. To be just as enthusiastic about the success of
others as you are about your own,
To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater
achievements of the future
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times
and give every living creature you meet, a smile
To give so much time to the improvement of yourself,
that you have no time to criticize others.
To be too large for worry, too noble for anger,
too strong for fear and
too happy to permit the presence of trouble

May your week ahead be one blessed with the strength to face all the challenges in a positive, pro-active manner.

T.RAE
PRINCIPAL

THANK YOU–To the team of parents who tackled the last 3 classrooms in the Intermediate block on Saturday 2 February, to complete the tiling. The teamwork on the day enabled us to complete the task in one day. We look forward to future workdays of this nature.

APPRECIATION-Miss Rae would like to express her appreciation to the parent who sent the following whatsapp.

‘Thank you for what you are doing in our kids, you are spending your time, energy to bring an input in our kids future. I know and I can feel what it is to be a teacher, sometimes you don’t have time of your own and family just because you dedicate your life to make our kids future to be bright. Thank you because I see sometimes my child will come home with a smile just because I forgot to pack his lunch but his teacher gave him lunch and thank you because sometimes my stress will bring me down but my child will come home with a smile because he learnt something new and exciting in school that maybe I never tell him about. Thank you for your commitment, thank you for helping my child to have hope and
a vision for his future and I won't take advantage of it. I will do my part as a parent to educate my child to be a good learner.

SAFETY OF OUR LEARNERS- Parents, we have a huge problem with the number of our learners who are left at school all day. Our teachers are not able to be in a million different places after the end of the official school day as they are involved in extra mural activity, attending meetings or trying to get their marking done. Your children need to be collected timeously from school and that transport they may be using is safe at all times.

OUTDOOR EXTRA MURALS- The weather has played havoc with many of our outdoor extramurals being cancelled soon after getting started due to the lightning siren going off. We appeal to all stakeholders for a greater understanding as the weather is beyond our control.

ILLNESS/INJURIES- While we have qualified personnel to attend to the accident/illnesses occurring during the school day, an alarming number of learners come to the office for attention to wounds/illnesses that have occurred at home, often over weekends. We have the necessary medical supplies to assist learners who injure themselves at school, however these stocks are being depleted as a result of these 'home' injuries. If your child is ill or injured at home, please ensure that they receive the necessary medical treatment before returning them to school.

CELLPHONES, IPODS, GAMEBOYS
Please note that the school does not take responsibility for the above mentioned items which continue to be brought to school. Our children have proved that they are not responsible enough to look after their clothing items and should then not be bringing the more expensive items to school.

CHESS NEWS 2019  Attendance has been consistently high this year (in the 20s) since day 1. On Monday the lesson on short mates was completed with Reverse Fool’s Mate and Scholar’s Mate.
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SENIOR CHEF FUNDRAISER  Our Senior Chef Campaign Started this week, with brochures and Order forms being sent home. Parents are encouraged to place an order for their household, but also share forms with grandparents, uncles, aunts, neighbours, friends, colleagues, etc. You are more than welcome to request additional forms. There are great incentives for all those that participate. Order submissions open on the 20th February and the last order is the 4th March.

KARATE: Traditional Japanese karate with 8-time world champion and 7th Dan, Dr Shane Dorfman. From 4 years to adults. Learn self-defence while developing life-skills such as confidence, discipline and mental focus. Branches in Melrose, Norwood, Parktown North and Huddle Park. Contact: E-mail: info@dorfmankarate.co.za; Cell: 0845818119 (Shane). Website: www.dorfmankarate.co.za

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