



NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

I find it strange that when learners do not abide by our school rules and get punished, there are some who fight back and argue with the staff member reprimanding them, and are even joined in this by their parents. If I choose to break the speed limit and get caught, with whom should I get angry? I can only blame myself for the choice I made. Our rules are simple; yet increasingly pupils want to dispute being caught.

When you know you are at fault, the mature and responsible thing to do is stand up and own up to the mistake, to accept the consequences, and to be part of the solution. Recognise where you went wrong and be prepared to fully own what you did. When we make excuses or try to blame other people or external factors for the eventual outcome of something, not only are we failing to take responsibility, but also demonstrating a character trait which is very common in people who fail to succeed in anything.

It is only when you accept that everything you are or ever will be is up to you, that you are able to get rid of the negativity of excuse-making that can so often prevent you from succeeding.

All learners begin Term 4 with zero demerit points – a chance to start again. Yet some will probably obtain demerits within the first week of the term! Last year 189 pupils got demerit points in the final term. Some pupils go through five years of schooling without gaining any demerit points, and then receive a certificate at the Valedictory Assembly. It will be interesting to see how many receive this award next month.

Enjoy the short break – use the time well to rest and recharge the batteries.

Ms D McGrath
Deputy Principal

Accept responsibility
for your actions.

Be accountable for
your results.

Take ownership of your
mistakes.

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IMPORTANT

Thursday 27 September - Final Afrikaans essay exam

Friday 28 September - Final English essay exam

Note that if a learner is absent, a doctor's note must be produced - otherwise zero will be given.

Wednesday 10 October:

Reports issued to Grades 8 – 11 from 16h30-18h00.

There will be a Parents' Evening for Grade 8 and Grade 9 only.

Reports are only issued to parents.

Learners attending must wear full school uniform.

Monday 15 October:

Valedictory assembly for Grade 12 at 18h30

AGM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Parents will be held on 17 October 2018 at 18h00 in the Lifestyle Centre. The Headmaster and Governing Body members will report back on the current year and the way forward, and the budget for 2019 will be discussed. In the event of a second meeting being necessary for any reason, such meeting will take place at the same time and venue, 15 days later, namely at 18h00 on Thursday 1 November 2018, in the Lifestyle Centre. Should this be necessary, you will be informed about this on 18 October 2018.

One of the school's projects is to feed the sterilised feral cats that live on the school property and which help to keep our premises free of rodents. We would appreciate any donations of tinned or dry food. Donations may be handed in at the front office. Thank you to those parents who help us feed these cats. All contributions are gratefully accepted.



SPORT/CULTURAL RESULTS

Athletics

Congratulations to Alex Meimaris for receiving a bronze in the 400m at Prestige.

Soccer

Girls

The U15 girls played Jeppe and won 2-0. Player of the Match was S de Klerk.

The first team girls lost to Jeppe 2-3.

The U17 girls played the King's School and won 3-2.

Boys

The U15 soccer boys advanced through to the quarter-finals, where they lost to Redham 0-2.

The first team boys won their quarter-finals against Redham 8-1 and qualified for the semi-finals, where they played Edenglen and lost.

SAIIA Debating:

Congratulations to Yuh-jye Huang who placed 2nd in the Best Speaker award and Dennis Huang who placed 3rd in the Best Speaker award.

Boys Tennis

Our B team competed against Jeppe A team and lost 44-55.

St Peter's Festival:

Congratulations to our Choir for participating at the Festival this weekend and to the Public Speakers, in whose events three juniors and one senior advanced to the finals. Well done to Mrs Blom, Mrs Mavropoulos and Mrs Theron on these results. The learners involved were Shannon Toland, Mahesh Mahadeo, Megan Holland, Rourke Peetham, Saskia Rabie and Caitlin Baia.

Unfortunately, our soccer and chess didn't participate this year, but that will be remedied in 2019.

Provincial Maths Olympiad

Congratulations to the following learners who participated in the Provincial Mathematics Olympiad on 8 September in Vereeniging: Ruhi Maharaj, Dylan Wade and Dennis Huang.



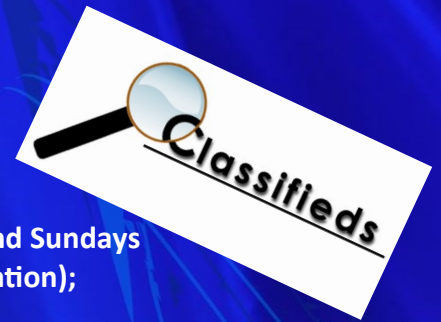
A special congratulations to Dylan Wade who placed 7th in the province,

and Dennis Huang who placed 2nd.

Well done!



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