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Dear Parents, Staff and Pupils

Welcome to the new year.

The school is already functioning at full pace after an excellent start to the year.

We are very proud of our 2023 Matric Class, who achieved at a high level in their final examination. Among their achievements were 15 A Aggregates, 2 pupils who achieved 7 A's, 2 pupils who achieved 6 A's and the grade achieved an 80% bachelor's pass.

We mentioned that Mr White, Mrs Moss, Ms Harrison and Mrs Stanton would be joining us from January. They have already found their feet and are involved and passionate in their various areas of expertise. We also welcome Mr Nodingolo, who has replaced Mr Nondwangu, who retired at the end of 2023.

We have already held our Gala at the Joan Harrison Pool and our Athletics Day was held on our campus. Both events were very successful and the spirit was excellent. Congratulations to Wild House, who won the Gala and to Beresford, who won the Athletics Trophy.

Our sport and culture calendar is full and pupils are readily accepting the opportunities and challenges available to them. This past weekend we had pupils competing in a variety of sports including: squash, cricket, water polo, and athletics.

Our buses travelled to Bloemfontein, Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown and King Williams' Town, in addition to the local fixtures.

Our cricketers beat Hudson 3 games to 1 last weekend, including our First team and Second Team, and this past weekend we won all games against Dale College (4/4). Our tennis teams were also successful last weekend, winning their matches against both Selborne 1sts and Clarendon 1sts. This week the Girls' First Team beat Merrifield Firsts 6/0 and our Seconds beat Clarendon Seconds 3/1. We look forward to a great year of sport and good sportsmanship.

Our cultural calendar also gets off to an exciting start with “Hairspray”, our Guild production for 2024. The cast has been practising in the evenings and during the weekends and I would encourage all parents to attend the production which will be on at the Guild Theatre in the first week of March.

We are also very excited about the Infrastructure Development that is presently taking place at school. This is a major development and will be a huge asset to our school once completed. We are looking forward to the additions and are quite prepared to put up with the inconvenience for this year. Other developments include a new scoreboard, upgrades to the hot water system in the hostel, upgrading of the tennis shelter, paving and the installation of the generator at the Astro, allowing play to continue when ESKOM lets us down.

We are presently busy with Grade Meetings each evening and I would like to remind parents of important dates:

REMINDERS:

- PTA AGM/Election of PTA 2024 Committee – 20 February 18.00 (Auditorium)
- Governing Body Elections – 12th March and probably 19th March at 17.30 (Hall)
- Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 07.30 in the Boardroom and all are welcome.
- Hairspray Production at the Guild Theatre – 4th to 9th March.

Governing Body Elections:

The Governing Body members of all schools are elected for a three-year period and every three years there is a full election of new governors. This year we start a new cycle of the Governing Body and therefore request that any parent who wishes to serve on the Governing Body during the 2024, 2025, 2026 cycle ensure that nomination forms are collected from Mrs Watson, completed and returned to her well before the 12th March.

We request that parents who are able to assist the school in the area of governance seriously consider standing for nomination for the Governing Body. Areas of particular value for the school include backgrounds in law, finance, project management, architecture, policy development, HR etc.

Please note that governors are not involved in the day to day management of the school and should not accept nomination in order to further their own, or their child’s interests. The Governing Body members do not represent a particular group of people, but the entire school community (staff, parents and pupils).

Please also remember that should you accept nomination, you would need to ensure support on the evening of the election.

The SGB election will be held on the 12th March at 17.30 in the hall and should there be no quorum present at that meeting, the election will take place on the 19th irrespective of a quorum or not. (The likelihood is that the second date will turn out to be the election date, but parents may surprise us...)

We are in the process of sending out “family detail” sheets to all parents. Please ensure that all aspects of the sheet are updated, particularly the contact details which are vital in the case of emergencies. Please also make a note on the sheet if separate notices are required for each parent and if separate reports should be e-mailed. We appeal to parents to ensure that you are on the class group and the QUICKPARENT app. to allow necessary communication.

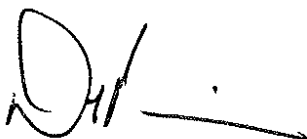
We request parents to make a habit of checking that your child’s uniform is correct before leaving for school. This includes hair, shaving, earrings etc. Please ensure that when we have a civvies day, such as Valentine’s Day, children are appropriately dressed. A guideline for civvies dress will be posted on the QUICKPARENT app. shortly. There is also a specific sports dress allowed for various practices and matches – children are expected to attend all practices and matches strictly adhering to these guidelines.

We thank all parents who support the school in various ways, whether it be on the SGB, the PTA, assisting in different areas or just by paying your school fees so that we can continue to offer your child the best possible education.

We wish you an exciting and rewarding 2024 and trust that you will assist us in the important task of preparing your child for a successful future.

May we all experience God’s richest blessings this year.

Regards

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Doug Prior