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NEWSLETTER NO. 40

Dear Parents

This is our last newsletter for 2017. The past three months at SACS have literally flown by for my family and me. We arrived at a somewhat awkward time in the middle of term three, but were immediately welcomed into the SACS family. My initial impressions remain the same – that of an exceptionally well-run school with unlimited potential in many different spheres. Retired Headmaster, Mr Ken Ball, can reflect with pride on the exceptional school that he has left behind.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my interaction with our community – our boys, our parents, staff, Old Boys and others. All institutions face challenges and we are no exception to that. I am tremendously encouraged though by the overwhelming amount of goodwill that there is toward our school – that manifests itself in the will to see our school further prosper and grow. I look to next year (2018) with excitement and positive anticipation with regard to how we can take our school forward.

Please take time to read over the school's EduTech proposal and contact Mr Chris Jones should you have any queries. This is the culmination of many years of planning, infrastructure upgrades, staff training and debate. It is important to get it right and in so doing make a meaningful contribution to bettering our SACS scholars education.

A recent meeting with Mark Barber from Cambridge and Mrs Dawn Siso who heads up our Cambridge A-Levels program at SACS reiterated again to me the opportunities available to our young men. My congratulations to all our staff and young men involved in the initiative.

Attached please find the State Boys' Schools Memorandum of Understanding on sport. For some time now we have lost our way in terms of the ethos and values attached to school sport in our country. I was extremely comfortable to attach both my name and that of our school to this Memorandum and am happy that others have had the courage to do the same, hopefully for the right reasons. Our philosophy should always be to be the best we can possibly be within the correct ethical framework.

The topics of transformation, diversity and inclusivity are ones that need to be addressed in a meaningful and ongoing basis in our nation's schools. Something I have taken from my previous school is that meaningful transformation is so much more than mere demographics, but is something in the hearts and minds of each of us. I have had the privilege engaging with some very wise and passionate people who want to see our school move forward and play a meaningful role in this regard. This will be ongoing in the year ahead.

Our school is fortunate to be served by a talented and committed group of parents that make up our School Governing Body (SGB). They freely devote their time and expertise for the betterment of our school. My thanks are extended to all of you and, in particular, our SGB Chairman, Mr Andrew Breetzke, for your support and all that you do for our school.

I continue to be enthused by the range of achievements of our SACS men in the fields of academics, culture, sport and community service. Many will continue with these endeavours over the holiday period. I wish you much success and enjoyment. And then to our whole SACS family, I wish you a joyful and relaxing time with your sons over the holiday period. I trust you will return refreshed and ready to take on the exciting challenges of 2018.

EDUTECH PROJECT: CHROME BOOKS

Below is a link to a slideshow which aims to give some feedback and insight into the SACS EdTech project. The School is introducing Chromebooks in a phased, voluntary process for 2018. Other than the smartphone access your son already enjoys, these are the only other devices that will be permitted at school. The reasons are explained in the slideshow. While voluntary, the Chromebooks are strongly recommended and encouraged in order to further support your son's education. In partnership with Cloud Education Solutions we are providing an easy and convenient way to order your Chromebook. Please follow the relevant links on the last of the [slides](#). Any queries may be sent to Chris Jones at jonesc@saccollege.org.za.

ATKV AFRIKAANS JUNIOR OLIMPIADE

Benjamin Dicey (Grade 8) was placed fourth and Matthew Versveld (Grade 8) nineteenth in Western Province out of five hundred participants at the ATKV Afrikaans Junior Olimpiade. This National Olympiad is of a very high standard and we are pleased to announce that all fourteen SACS participants passed with flying colours. Congratulations Benjamin and Matthew and the Afrikaans Department.



ACADEMICS

Your son's formal academic report covers his progress for all terms, the fourth term mark being his final promotion mark for the year. Please take some time to go through your son's report with him. Discuss his results and set new goals for what he intends to achieve in 2018.

CAROLS IN THE GARDEN

The "Carols in the Garden", a collaboration between SACS Junior Cubs and the SACS High Concert Band and SACS High Choir takes place on:

Date: Tuesday 28 November 2017

Timing: Picnics from 6pm and Carols from 7pm to 8pm

Venue: SACS De Villiers House Gardens

All SACS families are welcome. SACS Cubs will be supporting 67 Kids To School, and so will be asking for donations. They will also be selling Christmas hats and glowsticks. All proceeds will go to 67 Kids to School as well.

STAFFING

We bid farewell to Mrs Thandi Storey (Mathematics), Ms Kaya Didiza (isiXhosa) and Mr Philip Molnar (Afrikaans).

Suitable tributes were paid to these three educators in our final assembly today. We thank them for their service to SACS and wish him well for the future.



TERM FOUR RESULTS

Reports will be emailed on Friday 1 December 2017. The results for the fourth term can also be viewed on the parent portal on Friday 1 December from 12:00pm onwards. The link to access the portal is:

<http://edadmin.sacollege.org.za/parentportal.cfm>

Should you require your username and password to access the parent portal, please contact Miss Jenkinson at jenkinsonl@sacollege.org.za.

WESTERN PROVINCE FENCING

Alexander Baker (Grade 10) and Caden Sampson (Grade 8) were awarded Provincial Colours at the Western Cape Fencing Awards ceremony, held at Bishops last week. They received awards in the following categories:

Alexander was the number one ranked fencer in the U17 Division (Cadet), while Caden was ranked number two. Caden was the number one ranked fencer in the U20 Division (Junior Mens Foil), while Alexander was ranked number two. Well done to these two young men.

U12 CRICKET FESTIVAL

A reminder that we will be hosting an U12 Cricket Festival on Saturday 25 November 2017. The first games start at 8:30am and the festival will finish after the Awards Ceremony at 3:45pm.

Features include, Heart Radio interviews and the Gary Kirsten Academy will be entertaining us with super skills. Refreshments will be available to purchase. Please come and watch!



SCOUTS
South Africa

**3rd Claremont (SACS)
Cubs**

Carols in the Garden

**In collaboration with SACS High Choir and
Concert Band**

De Villiers House Gardens

6pm Join for Picnics

7-8pm Carols

All SACS Families Welcome!

**Donations will be taken for 67 Kids to School
Christmas hats & glow-sticks will be on sale**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MATRIC RESULTS

The 2017 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination results will be available for collection from the school on Friday 5 January 2018 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. The matrics will be handed their school magazine and testimonial at the same time. The results will also be available online from 2:00pm on Friday 5 January. The results can be accessed via the WCED's website:

<https://wcedonline.westerncape.gov.za>

FIRST TERM 2018 COMMENCEMENT

The first term commences on Wednesday 17 January 2018. The boys will be handed their timetables, textbooks etc. for the year, and will be dismissed at about 1pm. Please ensure that your son returns to school with a regulation haircut and that his uniform is worn correctly and with pride. Please show the necessary respect for the school by complying with his request.

SPORTS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

I attach a Sports Memorandum of Understanding drawn up between the majority of the South African State Boys' Schools.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 9 January to Saturday 13 January 2018

Summer Rowing Camp
Misverstand Dam (A)

Monday 8 January to Friday 12 January 2018

U19 Cape Cricket Festival
SACS (H)

Saturday 13 January 2018

U14 Novice Regatta
Misverstand Dam (A)

Yours sincerely



B.J. GRANT
HEADMASTER