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NEWSLETTER No. 19

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents

As we arrive at the end of an action-packed, exciting and fulfilling second term at our school it is a good time to take stock, reflect and set goals for the second half of the year. I am reminded that we are a school that never really rests - and we would not choose to have it any other way. Among other events during the holidays, our rugby players tour Zimbabwe, our musicians perform at the Grahamstown Festival, there are golf and mountain bike tours and our young men are involved in various provincial tournaments. On top of this our young men continue to be involved and excel in many other different spheres as witnessed by the contents of this newsletter.

A special mention goes to Mr Graeme Wepener and his team of volunteers (staff and students) as they travel to the Eastern Cape to continue their work as part of the Zanewonga Outreach Programme. Our team makes an enormously positive and meaningful contribution to the community that they visit. At the same time it is a deeply meaningful, humbling and uplifting experience for all from SACS who participate. For any outreach to be successful I believe it needs to be free of superficial tokenism and it needs to be sustainable. I salute our team as they again embark on this genuine task that contributes to nation building in our land.

As we look forward to spending some holiday time with our sons, I found this anonymous quote very relevant:

You will never have this day with your children again
Tomorrow they will be a little older than they were today
This day is a gift
Just breathe, notice, study their faces and pay attention
Relish the charms of the present
Enjoy today, it will be over before you know it.

ACADEMICS

Your son's report will reflect his achievements and progress so far this year. It includes how he has fared in these first formal examinations in his new grade. Please find time to talk to him regarding his progress vis-à-vis his goal percentage and possibly his position regarding the grade average. The aim is for him to achieve his best.

In the first week of next term there will be an opportunity for Grades 8 to 11 parents to meet the subject teachers at the parent teacher meetings. Please use these meetings to discuss academic and other matters with each subject teacher (Grade 12 parents by invitation only). We trust that the Grade 12s do not need reminding that their preliminary examinations start on Thursday 30 August 2018.

Congratulations to our top achievers in each grade this term:

GRADE 8

First : Emmanuel Rassou
Second : Gregory van Selm
Third : Christopher Maynard

GRADE 9

First : Charlie McCarthy
Second : Oliver Hartley
Third : Matthew Versfeld

GRADE 10

First : Bradley Virgin
Second : Christopher Breetzke
Third : Thomas Russell

GRADE 11

First : Daniel Tukker
Second : Christopher Allpass-Jackson
Third : Matthew Pretorius

GRADE 12

First : Julian Weimann
Second : Matthew Carolessen
Third : Yaseen Adams

TERM TWO RESULTS

Reports will be emailed on 22 June.

THIRD TERM

The third term commences on Tuesday 17 July. Normal school and sports practice times apply from day one of the new term.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

A reminder that the parent teacher meetings take place on the following days next term:

Grade 8	Wednesday 18 July	5.30pm	Hofmeyr Hall
Grades 9, 10 and 11	Thursday 19 July	5.30pm	Hofmeyr Hall

*Grade12s will be invited by invitation only

SPORT

SA U16 WATER POLO



Congratulations to Liam Dawson (Grade 10, pictured alongside) on being selected to play for the South Africa U16A Waterpolo team at the Pan-Pacific Games in Auckland, New Zealand. We wish Liam and the team the best of luck.

SA FENCING

Caden Sampson has been selected to represent South Africa at the 2018 Junior Commonwealth Fencing Championships to be held in Newcastle, UK. Congratulations Caden, we wish you all the best in the Championships.



SA CANOE MARATHON

Congratulations to Uli Hart (Grade 11, left in photo), the new South African canoe marathon junior champion in both the singles and the doubles. He has been selected for the SA team for both events at the World Marathon Championships to be held in Portugal in September. We wish Uli the best of luck for both races.



OLD BOYS' HOCKEY



Old Boys from the third hockey teams of previous years played a friendly against the current Third team on Friday 15 June. They donated a set of water bottles to the current team and blankets for the Kidz2Kidz Interact initiative. They won the match, but everyone walked away with smiles. It is important to keep these relationships going – we always look forward to welcoming Old Boys to the school.

CRICKET SOUTH AFRICA

RUGBY



Hlumani Msutu (Gr 11) and Daniel Smith (Gr 10) have been selected to attend a Cricket SA U17 regional camp in Paarl during the school holidays. Congratulations to both.



Congratulations to Enos Ndiao (Gr 10) and Duran Koevert (Gr 10) on their selection for the WP U16 Team to participate in the Grant Khomo Week in Kimberley during the school holidays.

CHESS

On Monday, the SACS first chess team participated in the 6th annual Jamie Tindell Tournament held at Wynberg. There were 10 teams, each comprising six players. The first team beat Groote Schuur 11-4, lost to Herzlia 4-12 and won against the Wynberg A team 14-2. This qualified them for the semi-finals held this Wednesday, where they beat Bergvliet 9-7 but lost in the finals to Herzlia 5.5-10.5. Overall they achieved second place and **Daniel Barrish** was awarded top tournament player.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brendan Grant".

B.J. Grant
HEADMASTER

