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NEWSLETTER NO. 2

Dear Parents

Today our athletes travel to Paarl to take part in the annual inter-schools event. I am looking forward to experiencing this for the first time. It is so encouraging to see that eight busloads of supporters will accompany our team with our Spirit Committee, determined that we put on a good show. A big thank you to Mr van Wyk and all our staff that have assisted him in the build-up to this event.

Thank you to those parents that made the effort to attend yesterday's talk by Emma Sadleir, a leading social media law expert. Her sessions with our boys and our parents were well received. Her message is hard-hitting, thought-provoking and at times shocking. It highlights the stark reality of the incredible harm and damage that is caused by rapidly-evolving technology and our ignorance and failure to grasp the moral and legal implications of the use thereof. Whether you attended the talk or not, please take some time to discuss the content and impact of Miss Sadleir's talk with your son.



WATER CRISIS

WHAT IS SACS DOING?

Message from our School Governing Body (SGB) Chairman

The water crisis in Cape Town is affecting all of us, and as day zero approaches we have had many queries from parents as to how SACS intends dealing with the obvious challenges.

Further to Mr Grant's message last week, the school will attend a meeting next week with Premier Helen Zille to discuss the way forward. The issue of the water crisis has been on the agenda of the School Governing Body (SGB) for a number of months. Whilst a day zero scenario will obviously have a significant impact upon school operations, our objective is to be in a position where we are self-sufficient in respect of our essential water requirements, such as water for ablution facilities. We are currently finalising the sinking of a



borehole for this purpose, and a number of rain tanks have also been installed. Showers at the school have also now been disconnected. Our hostels have pioneered a number of alternative-energy initiatives and have a comprehensive water collection system in place. We believe they are well placed to deal with the crisis. The SGB will also be considering proposals relating to changes to the day-to-day operations of the school, such as amending the school uniform policy, and will advise parents in due course.

Whilst we are all hoping day zero does not arrive, we are doing everything possible to mitigate the impact should this eventuality occur.
– Andrew Breetzke, SGB Chairman



LIFESAVING

Congratulations to Joshua Smith (Grade 8) who was selected as Captain of the Fish Hoek Nippers (Lifesaving) for 2018.



SACS PRAYER GROUP

A reminder that the parents' prayer group meets every Thursday morning at 7:30am in the Brodie Room. All parents are welcome to attend. The prayer group also has a WhatsApp group. Should you wish to join their WhatsApp group, please contact Kerrin Begg on 0827719172.

DR MELLE CRICKET CUPS

Daniel Smith (Grade 10) was awarded the Dr Melle Senior Cup for this week and Michael Levitt (Grade 9) the Junior Cup.



Both boys were awarded these Cups for consistent performances at the Provincial Weeks during the December holidays and over the past weekend's matches.

Daniel scored hundreds for Western Province U15, and three hundreds and two fifties at the Cape Festival, followed by seventy on the weekend. Michael was in the top six of leading run scorers in South Africa at the U15 Provincial Week and took three wickets with thirty-seven not out last Saturday against Durbanville Cricket Club.

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE

School will close on Wednesday 31 January 2018 at 2:20pm due to our Open Day. Normal sports practices continue after school.





ELGIN ROWING REGATTA

Our Oarsmen attended the Elgin Regatta at Eikenhof Dam in Grabouw on Saturday 20 January 2018. Conditions were overcast and windy, which was not ideal for our new U14s who, despite the challenges, rose to the occasion and rowed with gusto. Our senior rowers rowed well, with the First Eight and U16A VIII placing first.

Well done to all for a successful day of rowing. We look forward to the next regatta on Saturday 3 February.



ABSENTEEISM AT TERM END

Due to poor attendance in the last week of terms two and three last year, and to maximise contact time for teaching and learning, the school has taken a decision to conduct formal assessment activities for ALL grades up to and including the last day of term 2 and term 3 (i.e. the weeks ending 22 June and 28 September 2018 respectively).

As these assessments form part of CASS, a medical certificate is required should a learner be absent. The details for these assessments will be published in the June and September examination timetables and issued to the learners a few weeks before the commencement of these examinations.

We kindly request that you take cognisance of this when planning holidays as your sons are required to be at school until the last day of each term.

THIS WEEKEND

I wish our sportsmen well for their fixtures this weekend. Our water polo players compete against Rondebosch Boys' High School and our cricketers against Paarl Gymnasium. The First Cricket Team play on Saturday at 9:30am (H) and the First Water Polo Team at 12:10pm (H). The Cape Town U19 Cricket Club Sixes also takes place this weekend on Sunday.



Yours sincerely

**B.J. GRANT
HEADMASTER**