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NEWSLETTER NO. 15

Dear Parents and our SACS Students

HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION

Our matric examinations have started smoothly and next week our other Grades start with their final year-end assessments. I wish all our students well in ending 2020 on a positive note.

We continue to receive directives and changes relating to COVID-19 protocols, sometimes at the last minute. We continue to adapt as a school so that we can meet all legal and practical measures in the best interests of our boys.

We do not know where our country will be at on 25 and 27 January 2021 when we are due to return for the 2021 school year. Our staff are actively planning for different scenarios that we may face. First prize will be the return of all our Grades on each day, following a full academic timetable and being able to partake in extra-mural activities as well. We can currently accomplish this and look forward to a positive start to 2021. If we are forced by circumstances relating to COVID-19 restrictions from doing this, we will adjust taking the lessons learned from this year's experience.

Last night we held our annual budget meeting. This budget, which was approved, has taken hundreds of hours of intense planning and scrutiny to complete and my sincere thanks and appreciation go out to all who have been involved in this. Most especially our Bursar, Mrs Debbie Gartshore, and our Finance Chair, Mr Terence Collopy, for producing a fair and balanced budget under very challenging circumstances. The overall school fee increase for 2021 is 4.1%.

Please find enclosed the following documents with this newsletter:

Schedule of Textbook Collections (Grade 8 to 11)
Schedule of Textbook Collections (Matric)
Letter with School Fees for 2021 from School Governing Body Chairperson and Treasurer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TEST SERIES

Please note the following **important information** relating to the upcoming tests, in accordance with the WCED, DBE and National Department of Health Protocols:

- No boys in Grade 8 to 11 will be allowed to write a test if they fail the screening test i.e. temperature above 38 degrees or "yes" to any of the online submission questions. **It is imperative that boys answer and submit their online questionnaires every day (whether at school or not). This applies to Grade 12s too. This is a Departmental requirement.**
- Should your son be absent for a test, we will require a doctor's certificate. In a situation where quarantine or isolation is required due to being symptomatic or having come into close contact with a confirmed positive person, we will require you to notify the school in writing. Your son will be allocated an assessed mark based on his past performance for the missed test.

Please also note the following guidelines for Grade 8 to 11 boys:

- Should your son test positive, he will be required to isolate for 10 days from the onset of his symptoms if symptomatic, or from the date of his confirmed test if asymptomatic.
- A direct/close contact is someone who has been in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 positive person for more than 15 minutes and within 1 metre without a mask. In this situation, your son will need to quarantine for 10 days from the last contact with the infected person. Should you have him tested and he tests negative, he will still not be allowed to return as incubation of the virus is up to 10 days.
- A casual/distance contact is someone who has been in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 positive person for a short period of time (15 minutes or less), maintained physical distance (more than 1 metre) and wore a mask. In this situation, your son does not need to quarantine but must monitor himself closely for any symptoms and take extra precautions when around others i.e. maintain distance, mask wearing, sanitizing, etc.
- Please also keep your son at home if you or someone he has been in close contact with has been tested for COVID-19 and is awaiting a result, until the result is known.

If in any doubt about a situation, please contact the school and we or Dr Kerrin Begg will advise you accordingly.

Bradley Virgin Grade 12
86.92%
Sixth in the Western Cape



James Drummond Grade 12
84%



Lloyd Abraham Grade 12
80%



Thirteen of our boys participated in the ATKV Senior Olympiad this year, receiving a 100% pass rate. The examination is very difficult and the participants are tested on comprehension, taal and unseen literature. Some of the top results were as follows:

Reinholdt Loots Grade 10
82.31%



Benjamin Dicey Grade 11
78.3%



Stefan Grobbelaar Grade 11
76%



Congratulations to all the participants. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 the Junior Olympiad was cancelled this year.



In September a number of our boys participated in the University of the Witwatersrand Mathematics Competition. Six boys progressed to the second round written in October and last night Emmanuel Rassou was awarded second place in the Grade 10 to 12 category. This is a fantastic achievement considering Emmanuel is only in Grade 10 and participating in a national competition. We are very proud of Emmanuel and the other boys for their achievements.



Congratulations to Thomas Slater (Grade 8) who was awarded the top Western Cape Optimist Sailor for the season.

Yours sincerely

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HEADMASTER