

YELLOWWOODS



Dear Parents,

It's Human Rights Month. On Monday the 21st March, I hope that all the children in our country, in Africa and around the world will find more moments than one, to pray for and be mindful of all those young people their age who do not go to school. How they will never experience the joy of reading a book, happily interacting with friends in the playground or even knowing that they have rights.

In reading about the Top 6 Most Severe Human Rights Violations around the world, the ongoing kidnapping (child slavery and soldiering) of young boys and girls is in my mind, the worst.

Be informed and make a difference where and when you can. A good start would be to find effective ways to teach your children *authentic* gratitude, appreciation and empathy.

On a happier note, I wish to thank all our families for a successful term and it is heartening to read so many positive and admirable comments and results in your children's reports. Keep supporting and monitoring your child's learning and praise them for their achievements.

A reminder that the 24th March, our Inter House Swimming Gala Day, is a *compulsory* school day. Reports will be handed out *after* the gala.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended the Study Skills Workshop last Friday. Please follow up on the recommended methods and assist your child to master these very valuable and proven skills - that will stand them in good stead for life.

Have a happy holiday and enjoy the autumn rains and cooler days.

Kind regards

Mrs Trish Grobler
Acting-Head

Yellowwoods Gardens

A huge thank you to Colleen Louw and her garden team for transforming the hall gardens into a masterpiece. What a lovely surprise it was!

ANOTHER HUGE THANK YOU TO: Lindy Hewson, Jonty Hewson and Liezl Nel for helping coach swimming this term. All the Yellowwoods children have thoroughly enjoyed their time in the pool and have learned a very valuable life lesson.

Foundation Phase SciFest Outing

The Guy Butler auditorium was packed to capacity with about 900 learners and teachers. There was much excitement and anticipation, as we all waited for the show to begin. A scientist, who specialises in designing and building lasers, gave a brief interesting talk and then the breath-taking show began.



On the 7 March, the Senior Primary travelled to Grahamstown for the Science Festival. The children enjoyed the Laser Show and Dr Garham's Blow Up Show. The Grade 6 and 7 classes were also lucky enough to attend workshops on Making Your Own Slime and Creative Chromatography respectively. It was a fun day had by all. Yellowwoods would like to thank the Senior Primary teachers and Mrs Schenk for chaperoning the trip as well as Geoff for getting us to and from Grahamstown safely.

After the laser show and snack time, we had a chance to walk around the Monument to experience various presentations, with interesting things to hear, see and touch. For example a display and talk on dolphins.

The Grade Three's stayed at the Monument for their Explosive Show while the Grade One's and Two's went to the StarLab at the City Hall.

Dr Graham's 'Blow up Science' had the Grade 3's on the edge of their seats. Dr Graham showed the children some amazing ways to set household substances alight. We watched him set corn flour alight and send teddy bears flying high into the air using liquid nitrogen. He even showed the children how to launch marshmallows from a vacuum cleaner. Dr Graham's show was not only educational, but highly entertaining as well.

At the City Hall the learners had a chance to take part in various hands-on experiments involving magnets, balloon jets, bubbles ... etc. The StarLab is an inflatable planetarium geared towards the introduction of the basic principles of astronomy and is a fun way for children to learn about the subject.

Many thanks to Mrs Painter and Mrs Bush for all the planning and organising you did and Mrs Morgan and Miss Wessels for helping to keep a watchful eye over the learners!



NB Dates to REMEMBER

- **Wednesday 16th March** - Yellowwoods Art Competition closes.
- **Friday 18th March** - Bakerman hot dog and fruit juice.
- **Monday 21st March** - Public holiday.
- **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March** - School closes at 13h00 no sport and no lunch for day scholars.
- **Wednesday 23rd March** - Final Assembly at 12h30. School closes for the holidays for the Pre Primary and Grade R children.
- **Thursday 24th March** - Yellowwoods School Inter House Gala at the Winterberg Pool. Parents are invited to come and support. Tuck shop facilities available. Private transport children are to be dropped off at the Winterberg pool at 7h50. Gala starts at 8h00. No School for Pre Primary and Grade R children. School closes for the first term holidays after the Gala.

School transport for Inter House Gala Thursday 24th March: Adelaide and Alice school transport will leave from their bus stops at 7h20. Fort Beaufort children are to be dropped off at the Winterberg Swimming pool at 7h50. Adelaide and Alice transport is to be expected back at approximately 11h00.

- **Tuesday 19th April** - School opens at 7h40.

