

YELLOWWOODS NEWS



Dear Yellowwoods Community

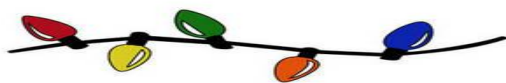


The sound of well-known Christmas hymns and carols can be heard on campus daily. It brings to mind the realisation that 2017 is fast nearing its end. It is also a time to reflect on the year that was. Yellowwoods had a good year. There are many national and global factors beyond our control that impact us directly, but regardless of these, our staff, teachers and learners go through their daily schedule seamlessly. Our website says that Yellowwoods is an educational oasis. I am now more convinced than ever that this is indeed the case. Our standards of academic instruction, sports coaching, spiritual development and emotional development are very high and ever increasing. In this day and age where development happens on a second-by-second basis, you can never rest on your laurels and declare that you have arrived. The 21st century demands continuous improvement, innovation and adaptation. This fact places tremendous pressure and responsibility on the shoulders of the school leadership, but it is a challenge that we accept with humility and in great faith.

My overriding emotion at the end of this year is one of gratitude. I am exceedingly thankful to every parent who shares our vision of developing their children holistically; I am grateful for the opportunity to see how our children develop in an integrated environment where we all learn from one another to respect and value each other. I am very grateful to our supportive and highly competent Governing Council who offers strong support and instils confidence to passionately pursue our vision. I do not have words to express my gratitude towards a team of staff who daily tackles the bull by the horns and makes things happen – we are a well-oiled machine for whom impossible is nothing. Finally, I am very grateful to our Heavenly Father for guidance, inspiration, strength and compassion. Our school is founded and built upon His faithfulness and we continue to thrive under His blessing.

May you all enjoy a peaceful, safe and very blessed Christmas.

Yours Sincerely



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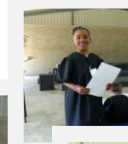


As winners of the Yellowwoods Eco-brick Competition the Gr 4's visited Hogsback on Thursday. They delivered 115 eco-bricks to the Jikani Eco Brick Project, learnt about the hogs, trees and birds from their guide Vuyo at the Arboretum and had lots of fun at the Madonna and Child waterfall. The 'green' ambassadors for Yellowwoods School kept themselves busy by collecting any litter they found on their adventures in Hogsback thereby helping to keep these places healthy and beautiful. Thank you to Mrs Aliber who spearheaded this initiative and Miss King who accompanied the children.

YELLOWWOODS GRADE R'S GRADUATE!

The Grade R's have been very busy the last few weeks preparing for Grade 1 or 'big school' as they call it.

They enjoyed getting to know Mrs Boucher and the Grade 1 classroom better during the Grade R, Grade 1 Swop day. After a frenzy of activity they capped the week off with a Grade R Graduation Assembly. Well done to all the Grade R's and thank you to Miss Stirk for her tireless efforts and Yellowwoods wish her well for her upcoming wedding. Next year we will welcome her back as Mrs Fetting.



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Thursday 23rd November** – Last music lessons for the year.
- **Friday 24th November** – Bakerman. Toasted sandwich and sterri stumpi.
- **Tuesday 28th November** - Pre Primary Nativity play in Assembly.
- **Thursday 30th November** – JP outing.
- **Thursday 30th November** – Grade 7 Farewell Dinner. (Grade 7's may leave school at 12h00).
- **Friday 1st December** – Bakerman.
- **Monday the 4th to Tuesday 5th December** – School closes at 13h00 and there are no kitchen lunches served for day scholars. Please send a packed lunch with your children to school.
- **Tuesday 5th December** - Final Assembly at 7h40 and the **Carol Service at 18h30**, both in the school hall.
- **Wednesday 6th December** – School closes for the December holidays at 11h00. School reopens on Wednesday the 17th January 2018.

It's almost Christmas and children are reminded to say thank you to all our Ground, Kitchen and Cleaning staff by bringing non perishable food items to school for their Christmas hampers. All non-perishable food items to be at school by Tuesday the 5th December.

