



Dear Yellowwoods Community

2018 is in full swing and I hope and pray that it will be a memorable year for you all. We are certainly excited about the many opportunities that this year brings to grow, develop and improve in our personal lives. I was reminded again recently of the dazzling pace at which things change and develop in the world. This fact puts a massive burden on us as parents to ensure that we provide our children with the best possible education because there simply is no place to hide. People who enter the job market with anything less but the best education are being left behind. We may debate the social impacts or morality of this fact, but the truth simply is that global development waits for no person. It does not consider social standing, race, gender, sexual orientation or culture; those who remain at the forefront of development will guide the course of history. We at Yellowwoods believe in teaching our children to think critically and to develop their potential to the full. This is the best way to prepare them for the unknown world which is the very near future.

We as parents have to ask ourselves a very important question, "Can I afford not to do everything in my power to ensure that my child gets the best education possible?" I know what my answer is to this and I know how highly I rate the importance of my children's education. Each and every parent needs to ask themselves this question and then make a decision on what the best course of action will be. I know without a doubt that Yellowwoods School is the best school in this area and by sending your child here, you are ensuring that they have the best possible opportunity to pave the way to their own greatness.

Yours Sincerely

Ignus Potgieter

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Tomorrow – Wednesday 24th January at 18H00 is our General Parent Teacher meetings. Parents with children in the Pre-Primary are to meet in the Pre-Primary Classroom, parents with children in Grade 1 to meet in the Grade 1 Classroom. Parents with children in Grade 2-3 are to meet in the Grade 2 Classroom and parents with children from Grade 4-7 are to meet in the Grade 7 classroom. Please make a special effort to attend as we wish to communicate important information about your child's academic expectations, assessments and progress for the year.

IN THE CLASSROOM

We are looking forward to a splendid academic year ahead and warmly welcome all the pupils back, especially our Grade 1's and new children who have entered the various grades.

The theme for the 2018 academic year is "Doing Better" and as a top school in the Eastern Cape, we aim to improve even more in making our academic standards even better and ensuring that we keep up with the more worthwhile and relevant trends in education. The gifts of each child must be nurtured and we must bring out the best in our students and treat them as unique individuals.

Please ensure that your child has all the necessary stationery and items requested on their list. We especially remind the Senior Primary children that a dictionary as well as a thesaurus is required. All books must be covered (with plastic as well) and geometry sets must be complete.

All the grades have specific homework policies and these need to be adhered to and homework must be monitored. Please note that English and Mathematics homework will be given every day (Monday to Thursday) and extra reading can be done over the weekends.

We wish you and your children a great term ahead and look forward to exciting learning opportunities and excellent results at the end of the term!

"To me, education is a leading out of what is already there in the soul of the child."

Muriel Sparks (1918)

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Wednesday 24th January** – General Parent Teacher meetings at 18h00.
- **Friday 26th January** – Grade 2 Bakerman. School ends at 13h00.
- **Tuesday 30th January** – School Assembly.
- **Friday 2nd February** – Grade 3 Bakerman. School ends at 13h00.

Yellowwoods Needs your help:

We are looking for a group of parents who would be willing to assist us in covering all the new library books and readers. If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs Grobler or Mrs Schenk at the school, plastic will be provided by the school.

Our Art Department also needs any old or unused picture calendars that you might still have from last year. Please send them to Mrs Aliber at school as soon as possible.



A big thank you to all the parents who kindly donated items towards the Christmas food hampers for our Ground and Domestic staff last year. Also thanks to Mr Chris Everton for the lovely art stools he has made for the art classroom. Your hard work is sincerely appreciated.