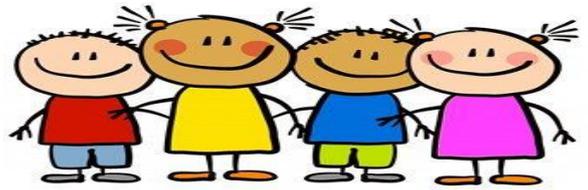


25th October 2016

YELLOWWOODS

NEWS



Dear Yellowwoods Community

There certainly is much upheaval on many fronts in our beautiful country in this day and age. One may be forgiven for thinking that there is a steady regression in people's behaviour, but a careful look at history will reveal that there is indeed, in the words of King Solomon, nothing new under the sun. The world has seen this kind of turmoil before and by implication it is something that will always be with us in some form or another. But fortunately there will always be forces that work in the opposite direction in an effort to find a place of equilibrium where the focus turns to finding solutions rather than compounding the problems. I sincerely hope and pray that we can find a balance to all the issues in our country in a painless and expedient way.

Yellowwoods School continues to function like a well-oiled machine with staff and learners all working together to enhance the learning experience of everyone involved with the school. We have an incredible team of qualified, committed and motivated teachers who only have the best interests of the learners at heart. Theirs is often a thankless job where the many hours of sacrifice and investment into the lives of our children go unnoticed. Thank you to all our teachers and boarding house staff for the way in which you take care of our most precious children.

Yes, the world seems to be upside-down at times, but in times when we seem to be in the desert areas of life, there are oases where one can recoup and find strength to face the challenges associated with the times. Yellowwoods School is such an oasis where we unabatedly persevere with the task of preparing and sending well-balanced and responsible individuals into the world. In this way we are making a significant contribution towards the change that we all want to see.

Yours sincerely

Ignus Potgieter

NB Dates to REMEMBER

- **Wednesday 26th October** – U/13 Cricket Match in Grahamstown.
- **Thursday 27th October** – U/11 Cricket Match cancelled.
- **Friday 28th October** – Grade 3 Bakerman, Hot Dog and Juice for R25.00.
- **Saturday 29th October** – Gill Mini Cricket Festival in Somerset East.
- **Wednesday 2nd November** – U/13 Cricket Match in Grahamstown.

"Little Chefs" - the Pre-Primary and Junior Primary were treated to a day of American food. Julia, Laura and Jesslyn helped each grade to make different dishes and even got to taste them. Firm favorites were the pumpkin pie, "puppy food", corn dogs and Oreo biscuits. A big thank you to our American students for making such a wonderful day possible.

- **Thursday 3rd November** - U/11 Cricket Match in Grahamstown.
- **Friday 4th November** – Yellowwoods Mini Cricket Festival and Grade R Bakerman.

In the Classroom

Many of our Senior Primary pupils have been playing cricket matches every week and in some cases, the set English and Mathematics homework is not being done. Parents and pupils must please note that the homework or class work missed, must be completed and the pupils will be allowed extra time to catch up. We encourage the children to communicate with us if they are experiencing problems in this regard and we will assist where possible. Sometimes other subject tasks have to be completed as the teams usually leave school earlier and miss their lessons. Parents please contact your child's teacher/s if more time is needed to complete work. Our Grade 5, 6 and 7 exams are around the corner and pupils should by now have a daily study timetable where extra time (over and above) the daily homework) must be spent learning/studying/preparing for their "end of year" promotion assessments. **Remember:** Homework and study are two different aspects of academic learning. They are therefore two separate tasks. Mr Potgieter has been communicating a lot with us about emotional intelligence (EQ), especially at school where children are encouraged daily to practise skills like respect, compassion and kindness. How your child employs his or her emotions is vital in guaranteeing both academic and emotional progress and success at school and at home. Every child in the classroom at Yellowwoods is very important to us - and we like to work with their families to promote a positive self esteem and your child/children mastering the process of learning

URGENT REMINDER: ALL SCHOOL FEES HAVE TO BE PAID IN FULL FOR THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR NO LATER THAN THE 30TH NOVEMBER. PLEASE CONTACT MRS SAM PAINTER ON 0466840708 IF YOU HAVE AN ACCOUNT QUERY.

