

7th March 2017

YELLOWWOODS NEWS



Dear Yellowwoods community

There is a distinct nip in the air early in the mornings. The change in the season is a stark reminder that time marches on inexorably and that we should never let an opportunity pass us by to make the best use of the time that we are given. We have opportunities to learn, to grow and to give. I made up my mind a long time ago that I will never stop learning. I therefore read as much as I possibly can on as many subjects as I can. I have learnt to listen to people because in every conversation or reaction there is much to learn about life. Most importantly, our time here on earth is best used when we make a positive impact on the lives of those around us. There are dire needs in the world around us, ranging from very basic needs for food and shelter to the need for being loved and nurtured. None of us need to go very far to find someone who is in need.

An attitude of entitlement and the need for self-gratification can so quickly take hold in our minds and we tend to forget that we are not only here to find our own way in life, but also to bless those with whom our paths cross. It takes as little as a smile or a friendly greeting to make someone else's day; even more so if this person is a complete stranger. We can use the excuse that we are ourselves in need of love or care; but it is important to remind ourselves that love is best experienced when it is given and not necessarily received.

Our learners are encouraged to read and to continuously learn; to pay attention to every moment and make use of every opportunity and, most importantly, to care for one another. Let us never stop caring. Let us not allow our hearts to become calloused because of past circumstances or current events. A hardened heart hurts its owner the most.

Yours Sincerely

Ignus Potgieter



Well done to all the Yellowwoods children who participated in the annual Tiarat Tennis Tournament in Grahamstown. Especially Tara Ferreria and Leroux Botha who came first in their mixed doubles age group. Thank you to our parents for all their support at the tournament.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Attention all Senior Primary Parents

- Grade 4-7 parents please note that our first term reports for 2017 will be prepared using a different format.
- The reports include all the main subjects, each one showing criteria of the skills and level of work expected for each grade. Each pupil will be given a rating score according to the required standard of work offered at Yellowwoods. It will be compulsory for every parent to attend an individual meeting with the class teacher, where the child's academic performance and progress will be discussed. Please note that the dates of the parent/teacher academic meetings are on the school calendar and you will be allocated a 15 minute time slot on one of those afternoons. Parents will not be given a copy of the report and exceptions will only be made for the Grade 7 students who are applying for High School and need to submit a Term 1 report. All the reports will be placed in the children's school file. In Terms 2 and 3, the report format will be exactly the same as last year where symbols/marks/percentages and comments will be included. This new Term 1 format enables us to communicate academic strengths and weaknesses for each child and parents will be given guidelines on how to assist their child/children. We will then be able to report realistic results at the beginning of July in the second term (just after exams). At Yellowwoods, we continue to strive for excellence and to keep up with modern trends that we believe will be in the best interest of our pupils.
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In the Classroom cont...

A reminder – please ensure that your children are bringing their term tests home for you to sign. The test timetable is on the school calendar. If you are concerned about any test results, then please feel welcome to contact the class or subject teacher. Please also check that your child knows when the tests are and that he/she is writing down their homework adequately each day.

Thank you for your support in this regard and we look forward to playing a vital role in guaranteeing your child's academic success and excellent progress at school. If you have any queries regarding academics at Yellowwoods, please contact Mr Potgieter, Mrs Grobler or Mrs Bush.

Have a great week!

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Wednesday 8th March** – U/13 Cricket match cancelled. Grade 3's visit the Science Festival in Grahamstown.
- **Thursday 9th March** – U/11 Cricket match cancelled.
- **Friday 10th March** – Senior Primary visit the Science Festival in Grahamstown. Mini Cricket Festival in Grahamstown and Grade 2 Bakerman.
- **Monday 13th March** – Grade 1 & 2 visit the Science Festival in Grahamstown and Inter Districts Gala.
- **Wednesday 15th March** – U/13 Cricket match in Grahamstown.
- **Thursday 16th March** – U/11 Cricket match in Grahamstown.
- **Friday 17th March** – Yellowwoods School Gala at the Winterberg High School Pool. All parents invited to support, Gala will be finished by 12H00.
- **Monday 20th March** – School holiday.
- **Tuesday 21st March** – Public holiday.



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Yellowwoods Inter House
School Gala
17th March 2017
Winterberg High School Pool
8h00 to 12h00



Parents are invited to bring their deck chairs and support their children

There will be a Tuck Shop available

Important reminder: Parents are to please keep their school fees up to date. March fees are now due. The end of the Term is fast approaching and all school accounts must be paid up in full by the 7th April. Please note any outstanding fees will incur penalty charges.

