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Dear Parents

The staff and children have experienced a productive, happy and busy Term 1. Last week I had the opportunity to read through all the report comments from Nursery to Grade 7. The comments that I pay most attention to are the social and emotional development. Social and emotional skills are vital for children’s overall well-being and future success, enabling them to build healthy relationships, manage emotions, and navigate social situations effectively. This in turn supports academic achievement and mental health.

Our Yellowwoods Vision and Mission Statements: Yellowwoods is known as an ‘educational oasis’ which offers young people the unique opportunity of the *finest education* in a secure, happy and very caring environment.

Why Yellowwoods?

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Last week I attended a school governance workshop hosted by ISASA. The presenter Mr Wayne Stuurman stated “Education is not the preparation for life, it is life!” It is essential for schools to continually review their vision, mission and value statements. We need to be accountable to you as our parent body and it is important for us to be transparent and take to the good with the bad. If you don’t think we are achieving our schools vision and mission it is important for you to let us know. In this way we can continually monitor and evaluate our performance to ensure that we are reaching our goals.



On Monday we were privileged to have a wildlife vet Dr Gary Bauer visit our school. He chatted to the children about his profession and showed them interesting footage of some of the work

he has done. The children were totally engaged in what Dr Bauer was sharing and you could have heard a pin drop in the hall. Dr Bauer has relocated with his wife

Annie from Thabazimbi to the Eastern Cape. Thank you, Dr Bauer for sharing some of your exciting experiences with us.

We have ended the term on a high note with inter house mini cricket and soccer matches between Palm and Acacia. It has been wonderful hearing all the passionate war cries and the coaches have reported an atmosphere of healthy competition between the two houses.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Yellowwoods family and community for continued support.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter holiday.

God Bless
Mrs Julie Sparks
Headmistress



Important Dates

- Wednesday, 9 April - Final Assembly at 10h00 and school closes for the Easter holidays at 11h00.
- Wednesday, 7 May - Term 2 starts. Lunch Google forms due by 10h00.
- Thursday, 8 May - Sport commences for term 2.





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Inter House
End of Term Fun





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Grade 6 and 7 class news

Mr James York

Term 1 has been a stimulating and enriching journey for our Grade 6 and 7 learners, filled with meaningful learning experiences and personal growth.

The term began with an exciting leadership camp for the Grade 7s at Mrs Sparks's farm. Over the course of two days, the learners explored the importance of effective communication, teamwork, and personal accountability. This memorable experience has undoubtedly been a highlight for many and has laid a solid foundation for the leadership skills they will continue to develop in future learning opportunities.

In the classroom, both grades have engaged deeply with the themes of democracy and apartheid. During the first half of the term, the learners explored the fundamental principles of democracy, including the role of laws, effective governance, and the significance of voting. In the latter half, the focus shifted to apartheid – its laws, its impact, and the courageous acts of resistance that ultimately led to South Africa's transition to democracy. Learners concluded the term with a thought-provoking project comparing the apartheid regime to our current democratic system and discussing the path taken by South Africa to become a democracy, fostering critical thinking and empathy.

It has been truly inspiring to witness our learners' curiosity, critical engagement, and growing passion for the history and politics of our beautiful country. They have demonstrated resilience, intelligence, and a genuine commitment to learning. As we look ahead, I am confident that they will continue to embody a spirit of progress and hope, echoing the words of the late President Nelson Mandela: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

