

11th October 2016

YELLOWWOODS

NEWS



Dear Yellowwoods Community

Nature is slowly awakening from its winter slumber. A colony of weaver birds has occupied one of the Bluegum trees on the school property and they are zealously preparing nests in anticipation of the breeding season. The poor male birds are working themselves to a standstill trying to impress the females with their weaving skills, but inevitably there is the odd occasion when Mrs Weaver Bird is not satisfied with his efforts and the half-completed nest is unceremoniously cast to the ground. I am intrigued at how the male birds do not sit around moping for days on end contemplating the unfairness of life and the occasional setback that life throws their way. No, they simply shake off the disappointment and get right back into it.

Jesus said that there is much to learn from nature; including the birds of the air. Like the weaver birds, we need to put the disappointments and unfairness of circumstances behind us as soon as possible and simply get on with life. It waits for no man. Every day presents itself with many blessings and opportunities to be a blessing to others. Let us put yesterday behind us and make use of the innumerable magical moments that each day presents – even if it is watching the weaver birds for a few moments in the midst of a busy day.

Yours sincerely

Ignus Potgieter

NB Dates to REMEMBER

- **Thursday 13th October** – Grand Parents Day Assembly at 10h00, school closes for Half Term at 12h00.
- **Friday 14th October – Monday 17th October** – School Closed for Half Term.
- **Tuesday 18th October** – School opens at 7h40. **Children to wear Summer Uniform.** U/11 Cricket Match in Grahamstown.
- **Wednesday 19th October** – U/13 Cricket Match in Grahamstown.

- **Friday 21st October** – Grade 5 Bakerman, selling Boerewors Rolls, Cup Cake and Ice Lolly for R25.00.
- **Saturday 22nd October** – Bedford County School Mini Cricket Festival.
- **Tuesday 25th October** – Assembly.

IMPORTANT NOTICE : DETENTION CLASSES

Parents, please note that our Friday afternoon detention classes are taken seriously and not held on a whim. Detention is given to students who have repeatedly misbehaved or have been neglectful of either their academic, cultural or sporting commitments. Detention classes are for Senior Primary children only and we request that you work with us and explain to your child/children that there will **also** be a punishment of some kind **at home as well**. We need you as parents and guardians to work with us in doing everything you can to **prevent** detention by monitoring your child's homework and encouraging them to always be respectful, mindful of the school's Code of Conduct - and simply to do what they are supposed to do - at school and at home. If there is no improvement, then parents will be called in by Mr Potgieter and Mrs Grobler - and the pupil will then run the risk of being suspended. We also request that you fetch your child at the requested time as there are no staff members on the campus on a Friday afternoon. This means that a staff member has to remain behind to open the security gate.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Thursday 13th October at 10h00

Yellowwoods Grannies and Grandpa's are invited to our Grandparents Day Assembly on Thursday at 10h00. Please join us for Tea Coffee and something to eat after. RSVP Tanya on 046 6840708. Many thanks to all the teachers and children who have put in so much effort to prepare an enjoyable morning for our Gran's and Grandads on Thursday. Thank you to Mrs Morgan and her team of Moms and Mrs Rayner for providing delicious fare for our visitors to enjoy after the Assembly. Well done and much appreciated!

Yellowwoods extends a big thank you to Chris and Colleen Louw for allowing us a wonderful trip to Waterfall Farm last week. Our pupils were most privileged to see the birth of twin goat Kids! It was without a doubt an amazing, worthwhile and memorable experience for all, from the Grade 0's to Grade 7's who were able to glean a wealth of information while in awe watching the Nanny Goats bond with their Kids. We all learnt so much and have a whole new respect for our wonderful farmers.

