

14th March 2018

YELLOWWOODS

NEWS



Dear Yellowwoods Community

It is said that life is like riding a bicycle; in order to keep your balance, you have to keep moving. This is true about our school as well. We cannot afford to become stagnant in our thinking, our methods or our offering to parents. We have to stay abreast of changes and developments in education and, in some instances, be pioneers of change. Change can be scary, but if we are serious about our vision of holistic education that is relevant on a global scale, we have to embrace change with courage and strong conviction. Change is inevitable – we should never resist it, but rather endeavour to find our unique path within its ebb and flow.

There are some exciting changes on the horizon at Yellowwoods. Our aim is to continue to provide affordable, high quality, world class education. The challenge is to use our resources and our unique setting to its full potential and to continue to be relevant to the demands of the modern world. We visited Sci-fest Africa in Grahamstown recently and our children were exposed to concepts like nano-technology, 3D printing, artificial intelligence and colonisation of Mars. These things seem far-fetched, but the truth is that they are right here right now. The impact of these advancements are difficult to quantify at present, but there is no doubt that the labour force, monetary systems and professional service offerings of the very near future is going to be vastly different to what we see around us at present. It is no longer adequate to teach our children to read, write and make sums; they must be exposed to skills like critical thinking, problem solving, adaptability and creativity. We are incorporating these and other essential skills into our curriculum and I am confident that many of our children will play a leading role in plotting the course of the future for all of us.

We do not fear change; we embrace it in full confidence and irrevocable faith. This is an exciting time to be alive and it is a privilege to see how boys and girls turn into young men and women who are ready to take their rightful place in the modern world.

Yours Sincerely

Ignus Potgieter

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Friday 16th March** – Grade 5 and 6 Bakerman. School ends at 13h00.
- **Monday 19th March** – Junior Primary Parent Teacher meetings by appointment only. U/12 & U/13 Netball District Trials.

- **Tuesday 20th March** – Junior Primary Parent Teacher meetings by appointment only.
- **Wednesday 21st March** – **PUBLIC HOLIDAY, SCHOOL CLOSED.**
- **Thursday 22nd March** – Junior Primary Outing.
- **Friday 23rd March** – Grade 7 Bakerman. Grade 4-7 Wind farm outing. School ends at 13h00.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Parents are reminded that the marks on this terms reports are accumulated by including homework and reasearch tasks, class marks, oral contribution and the levels of discussion, questioning and opinions of pupils and the results of all the formal and informal assessments.

Please encourage your child to work consistently and to communicate with the teacher if help or guidance is needed.

A WORD FROM THE YELLOWWOODS LEARNER

SUPPORT CENTER: Two of the Yellowwoods teachers attended a Written Language Challenges Course last week. This course was run by Elizabeth Nadler-Nir, a speech therapist, and proved to be a highly informative and innovative course. It outlined practical classroom ideas for Grade 2 to 7. We look forward to implementing some of these ideas in our classes. Four of the Foundation Phase teachers also recently attended a 2 day workshop presented by Read for Africa. The information which they gained from this was hugely beneficial and has provided the teachers with fun and exciting ways to assist the children with both their reading and phonological awareness.

Thank you to Leana Mari Alberts and Natalie Mildenhall for covering Readers and Library books. Your support is greatly appreciated.



LATEST NEWS



The Gr R – 7 classes visited Scifest Africa in Grahamstown where they were challenged to save water and care for the environment and were exposed to the latest technological advancements such as 3D printing, nano technology and artificial intelligence. Scifest Africa makes Science fun.