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# NEWSLETTER

**19<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

*From the Head* - An interesting read... "The manner and quality with which adults give directives and verbally interact with young children can make a big difference in the kinds of behaviors exhibited by those children," writes Tom Udell and Gary Glasenapp. They provide the following guidelines:

**"Be specific and clear when giving directives."** Children need to know precisely what is expected. They are more likely to respond appropriately to 'Keep your feet on the floor' than 'Be careful.'

**"Avoid using questions you do not mean to ask."** Use questions only when you truly intend to provide a choice. A direct request, such as 'Jason, please wash your hands,' is preferable to 'Jason, will you wash your hands before snacks?'

**"State requests and directions in a positive manner."** Asking a child to 'Walk in the classroom' is more positive and more clearly understood than 'Don't run.'

**"Avoid repeating requests and directives."** Repeating directives can become troublesome because children quickly learn that they are not expected to respond the first time they are given a direction. Adults do not want to inadvertently teach children that it is okay to ignore requests that are made of them."

***Lauren van Coller - Tennis***

Congratulations to Lauren van Coller who has been chosen for the U/12 EP Country Districts tennis team. Lauren is a grade 5 learner at Yellowwoods School and we are so very proud of her - well done Lauren!



**FIRST TERM - UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>TODAY:</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> /02</b>	Cradock Athletics Meeting U/9
<b>Tuesday:</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> /02</b>	Karoo Gala @ Winterberg @ 10h00
<b>Thursday:</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> /02</b>	<i>MIDTERM</i> - School closes at 12h30
<b>Tuesday:</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> /03</b>	School starts at 07h45
<b>Wednesday:</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> /03</b>	U/9 Cricket vs. Kingswood
<b>Wednesday:</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> /03</b>	U/13 Cricket vs. Prep (home)
<b>Friday:</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> /03</b>	Kingswood Mini-Cricket Festival
<b>Thursday:</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> /03</b>	Inter-House Gala
<b>Saturday:</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> /03</b>	Yellowwoods Mini-Cricket Festival
<b>Saturday:</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> /03</b>	Yellowwoods Market Day and Fun Run/Walk

**TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!**

Our Pre-Primary is in need of toys. If you have any cars, dolls or sandpit toys cluttering up your home we would love to give them a new place to stay. Please send toys to Mrs de Klerk at the front office.  
Thank you!



Enjoy the cooler weather.

Nicole