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# YELLOWWOODS NEWS



Dear Yellowwoods Community

I am focusing on the value of perseverance in all my classes. Every single person who is born has certain aspirations and dreams that they wish to fulfill. The reality is that only a very small percentage of people actually go on to fulfill their dreams. It takes an immense amount of discipline, dedication, hard work and perseverance to achieve the goals that we set for ourselves. Success does not fall from the sky; you have to work for it. Many people start the good work, but few persevere. There are many opportunities for learners at Yellowwoods to learn and implement the discipline of perseverance. A prime example was our swimming gala that took place last week. Every one of the swimmers – from beginners to the most advanced level – were put in a position where they had to persevere to either finish the race or to obtain a good position. I am extremely proud of what I saw in all of our learners. Those who did not participate in the actual races in the pool were standing on the edge, cheering on their teammates. It was also remarkable to notice how swimmers respond to the encouragement and support of both fellow learners and coaches. It made me realise once more that the learners at Yellowwoods are extremely privileged because they will search far and wide to have so many people in close proximity to them who are single-mindedly focused on their success and general wellbeing. I have no doubt, after having witnessed the true character of our learners and knowing the dedication of the teaching staff, that there are many dreams that will not only be fulfilled, but exceeded in the years to come. Yellowwoods certainly is a very special place.

Yours Sincerely

Ignus Potgieter



The Yellowwoods Pre Primary Children all enjoyed a lovely day out on Glendenning Farm last week. They got to experience firsthand the process of sheep shearing, had a picnic under the trees and spent time with a pack of hunting dogs. Thank you to all the teachers for their hard work and to Mr and Mrs Morgan for the beautiful venue and unforgettable day.

## IN THE CLASSROOM

- A reminder to our Grade 4 and new pupils
- Parents about the Study Skills Workshop tomorrow. (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> march) Please read the covering letter you have received regarding the Study Skills Course and I know that your child will appreciate your being present to assist.
- All parents will be receiving notifications of the time slots for the Parent/Teacher Academic meetings on Monday 03 April. Please communicate with Mrs Schenk in the office on 046 6840708 if you are not able to make any of the time slots and possibly need an alternative date.
- We are now into our last lap of the First Term and you can be assured that academics will continue as normal to the last day.
- Please encourage your children to keep working hard. In closing, a thought:  
“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.”

Franklin D Roosevelt

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Grade R Bakerman: Sausage Roll and Sterri Stumpy for R30.00. Mini Cricket at Bedford Country School. UK Tour side Cricket match. Grade 4 Study Skills workshop at Yellowwoods from 10H00 – 13H00.
- **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Netball matches in Grahamstown.
- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Junior Primary leaves for outing and sleep over.
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Junior Primary children back. Pre-Primary Bakerman. Netball Clinic at Yellowwoods.
- **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Netball clinic at Yellowwoods.
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Parent Teacher meetings from 13H30 – 18H50 at Yellowwoods. Please make an appointment with your child/children’s teacher.

