



Dear Parents

It was wonderful to see so many of you on Heritage Day – thank you for the support and we hope that you enjoyed the day as much as we did. Thank you to the Caldwell family for organising the jumping castle and slippery slide, to Chris and Liezl for the balloon games, the Bothma's and Botha's for the boerie rolls, our pancake flippers, and all the other parents who helped out on the day.

Thank you to **The Winkle** and **Georgious Spar** for your donations.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lihanca Potgieter who became engaged to Robert Miles over the weekend. We are thrilled for the two of you and wish you all the best for your bright future together.

THANK-YOU to Luke van der Meulen for your amazing work with the lighting in our school hall and to Tony Painter for coming to our rescue and sorting out many an electrical problem. The Voges family has donated a series of 'Young Scientist' books – many thanks to you all.

YELLOWWOODS IN 2015

FOUNDATION PHASE

(Age 3 to Grade 3)

I am very proud to announce that **Tamsin Bush**, an Occupational Therapist and Teacher has been appointed as **HOD of our Foundation Phase** at Yellowwoods.



Tamsin has a wealth of experience with children this age having worked at Educational facilities such as Vista Nova in Cape Town, student supervision at UCT and the Language Unit at Groote Schuur Hospital. In her work in private practice, Tamsin specialised in perceptual-motor, sensory-processing and fine and gross - motor functioning. Tamsin has been teaching at Yellowwoods for the past four years and this combined knowledge and experience places her in a unique position to assist pupils with valuable observations and educational input.

Kiddi Beat, Physifun, Movement and Ball Skills

We will continue with our Kiddi Beat Music programme from Grade 000 to Grade R and will now extend the programme through to Grade 3 in 2015.

Adele van der Meulen will be teaching our new Physifun programme, movement and ball skills from age 3 to Grade 3.



Kiddi Beat

Learn to Move & Play

Kiddi Beat is a unique South African Music Education programme that caters for children from birth to Grade 3. The lesson material is specifically written to encompass a variety of music and song styles, cultures and languages reflecting the diversity of the South African population.

The slogan 'I can sing, move and play' indicates the active nature of the material written. Through being creatively and purposefully involved in music, children will come to love and understand music. While singing, playing on instruments, reading music, listening and moving they discover, understand and recognize the concepts of music.

Music also becomes the tool to facilitate other developmental activities such as active play, story telling, visual and aural stimulation, language and reading, life skills, social interaction and numeracy. Learning therefore becomes an interactive fun experience and whole brain development is stimulated.

PhysiFun

There's a Champion in Every Child

Physifun's gross motor exercise programmes provide the child with an opportunity to improve their core stability, proximal shoulder control, coordination and sensory processing: all these skills are needed for sitting at a desk and writing. It also helps to provide the "fidgety" children a chance to satisfy their sensory needs by incorporating different sensations in the exercise programme like touch and movement. Physifun promotes early intervention, so that right from the start, children are developing healthy exercise habits and teachers can encourage the right postural habits. Increased physical activity in

the school day also increases the quality of academic performance. Children are rewarded for the effort that they put into the participation of the group classes, rather than the results of their efforts.



Yellowwoods continues with the Computers 4 Kids programme from pre-primary to Grade 7. C4K is an educational software development company with more than 18 years' experience and expertise in the field. They are endorsed by the ECDL (European Computer Drivers Licence) Foundation and ICDL – a World first! [This is the only product worldwide which has been endorsed and approved at Primary School level culminating in students acquiring an International ICT certification upon

successful completion of the course.] We are also endorsed by various Ministries of Education.

Computers 4 Kids, a TT100 winner, is the market leader in ICT integration. Using a unique approach and CAPS aligned content, learners and educators have access to localised digital content, support and training on an ongoing basis. Currently being used by 400,000 students daily.



YELLOWWOODS SWIM SCHOOL

Lessons with qualified swimming instructor

Just to clarify – Jessica will be teaching swimming to our pre-primary children between 11h00 and 12h00 once a week, and will teach all other children during their prep or sport slots. Children will not be missing academics for swimming. All funds raised will be put towards building a new school pool. Thank you for the overwhelming response received thus far – we too are very excited about this new venture.

Learn to Swim programme and stroke correction. Children have the unique opportunity to be trained by a qualified swimming instructor, Jessica Bouwer.

YELLOWWOODS HORSE RIDING SCHOOL

Lessons given to children from the age 3. Run by Wendy Tesnar and Claire Faddel.

Keep warm and enjoy the rain.

Nicole

