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Dear Parents,

This week has seen the start of the Foundation Phase mid-year assessments and the second week of Intermediate Phase exams. I am sure the learners are eagerly working towards good results that they can be proud of. With this in mind, I would like to share with you some wisdom from a letter written a few years ago – a letter written from a principal to the parents in their school.

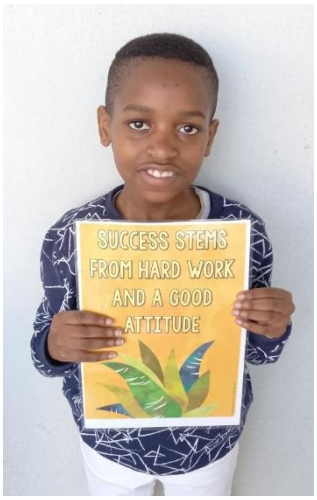
They said: *I know you are anxious for your child to do well, but please, do remember… Amongst the students is an artist who does not need to understand Math. There is an entrepreneur who doesn't need History or English Literature. There is a musician whose Chemistry marks won't matter. There's an athlete whose physical fitness is more important that Physics. One exam or a low mark won't take away their dreams or their talent. Please do not think that engineers and doctors are the only happy people in the world."*

Achievement is important. Setting our children up for a good future is important. It is, however, equally important to understand that mistakes are a great way to learn, and that grit can sometimes be a better indicator of success than intelligence.

Ms Menton

Grade 5 News

The Grade 5's have spent the last week putting all their effort into the mid-year exams. It has been a tough two terms; however their positive spirits are getting them through all the studying. I know that they will achieve the excellent results that they have been working hard for. Good luck with your results, Grade 5's!



Important Dates

Term 2 – 12 April – 15 June (Teachers 18/06)

Term 3 – 20 July – 22 September (Teachers 23/09)

Term 4 – 12 October – 08 December (Teachers 15/12)

Other news

1. A friendly reminder to parents dropping their child off in the mornings, please do not park or wait in the teacher's parking. The school bus needs to exit from the gate and cannot get past the parked cars.
2. Please note that the gate will only open at 7:30am for learners to enter the school's premises.
3. **Please pack a spare mask** in your child's school bag. The school does not have spares.

4. Be reminded as per our COVID-19 policy, if any learner shows symptoms or has come into contact with someone who has the virus, they need to self-isolate and go for a COVID-19 test before returning to school.
5. Grades 3 – 6 learners may start paying in advance to book their place in Science Club for Term 3. There are still spaces available so please send your child to school with R70 to book their slot as soon as possible if your child is interested.
6. The Book Club will continue next term, as well as a new club – Chess Club. All are welcome.
7. Please note that for the Book Club you need to supply one book for the term that other people your child's age would like to read.
8. Extra lessons and Cultural Activities will start in the second week of Term 3.
9. Parent meetings will take place in the first week of the new term. The meetings will be by invitation only. A letter will be sent to you if you are required to attend.

Happy Birthday!

A very Happy Birthday to the following learners who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Gr 3	Joey Chen	8 June
Gr 3	Lexi Trimmer	11 June

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

I am sure you have heard about the 5 love languages written by Dr Gary Chapman. These are the ways in which you show or receive love. I would like to share these here and ask that you try and identify what your love language might be. I know that for some people it is very difficult to connect and show their emotions but through understanding how we love and need to be loved can make the biggest impact on our sometimes unhappy/unfulfilled lives. If you wish to improve your relationships with your children or the significant others in your life, then read this and go and research it a little for yourself.

The five love languages are:

1. **Words of affirmation**
   For those who thrive on verbal connection. Getting a note to say how much you are loved while you are away from home, or a thank you for something you did.
2. **Acts of service**
   For those who thrive on people doing something nice or kind for them, like mowing their lawn when they are away or can't do it for whatever reason.
3. **Gifts**
   Not always big and expensive materialistic gifts, but rather the fact that you thought about them in the supermarket and bought their favorite treat.
4. **Quality time**
   For those who crave the undivided, dedicated attention of their loved one, such as on a date night when it is only the two of you enjoying one another's company without children, phones or animals to interrupt.
5. **Physical touch**
   This can be a anything from a fist pump, to a hug to a kiss. Physical touch produces endorphins – which is a natural feel good, pain relieving drug to humans.

Go and see what the love languages are for children and teenagers at www.5lovelanguages.com

Have a wonderful weekend!
Keep safe
Primary School Staff