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Dear parents,

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Life is all about going through difficult situations in pursuit of our dreams. Don't let any kind of obstacles and failures pin you down or rob you of your success of life. Fight hard and take on the challenges with courage, determination, and perseverance. Just keep moving forward with hope. The day will come when life puts the crown on your head as a successful human being.

Inspirational messages about Life and Success:

To be successful, you don't need a degree.

Your actions will create the path to success.

Life ends when you stop dreaming; hope ends when you stop believing; and love ends when you stop caring. So, dream, hope and love...Makes Life Beautiful!

Failure is the first step to success.

The secret to success is consistency. Stick to your purpose and work hard. Otherwise, success is just a dream.

The purpose of life is to discover your gift. The work of life is to develop it. The meaning of life is to give your gift away.

Mr. C Cronjé

Important Announcement:

Monday 13 Feb school will close for all Grade 7 – 12 learners at 12:30pm.

Welcome Braai:

Last Friday we hosted our annual Welcome Braai for all parents, old and new. Thank you to all the parents who made the effort to RSVP and honoured their commitment. It was an enjoyable evening, and not only did we get to know one another a little better, we also made some new friends.



Grade 12 Cake Sale:

Thank you to all the parents that supported our first cake sale of the year. We raised R2174. We want to purchase new projectors for the school and the money raised will go towards that.

Special events:

Valentine's Day:

On Tues the 14th of Feb we are having a picnic under the tent of the tuck-shop. We will be handing out the "love bugs" to those who placed orders for them. We will be playing some music as requested by the learners for one another and we will be able to dress up in civvies – red, pink or white – for a small donation of R10 per learner. Heart suckers will also be on sale for those who wish to spoil themselves or their loved ones at home.

Blazer Mondays:

A friendly reminder - All High School learners are expected to wear their blazers to school on Monday mornings for their weekly assembly. We are cultivating and entrenching the values and ethos of our school and in doing so this will be a compulsory requirement henceforth. Please ensure that blazers are clean, marked with your child's name and that all buttons are sewn onto the blazer. We look forward to seeing our learners looking smart and proud!

Extra Lessons:

It is the academic policy of our school, that all learners who do not achieve above 50% in a subject, attend compulsory extra lessons. Please take note that extra lessons have now commenced for high school learners and that it is imperative that you support us in this endeavour. The only way to achieve excellence is through discipline and dedication. Please make sure that your child uses this valuable resource to meet their academic goals.

Rugga Roots:

If any grade 7-9 learner is interested in participating in Rugga Roots. Please visit www.ruggaroots.zo.za to enroll. Grade 7-9 is on a Monday @ 14:45-15:15.

Stationery

A gentle reminder that all high school learners are reminded to bring one ream of photocopy paper to school. This is a continuation of what was started in term 3 of last year. Thank you for your contributions.

Magazines:

We are doing a magazine drive for our school. We are always in need of magazines for projects/classwork and reading. Please send any surplus or unused magazines with your child.

Important Upcoming Dates & Events:

14 Feb – Valentine's Day and Activities

17 Feb – Random Act of Kindness Day

28 Feb – Matric Exam meeting

1 Mar – World Compliment Day

3 Mar – Twilight Colour Fun Run & Night

Market.

13 Mar – Exams Start

20 Mar – Special School holiday

21 Mar – Human Right's Day

27 Mar – Exams End

EXCITING EVENT!!!

With the sun still high in the sky, and temperatures in the mid 30's, we are all aware that summer will end sooner than anticipated, and with this in mind it is time for the annual Burgundy Estate & Riverside College 5 km **TWILIGHT Colour Fun Run** which is in aid of **Iris House Children's hospice and takes place on the 3rd of MARCH.**

This 5km Fun Run takes place in the secure environment of Burgundy Estate and ends with the fun filled blast of colour as you throw your colour bombs in the air! Dress up as your favourite TV or book character, superhero or even as a clown, but make sure that you are ready to have fun.

This event was hugely successful last year and promises to be even better this year. Please bring yourself, your family and all the friends you have to enjoy this extraordinary day with us and know that it is all for a very good cause. Iris House is a very well-known NPO that does the most awe-inspiring work with children and families who are in need of respite care.

This event is for individuals and teams who want to exercise, have fun and enjoy an evening market in a fun and relaxed environment.

Entry fees are as follows:

R120 per individual which includes 2 colour bombs.

R450 per team of 4 members which includes 8 colour bombs.

There will be prizes for winners of the following categories: (male/female/child/pensioner + best dressed team).

Tickets: <https://qkt.io/C9RBv4>

Please hurry and book your tickets NOW!



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Principal's message:

Often in my office, I need to deal with children who are unkind towards each other. That would be considered "not important" in an adult world. However, in a child's world, whether they are in primary school or high school, it is sometimes kind of a big deal.

The question I want to raise today is: How do we, as parents, deal with a situation or story when our child comes home?

I would like to encourage parents to listen first and then start asking questions. The next step would be to ask what your part in the situation or scenario is. Sometimes children do not understand or realise that what they are saying is hurtful. They are "just honest." That is when the parent comes in and has a conversation. In the child's mind, they did not do or say anything wrong. This extends to the type of material to which they are exposed. For instance, they cannot always differentiate between the truth and a lie. We need to be there to answer the questions and guide them according to our moral compass.

At school, we deal with every situation immediately. There are always different versions of the story, and we are right there to get to the bottom of it. At home, you get the story after a full day of school. Sometimes the true version is not 100% accurate. Then we also need to decide what we need to take further. We live in a society with so many challenges. We need to shape our children from a very young age to stand up for themselves, to be strong and independent, and to be able to make the right decisions. That itself is a tall order, no matter what their age.

We, as parents and teachers, have an enormous job to raise our children so that they do not get bullied but also so that they can see what is important and what is not. Like the saying goes, "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger!" Let us join forces to make sure that our children are happy and excited to learn every day by working as a team.

2023 Term Dates:

Term 1

Start Date: Learners – 12 Jan
20 March school holiday (long weekend)
Learners writing until 27 March.

End Date: Learners – 29 Mar

Term 2

Start Date: Learners – 12 Apr
26,28 April school mid term

End Date: Learners – 21 Jun

Term 3:

Start Date: Learners – 19 July
10, 11 Aug mid term

End Date: Learners - 28 Sept

Term 4:

Start Date: Learners – 11 Oct

End Date: Learners- 13 Dec

School Schedule:

Monday	Day 6	07:55 – 15:15
Tuesday	Day 7	07:55 – 15:15
Wednesday	Day 8	07:55 – 15:15
Thursday	Day 9	07:55 – 15:15
Friday	Day 10	07:55 – 14:00

Have a good weekend.

High School Staff!