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Dear Parents,

Do your children or students know how much you truly care?

I think we adults, (teachers and parents) sometimes take for granted that our students and children really understand the extent of our appreciation, our genuine desire for them to succeed, and the depths of our unconditional love for them. As parents, we hope that our children understand we are their biggest cheerleaders in life, despite our job to discipline, set boundaries, and not be their best friend. As teachers, we feel much the same.

We went into teaching because we wanted to make a difference. Therefore, we want to see our students succeed. Sometimes this message can get lost behind the routine of daily tasks, tests taken, etc. While we aspire to maintain a peaceful classroom and home-life, (which may mean setting firm boundaries), we ultimately want our students and children to understand that we want nothing but the best for them. We want to teach to them in a way that best serves them, and ultimately, we want to connect with them. For once that connection has been made, trust is formed, and true success may be achieved.

How can teachers inspire, encourage, and portray they really care about their students? A student believing that their teacher really cares is extremely powerful. A teacher cannot truly understand a child's home-life experience or what "baggage" they bring to the classroom. Perhaps a student in their classroom doesn't receive much positive reinforcement at home, and a few encouraging words from their teacher can make all the difference in the world.

How can parents break through to their own children in a way their child will understand? A parent's depth of love for their child is something that cannot be measured. Parents want their children to understand this without smothering their child with love and affection, or sending a wrong message, and not be taken seriously.

The truth is that I don't know the answer. I do believe this message is something felt between a student and teacher, and child and parent. It is a feeling, a silent understanding, a trust between two people. That said, verbal and written reminders are important, and should never be assumed. This message should be expressed.

Mr. Greyling

Important dates

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

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

Examination dates

Test series for Gr 7 – 11 06 Sep – 21 Sep

Gr 12 Prelims 06 Sep – 21 Sep

Gr 12 Finals 06 Sep Final LO paper

 19 Oct Final CAT Practical

Start of Finals 01 Nov – 01 Dec

Timetables have been handed out to all learners and is available on the website.

Please note that matriculants **do not** get time off or finish earlier during their prelims, they have to be at school every day even on days that they are not writing!

This is a time during which all Gr 12 teachers do extensive revision with them and it is a government requirement that they attend school every day.

As per the normal procedures during test series, classes will resume after first break as per normal for all grades.

Important Information

Your child needs to have a mask on at all times that covers their nose and mouth. Each individual also needs to regularly wash their hands and sanitize. They are not allowed to physically touch, kiss, hug, or share food with one another. Our safety protocols are there to keep everyone safe and we need everyone to play their part!

Masks are not an excuse to have facial hair, so please note that your son still needs to be clean shaven at all times.

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

Hours, days, weeks and months go by so quickly and before you know it, it is too late...to study for your upcoming exam, to plan for university, to get a new job, but most importantly, to say your last goodbye!

Time waits for no man, a neither does death...the one thing that grieving people always say is that they didn't get to say their last goodbye...yes you did!

Sadly, you were distracted, too busy or too involved in yourself and your own things to realize that it would be the last time you see your loved one or get to say goodbye!

Please let us start appreciating life and loved ones a little more as we are not promised this life forever. Remember that every time you say goodbye or I love you it could be the last time you get to say it, and you will have to live with that last greeting forever.

Life and love are precious...be present in every moment!

School Schedule:

Monday	30 August	Day 6	07h55 – 15h15
Tuesday	31 August	Day 7	07h55 – 15h15
Wednesday	01 September	Day 8	07h55 – 15h15
Thursday	02 September	Day 9	07h55 – 15h15
Friday	03 September	Day 10	07h55 – 14h00

Have a lovely weekend!
High School Staff