



# Woodlands International College

## Junior College Newsletter

### 1 February 2019

*Dear Woodlands Family,*

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It is with regret that we take leave of our long-serving front-office secretary, personal assistant, receptionist, first aid consultant, telephonist, liaison officer, enrolment secretary... So you're thinking we lost a lot of people... but no, that was all one person – Mrs. Beryl Dean! Mrs. Dean has been with the Woodlands Family for 9 years. We are going to miss her terribly. We wish her well with her future ventures.

Fortunately, Mrs Yvonne Stokes has joined our staff in Mrs Dean's place. You all know Mrs. Stokes from her role as Parents Association Chairperson. In that role Mrs. Stokes has been incredible, and I therefore welcome Mrs. Stokes to our Woodlands Front Office Family. I am looking forward to working with her.

This Friday (1 Feb) our athletes will be participating in the SISA (Small Independent Schools Association) Field Events at Ashton. We wish them good luck. Next Friday (8 February) Woodlands College will be hosting the Inter Primary Athletics event at Boksburg Stadium. As previously stated, the school will be closed on that day as all our teachers will be involved at the Athletics. No children should come to school on that day. If your child wishes to come and support the Woodlands athletes, ensure that they are dressed in full uniform, and then you as a parent will need to take them to, and accompany them at the stadium, as once again, all the teachers will be busy with duties related to the Athletes and Athletics. We do encourage the parents of all athletes to come and support their child at the stadium. In the event that you are unable to keep your child at home or make alternative arrangements on that day, aftercare will now be available for those exceptional cases. Further details regarding specific arrangements for the day will follow.

I am looking forward to seeing all our athletes participating. I know that I will be proud of their efforts and achievements. As usual I will be looking out for an exceptional performance on the day which will reflect the idea of determination and tenacity. This could be an athlete who fights very hard to come second last rather than last in a race, or an athlete who smashes a record, or a long jumper who does their best jump with their last effort and attempt, or a relay runner who tries their absolute best even though their team isn't winning. I will be looking out...

We would also like to acknowledge all our record breakers from the Inter House Athletics last week. They were acknowledged in the Boksburg Advertiser this last week and unfortunately two names were left off that list. Our Athletics department apologises for these omissions. Here is the full list, starting with our incredible grade 1 runner Kherington whose name was left off the Advertiser list, and then the other, Matthew Rees who is an incredible middle distance and cross country runner.

- **U7 Girls 80m - Kherington Farah**
- U7 Boys 80m - Samkelo Nzo
- U8 Girls 80m - Sifa Mukinay
- U9 Boys 80m - Tumisho Sebola
- U10 Boys 80m - Connor Mooi
- U10 Girls 80m - Bongive Khambule
- U10 Boys 100m - Connor Mooi
- U10 Girls 100m - Tatum Laybourn
- U10 Boys High Jump - Seth Pillay
- **U10 Boys 1200m - Matthew Rees**
- U11 Boys 80m - Taku Mopotaringa
- U12 Boys 100m - Yusuf Bodiat
- U12 Boys High Jump - Joseph Mukinay
- U12 Boys Shot Put - Zander Swart
- U12 Boys Long Jump - Joseph Mukinay

So remember, never, ever, give up.

*Dr G Pienaar*