



Woodlands International College

Junior College Newsletter

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Dear Woodlands Family,

Wow, it's August already... Next Thursday will be the last day of term for all of us. I think we are all looking forward to the break.

The other day a little person, a grade one little boy, came up to me in the afternoon and asked me whether I lived at the school or not, and what would I be doing in the holidays when there would be no children. I explained to him that my house was somewhere else, but he looked at me as though he didn't believe me.... I often see schools (normally boarding schools) where some of the school personnel stay on the property, and I think of how convenient that must be. Although I guess a person is probably never off duty in such an environment...

My interaction with the little person made me think of what a person's perception of what a teacher does do in the holidays, is. Well, I can only tell you what the Woodlands Junior College staff will be doing. Firstly, they will be preparing for the last term. Which would entail preparing specific lessons, with accompanying worksheets and resources. These days with the added technology of iPads, they would also be sourcing appropriate videos or audio pieces. Secondly, they will be preparing for the accompanying assessments, these need to be worked out in advance. Thirdly, we are very lucky to have teachers who are leaders in their fields working with us at Woodlands. These teachers have worked out and written their own textbooks which we download and use with the Itsi textbooks. What a privilege for me and our children, to have such talented people to work with. Finally, they will also be working on weekly and monthly planning documents for the term ahead.

So hopefully, they will also get some time off, to rest and recreate (R & R). I would like all the teachers to come back to school fresh and enthusiastic as usual.

So remember, never, ever, give up.

Dr G Pienaar