



# Woodlands International College

## Junior College Newsletter

### 21 June 2019

*Dear Woodlands Family,*

Thank you to Ms Gray for being the guest star for the Newsletter last week. I really would like the Junior College Senior staff to have a voice in our Newsletter as they often have issues or ideas which are close to their hearts, which they would like to share with you.

Part of the mandate that I was given in terms of Woodlands Junior (Primary) College was to grow the College. Well, I have taken action in some ways already: the appointment of a Head of Sport (Mr Mike Moriarty) for the Junior College (and he in turn has been tasked with growing the Sports offering of the school!). I also appointed a Head of Cultural Activities this past week. The person I was looking for, had to be a person who has passion, enthusiasm, and time (☺). I would like the Woodlands footprint to extend beyond the boundaries of the East Rand. Congratulations to Ms Mace who has accepted the position. We are confident Ms Mace will lead in the College into an even broader realm of cultural diversity and innovation.

One of the feel good stories relating to one of the developing sports at our College, was to do with a young man called Dylan De Haast from grade 4. This young man had ridden the 8km Mountain Bike course at 7am (at the Ekurhuleni Mountain Bike Park at the Boksburg Stadium), but when he heard that I would be doing the Mountain Bike race at 10.30 (and I haven't ridden on a Mountain Bike for a few years) he immediately offered to ride again. He then gave me some tips before the ride and then started with me on the race itself. After a kilometre or two, Dylan said to me that he had a problem: he wanted to help me, but his Mom had fallen behind, so he also wanted to help her... Once again, that's the kind of child that I want at our College. A child who thinks of the needs of others before his own, and is always willing to help! Needless to say both Dylan and I (and his Mom) and a number of other children from Woodlands finished the course. A number of Woodlands children also ran the 4km Trail Run.

*Dr G Pienaar*