



# Woodlands International College

## Junior College Newsletter

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*Dear Woodlands Family,*

One of my favourite parts of working at a school is the late afternoons. On some days I will walk outside and I will find a kind of peace in seeing the beautiful surroundings and open sports fields and possibly the sun setting in the West over the Wetlands. What a privilege! On other days I might hear the beautiful sound of children playing outside my window. On those occasions I like to pop down and see what action there is. I might see little girls playing netball, or boys chasing a soccer ball, but whatever it is, it's wonderful, and a privilege to be a part of the "busyness" of children's lives.

Just this last week our children were extremely busy. We played Hockey matches on Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday and Friday (and even Saturday this week – the St Dunstan's Festival). We played cricket matches on Monday and Tuesday and Thursday. We participated in a Choral Verse Festival on Tuesday and Wednesday. We hosted a Chatterbox Speaking Evening on Wednesday evening. We hosted a Chess Tournament on Thursday. In between all of this we still had practices for all these sports as well as Art Club and Marimbas, and oh yes, academic matters in the classroom.... Wow, I'm completely out of breath just thinking about all these activities. A huge thanks to our Sports and Cultural Staff for their commitment and enthusiasm, but ultimately, it's about the children. If they weren't participating, we wouldn't have any of these activities.

I really love being a part of the "busyness" of our children's lives.

So remember, never, ever, give up.

*Dr G Pienaar*