



# Woodlands International College

## Junior College Newsletter

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*Dear Woodlands Family,*

My section of the newsletter this week is really in two parts: Firstly, I want to share a really great good news story regarding one of our students. Secondly, I want to chat about the parking situation....

The good news part...Every now and then I like to bestow the Principal's Award on a particular child for achieving something truly exceptional. A month or so ago it was for a little grade one who read to the entire assembly, and then also for a grade three little lady who can play chess with the best of them and was teaching other children how to play. This past week I awarded the badge to a young lady from grade five. This young lady embodies everything good about our College. She is the kind of child that I value very highly in our College. I am going to reproduce the letter I sent to her parents. The letter clearly explains why this young lady received the award:

*Dear Mr. and Mrs. McMaster*

*Your daughter Sehren received the Principal's Award yesterday at our combined assembly. She received this award for the following reasons:*

- *She always exhibits excellent manners - she always greets teachers and adults before they can greet her.*
- *She is always willing to assist, whether it be her classmates, or teachers, or anyone.*
- *She is the first to volunteer, even when the task is a new one, or possibly not a pleasant one.*
- *She always has a smile on her face, even when situations are tough for her.*
- *She is always dressed impeccably.*
- *Sehren never gives up!*

*Congratulations on raising/being involved with such a wonderful young lady. She is an example to all at Woodlands!*

The second matter relates to our current parking situation. Firstly, a huge thank you to the majority of our parents (99%) who have displayed remarkable patience and good manners in the current situation. They have queued patiently to get in the gate, and often queued again to get out of the gate. They have followed the instructions of the teachers or security guards (who have been willing to act as traffic guides as well) without question. It must be noted that all the "instructions" or "rules" have been put in place with the safety of our children in mind. Hence the drop and go zone and the dedicated route to cross the road.

Hence the taped off areas next to the road where we don't want people to park as the children's safety is paramount, and then those cars have to get back into the traffic, which causes further issues...

Once again, this is a very short-term solution and the inconveniences will be worth it in the long run. We will have a state-of-the-art multi-purpose hall with paved parking and a covered walkway for our children very soon.

*Dr G Pienaar*