



# Woodlands International College

## Junior College Newsletter

### 13 September 2019

*Dear Woodlands Family,*

We are back at school and today is Spring Day (when I look at all the colourful clothes the children are wearing) and at least it's a warm day, not like some of the 1<sup>st</sup> of September Spring Days we've had in the past!

When we came back this term we were faced with the huge disappointment of the New Hall not being completed. Unfortunately, double disappointment as obviously the paving, and therefore the parking, was also incomplete. In building, I guess there are always delays. The builders have given the College an undertaking that they will be finished by the end of September...I for one am holding thumbs ☺

The other situation was that the roadworks over the bridge were basically completed. This meant the implementation of the new islands preventing people from turning right from Trichardt Road into Dr Vosloo Road and also preventing people from turning right, back into Trichardt from Dr Vosloo Road. This was not the College's plan. We had requested a traffic circle where all our people would still be able turn whichever way they needed to, but the final decision in these matters lies with the Local Government and Traffic Department. Sadly for us, they felt that the island version would be the safest, and that's what we have to live with. I would encourage you all to follow the traffic rules to a tee, and not go against the traffic at any point. As usual, the safety of all the little people at our College, remains paramount.

I think it is a fact in life "that the true measure of us all is how we cope with setbacks and difficulties", but the reality of being inconvenienced in the mornings and afternoons, in terms of parking and traffic, is difficult to cope with. I thank all those parents who have remained positive and constructive (by a huge margin, the majority of our parent body) and I also thank those parents who have chatted to us about possible solutions. So, the first possible solution was to ask the teachers of the Junior College to park over the road and not in the parking lot near the hall (even though for them the idea of having to carry baskets and large piles of books backwards and forwards was a further challenge) and that meant the little people could be safely dropped off at the Junior College entrance if necessary. We will continue to work on solutions until the Hall and drop-and-go parking is complete.

On a lighter note, we were able to hand out the Top 10 badges for Term 2. Congratulations to those children.

Ms Gray, our Deputy Principal will be doing the newsletter next week as Mr Van Niekerk (Principal of the Senior College) and I will be at the Annual Isasa Principals' Conference.

So remember, never, ever, give up.

*Dr G Pienaar*