



# Woodlands International College

## Junior College Newsletter

### 21 February 2020

*Dear Woodlands Family,*

#### **Reward for Effort**

Last week we had our Annual Inter Schools athletics and a certain gentleman by the name of Luke McBride, showed us the style of “never, ever, giving up”. He did his absolute best. He never gave up, not in the 1200, not in the 200m hurdles (which was literally a few short minutes after the 1200m) and then even when he was exhausted, in the 75m hurdles after that, he still gave his best effort. Well done Luke for exhibiting the true spirit of Woodlands College! Luke was awarded the 2020 Woodlands College Tenacity Trophy for his efforts.

Another person who demonstrated that Woodlands courage and determination was Hayley Ronaldson from grade 3. This little person had a tonsil operation and immediately advised the coaches that she would be back the next day for swimming training in preparation for a swimming gala. The coaches advised that it would be fine if she missed training and even the gala as she had just had an operation. Not this young lady...she competed in the gala just a couple of days after the operation, and then competed in the athletics meeting just a couple of days after that! Amazing strength and determination! She was rewarded with the Foundation Phase Principal’s Star award for her efforts.

Well, another member of our Woodlands family has been awarded for the effort she has put in over a number of years at Woodlands (over four years) and before that, many years at her previous school. This lady has demonstrated to us all that maximum effort and input should be rewarded, and in her case it has. I am referring to Ms. Audrey Gray, our beloved Deputy Principal who was recently appointed as a Principal of a school in Midrand! Audrey has proved herself to be an invaluable member of our Woodlands family. The average person might not be aware of all she has done (mostly behind the scenes) to help turn our College into a top Educational Institution. We are going to miss her style, her impeccable English, her polished manner when MC’ing an event, her academic expertise, her incredibly close but firm relationships with all our children, her style in introducing and driving “gees” events for our staff, but most of all, we are going to miss her positive approach to life! Good luck Ms Gray, you are going to be a huge success in your new school!

So remember, never, ever give up!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr G Pienaar".

*Dr G Pienaar*