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A word from Mrs Correia-Rees

Yet another week has passed us by and what a week it has been. It started off with a school holiday, followed by a Public Holiday – namely Youth Day, and then ended with a jam-packed three days of academics.

It has been a tough week to say the least, for many staff, pupils and parents. This week we had our first Covid-positive case. Although we knew it would be inevitable that Covid would hit us eventually, it was still a shock for all concerned. All protocol was put in place and copious amounts of training had occurred before school officially opened in the event, we had a Covid positive case.

Zoom sessions were held with parents and staff who were directly involved and zoom counselling sessions took place for children who were feeling uncertain about it all.

I would like to thank all the parents and Woodlands staff for the positive, supportive and encouraging messages and emails we have been receiving.

At this stage we are still waiting for some results from children and staff but my hopes are, that by the time you have read this newsletter, all results are in and we can continue with school the way we have been.

Last week, I sent out the Revised Assessment Policy for Covid-19 in the Foundation Phase. I would like to encourage all parents who are assisting their children at home with the online learning, to encourage and guide their children, but to not do all the work for them, nor give them all the answers. Assessment is for gauging how much knowledge of a specific concept a child has retained. It is for this reason, parents 'assisting' too much, makes results inaccurate.

Allow your children to think and make mistakes. The most learning takes place by making mistakes.

I speak from experience here, as I continue to learn from my own mistakes I make on a daily basis.

Keep well and keep warm.

Mrs C Correia-Rees
Deputy Principal Foundation Phase



COVID-19 update

This week, beginning over the long weekend has been very surreal. We are thrilled to announce that both Mrs Short Mrs Vos and Teacher Rebecca have all tested negative for Covid-19, as well as many of the Grade 2 students. We are still waiting for additional results from the students. The Grade 2 students will be returning on Monday.

We must always emphasise that the safety of both students and staff is our highest priority. Unfortunately, or fortunately, a parent has reported Woodlands College to the Department of Education. This has turned out to be a blessing as we have confirmation that all the protocols and procedures which we have introduced and continue to re-enforce are 100% correct. We will always keep the Woodlands community up to date as in line with our open-door policy, keeping the information relevant and continuing with personal confidences.

We would like to remind all parents that should you undertake a Covid-19 test, it is vital to inform the College if the results are positive or negative, as this may affect the wider community. Please rest assured that any medical information will be treated in the strictest of confidence. Test can be done with our referring doctors' details. Please remember even though it's a Lancet form, you can go anywhere, please use mnemonic number **MONTOE 1 Montalbano (DALP)**

Here are a few reminders:

- Please keep in mind at all times, your health and safety are paramount.
- Remember to sanitise your car, cell phone, handbag, keys, light switches and shopping bags.
- Include in your routine, sanitising devices such as remote controls, iPads, computers and mouse.
- On returning home, sanitize the packaging of food items, rinse fruit and vegetable.
- Finally, don't forget the soles of your shoes.

Dates to diarise

26th June Start of mid-term. Closing time to be confirmed
6th July Return back to college after mid-term

Woodlands wishes...

Happy Father's Day

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again. A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt. A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.



Sports corner

Woodlands Coaches Back in the Day PART 2: Coach Darrel.

Q: What years were you in school?

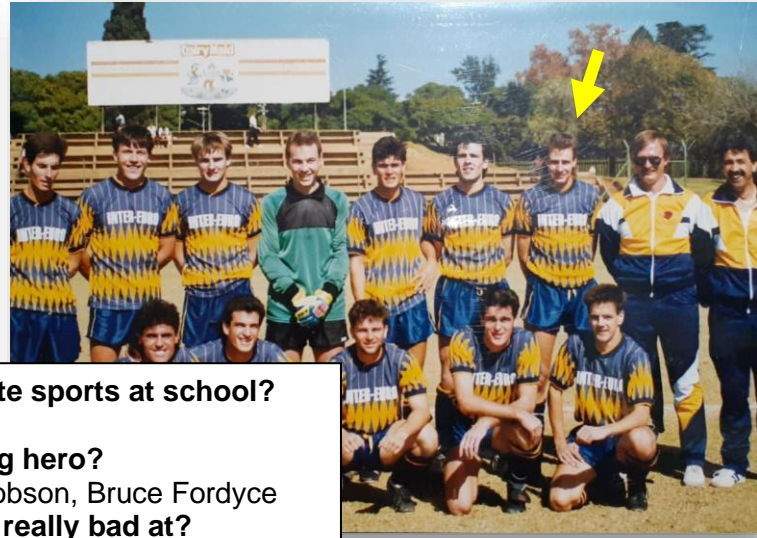
A: 1972 - 1985

Q: What schools did you go to?

A: Martin Primary School and Boksburg High School

Q: What sports did you participate in?

A: Tried most sports



Q: What were your favorite sports at school?

A: Soccer & Athletics

Q: Who was your sporting hero?

A: Kevin Keegan, Bryan Robson, Bruce Fordyce

Q: What sports were you really bad at?

A: Tennis



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Back Row M. Lindsay, R. Brennan, R. James, M. Workman, D. Laybourn,
G. Barrett, M. Dunn.
Sitting T. Payne, T. Frade, Mr. French, N. Payne (Captain), V. Whitson,
Front R. Schwaeble, R. da Silva.



We've won the Cup! Boksburg's players celebrate their 3-1 Celts Cup final win over Wits at the Rand Stadium last night. Goalscorer C. Castell (centre, with cup lid on his head) and captain Hannes van Zyl (holding trophy) were also part of the Boksburg team which beat Wits 3-1 in the Transvaal Challenge Cup final on Saturday, 14.8.82. Picture by Alf Kunz.



Q: What did you learn by participating in sport that you carry with you today?

A: Be honest with yourself, be humble, train hard, be dedicated and you will succeed.

Q: What is your favorite quote/motto?

A: "Running is not about life and death; it is far more important than that."

Q: What was your biggest sports achievement during your school career?

A: Representing in those days Transvaal High School in soccer and athletics.

Q: What is/are your most memorable sporting moment/s at school?

A: Being a soccer trialist at Southampton Football Club in England. Captaining the Senior Eastern Transvaal Currie Cup Soccer.