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A word from Mrs Knell

Dear Parents

Driving in to school this morning, in the fog and with no sun rise yet, I was suddenly reminded of my mother and her words echoed in my head, “no matter how hectic or troubled times are, it is vital to find special moments”. With the events of this week I have been in awe of the many people’s reactions. The positive support we have received in the form of on WhatsApp messages and emails has been phenomenal. I thank each and every parent, from the bottom of my heart, who has taken a moment to thank a staff member personally or on the WhatsApp groups. These moments have been a highlight in my week.

One day last week a little person from the Grade 1s asked me in the morning, ‘Mrs Knell do you sleep here’. I was quiet taken it back, on asking why: his answer was you are always here saying good morning and waving at me. I believe that often we forget to show our appreciation for the people who we often don’t see who are like the buttress roots of trees in a rainforest, supporting each in their own ways.

At Woodlands, the team of people who are continually going the extra mile is too numerous to mention individually, but here are a few, thank you for the PA mothers who are assisting with the drop-off in the mornings, the aftercare staff, who are now seen around the school always checking on PPE items, Linda and her team who after the children leave begin the process of sanitizing and deep cleaning classrooms, corridors, bathrooms, door handles, and much more.

From a personal point of view, my special moments this week have been come from strange places, the cashier at a Spar was so friendly we had a chance to have a giggle, my daughter who just out of the blue made me breakfast and it rained a bit to clear the air! And an up and coming special day is the Winter Solstice which is on the 22 June!

Please find your moments!

Mrs R Knell
Deputy Principal Intermediate 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?

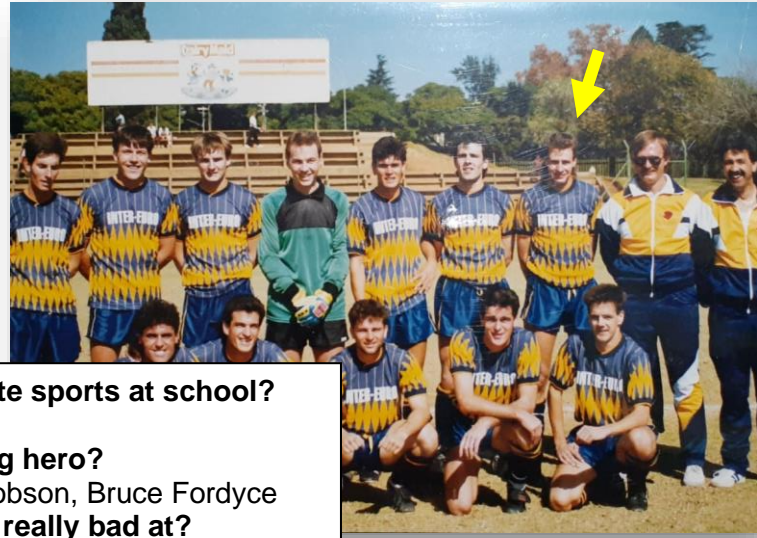
A: 1972 - 1985

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.