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## Woodlands International College Junior College Newsletter 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

*Dear Woodlands Family,*

### **A MESSAGE FROM MRS KNELL**

We have entered the final stretch of the 2020 academic year, and I hope everyone had a restful mid-term filled with some serious summer fun. For our Intermediate Phase students this part of Term 3 represents a final push to complete curriculum components in preparation for the November examinations, with parents stressing more about the up and coming exams than the students (this is normal, by the way!) For the Foundation Phase students, it is time for final assessments, running in the sun, enjoying the hot summer days, and naturally racing up the stairs to receive merits from Mrs Correia. I love to hear the loud clatter of feet and excited voices entering Mrs Correia's office, but today it was so amazing to see one young man, who on leaving the office, in true Edén Hazard style drop to his knees and called out "Yes, I did it!"

It is vitally important that all students bring water or juice to school daily and sun hats. With the tremendous heatwave we have experienced this week, no one is complaining about open doors and windows, and any breeze is welcome! Please make sure that all items of clothing, as well as lunch boxes and juice bottle, are well marked as our lost property is on the rise again.

The Intermediate Phase are putting the final touches on their Class Choral Verse items which will be presented at the beginning of November. Parents will get the opportunity to view these presentations at the end of term PA Christmas social.

The Grade 3 to 6 students have a busy week ahead of them with all students participating in the International Benchmarking Tests on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October. I urge all parents to ensure that their children are at the College on these days. All online students from Grade 3 to 6 are also to be at the College as these tests cannot be completed online. A separate venue will be organised, and details will follow separately.

On a special final note, I would like to wish Mrs Janet Matthews an incredibly happy and joy filled birthday.

*Mrs R Knell*  
*Deputy Principal Intermediate Phase*



## Need to know

### Shoebox collection

We have received the sizes and genders of the boys and girls who we would like to give Christmas Shoeboxes to. Please request this information from your homeroom teacher.

Our chosen charity this year that we will be supporting is Urban Ruins NPO  
<https://www.theurbanruins.com/home>

Our aim is to double last year's boxes and we are looking for a minimum of 75 boxes. Parents are more than welcome to team up together to make up a box or as individuals. Some parents have asked if they can donate one or two items from the list? Yes, of course. There will be a collection box in the reception area, where the students can drop off items. Completed boxes can also be delivered to the reception area.



### Shoebox's need to consist of:

- Toothpaste & a toothbrush
- Face cloth
- Hand cream/vaseline
- A bar of soap
- Small ball/tennis ball
- A small packet of sweets
- As well as a T-shirt/dress
- A special little gift

**Please ensure the shoebox is clearly marked with the child's name.**

### Early closure

Please note that from the 16<sup>th</sup> November to the 2<sup>nd</sup> December the Junior College (Gr 1-6) will be closing at 12:30 every day. Aftercare will be available from 12:30. Students not collected by 12:30 will be sent to aftercare.

### No dropping off of items

Please note that **no items** are to be dropped off during the day. This includes iPad's, books, projects, and lunch. Arrangements can be made directly with the tuck shop should they have forgotten their lunch at home.

### Use of Staff Personal Cell-Phone Numbers:

Please note that parents are **not** to contact teaching or admin staff via WhatsApp or phone on the staff members personal number. Should you need to contact a staff member please either send an email, or phone the office on 011 894-5161 between 7:00 and 16:00. Emails will be answered within 24 hours.

### Tips to help kids prepare for their upcoming exams

Exams for Gr 4-6 students are just under a month away and it's time to start preparing. Here are some tips to assist you and your child.

#### 1. Plan

Planning is the first and foremost factor. Plan your dates and your appointments.

#### 2. Timetable

Be ready with schedules and timetables, this will not only help you, but your child also to prepare for the upcoming exams.

#### 3. Notes

Keep on track with study notes. Ensure that it is completed ahead of time to avoid last minute crisis moments. Students must write own notes as this is part of the study process.



4. **Guide them**

Tough topics need to be understood in simpler ways and it's time for you to ask your child which topic they feel are tough. Assist them with solving their queries.

5. **Dedicated place**

Set up a dedicated quite space for studying.



6. **Breaks**

Ensure for proper breaks during study time to refresh and rest.

7. **No to gadgets**

Break times does not mean to get involved with TV, iPads, YouTube etc. Break times means to go outside and play.

8. **Be calm**

You might want to get tensed and frustrated but this is the time to be calm.

9. **Proper sleep**

Ensure your child doesn't study to late and also gets to bed early for a good night's rest.



10. **Mock test**

Make up question papers and let the kids solve them, this will not only help them learn to complete the paper on time but also a good way to revise.

## Sport news

### Woodlands warrior contest

It has been a great few weeks of tough competition between the houses. What a pleasure to see so many youngsters shine, giving of their best to see how many points they could accumulate trying to outdo their classmates. The test comprised of sit-ups, push-ups, burpees and a beep test. It is very encouraging to see how strong and fit some of the children are, with some really exceptional results being achieved.

Well done to all who participated. Those that missed out because of illness or injury can challenge for a spot in the top 10 ladder which will be posted on the sports bulletin board.

### Results:

#### Fittest classes per grade

Gr 1R	Gr 2K	Gr 3G	Gr 4T	Gr 5F	Gr 6S	Gr 7C
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#### Fittest houses per age roup

U7	Hawks
U8	Falcons
U9	Eagles
U10	Falcons
U11	Hawks
U12	Falcons
U13	Falcons

#### Fittest house overall

3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Eagles with 51.7 points average
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Hawks with 54.32 points average
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Falcons with 57.13 points average

## Fittest girl and boy per age group

Age group	Girls	Points	Boys	Points
U7	Tatum Coetzer	77	Ashraf Dada	57
U8	Layla Jorge	63	Samkelo Nzo	82
U9	Hayley Ronaldson	115	Dylan Rees	93
U10	Gabriella Rita Aamani Sallie	75 75	Elijah Naidoo	135
U11	Tatum Laybourn	139	Gianluca del Grosso	147
U12	Lathi-tha Ngcakani	105	Kyle Fernandez	140
U13	Calista de Wet	153	Ting wei Deng	163

## Sport Update

With great excitement and relief, we are able to announce the return to afternoon sport! Beginning on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October there will be Athletics training until the 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Students who attend extra lesson will first go to their lessons and after that will attend the practices.

Athletics training will take place on the uplands fields. Children will need to be collected from there. Parents are to please remain in their vehicles when collecting and park inside at the allocated field parking. In accordance with the latest Educational COVID regulations, no parents may spectate. Children not collected at the allocated times will need to be picked up from aftercare.

## Dates and times:

### October

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 to 15:00 field events & long & middle distance U9 to U13
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 to 15:00 track event sprints U7 to U13
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 to 15:00 field events & long & middle distance U9 to U13
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	14:30 to 15:30 track event sprints U7 to U13 (Please note the later times because of Senior College enrichment)

### November

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	14:00 to 15:00 field events & long & middle distance U9 to U13
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	14:00 to 15:00 track event sprints U7 to U13
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 to 15:00 field events & long & middle distance U9 to U13
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 to 15:00 track event sprints U7 to U13
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 to 15:00 field events & long & middle distance U9 to U13
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 to 15:00 track event sprints U7 to U13
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 to 15:00 field events & long & middle distance U9 to U13
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 to 15:00 track event sprints U7 to U13
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 to 13:30 field events & long & middle distance U9 to U13
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 to 13:30 track event sprints U7 to U13
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 to 13:30 events & long & middle distance U9 to U13
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 to 13:30 event sprints U7 to U13
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12:30 to 13:30 field events & long & middle distance U9 to U13
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 to 13:30 track event sprints U7 to U13
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 to 13:30 field events & long & middle distance U9 to U13
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 to 13:30 track event sprints U7 to U13
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	12:30 to 13:30 field events & long & middle distance U9 to U13
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	12:30 to 13:30 track event sprints U7 to U13

## Dates to diarise

27 <sup>th</sup> October	English International Benchmarking Tests for Gr 3-6
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Mathematics International Benchmarking Tests for Gr 3-6
28 <sup>th</sup> October	PA Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Gr 6 Farewell function
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Gr 1 Orientation morning and New parents afternoon
Week of the 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Grade 4 – 6 Exams
16 November – 2 December	Junior College closes at 12:30 every day until end of term (Gr1-6 students) Aftercare will be available from 12:30
27 <sup>th</sup> November	PA Christmas social
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Junior College Honours evening
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	College closes
6 <sup>th</sup> December	2020 East Rand Motor show



## Woodlands shines

**Hayley Ronaldson** in Grade 3 participated in Boksburg Gymnastic club friendly competition. She came first in her age group and received a gold medal – she came third in the competition overall. Well done!



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Congratulations to **Maya Monteiro Correia** on excellent Eisteddfod results

Bedford Eisteddfod	She was item winner for:	LALT Eisteddfod
Own choice poetry - A++	Eie Keuse Poesie	Own choice poetry - A+
Prepared reading - A++	Public speaking	Prepared reading - A++
Eie Keuse Poesie - A++	Dramatized poetry	Eie Keuse Poesie - A+
Dramatized poetry - A++	And overall category winner for Public speaking	Dramatized poetry - A++
Public speaking - A+++		Public speaking - A++

## PA News

Please join the PA for their next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> October at 18h15 in the Junior College Staff room. All parents are welcome.

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The Woodlands PA would like to present to you something a little different this year. Instead of the Christmas Market, the PA is going to host a Christmas Social.

Unfortunately with the current Covid situation we have to down scale our celebration this year, but the Christmas Market will be back next year, bigger and better!

We are going to host a social in the Matthews Hall, where you get to book a table and decorate it however you want. You are welcome to bring your own food and drinks 🍷🍰 The best decorated table wins a prize!

There is going to be a live band and jumping castles for the children outside. 🎶

There is a limit on our bookings of 250 people, so book your table soon! Please note table bookings must be a minimum of 8 and maximum of 10 @ R50pp. Children under 12 are free.

Please book via WhatsApp with Joeline 0824644220.

If you or your company are willing to donate/sponsor a prize for

the evening it would be greatly appreciated! 🎁

Please remember all Covid protocols will apply of sanitation and wearing of masks. 😷

Hope to see you on the 27<sup>th</sup> November! 🗓️



For the next few weeks our Woodlands Warbler will have a different twist to it. Instead of articles written by students, we will be featuring some selected speeches presented by our students. Happy reading.

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***If I could have a dinner party, I would invite ... the GOAT. No, not the animal, but the greatest of all time and arguably the biggest and most well-known soccer player - Cristiano Ronaldo.***

To start off this famous dinner party, I chose to have it at my home and I would be the host. To set the scene, there would be soft background music and I would be dressed in my soccer kit. As my guest of honour is a lover of food, but eats healthy, my menu would consist of nutritious meals. His favourite dish, fish, would be a must on the menu.

I would like to hear the stories of the man whose life as a football player inspired many people. He is an inspiration to me. At the age of ten, he was already recognised as a phenomenon and all he wanted to do as a boy was play football. In his young days, his father drank and died from kidney problems and his mother struggled with cancer. Cristiano Ronaldo was born in Portugal and was the youngest of four children.

I am conscious of the fact that my guest doesn't talk as much as other players; however, he has accepted my private invitation. With his approval, we could kick off the night with a soccer lesson. I'm sure the enthusiastic and energetic soccer player would not disappoint. It would be a 'to die for' and once in a lifetime opportunity to ask him a few questions about his successful career as a football player. Like 'How did you achieve 700 goals throughout your football career?' and 'What was your motivation to do so?' I would want him to be at my party to ask him what did he consider to be his greatest individual performance ever and which game was his pinnacle? Having achieved 5 Ballon D'ors and FIFA World Player of the Year, would this be considered his greatest achievement as a soccer player?

Cristiano Ronaldo dominates on the field and on social media. He has an ambitious and determined personality and bounces back easily from setbacks.

If he hadn't pursued his career as a soccer player Ronaldo would've studied to become a P.E teacher. Imagine having him as a coach at Woodlands!

A quote by Ronaldo: "I'm living a dream I never want to wake up from."  
And now it's time for me to wake up from my dream dinner date.

Presented by: Nikita Naicker



## ***If I had a time machine ...***

Imagine if you had a time machine. You could go anywhere you want. Think about all the places you would go and who you could meet.

The first time I would visit is the French Revolution because of the queen that loved cake. The French Revolution started when revolutionaries stormed a prison called the Bastille. The **revolution** came to an end 1799 when a general named Napoleon overthrew the **revolutionary** government and established the **French** Consulate. The main reason I want to visit the French Revolution era is because of their queen during that time. Mary Antionette was the queen during French Revolution. She is famous because one of the citizens said to her the people were hungry and her famous quote was "let them eat cake", because she used to have lavish parties with big cakes. She eventually got executed guillotined on 1774.

The second time I would like to visit is the renaissance. The renaissance was the age of enlightenment. I'm sure you've all heard of Leonardo de Vinci and his famous painting the Mona Lisa. He also conceptually invented the helicopter, armoured vehicle and the calculator. I would like to visit Leonardo de Vinci to see how long it took him to do the painting and see who the Mona Lisa is. I mean it would be a huge thing to meet Leonardo de Vinci. Secondly, I would steal the first invention of the printing press so I could be written down in history. The third reason I would go to the Renaissance is to joust. It sounds so fun, but so brutal. Imagine knocking someone off their horse and go flying to the ground ... mmmm.

The third and final time I would go is the future. I imagine the future to be a world of artificial intelligence. All the jobs will be taken by robots. It'll be like re-watching 'Terminator'. The main reasons I would travel to the future is to see when I die, how I die, what kills the human race and when will the human race be destroyed. I think what will kill humanity is global warming because the rate of pollution is going higher and higher and it's going to take a long time to stop it.

Those are the times and places I would go if I had a time machine. I'm sure all of would like to come with me on my amazing trip to the Renaissance, French Revolution and my exciting future ... but unfortunately, there's only space for one in my time machine.

Presented by: Noah Banjac