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Junior College Newsletter

6th October 2022



Dear Woodlands Family,

On the 5th October, we celebrated World Teachers Day. Why people become teachers has many varied answers. These range from no two days are the same; being a facilitator for the “light bulb” moments; the creativity of making learning fun”; and inspiring a future generation to be life-long learners. Teachers want to ignite a love of learning and see an opportunity to help students further themselves. To all our teachers – thank you for your dedication to the profession, for pouring your hearts into each young person. It is a privilege to work with a team of people who continually go above and beyond.

I would like to thank all the staff, parents and particularly our swimmers who made our annual Inter-House Swimming Gala a great success. It is wonderful to see how our swim team is growing from strength to strength.

Mrs Susanna-Jones has been on an LTS Course through Swimming South Africa to become a certified swimming coach and trainer. We look forward to her bringing more skills and expertise to our swimmers.

As a College, Woodlands is always conscious of our wider community and as such the Junior College has an active outreach programme. For the month of October, we will be supporting three worthy causes: this week some of our Grade 6 students have been selling pink ribbons in aid of Cancer awareness month. Next week, we would ask all our Foundation Phase families to support a feeding programme at Urban Ruins, by donating fresh vegetables on Wednesday 12th October. For the week of 17 to 19 October – we will be doing a drive for the SPCA and for the last week of October we would like the Intermediate Phase to support the Urban Ruins feeding programme. For the month of November, we will undertake our annual Christmas Shoe Box drive.

Recognising the achievements of all our students is vitally important and I love to see the ‘Woodlands Shines’ section of the newsletter. Parents, please send through your child’s achievements in all outsourced/external activities.

Summer has arrived with an intense heat wave; hats are vital for break time and on the sports field as well as an extra bottle of water or juice. As the weather has turned so, our pile of lost items has increased drastically. Sadly, unless your child’s name is on all their belongings, returning these items to the owner is impossible. Please check the tables at the pedestrian gate if you are missing clothing. Items not collected after a two-week cycle are handed over to the swap shop for re-sale!

I am a teacher...

I was born the second that a question leaped from the mouth of a child.

Throughout the course of a day I have been called upon to be an actor, friend, nurse and doctor, coach, finder of lost articles, psychologist, substitute parent, salesman, politician, and keeper of the faith.

I am a paradox. I speak loudest when I listen the most. My greatest gifts are in what I am willing to appreciatively receive from my students.

I AM THE MOST FORTUNATE OF ALL WHO LABOR.

Who do I have to thank for this wonderful life I am so fortunate to experience, but the parents. For they have done me the great honor to entrust to me their greatest contribution to eternity, their children.

And so I have a past that is rich in memories. I have a present that is challenging, adventurous, and fun because I am allowed to spend my days with the future.

I am a teacher...

and I thank God for it every day.

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--John W. Schlatter

Our Grade 4-6 students will have the privilege of a presentation by Emma Sadlier on the pros and cons of social media and the use of devices.

Remember to keep hydrated and enjoy the early summer highs!

Kind Regards,

Mrs R. Knell

Principal: Junior College

Need to know

ABSENTEEISM

Over the course of the last term the academic staff have raised their concerns about the frequent absenteeism of students. Should your child be seriously ill, it is always best to keep them at home. However, keeping children at home for a slight sniffle or for the purpose of an extended weekend has serious repercussions on your child's academic progress. If they are absent unnecessarily they miss out on the concept, incidental teaching and work that happens during lessons. We are in the middle of continuous assessment and exam preparations. Should your child be absent, we require a doctor's note if they have missed any class assessments, and your child will receive zero for assessments if you have taken a day to have an extended weekend. Please notify your child's homeroom teacher via email should they fall ill. We ask for your support in this regard as we strive to give your child the best possible education.

HOOKED ON BOOKS

Hooked on Books will be visiting the Junior College on the 19th October.

BOOK BLURBS

To coincide with Hooked on Books, Rochelle from Book Blurbs will be on Campus selling a huge variety of age appropriate books. Please remember to send money with your child should they be interested in buying a book. Encouraging students to read from a young age will only grow their hunger for the next good book.





VEGETABLE DRIVE

The Junior College is embarking on a charity drive for the month of October where we will be supporting a variety of charitable causes. The Foundation Phase students will be encouraged to support our vegetable drive for Urban Ruins. Please could you donate fresh vegetables on Wednesday the 12th October. Your kind donations will be going towards the feeding schemes at Urban Ruins.

Dates to diarise

DATE	EVENT	TIMES
10 th October 2022	Emma Sadleir - Social Media Specialist	08:00-09:00
12 th October 2022	Foundation Phase Vegetable charity drive	
14 th October 2022	Sweetest Friendship Day - Grade 6 Fundraiser	
14 th October 2022	Ice Skating - Grade 6 Fundraiser	17:00-19:00
14 th October 2022	SISA Chess Tournament	
14 th October 2022	SISA Cross-Country Serengeti	13:30-15:00
17-19 th October 2022	Book Blurb - Book sale	08:00-13:00
18 th October 2022	Interhouse Athletics	
19 th October 2022	Swimming Gala (Pinnacle College)	13:35-16:00
19 th October 2022	Hooked on Books	
20-23 rd October 2022	Mid-Term Break	
26 th October 2022	Swimming Gala - Colin Mann Primary	13:35-16:00
28 th October 2022	SISA Cross-Country St Dunstons	13:30-15:00
2 November 2022	Swimming Gala (Ridgewood College)	
4 November 2022	SISA Cross-Country - Boksburg Stadium	
8 November 2022	Swimming Gala - Inter Primary (Ridgewood College)	13:35-16:00
15 th November 2022	Music Recital	

Emma Sadleir



On Monday the 10th October Emma Sadleir will be doing a presentation to the Grade 4-6 students regarding social media and the legal implications. Emma Sadleir is South Africa's leading expert on social media law. Emma Sadleir's company specialises in educating employees, parents, teachers and students on the legal, disciplinary and reputational risks of social media.

Emma's areas of expertise on social media include defamation, hate speech, cyberbullying, harassment and privacy to name a few.

We are confident that this discussion will be beneficial to both teachers and students.

Interhouse Gala

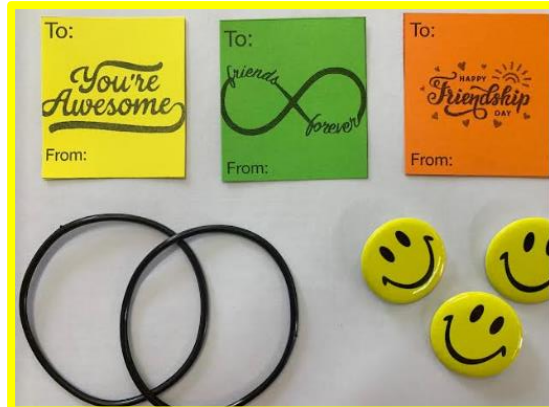
On the 4th October, the Interhouse Gala was held at the Boksburg North swimming pool. There was fierce competition not only between the swimmers but the different house cheer leaders as well. Well done to all the swimmers who competed, you did your College and house proud. Congratulations to the Hawks who were the overall winners!



Grade 6 Fundraisers

SWEETEST FRIENDSHIP DAY

Sweetest Friendship Day is a day to be sweet by sharing a kind thought with someone you appreciate. Buy a smiley face badge and a small card for R5 from the Grade Six fundraising committee. The Grade Six students will deliver the cards and badges to your friends on 14 October. You can make your purchases in the Middlewick Quad every morning from 07h20 (3 October to 13 October). Thank you for supporting this fundraising initiative - proceeds to be used for the Grade Six Farewell.



WOODLANDS ON ICE

Join us at the Festival Mall on 14 October for an evening of fun for the whole family. Tickets can be bought at the Middlewick Quad every morning at 07h20 (3 October to 14 October). Tickets cost R100 which includes skate hire. Penguin skating aids can be hired at the rink. A tuckshop is available at the venue. We look forward to seeing you there.

Woodlands Shines



ATHLETICS

Tatum Coetzer, Grade 3G competed in the Central Gauteng Athletics Sub Youth Track and Field meeting this past weekend at Germiston Stadium.

60m Sprints - 3rd place in her heat

80m Sprints - 4th place in her heat

GYMNASTICS

Angelina Milheiro represented Gauteng Province in Gymnastic Nationals and placed 7th overall out of 37 girls in her group.



EISTEDDFOD

Lienke Schoonderwoerd participated in the first round of the Con Spirito Eisteddfod in June. Lienke achieved excellent results in all 5 categories and went through to the final National Forte round which took place on 1st October. She achieved 1 x A++ and 4 x A+++ for her songs in the vocal categories. She was announced item winner in all 5 categories and has been invited to the Prestigious Prize giving event which will take place on 15th October.

TENNIS

Ryan Collett in Grade 2 participated in the Gauteng East Junior Tennis Tournament on Saturday the 1st October. He won 10 out of 10 games and was placed first for the U8's.



Ryan Collett

