



# WOODLANDS PRE-PRIMARY COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER 25 July 2019

**Dear Woodlands family,**

**From the Principal's desk**

As we approach our Production week I thought I would highlight the benefits of music.

We can experience music almost everywhere: on the street, at a concert, in our homes, on our phones or radios, in school, and even in classrooms. Regardless of our interests and talents in music, we can all greatly benefit from experiencing music, particularly in the school environment. In fact, did you know that exposure to music can improve learning and increase positive classroom atmosphere? During developmental stages, active engagement with music can impact the way that the brain can process information, enhancing the perception of language and speech, and subsequently improving our ability to communicate with others and learn to read (Hallam, 2010).

Several studies on the effects of experiencing calm music have suggested that it can reduce aggressive behaviour and regulate moods, particularly feelings of anxiety and stress (Ziv & Dolev, 2013; Goldbeck & Ellerkamp, 2012; Saarikallio & Erkkila, 2007). When students are able to manage their emotions in more positive ways, students are able to enhance their learning potential (Foran, 2009).

Similarly, encouraging children to participate in school concerts also has its benefits.

It allows the budding actors/actresses to perform for the audience, expressing themselves through the music. It also encourages the more reserved child to be brave enough to go up on stage even if they do not participate in the movements at all. Simply being on stage improves their self confidence.

***Jenny Copeling***

## Tuck Shop

Mini pies will be served tomorrow, to those who ordered. No late food orders will be accepted. Please make sure your child's order form and monies are paid to the class teacher by no later than Wednesday. We will also be offering Hot Chocolate. If your child would like a cup please include R5 extra. Sweets and treats are also available, R10 is recommended.



## Save the date – Baby and Toddler Expo – Saturday 19 October

We plan to host our first “Baby and Toddler Expo” on Saturday 19 October. Please save the date. It promises to be an outstanding event with many vendors and lots of exciting activities for Mom and the little ones. If you know of a vendor that would like to be part of the event, please give the contact details to the class teacher.

More info to follow at a later date.

## Production – “In the box” – 30/31 July & 1 August – 18h00

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the following evenings:

**Tuesday 30 July** – Orange block

**Wednesday 31 July** – Green block

**Thursday 1 August** – Yellow block

ALL children will be taking part on all three evenings. The split into the 3 blocks is for ticket sales as we cannot accommodate all parents on one evening.

2 tickets are available at a cost of R50 each from the class teacher. Please make sure the class teacher receives the money by tomorrow, Friday, the latest.

A limited amount of extra tickets are still available from Magda, on a first come first serve basis, at a cost of R50 each. Please make sure you purchase the correct evening tickets as tickets are colour specific.

## Grandparents Dress rehearsal invite – Monday 29 July

Looking forward to hosting our Grandparents on Monday 29 July

**Please take note of the following times:**

**Grade 000 and 00:** 9h00 to 10h00

**Grade 0:** 10h30 to 11h30

Grandparents are invited to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with us after the show and the children may go home with their Grandparents at 11h30 after the end of the second show if they so wish.



## Senior College Alumni challenge – Saturday 27 July – Postponement

Due to the Senior College Alumni challenge happening on the same day as Eastern Transvaal Soccer fixtures, the College has had to postpone the event. Further details to follow at a later date.

## New Hall Update

### An update on progress of the New Hall

1. External ramps brickwork complete
2. External facade cleaning in going
3. External walkway paving 80% complete
4. Main entrance tiling complete. Snaging in progress
5. Bathroom tiling completed. Blue subway tiling to commence
6. Kitchen designs in progress
7. Balustrade glass in manufacturing
8. Main staircase plastering complete. Tiling to commence
9. Main stair lights 1st fixes complete
10. Internal painting to all rooms 1st coat complete. Final coats in progress
11. Mezzanine floors complete
12. Electrical works in progress lights to be installed next week

## New Hall Update - Continue

13. Landscaping on wetlands complete. All trees trimmed and weeds removed.



## Dates to Diaries



### JULY

- 29 Jul – Grandparents day (Production dress rehearsal)
- 30 Jul – Production 18h00 (Orange Block)
- 31 Jul – Production 18h00 (Green Block)
- 1 Aug – Production 18h00 (Yellow Block)
- 2 Aug – Progress Reports published on Ed Admin – Available for parents viewing
- 8 Aug – College closes 12h00 start of holidays
- 9 Aug – Public Holiday (Women's Day)

### Early morning duty (7h00:7h30)

### Waiting class (13h15 – 14h00)

### Grade 0W – *Teacher Andrea*

### *Copeling (Mrs.)*

### *Pre-Primary College Principal*

