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SENIOR COLLEGE NEWSLETTER A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Sportsmanship and a strong college culture are the heartbeat of a thriving college community.

They shape how students treat one another, how they respond to success and failure, and how they represent their college beyond the classroom.

True sportsmanship teaches respect for teammates, opponents, officials, and the game itself.

We are looking forward to the Inter-High Athletics competition next week, where our students will get to display this sportsmanship that they have been practicing and showing so well over the week. Whether they are athletes or spectators, this strong culture unites students and teachers around common values and expectations. It builds integrity and confidence in all and I cannot wait to report back on how we do next week!

I would like to also extend birthday wishes to the Directors on behalf of the Senior College, for the upcoming 24th birthday celebrations. Please accept our sincere appreciation for your dedication, guidance, and inspiration over the years. We look forward to continued growth and strength as a college as we get older!



Mrs J Harvey
SENIOR COLLEGE PRINCIPAL





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SCHOOL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Kindly note in celebration of Woodlands International College's 24th Birthday, the college will be closing at **12:30 tomorrow**.

CELLPHONE POUCH REMINDER

We have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving at school without their cellphone pouches and signing them in at the office instead. Please be reminded that students are required to bring their assigned cellphone pouches to school daily.

Repeated failure to do so will result in a fine, and repeat offenders will be charged for the replacement of a new pouch.

TUCKSHOP POLICY REMINDER:

Students are reminded that all tuckshop orders must be paid for at the time of ordering. Ordering food and paying later (after school or the next day) is not permitted.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MONTH AHEAD

30 January	Woodlands International College's 24 th Birthday Celebration School will be closing at 12:30	
	Parents Association New Parents Mixer	
30 January - 1 February	Grade 8 & Prefect Camp	
5 February	Interhigh @ Boksburg Stadium	
6 - 8 February	Midmar Mile - Participants only	
11 February	Parents Association AGM	
13 February	Valentines day Civvies	
18 February	Maths & Science Info Evening	
19 February	School closes for Midterm at 12:15	
24 February	Students return to school for Day 1 at 07:40	
27 February	Parents Association Movie Night	

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WOODLANDS TAKES WINNING PLACE

On Tuesday, 28 January, the Woodlands Senior College proudly participated in the first swimming gala of the year, hosted at the School of Achievement. The competition was fierce, with strong performances from all schools in attendance. Despite the high level of competition, Woodlands rose to the challenge and delivered an outstanding performance, dominating the pool to secure **first place overall**.

Congratulations to our swimmers for their commitment, teamwork, and excellent start to the season.



ENRICHMENT IN ACTION - LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

On a chilly January morning, our students braved the clouds to do what they love most – fish!

As part of our Enrichment Programme, the boys were guided by their coach (a true fountain of knowledge!) who assisted with baiting hooks, casting lines and reeling in like pros. Every explanation was met with rapt attention – even when one enthusiastic cast landed slightly off target (hello, tree!).

Then came the moment of the morning...A tug on Kyle's line!

Rods were forgotten as excitement erupted and Kyle reeled in a feisty barbel, who even managed to give Coach a cheeky tail-smack! After safely removing the hook, Coach explained the fish's anatomy and demonstrated how to calm it before returning it to the grass – where it began its fascinating crawl back to the water. The boys learned that barbel do this in cooler weather as they search for another water source. Nature's classroom at its best!

Why enrichment matters:

Enrichment develops confidence, patience, focus, teamwork and resilience – skills that shape well-rounded young men.

Why fishing?

Fishing teaches perseverance, problem-solving, respect for nature, responsibility and quiet reflection – all while building strong mentor-student relationships and unforgettable memories.

It was a morning of curiosity, camaraderie and connection with nature.

Yet another reason why Woodlands does it better!



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Limpopo Floods

Please help support those affected by the floods in Limpopo by donating any of the following items. These donations will assist families who have lost access to basic necessities and help provide immediate relief to those in need.

We are collecting:

- Non-perishable food
- Baby items & nappies
- Toiletries
- Clothing

Any donations welcome!

All donation items can be brought to Mrs Bennett

