



No 4
23 February 2017

Dear Parent/Guardians

The month of February is already coming to a close. It is said that it is the month of love due to Valentine's Day falling within it. This, as we all know, is purely a celebration of the sentiment of love on this day, but definitely should not isolate love to this day only. As Anne French said, "How wonderful it is that no one need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." William Flanders wrote a folk hymn called 'Love is a Verb'. Here are some of the relevant lyrics of his song:

"Love isn't there, some possession bought or found.
Love is no thing, yet people at times, can be loving in their actions.
Love is a verb not a noun.
Love as a noun may be kind and may be patient,
But love as a noun always tends to be unreal.
When love becomes loving, then real things start to happen,
And love is received as a fact, not an ideal.
Love is a verb, not a noun.
Love is not a thing, love is what one does. Love is action.

I feel that love should be self-giving, detached and given without any thought of return from the person(s) to whom it is given. Humans of all kinds and conditions have the capacity to make love a verb. I like what Albert Camus wrote when he penned these words, "If someone had told me to write a book on morality, it would have a hundred pages and ninety-nine would be blank. On the last page, I would write: "I recognise one duty, and that is to love."
I may be wrong but if we really want the world to appear differently the next time we step outside, we need to make love a verb, not a noun and do some love. That is the challenge for each one of us.

Lightning Detector

The school has invested in a lightning detector. Lightning is one of the leading weather-related causes of death and injury. Most people do not realise that they can be struck by lightning even when the centre of a thunderstorm is 16 kms away and there are blue skies. When lightning is detected, a siren goes off and staff members receive a sms. A strobe facing the top field will be flashing simultaneously as well. The siren indicates that there is lightning within a 15 km radius from the school. Everybody must go inside the school and aftercare buildings immediately. When the danger has passed, an all-clear siren is sounded. The storm can be followed on the internet site, thus giving staff a good sense of whether a match should be cancelled, or if they can wait out the storm due to its expected duration. Please reiterate this to your children at home as many children ignore the siren after school hours because they cannot see the threat in the sky. The community can also benefit from our system in that, upon hearing the siren, parents can unplug electric devices and ensure they delay taking a shower, doing laundry or washing the dishes by hand because water is an electrical conductor.

Staff News

Happy belated birthday to Miss O'Mahony – Grade 4 who celebrated it on 22 February. Happy birthday coming up to Mr Nxumalo – Security (27 February) and Miss Ewert – Admin (4 March).

Marking your Child's Belongings

There has been a 'marked' difference in the number of items which are now labelled with your child's name, however, there is room for improvement and we are still receiving lost items which are not marked at all. Please ensure that lunch boxes, bottles, socks, swimming caps and costumes, sports equipment, etc. are marked with the **either the child's first name and surname or the initial and surname**. Also, watch out for names which, due to frequent washing, have become too faint to identify. If the items are second-hand, please cross out the old name. A brand new cricket helmet was handed in recently which was unmarked; what a shame! Unclaimed, unmarked items which are generic such as towels, shoes and white socks will be sent to children's charities. Uniform items will be sold second-hand at Uniformity. Surely, it is better to take a bit of time to label than to buy more, expensive things. Better still, encourage your child to check that, before leaving the classrooms, cloakrooms or playground, they have their belongings with them.

Auto Pedigree

Please remember, if you are in the market for a quality, used car, to pop into Auto Pedigree in Jan Smuts Avenue. Mention the school when browsing for or buying a car from them and they will contribute R5000 to our sponsored car thus enabling us to own the car at the end of the year. We only have this year left to reach the target so your support will be appreciated and will benefit your children.

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Kind regards

A Prout-Jones (Mrs)
Principal

**“Love is not a noun to be defined
But a verb to be acted upon.**

Classifieds

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We meet on Sundays, 09:30am at
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Cnr Rothesay and Grosvenor, Craighall Park

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NETBALL SKILLS CLINIC

Netball Clinic run by Margaret Horton former Springbok Netball player.
Catching and passing techniques as well as positional play and fitness.
Age groups 8-11 years

DATE: Saturday mornings – commencing 04 March 2017

TIME: 09.00 – 11.30

Snacks and refreshments will be provided

Cost: R100-00 per session

VENUE:

Old Parks Sports Club, 1 Garden Road, Bordeaux

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For more information

OLD PARKTONIANS SOCCER CLUB

Training starts 20 February (u/11 - u/17)

Training starts 27 February (u/6 - u/10)



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