



Dear Parents/Guardians

During last Friday's assembly, I addressed the bravery aspect from the angle that the past has not come to stay but has come to pass. In so many aspects of our decision-making, our past plays a huge role. Sadly, this is normally only if there is a negative involved, as we commonly see in the political and social arenas. This is also evident on the playground where a child acts out similar behaviour that they have experienced at home. Our focus needs to be on the present, how we interpret our past and how we can learn from it to make a better future. During the last few weeks I believe that we have, in various ways, experienced a sense of positivity, unity, pride and community. I have to start with our crocheting project. It warms my heart to see the incredible response from all of our pupils and staff. Close to 100% of us had to learn this new skill but, instead of the 'I can't' mindset, everyone (boys and girls) have made the effort to learn and also keep the final goal in mind, to help the needy. Over and above the community and sense of pride, we have noticed a change in the children's focus and concentration, and it will assist with their fine-motor co-ordination. Just a reminder that one crocheted piece needs to be a square, ideally 20 x 20 cm, but all sizes are welcome. This project will continue until the end of second term.

The same camaraderie and fun-loving spirit was witnessed amongst our parents during our Grade 2 cake 'n candy, the Disco and Open Day. We had such enthusiastic helpers and this leads to each event being bigger and better than the previous one; this becomes contagious and is enjoyed and appreciated by all. A huge thank you goes to the PTA and all the other parents who played their part and gave of their time to ensure that these events are so successful. Open Day saw a large number of interested, future CPS parents and their comments focussed on the general sense of happiness, manners and energy experienced within the school.

Luckily our quorum for the SGB elections was eventually reached. Thank you so much to all the parents who did heed my call to support this event, as the outcome was so crucial to the future of the school. There were 7 candidates and voting had to take place to elect the required number of 5 members. Protocol dictates that a handover meeting takes place and the voting for the office bearers happens during the first SGB meeting. Once these meetings have taken place, I shall share the names, respective positions and roles.

Every single one of the abovementioned functions included the dedication and hard work put in by all of our staff members who gave of their time after exhausting days with children, and is so appreciated. This dedication contributes towards the link in the chain of enthusiasm between parents and pupils.

### **Individual and class photos**

On Tuesday 27 March, the children will have their individual and class photos taken. Please ensure that your child is wearing a neat and clean summer uniform and that his/her hair is neat and tidy.

**No** active ed. Clothes may be worn on that day.

### **Parents' Evening – Tuesday 27 March**

This is a reminder of a most important evening in the school calendar. Parents' evening is your opportunity to personally collect your child's first term report, have a look at the accumulation of work done by your child and then to speak to the relevant teacher(s).

We would be grateful if you would keep your chat to the teacher(s) brief, as she/he has to see many other parents. Should you require a more in-depth discussion with a teacher, please bring your diary along and make a mutually-suitable appointment for another time.

Our Life Skills team, Mrs Taim, Mrs Martell, Miss Conidaris and Mrs De Klerk, as well as our Active Ed. team will be available to see you in the Boardroom. Miss Igrec will be in the Computer Room to give parents an opportunity to view their children's amazing progress in Computers.

We request that, due to the sensitive nature of the information discussed with your child's teachers, you ensure that your children are not present at these meetings.

Teachers will be available between 17h00 and 19h00. When you enter your child's classroom, please write your child's name on the whiteboard, to ensure that you proceed in turn.

### Parking

This is a reminder to all parents – there is **neither** parking **nor** double parking permitted in Rothesay Avenue when you are **dropping off** or **picking up** your child. Parking is **ONLY** allowed in Grosvenor Road.

### Staff

A happy upcoming birthday to Mrs Bosch (Grade 2) – 18 March and Mrs Pampel (Admin) – 24 March.

### End-of-term

The first term ends on Wednesday 28 March at 10h30. School will resume again on Tuesday 10 April.

Kind regards

A Prout-Jones (Mrs)  
Principal

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8:30 - 12:30

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Blairgowrie Recreation Centre



### Week 1

Day 1: Chemistry is Cool

Day 2: Arty Bots

Day 3: Squishy Soft Science

Day 4: Easter Science + Egg Hunt

### Week 2

Day 5: Chemistry with Colour

Day 6: Outer Space Adventure

Day 7: Whacky Water Wednesday

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