



Wynberg Boys' Junior School

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Dear parents

Welcome to the 2017 school year! I hope you enjoyed the festive season and that it was filled with fun and memories of your loved ones. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing Wynberg community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your sons.

As a school, we are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our boys can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your son's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

STAFF NEWS

Each year brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our staff.

We are delighted to welcome the following:

Ms Kathryn Lamb	Grade 1B (maternity cover for Mrs Tracy Simms this term)
Ms Chelsie Rowbotham	Grade 1D
Mrs Kym James	Grade 2B
Mrs Simone Isaacs	Grade 3D
Mr Sean Adair	Grade 7C
Mr Lups Tuswa	Xhosa Teacher
Mrs Beverley du Plessis	Class Music Teacher
Ms Michelle Ireland	Counselling
Ms Ashley Timlin	Learnership
Ms Nicole Stokell	Learnership
Ms Janelle Hugo	Learnership

Each new teacher comes highly regarded from previous positions, and we feel fortunate to add them to our team. We welcome them and wish them a long and happy stay with us.

Congratulations to Mr Adair who got married on 17 December and to Mr Kuhn who got married on 9 December. We wish both newlyweds well.

ARRIVAL TIMES

Our school day begins at 08h00 every day. Please be sure to have your son here on time. Boys who are consistently tardy are at a clear disadvantage and usually arrive feeling frantic and unprepared. All students who arrive after 08h00 must sign in at the office before going to class. If your child will not be present, please call and inform the office.

WBHS MATRIC RESULTS

Congratulations to the 2016 Matrics. The results achieved by the pupils at WBHS were excellent. The school was recognised this week by the WCED as one of the top 20 performing schools. Supera Moras!

SAD NEWS

With profound sadness we learnt of the passing of our former colleague and Deputy Headmaster, Mr Forbes Smith, in the early hours of 7 January 2017. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time. Forbes had been ever-present at Wynberg events since his retirement, most recently as our "elder statesman" through our 175th year.

CRICKET TRIALS

Cricket trials will take place as follows:

Monday 16 January for U10B,C&D; U11A; U12 A&B

Tuesday 17 January for U11A

Wednesday 18 January for U11 B&C; U12 A&B and U13 C&D

Thursday 19 January for U10 C&D

Please refer to the Resources section of the D6 communicator for further details and practice times and match information.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

We request you attend the relevant meeting as this will be a great time to strengthen our Wynberg community, meet teachers and other families, and learn about the upcoming school year. We'll begin the evening with a short meeting in the Arnold Lorie Hall and from there you'll have the opportunity to visit with teachers at each grade-level. These classroom meetings are intended for general discussion and not for in-depth interviews.

Wednesday 18 January at 18:30

Grades R, 1, 2 and 3

Thursday 19 January at 18:30

Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7

At these meetings there will be an opportunity to elect PTA class and grade representatives. If you would like to be a class representative you should discuss your expected role with your son's teacher first. The Supporters Club will also be covered and we will be seeking new members to join this team.

The staff and I look forward to meeting you on one of these evenings. Babysitting will be provided at both these meetings. A reply slips is attached. Please complete & return by Tuesday 17 January.

There will be parking available on the school fields.

EXTRA MURALS

Please see attached extra mural programme for Term 1. Extra murals start on Monday 16 January (including Homework Hour and Class Care).

Music practical lessons and ensemble rehearsals will officially start on **Monday 23 January**.

The extra mural programme will also be added under Resources on the D6 Communicator

HEALTHY EATING POLICY

It has been very encouraging hearing the responses from parents and seeing the evidence of healthier eating in the boys' lunchboxes after the letter sent earlier this week with regards to this mindshift. It is our aim to make WBJS as sugar free as possible and this is the first step in that process. The "Community" tab on our website has a hyperlink to the website www.ditchthecarbs.com where you can find great tips including 20 lowcarb lunchbox ideas.

D6 COMMUNICATOR

For updates and alerts as they happen, together with a host of resources, we strongly suggest you sign up for the D6 Communicator. It enables us to send SMS messages, pop-up alerts and news articles to keep you informed. <http://www.school-communicator.com/download.php>

Yours sincerely

C.POLEMAN
Headmaster

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REPLY SLIP: Please return by Tuesday 17 January at the latest

I / We have noted the contents of Newsletter 1.2017

I / We will attend the following meetings:

Please tick the appropriate block:

Attendance:

Babysitting:

Wednesday 18 January (Grades R - 3) Number of adults _____ Number of children _____

Thursday 19 January (Grades 4 - 7) Number of adults _____ Number of children _____

I am interested in becoming a PTA Class Representative

I am interested in becoming a Supporters Club Member

Parent's Name & Signature _____

Son's Name and Grade: _____ Class: _____