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NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2015

Dear Parents

The well-earned holidays are upon us, during which we will see the Winter out. When we return to school, the sun will rise a little earlier, the weather will be warmer and it may perhaps be a little easier to get out of bed in the mornings. We will welcome Spring in Summer uniform in the new term.

Term 2 has been busy, productive and successful in all spheres and we look forward to an equally successful Term 3, in the best Veritas tradition.

1. PAVILION:

Our new Matric examination venue has been successfully completed, and we extend our gratitude to all our parents for funding the renovations with their obligatory contributions to the Special Projects Fund. The blessing of the pavilion will coincide with the Prep Christmas Concert evening in November (to be held on the Senior Campus).

2. MATRICES:

The Matrics have completed their three-day Maths Camp, which was enormously productive and worthwhile. They have also been engrossed in intensive teaching sessions in their three-week block teaching programme. Now they will embark on the final academic programme for the term: Winter School runs through the first week of the holidays. The first Preliminary examination will be written on the last day of the holidays and they end on 23rd September. Matrics will return to class for compulsory lessons until 12th October and will begin writing their final examinations on 14th October. We wish them all the best. They are a wonderful group and we really believe in their potential to excel.

3. EXAMINATIONS (GR 8 – 11)

The GR 8 to 11 learners have written their examinations which ran smoothly thanks to Mr Ngidi, Mrs Chirahwi and Mr Kwangwari. Reports will be handed out on 22nd September - these will be accompanied by comments, hence no Parents Evening. Good luck to all these learners for their results.

4. FOOD AND FUN FAIR:

Many thanks to Michael Jardim and his PTSA team, as well as to all parents, staff and learners who worked towards making the Food and Fun Fair



another triumph. This team work is what makes our Veritas family such a close one.

5. THE DALE CARNEGIE COURSE:

The course is offered to Gr 10 and 11 learners and has proven to be very motivational; it instils tremendous confidence and self-reliance in learners, equipping them with life-skills and enabling them to tap into their strengths. It directs them in how to rely on their own self-discipline and prepares them to focus on goals for a successful future.

6. CAREERS DAY:

Mrs Barbosa will present a Careers Day at which Gr 11 learners will be guided in a mock, on-line university application workshop. Past pupils will address Gr 11s about their experiences at university and in the work-place. NBT examinations will be explained, as will issues such as when to make application at universities and what is required of applicants. Scholarship and bursaries will also be discussed.

7. GR 11 IEBT EXAMINATIONS:

Gr 11 learners will write International Benchmark tests: Physical Science on 2nd November and Mathematics on 4th November.

8. Gr 9 SUBJECT CHOICES:

Grade 9 learners must make subject choices and a compulsory Subject Choice evening will be held on 22 September to assist with those choices. At the same time, psychometric test results will be relayed to parents by the company HPM. **This company is not affiliated with the school** but uses the College as a platform where they run **free psychometric tests and offer one free one-on-one feedback session**. The subsequent study-skills course, which costs R5000, is voluntary and is not hosted by, nor affiliated with, the College.

9. ACADEMIC MATTERS:

I am most grateful to Mrs Achary and Mrs Harrison who have taken on many of the Academic issues – their expertise, energy and logical approach are tailor-made for the job and learners will benefit tremendously from their input.

10. NOVEMBER EXAMINATIONS:

Gr 10 and 11 CAT and IT practicals will be written on 6th November. Examinations begin officially on 9th November and run until 25th November for Gr 8 – 11 learners. Learners will return to school to check the calculations of each examination on a date in November that will be issued next term.

11. HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Teachers will attend courses for Fire-fighting as well as First Aid (Level 1 and Level 3) in September and in November.

12. PERFORMING ARTS:

The One-Act Plays take place on 2nd October; our Cultural activities are always popular events that are well-attended and learners have begun preparing their plays.

13. BLOEMFONTEIN TOUR:

Soccer, Netball and Squash teams are playing matches in Bloemfontein this weekend and left for their three-day trip on Thursday morning. Their first day yielded the following results: Soccer boys beat CBC Welkom 4-0; Netball girls beat St Josephs 14-10; the Squash team won 18-8. These are excellent results so far.

14. COLOURS AND AWARDS:

The following learners are to be congratulated:

PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

NAME	GRADE	APPLIED FOR
Jemma Pellizzon	10	Half Colours – Cultural
Lethabo Mokoena	12	Half Colours – Cultural Team Award – Public Speaking
Pontsho Moloji	12	Half Colours – Cultural Team Award – Drama Team Award – Cultural
Refiloe Sibisi	12	Half Colours – Cultural Team Award – Quiz Team Award – Cultural
Tristan Fenton	12	Team award – Cultural Full Colours – Cultural
Diane Athiemulam	12	Full Colours - Cultural

2015 GIRLS' HOCKEY

NAME	GRADE	AWARD	
Alyssa Jardim	9	Certificate	
Nkateko Masinga	8		
Claudia Katsapas	8		
Diane Bada	8		
Lesedi Maraba	8		
Nkanyezi Khubeka	8		
Jessica Venter	8		
Katya Gabin	8		
Bathandwa Mdladlamba	8		
Thina Gwele	9		
Mitchelle Kwangwari	8		
Kayla Fernandez	9		
Nicole Veludo	10		Half Colours
Anastasia Dravillas	11		
Owami Vundla	8		
Jamie-Lee Allison	11		
Jemma Pellizzon	10		
Nicole Patao	10		
Kerryn Potgieter	10		
Nicole Magalhies	10		
Letanye Venter	10		
Shannon Fortuin	10		
Alexia Chappel	11	Half Colours Re-Award	
Alicia Gaitskill	10	Team award	
Thato Bless	10		
Asante Sithole	10		
Courtney Human	10	Full Colours	
Gabriella Katsapas	12		

2015 BOYS' HOCKEY

NAME	GRADE	AWARD
Michael Venter	9	Certificate
Fabio Pellizzon	9	
Kabelo Masela	8	
Kamohelo Mofokeng	8	
Chris Dravillas	8	
Dumisane Mashinini	8	
Samukelisiwe Nzoyi	8	
Leandro Leitao	11	Half Colours
Ricardo De Sequeira	11	
Mduduzi Ngwenya	11	
Timothy Santos	11	
Dylan Van Biljon	12	Half Colours Re-Award
Claudio Jardim	11	
Callen Schmid	11	
Nikola Matic	11	
Mpho Ditle	10	Team Award
Calvin Maree	10	
Cameron Matthews	10	
Khulani Sibeko	12	Team Award Re-Award
Tiisetso Masekwameng	11	
Bavumile Mkhonza	12	Full Colours
Thomas Perikli	12	Full Colours Re-Award

I would like to thank our incredible teachers who comprise a formidable team of experienced, compassionate and highly-skilled educators. Our learners rely on their caring guidance and their expertise and I value their support of all our learners and of me, personally, too – it is a privilege to work with such wonderful staff members. I know that they will be marking and preparing over the holidays, but I wish them, all learners, and parents a very enjoyable holiday. Travel safely.

Mrs Terry Holland
Head: Senior School

MATRICES:



CALENDAR FOR TERM III

DATE	EVENT
10 – 14 August	Grade 12 Winter School
24 – 28 August	Business Studies Tour to Cape Town
4 September	Dale Carnegie Course starts
5 September	Gr 12 Maths Literacy exam and AP Maths Prelim
7 – 29 September	Grade 12 Prelim Exams
7 September	Gr 12 English Prelim
8 September	School re-opens for Term III
9 September	Dale Carnegie Course
11 September	Blessed Edmund Rice Mass in the Church Gr 10 Social
12 September	Inter Catholic Chess and Golf
16 September	Dale Carnegie Course
19 September	Open Day United Nations Debate (Wits) 8-a-side Cricket (Prep School)
22 September	Issue Reports to the learners Gr 9 Subject Choice evening and Report back on the Grade 9 Psychometric tests – 18:00 to 19:00
23 September	Colours and Awards Assembly Dale Carnegie Course Slogan winner Dinner
24 September	Heritage Day
25 September	School holiday
29 September	Inter Catholic Athletics Blood donation
30 September	Dale Carnegie Course
2 October	One-Act Plays
3 October	Inter Catholic Tennis
5 – 9 October	Gr 10 Outward Bound
8 October	Issue Reports to the Grade 12 learners. Grade 12 Valedictory Dinner – 18:00
10 October	PTSA Barn Dance
11 October	6-a-side Cricket
12 October	Last day of formal lessons for Grade 12s Gr 12 Valedictory Mass in the Church 07:45
13 October	Careers Day – Grade 11s

14 October	Dale Carnegie Course Start bring Christmas Decorations to place on the Christmas tree Grade 12 Finals Commence
15 & 16 October	Prep School Revue – “Around the World”
16 – 17 October	Gr 10 First Aid Course
19 October	Gr 9 IBTs English – 09:00 – 11:00
20 October	Gr 9 IBTs Maths – 09:00 – 11:00
21 October	Dale Carnegie Course
22 October	Exam content issued School closes at 12:00 for mid term break
22 – 25 October	Gr 11s Leadership Camp
27 October	School re-opens
28 October	Dale Carnegie Dinner
29 October	Colours and Awards Assembly
30 October	Sports Awards Dinner
2 November	All Souls Mass in the hall Gr 11 IeBTs – Sciences
4 November	Gr 11 IeBTs - Maths
6 November	Gr 10 and 11 CAT and IT Pracs
9 – 25 November	Gr 8 – 11 Exams
20 November	Christmas Concert and the unveiling of the new pavilion
4 December	Collecting of reports – 08:00 – 10:00
30 December	Release of Gr 12 2015 results