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Dear Parents and Guardians

Winter is still with us and so is Eskom's erratic service delivery. Thankfully schooling has not been affected too much. The school's telephone system and some printers have been severely affected. We apologise for not being able to take all your calls over the last few weeks. It was particularly frustrating when we were taking your meeting requests for the intervention meetings of last week. The service provider has been hard at work fixing our communication glitches, and the telephones should be fully functional by the end of today.

August – Women's month

Theme: "Women's Socio-Economic Rights and Empowerment: Building Back Better for Women's Resilience!" This year's Women's Month is a call to action to all of society, government and partners to take tangible steps forward in responding to the most persistent challenges affecting the lives of women and girls.

This theme is also our focus for this month. Your family's engagement with this theme will contribute greatly to our youth's understanding of their responsibility and obligation in realising its ideals.

Staff moves

We have had several staff moves since the end of Term 2.

The following staff left: Mrs Robynne Bloemstein – Business Studies and Mathematical Literacy, emigrated to New Zealand; Ms Jacqui O'Connor – Afrikaans FAL emigrated to Scotland; Mr Liam Josephs – Life Sciences, left to teach in Abu Dhabi; Mr Chris Cameron – Physical Science/Geography, left teaching; and Mrs Tertia Mutatsh – Afrikaans FAL, transferred to Claremont High School. We are grateful for each one's contribution to our school and wish them well on their respective journeys.

The following teachers have joined our staff: Mr Jan Brits (Physical Sciences), Mrs Charnée Cloete (Afrikaans FAL), Mrs Ielhaam Raban (Life Sciences), and Ms Marion McThomas (Afrikaans FAL). Ms Esther Frösler (History and Library) joined in June. We wish them a rewarding and fulfilling tenure at our school.

Academic programme

Term 3 assessments for Gr. 8 to 11 are scheduled for the week of 5 to 9 September. The Gr. 12 preliminary examination (mocks) runs from 5 to 23 September. At the parent/learner/teacher meetings on 26 and 27 July, plans were made to improve academic outcomes. We want to

encourage everyone to honour their commitment to the plans so that the desired outcomes may be achieved.

Textbook Audit

We conducted a schoolwide textbook audit on 26 and 28 July. This audit be done quarterly. Parents will be invoiced for books that were lost or vandalised. Please encourage your child to look after this valuable resource.

Important dates

August

6 – President High School Derby (home)
8 – School holiday
9 – National Women's Day
11 – Gr. 8 Parents and Learners meeting @ 18h30 in the school hall
13 – Shakespeare Schools Festival @ the Baxter Theatre 19h00
15 – 19 Sciences Focus Week
16 – Gr. 9 Subject Choices Info meeting @ 18h30 in the school hall
19 – 20 Montagu Dance Festival
20 – JG Meiring High School Derby (home)
27 – Westerford High School Derby (away)
– Snack-and-Dance Fundraiser
31 – Gr. 9 subject choices finalised

September

5 – Gr. 8 to 11 Assessments start
5 – Gr. 12 Prelims start (**Final NSC LO Exam)**
12 – 16 Marine Sciences Focus Week
17 – ENSO (Environmental Society) beach clean-up
21 – 23 Gr. 8 and 10 Camps
Gr. 9 Helping Hands
Gr. 11 Job Shadowing
24 – Heritage Day
27 – WP Blood donation (donors of 16 years old)
27 – 29 Gr. 8 to 11 First Additional Language P3 Blisters for Bread (programme to follow)
30 – Schools close

Blanket drive

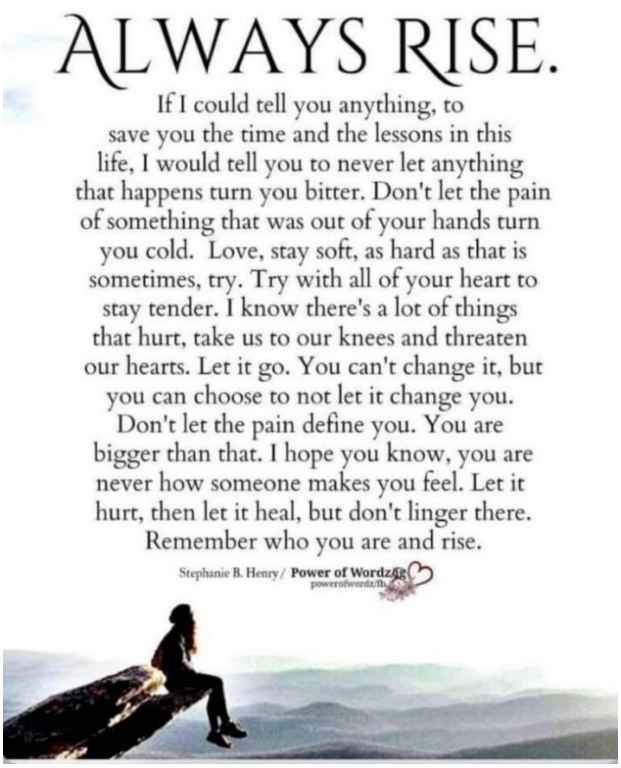


Staff and learners have been knitting squares and here are some of the finished products. These blankets will be donated to residents at a home for the aged. This project is continuing, so happy knitting!

Interschool Derbies

We will be hosting two derbies on 6 August (President HS) and 20 August (JG Meiring HS). Westerford HS plays host to us on 27 August. Please support these derbies. Learners (players and supporters) are to attend in their winter uniform. Refreshments will be on sale.

Food for thought



Stay blessed.

Marius Ehrenreich