



11 January 2012

Dear Parents

### **Welcome back to school!**

It was super to see all the familiar faces returning to school this morning. There was also a very smooth start to the year at Oakwood where the children very happily got involved in their first day at school. A big welcome to all the new children and families as well. We trust that you will all have an amazing year at Somerset House. We have 19 new children starting this term from Grade 1 to 7 and we are running just shy of capacity. We look forward to seeing all our prep school parents tomorrow evening at the following times:

**Thursday 12 January 18h00: Junior Prep Parent Information evening**  
**19h30: Senior Prep Parent Information evening**

These meetings will start off either on the lawn outside Cloetenburg or in the hall, depending on the temperature and where it will be cooler! You will be able to meet the staff who will be teaching your children and you will also be able to ask any questions you may have about your child's year. The class teachers will meet you afterwards in their classes to discuss the specific expectations of their grade.

### **Other Important Dates to diarise:**

**Thursday 19 January 18h00 Cocktail Function for New Parents**

**Friday 20 January 16h00 Inter House Athletics for all Children Grade 1 to 7.**  
**Parents are invited to picnic and enjoy the evening with us.**

- The 2012 – Term 1 calendar will be going out on Friday this week. This will assist you in your planning for the term. It is going to be a busy one so please read it carefully.
- You will also receive a letter from our Administration Department requesting an update of details. This helps us to deliver a better service and we would appreciate these being returned as soon as possible. It is also very important to ensure accurate information as far as medical details are concerned.
- There will be a newsletter on Friday as normal where more details about the upcoming week can be found.

A lot of work has taken place over the holiday period at the school. Cloetenburg has been renovated on the outside which has dramatically improved the appearance of this special building. Our architects are finalising the plans for the 4 new classes which will be built this year in the Drama Street car-park. We have cabled the whole campus with Cat 6 Optic Fibre to improve our ICT Network. We have installed irrigation on the Webb Field. I am very grateful to Mrs Westraadt and Mr Amm for all their hard work in ensuring that these jobs have been completed.

This is going to be a very exciting year in the life of our school and we look forward to enjoying it all with you. Please do not hesitate to come and chat to me if I can be of any assistance.

Regards

**CHRIS STOREY**  
**HEADMASTER**



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