



28 March 2018

Dear Parents

### **Water Crisis**

The installation of tanks and pumps to supply all toilets with borehole water permanently is almost complete. Over the term we have seen our weekly consumption of potable water drop significantly. Once again thank you to our grounds staff who have prioritized this work while still keeping up with other duties and responsibilities.

Our fields have suffered damage and we hope that we will see good recovery once winter rain eventually comes. We are doing our best to ensure that sport continues uninterrupted despite the poor condition of our fields.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

We were delighted to hear this week that our plans for the new Junior Primary Classes have been passed by the Heritage Council. We are one step closer to starting the building process mid-year. Meanwhile, work on the Oakwood playground area has proceeded slowly. The holiday will be a busy time for this area as the upgrade project winds down to completion. It is looking good and we are pleased with the outcome achieved so far!

### **Educational Support Staff Leaving**

Mrs Karin Lehmensiek will be leaving us this term after seven years of service as our Occupational Therapist. She has decided to pursue new and different interests outside of working with children at schools and we wish her well with her future endeavours. Ms Jenny Bowley will be leaving us to join the Rusthof Autistic School. She will be missed for the constructive manner in which she has worked in the Learning Support department. We wish her well with her new exciting role.

### **IQAA (Independent Quality Assurance Agency)**

A reminder that we will be accommodating the IQAA next term as part of our own quality assurance strategy. We will keep you informed as to how the process will be managed, especially in connection with survey responses and the final report publication for parents.

### **Sport and Aftercare Changes**

We are making a change to the extra-mural programme for next term in an effort to allow our children to get home a little earlier in the afternoons where possible. We are a small school and the sport load is heavy as children move up the grades, especially where they participate in two sports. We have asked the Sports Department to try to ensure that no-one waits for a sport session to begin. They will do one longer sport session per day instead of two shorter sessions. This will obviously have an impact on Aftercare and should reduce the number of children having to make use of this service. We will monitor this to ensure that it works according to our expectations.

### **End of Term 1**

As usual, this has been a busy term and I am grateful to all the staff who have made this all a success. I wish all our staff, children and families a good rest. We look forward to a busy and meaningful second term as we return to school on Tuesday 10 April.

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