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Dear Parents and Learners,

You might find it odd that a newsletter is being sent out on a Monday and not on a Thursday as per the usual arrangement. The reason why the newsletter is being sent out today and so soon after newsletter no. 2/2013 is due to the fact that important maintenance on the school server will commence on Tuesday and it is being pre-empted that the server will only be working sporadically as from Tuesday until such time as the maintenance have been completed which will possibly result in temporary connectivity problems.

Students and teachers must also keep this in mind when completing and setting research tasks as it will probably not be possible to access the internet for a few days.

RAFFLE: STAND A CHANCE TO WIN AFCON FINAL TICKETS!

The grade 11 classes under the guidance of Mrs Byrne and Mr Thondhlana will be selling raffle tickets as from today at a cost of R5,00. Four tickets to attend the AFCON Soccer Final match are up for grabs.

First Prize: Two tickets to the final.

Second Prize: Two tickets to the final.

The draw will take place on Monday the 4th February at morning line-up.

GRADE 8 & 9 CAMP: (21-24 FEBRUARY)

The grade 8 and 9 camp to Blyderiver Canyon is drawing closer. This is a final call for payment to be made as final arrangements and bookings need to be finalized.

Please make payment on or before the 1st of February. Letters informing parents of the camp and payment options already went out in October 2012.

It promises to be a great adventure! The learners will be in safe hands and will be accompanied by Mr de Beer and Mrs Shepstone.

Parents please state clearly when making payment via bank deposit that the money is intended for the camp by writing clearly on the deposit slip the following details:

Child's name and surname:

Grade 8/9

CAMP MONEY

FESTIVAL OF FAME (NATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE ARTS) - 28 FEBRUARY

Students will be attending The Festival of Fame hosted by the National School of the Arts on the 28th February. The cost to attend the event including the transport per bus will be R100 per learner. A letter in this regard was sent out by Ms Eagar last week already. Booking is essential. Thus far ± 67 learners have committed themselves to attending the event.

EXTRA MURALS

All extra mural activities commenced on Monday 21st January. Please ensure that your child participates and attends extra lessons.

It is most disheartening that only one child attended isiZulu extra lessons on Thursday 24th January.



*"Where the extra turns the ordinary
into extra-ordinary"*

Executive Directors: J Lubbe, WM Harris, AJ Lubbe, BA Harris



Parents please also arrange safe transport for your child.

Please also ensure that grade 11 students are collected promptly on Saturday afternoons after Saturday morning accounting lessons. Accounting lessons ends at 13:00 (one o'clock) and students need to be collected at 13:00 sharp.

Mr Engelbrecht cannot sit and wait for parents well into the afternoon. He also has a family life. Mr Ngwenya is not always on the premises on Saturdays as it is also his day off. It is not possible for students to remain on the school property after 13:00 as they will not be able to exit through the automatic motor gate.

It is also unsafe for students to be left stranded on the pavement.

These lessons are provided free of charge. The least that we can do is to fetch our children on time.

DRUG ABUSE

As communicated to parents at our recent parent information morning and grade 12 parent information evening Drug abuse is a serious threat, not only in our school but in all schools around the country.

As I believe in transparency I feel compelled to inform parents that one of our grade 10 learners was suspected of substance abuse. It was requested by the school that the learner should undergo a drug test. The learner's parents were immediately involved in the process and must be commended for their co-operation and immediate response.

The learner underwent a full drug screening test through SANCA. The learner tested positive for substance abuse.

The Jeppe police was involved and visited the school. Police officers spoke to the grade 10 class and informed them about drug abuse and handed them some important pamphlets containing information regarding drug abuse. The victim protection unit and the youth desk officer from Jeppe police had a lengthy intervention meeting with the learner. The learner will be attending a drug rehabilitation programme with SANCA.

It is evident that parents should please be more vigilant as to whom their children befriend. Children should also abide by the age old rule and NOT SPEAK TO STRANGERS! Parents should not allow their children to go to public parks in specific Rhodes Park without parental supervision. IT IS NOT SAFE! Parents must please make themselves aware as to their child's activities during the school holiday as the child concerned got involved with the wrong crowd at Rhodes Park during the school holiday.

CYCLE TESTS

Please be reminded that learners will be writing their first cycle tests on Friday the 1st February.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*Before you act, **listen***
*Before you react, **think***
*Before you spend, **earn***
*Before you criticize, **wait***
*Before you pray, **forgive***
*Before you quit, **try***

REMINDER

Please kindly complete the reply slip and send it back to school signed on/ before Wednesday 30 January 2013.

Kind Regards,



MR W. J. DE BEER
Principal - College

REPLY SLIP:

I/ We _____ parents of _____ in grade 8/ 9/ 10/11/12
acknowledge that I/ we have received and read newsletter 3/ 2013 dated 28th January 2013.

Parent Signature