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NEWSLETTER NO 3 OF 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope that my newsletter finds you coping and that you and your family are well, as we navigate through this lockdown!

School will resume from Thursday, 16 April – however, the format will be quite different as detailed in this newsletter. Please read through the contents of this newsletter as it is very important that we work together in order to ensure that our children are progressing academically.

ONLINE TEACHING COMMENCES FROM 16 APRIL

The teachers have been preparing to launch online teaching from Thursday, 16 April. Learners will be expected to check their emails each day to see what work has been scheduled for them.

They will also need to check into Google Classroom where work that needs to be done will be set. Some of the work will be reading and responding to questions. Other work will require planning and preparation to take place for activities that will follow.

Some teachers will schedule a Google Meet for your child – This will entail a video conference where the class will come online at the same time and where teachers may give instructions to the learners.

Certain of the work done by the learners will be assessed and children will be required to submit work by deadlines. This work will count towards assessment.

The teachers will only schedule work that should happen between 8:00 and 14:30 each day. As some of this work will be homework, it is not unusual for children to be working on it until 16:00. We want to encourage children to be positive and self-disciplined during this time.

Teachers can be contacted on their email addresses for assistance. We ask that the times when staff are contacted is limited to Mondays to Fridays between 08:00 and 16:00. If contact is made outside of these times, understand that the staff member concerned is only expected to respond by the next working day. Please be conscious of the fact that while the staff may be working from home, they too need personal time.

Parents, I cannot overemphasize the importance of email communication during this period. Staff will communicate with both parents and learners and it is imperative that these communication channels remain open. If your email address has changed, please let me know so I can make the appropriate changes on our database.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

The school, itself, will remain under lockdown. Mrs MacKenzie will, however, be available for finance related enquiries. She can be contacted by email as well as by telephone. The contact number remains (011)618-3331. Any other administrative issues and can sent through to Mrs Wyer on jwyer@randschools.co.za or to me on bharris@randschools.co.za

TERM 1 REPORT

The academic staff will continue with the current assessment cycle and we plan to have the term 1 report finalized for release by the end of the first week of May. We will have to look at scheduling the parents' interviews at a later stage. A date will be announced once we have clarity on when schools will reopen.

As we navigate into "new" territory, may I echo our President and say that together, we can beat this virus. Similarly, together, we can keep your child's academic progress on track and we look forward to a positive outcome from this process.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Harris
Executive Headmaster



Mrs R Pretorius
Principal