

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

1 November 2018



Dear Parents

After just short of 22 fulfilling years at Oatlands, nine of them as Principal, it is time to retire. I have traversed many happy years. Through the years I have been fortunate enough to be surrounded by outstanding, courageous people. I am proud and honoured to be able to re-iterate that I have been enormously fortunate to have worked with good School Governing Bodies, the best educators and awesome, administrative staff.



Intermediate Phase Prize-giving

We congratulate all our pupils who received academic and sports awards. We also congratulate our leadership team for 2019.



Back Row: Mbali Gcilitshana, Carol-Ann Erasmus, Qhama Mafuya, Cassim Moorad and Lunje Gumenge **Front Row:** Amahle Tiyo, Alex Werner (Head girl), Asonge Magopheni (Head boy) and Thibaza Gwata.

Christmas Raffle

It is time for our Christmas Raffle and raffle sheets have been handed out. Raffle sheets and money are to be handed in by Friday, the 23rd of November. The draw will take place on Friday, the 30th of November. The first and second prizes are half a lamb and the third, fourth and fifth prizes are a whole chicken.

Grade 6 Leadership Camp – Orange Grove, Tarkastad

On Tuesday, the 19th of October, the Grade 6 class, along with Mrs Beckmann, Mr Nel and Mrs Dugmore excitedly boarded buses to head off to Orange Grove. They spent a busy three days taking part in various fun activities including wall climbing, paintball, archery, reading maps, crossing a dam as a team, hiking and making fires in a dry river bed and cooking their own 'stokbrood'. They slept in tents and held candid conversations around the camp fire. The grade 6 pupils learnt a lot about what it means to be a leader and the importance of working as a team. Our thanks go to Mr Dave Hood of Orange Grove for hosting our learners and to the Mzuri Wildlife Foundation in America for their generous sponsorship that made this camp possible.



OATLANDS FOUNDATION PHASE PLAY GRADES 1 TO 3

Please Note:

Our school play rehearsals will take place at the Rhodes Theatre from Monday, the 19th of November to Thursday, the 22nd of November.

Aladdin

An Evening performance for parents and the public will be held on Thursday, the 22nd of November at 6pm at the Rhodes Theatre at a cost of R40 per adult and R20 per child/scholar

Tickets will be available at the school office or at the door on the evening. Please encourage your friends and family to attend this popular fundraising event. Photographs may be ordered from the school.

Please take note of the following important arrangements:

- All Grade 1, 2 and 3 children are to arrive at school at the usual time each day **before** proceeding to Rhodes Theatre. We will walk to the Theatre together.
- Grade 1, 2 and 3 pupils are to be **fetches promptly from Rhodes Theatre at 12 noon** each day.
- Pupils will need their **snack, water and bag**, as usual.
- All Grade 1 to 3 pupils are to be dropped off at Rhodes Theatre on Thursday evening at **4.30pm** and collected at **7.15pm**. It is compulsory for all Foundation Phase pupils to attend. **Children may go home in costume after the evening show**. Please wash your child's costume and return it to school on Monday, the 26th of November.

School continues as usual for Grade R and Grade 4 to 7 pupils during the play week, however as from the 19th of November there will be **NO sport or clubs**. **School will close at 1.30pm from the 19th of November to the end of term.**

Nativity Play – Grade R

Grade R parents, please note that the Nativity Play will take place at 5.30pm on Wednesday, the 28th of November.

The Wizard of Oz – Photographs

Beautiful photographs may be ordered at the school office at a cost of R35 per photograph. The photographs are available for viewing in the foyer.



Grade 7 Valedictory Assembly – Thursday, the 29th of November

Our Grade 7 Valedictory Assembly will be held at the City Hall on Thursday, the 29th of November at 12 noon.

Aftercare Facilities in December

Aftercare facilities in December are only available by specific request. The cost will be R30 per day. Please inform the office should you wish to make use of this service.

Reports

Final Reports for the year will be available **between 10am and 12 noon** on Wednesday, the 12th of December.

End of Term

The Fourth Term ends on Wednesday, the 12th of December. All pupils must be collected **promptly** from school at 10am. The First Term of 2019 begins on Wednesday, the 9th of January.

Kind regards

Rosaria de la Mare
Principal